

St. Cecilia's Catholic Church

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Easter Sunday April 20, 2025

Calendar

4/21/25 Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33
Mt 28:8-15

4/22/25 Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41
Jn 20:11-18

4/23/25 Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10
Lk 24:13-35

4/24/25 Thursday

Acts 3:11-26
Lk 24:35-48

4/25/25 Friday

Acts 4:1-12
Jn 21:1-14

4/26/25 Saturday

Acts 5:12-16
Mk 16:9-15

4/27/25 Sunday

Acts 5:12-16
Rv 1:9-13, 17-19
Jn 20:19-31

No Mass

8:30am
Assumption

8:30am
Assumption
5:30pm
St. Cecilia's

8:30am
Assumption

8:30am
Assumption
9:45am
Care Center

8:30pm pm
Assumption

9:00am
Assumption
10:30am
St. Cecilia's

Mass Intentions

+ Chuck Kava

+ George & Mabel Lynch
+ Joseph & Klotylda Kava

+ Stanley & Anna Capp

+ Ruth Kava
+ Cheryl Gamel

+ Bob Buth

For the People
+ Fr. Al Seitz

Liturgical Ministries

April 27

Eucharistic Ministers:

Arlen K., Bryan K., Tami H.

Lector:

Steve H.

Altar Servers:

Cooper, Taylor

Sacristans:

Steve H.

Money Counters:

Bryan K.

May 4

Eucharistic Ministers:

Steve H., Mary Lou T., Curt S.

Lector:

Renee W.

Altar Servers:

Sam, Evan

Sacristans:

Jacob V.

Money Counters:

Rose B.

May 11

Eucharistic Ministers:

Karen O., Jeff W., Arlen K.

Lector:

Amanda V.

Altar Servers:

Claire, Hailey

Sacristans:

Bryan K.

Money Counters:

Bryan K.

May 18

Eucharistic Ministers:

Bryan K., Mike B., Tami H.,

Lector:

Amber P-N

Altar Servers:

Taylor, Cooper

Sacristans:

Steve H.

Money Counters:

Rose B

Ushers for April

Dave K., Curt S

Mass Intentions: If you would like to have Masses said for living or deceased family members, or other intentions please send your intentions to Assumption Parish Office. Mass stipends are \$10 per Mass.

Prayer Chain: If you have someone who needs to be added to the Prayer Chain please call:

Darlena Arends: 218.443.3441

Rose Beck 218.789.7440

Victim Assistance If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, please contact local law enforcement. In addition, Cindy Hulst LSW, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at (218) 281-7895. (24-hour confidential number).



Children Spring Program

Join us next Sunday following Mass for our Children's RE Spring Program.

At the conclusion of the program we will be having by our parish potluck dinner. All are welcome!

First Week of Easter

We now begin a celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord for the next seven weeks - when we mark the Ascension forty days after Easter and culminating in the celebration of Pentecost on the fiftieth day after Easter. This week, we begin that deepening realization of, and reflection upon, the meaning of the gift of life we have received in God's raising Jesus from the dead so that we might have eternal life.

Just as it difficult for many of our cultures to face the reality of death, it is difficult to accept the reality of life after death. St. Paul invites us to live in this passing world with our hearts set on the world that will never end. This week let us try to open our hearts to a deeply-felt sense of what a difference it makes that the tomb is empty, that Jesus is alive, that he allows us to recognize him in the breaking of bread, and that he missions us to proclaim this Good News. Each morning this week, we can pause for a moment and simply thank God for our being alive today. Even more, we can thank God for the life that Jesus won for us. Throughout the day, and at different brief moments, we can remember that this is Easter Week and ask to live more freely today, more gratefully. We can name the grace in our own terms and in the context of what we are experiencing, what gets us discouraged or what gives us life. Overall, we want to live the freedom we have been given. If death has no hold on us, so many of our fears would melt away. If we realized our ultimate home is in heaven, our spirits would be lighter and we would walk around more gratefully. So, as we go through this week, we can let ourselves believe in the Resurrection that was won for us. "Lord, I believe in the gift of life you have given me in the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus." We can say this act of faith, or sing any of the wonderful Easter songs in the back of our minds, as many times as it takes to let ourselves feel the effects of Easter.

Perhaps we had a difficult Holy Week or Easter. There might have been loneliness or family conflicts. Perhaps we are facing a chronic illness or deep struggles with a loved one, or we are grieving the loss of a loved one. These, and many other struggles can challenge our Easter hope and joy. This is the week to place our trust in the one who is now alive, so that we can live forever. We can ask for the gifts of hope renewal these days. In giving thanks, we can ask that our hearts be opened even more to receive the gift of his Spirit.

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html> Used with permission.

"...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

Acts 10:38

We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, "we are made for greatness." Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!

Life

Josie K.	4-25
Doug H.	4-27
Molly H.	5-6
Anna L.	5-7
Jolisa J.	5-10
Judy H.	5-12

Life

Kelan & Nancy B.	4-27
Dustin & Anneleise R.	5-6-17



Brothers and Sisters Alleluia, I say it again, Alleluia. We are meant to be a living alleluia. St. John Paul II said: "We are the Easter people and Alleluia is our song." St. Augustine wrote that "A Christian should be an alleluia from head to foot."

There is no exact translation of alleluia, nothing really captures the fullness of what it expresses. It's often translated as "Praise the Lord", but that doesn't completely capture what the word means, it doesn't show the raw emotion Alleluia expresses. Alleluia is like when a child gets that perfect gift and their whole body shakes with excitement and happiness. Alleluia is an expression of utter joy, a joy that literally overflows, a joy that cannot help but burst forth.

Alleluia, we should be filled with joy from head to foot; joy should be seeping out of us to those we meet. The reason for our joy; the tomb is empty. Jesus passed from death to life so that all of us could be forgiven; not just forgiven but made new. The death and resurrection of Christ gives us new and everlasting life. In Christ we are made new, sin is not the last word in our life, forgiveness is, everlasting life is.

That is the promise and truth of Easter, God loved us so much, so incredibly much that he came and got us, he walked through death on the Cross to bring us forgiveness, to bring us home. That is what gives us a real reason to rejoice.

Alleluia indeed.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone who has helped make our Triduum and Easter liturgies such wonderful, uplifting, and holy experiences. Thank you to our altar servers, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, ushers, and musicians. I, and I am sure everyone in our parish deeply appreciates your service and ministry to our parish. A special thank you goes to all of those who decorate and clean our church; everything was beautiful for all of our liturgies. Fr. Todd

OUR SPRING AUTHENTIC ITALIAN SPAGHETTI DINNER AT ST. ELIZABETH'S IS BACK!

(207 North Main St. in Dilworth)

Sunday, April 27 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$18.00 for adults; \$10.00 for children; Preschool is free.

Take-out available.

Along with a raffle for (2) 1/2 hogs, in addition to cash prizes.

Welcome! Our warmest welcome to all who worship with us. We appreciate your participation. If you would like to join our parish community, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail to St. Cecilia's, PO Box 52, Sabin MN, 56580

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