

# St. Cecilia's Catholic Church

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## Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025

Calendar	Mass Intentions	Liturgical Ministries
<b>12/15/25 Monday</b> Nm 24:2-7,15-17 Mt 21:23-27	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>December 21</b> <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Mary Lou T., Curt S., Karen O. <b>Lector:</b> Greg A. <b>Altar Servers:</b> Cooper, Evan <b>Sacristans:</b> Jacob V. <b>Money Counters:</b> Rose B.
<b>12/16/25 Tuesday</b> Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Mt 21:28-32	8:30am <b>Assumption</b>	+ Gerry Foley
<b>12/17/25 Wednesday</b> Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17	8:30am <b>Assumption</b> 5:30pm <b>St. Cecilia's</b>	For an end to Abortion  + Isaac Paul Benedict
<b>12/18/25 Thursday</b> Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25	8:30am <b>Assumption</b>	+ Eva Lamb
<b>12/19/25 Friday</b> Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25 Lk 1:5-25	8:30am <b>Assumption</b> 9:45am <b>Care Center</b>	+ Ed Stetz  + Mark Counter
<b>12/20/25 Saturday</b> Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38	5:00pm <b>Assumption</b>	+ Maurice Nicklay
<b>12/21/25 Sunday</b> Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24	9:00am <b>Assumption</b> 10.30am <b>St. Cecilia's</b>	+ Betty Bodine  For the people

**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. (24hour confidential number).

### Advent Giving Tree

This year's gifts will be for the Women's Care Center which is displayed in the Gathering Place. If you take a slip from the tree, we ask that you return it No Later Than Sunday, Dec 21st. Gifts for the Women's Care Center do not need to be wrapped. Thank you

### Retirement Fund for Religious

This morning's special collection supports the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps more than 20,500 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have spent their lives in service—many receiving little to no pay. Now, their communities struggle to meet their basic care, medication, and daily living needs. Your generosity ensures they can age with dignity. Please give in gratitude for their lifelong commitment.

**January 4**  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Tami H., Steve H., Curt S.  
**Lector:**  
Mary Lou T.  
**Altar Servers:**  
Cooper, Taylor  
**Sacristans:**  
Steve H.  
**Money Counters:**  
Bryan K.

**January 11**  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Karen O., Jeff W., Arlen K.  
**Lector:**  
Renee W.  
**Altar Servers:**  
Sam, Evan  
**Sacristans:**  
Jacob V.  
**Money Counters:**  
Rose B.

**Ushers for December**  
Bryan K., Jeff W.

### Liturgical Ministers for Christmas Eve Mass

As with previous years we will not assign people to Liturgical Ministers for our Christmas Mass. Instead, if you know that you will be at St. Cecilia's for Christmas Eve Mass please sign up for a ministry on the sheet in the Gathering space of the Church.  
Thank You very much.

### Third Week of Advent

"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" In today's gospel, Jesus shatters the messianic expectations. Oppressed and living under a foreign rule, the Jewish people longed for a messiah who could defeat their enemies and serve as a strong political and military ruler. But Jesus did not come close to meeting these expectations of someone dressed in fine clothing in royal places. Rather, the messiah took the form of an itinerant teacher from a no-name town. This seems to defy what Isaiah described—a God who comes with vindication. But Jesus Christ does come with vindication, that is, evidence for his messianic identity. As his followers will soon know, the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. What more could you ask of a messiah? But the readings from James reminds us, patience is key. Just as a farmer waits for the fruit of the earth to blossom and grow, we too must tend to our hearts as we wait for the coming of the Lord. We must cultivate a holy awareness of Emmanuel, "God is with us." Gaudete Sunday invites us to consider the "here" but "not yet" of God's kingdom. While God is present and active in our lives today, we must wait for and work for the time when God will reign in fullness. We must acknowledge that we are indeed always in God's presence yet commit ourselves to the justice we have heard about this Advent season. There will be a time when hatred and division and war will be no more. And that is indeed reason to rejoice! Radio stations and streaming services have been pushing Christmas music for weeks now, and maybe you've already finished your preparations for the Christmas season. In this case, the Scriptures' call to slow down and be patient might be a helpful reminder to appreciate this time of Advent. Alternatively, maybe you feel especially in need of God's loving presence in a difficult winter season. In this space, God might be trying to remind you of his persistent love for you in a time of waiting and endurance. In either case, God desires to draw near to us as we wait in expectation.

### Reconciliation

Advent is a time to be reconciled with God and one another. So often we carry around hurts and grudges and we never let them go. Now is the time to forgive, and to seek forgiveness. Listed below are some time for Reconciliation in the coming days.

- Dec 16 Tuesday 5:00-6:00pm (St. Cecilia's)
- Dec 17 Wednesday 6:00-6:30pm (St. Cecilia's)
- Dec 18 Thursday 10:00 - 7:00pm (St. Joseph's in Moorhead)
- Dec 20 Saturday 11:00am-12:00pm (St. Cecilia's. Notice Time Change)
- Dec 20 Saturday 3:00-4:40pm (Assumption)
- Dec 21 Sunday 4:00pm Penance Service (Assumption)
- Dec 21 Sunday 5:30-6:30pm (St. Joseph's in Moorhead)
- Dec 22 Tuesday 4:00-7:00pm (St. Elizabeth's Dilworth)

### \*Quilt Donations Needed\*

New Life Center is actively preparing for a temporary winter warming shelter to safely house more guests overnight during the cold months ahead. QUILTS are one of our most pressing needs for the temporary overnight shelter. Thank you in advance for your concern and generosity!! Type: Standard quilts. Condition: New or gently used. Size: Full size or Twin XL. Goal: 60 quilts total. A collection box is located next to the Giving Tree in our gathering area. Contact Melissa (701- 532-4445) with any questions



### A Word on the Weather.

This winter we will try to be as proactive and communicative as possible about any weather-related cancellations. If we do have to cancel anything we will send out a notice via email, post the information on our Facebook page and website along with contacting local radio and television stations. Please note that if school and after school events are cancelled we will automatically cancel our events for the same period.

### Life

Denise K.	12-15
Anthony H.	12-17
Steve O.	12-17
Michael R.	12-21
Alicia S.	12-23
Jesus Christ	12-25
Carter J	12-27
Steve H.	12-28
Rhonda W.	12-28
Dan S.	12-29
Hallie W.	12-29
Robert D.	12-31
Sharon R.	1-13

### Love

Grant & Denise K.	12-19-82
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**"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."**

*Matthew 3:10*

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season

### Catholic Daughters Scholarships



Again this year 2 - \$300 college scholarships are available for high school students. Eligibility requirements: (1) Must be a high school senior; (2) Must be a confirmed Catholic; (3) Must be a member of St. Joseph, St.

Francis de Sales, St. Elizabeth, St. John, or St. Cecilia. Deadline to enter is February 28, 2026. Winners will be determined by random drawing. Visit the parish office for an application.



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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