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Weekly Masses:
Saturday 4:30 & Sunday 8:15 & 10:00
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45



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The Church of Saint Cecilia

Message of Pope Francis for the 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees (January 5-11)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Faith assures us that in a mysterious way the Kingdom of God is already present here on earth (*cf. Gaudium et spes*, 39). Yet in our own time, we are saddened to see the obstacles and opposition it encounters. Violent conflicts and all-out wars continue to tear humanity apart; injustices and discrimination follow one upon the other; economic and social imbalances on a local or global scale prove difficult to overcome. And above all it is the poorest of the poor and the most disadvantaged who pay the price.

The most economically advanced societies are witnessing a growing trend towards extreme individualism which, combined with a utilitarian mentality and reinforced by the media, is producing a “globalization of indifference”. In this scenario, migrants, refugees, displaced persons and victims of trafficking have become emblems of exclusion. In addition to the hardships that their condition entails, they are often looked down upon and considered the source of all society’s ills. That attitude is an alarm bell warning of the moral decline we will face if we continue to give ground to the throw-away culture. In fact, if it continues, anyone who does not fall within the accepted norms of physical, mental and social well-being is at risk of marginalization and exclusion.

For this reason, the presence of migrants and refugees – and of vulnerable people in general – is an invitation to recover some of those essential dimensions of our Christian existence and our humanity that risk being overlooked in a prosperous society. That is why it is not just about migrants. When we show concern for them, we also show concern for ourselves, for everyone; in taking care of them, we all grow; in listening to them, we also give voice to a part of ourselves that we may keep hidden because it is not well regarded nowadays.

Dear brothers and sisters, our response to the challenges posed by contemporary migration can be summed up in four verbs: welcome, protect, promote and integrate. Yet these verbs do not apply only to migrants and refugees. They describe the Church’s mission to all those living in the existential peripheries, who need to be welcomed, protected, promoted and integrated. If we put those four verbs into practice, we will help build the city of God and man. We will promote the integral human development of all people. We will also help the world community to come closer to the goals of sustainable development that it has set for itself and that, lacking such an approach, will prove difficult to achieve.

In a word, it is not only the cause of migrants that is at stake; it is not just about them, but about all of us, and about the present and future of the human family. Migrants, especially those who are most vulnerable, help us to read the “signs of the times”. Through them, the Lord is calling us to conversion, to be set free from exclusivity, indifference and the throw-away culture. Through them, the Lord invites us to embrace fully our Christian life and to contribute, each according to his or her proper vocation, to the building up of a world that is more and more in accord with God’s plan.

In expressing this prayerful hope, and through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Way, I invoke God’s abundant blessings upon all the world’s migrants and refugees and upon all those who accompany them on their journey.

Stewardship-Fiscal Year July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

Contributions Update:

December’s Budgeted Revenue	\$24,264.00
Amount Received To Date	\$32,667.38
Remaining to Achieve Budget	\$(8,403.38)

Year to Date Financial Information as of September 30, 2019:

Anticipated Collections	\$80,260
Actual Collections	\$82,458
Major Gifts	\$44,239
Building Fund Contributions	<u>\$3,548</u>
Total Income	\$130,245
Budgeted Expenses	\$96,735
Actual Expenses	\$81,296
Major Repairs	\$5,177
Principal Payments on Debt	<u>\$3,786</u>
Total Expenditures	\$90,259
Revenue Over Expenses	\$39,986
Debt Outstanding	\$65,470.60
Alms Box Balance as of Dec 22	\$1,225.21

A Prayer for Immigrant Children

Loving Father, in your infinite compassion, we seek your divine protection for refugee children who are often alone and afraid. Provide solace to those who have been witnesses to violence and destruction, who have lost parents, family, friends, home, and all they cherish due to war or persecution. Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need. Show mercy to unaccompanied migrant children, too, Lord. Reunite them with their families and loved ones. Guide those children who are strangers in a foreign land to a place of peace and safety. Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need. Show us how we might reach out to these precious and vulnerable children. Open our hearts to migrant and refugee children in need, so that we might see in them your own migrant Son. Give us courage to stand up in their defense against those who would do them harm. For this we pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Save the Date

The Community Events Team is hosting "Halls of Entertainment," a mid-winter event on Friday, February 7th, 7:00-9:00pm. Save the date and watch the bulletin for more information.

Knitting Group

St. C's knitting group meets the first Tuesday of the month in the soft room. Bring your knitting/crocheting projects and join us on January 7th at 6:30pm. All are welcome. Questions may be directed to the parish office at 651.644.4502.

Food Drive January 11th/12th

Feeding the hungry is one way that the St. Cecilia community lives the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Next weekend, January 11th & 12th we will be collecting nonperishable food, personal care items, and monetary donations for the Keystone food shelf.



Coffee
& Donuts

Following 8:15 &
10:00 Masses in
Friendship Hall.

FAITH FORMATION

Upcoming Whole Community Wednesday (WCW) Events

12/25-1/8 - Christmas Break
1/11 - FMSC field trip - 1:00-2:30pm at the Coon Rapids location
1/15 - Small Groups, Meditative Yoga with Lisa Reiner
1/18 - Reconciliation Retreat - 9am-12pm
1/22 - Small Groups, Pushing Back on the School to Prison Pipeline led by Bridget Sabo
1/29 - Large Group, Meals on Wheels Service Project
Potluck at 5:30pm, meetings to follow at 6:30pm. All are welcome!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) News

In the month of January our students will learn about the Epiphany, the Nativity, the Adoration of the Shepherds/Magi, and the Presentation in the Temple.

January Schedule

Jan 5th & 12th - class
Jan 19th - Family weekend, MLK
Jan 26th - class

Reconciliation Retreat

On Saturday, January 18th we welcome all children in our sacramental preparation class to attend a reconciliation retreat from 9:00am-12:00pm. Watch your email for more details.

Parish Calendar

Sun		Epiphany of the Lord
Tue	6:30	Knitting Group
	7:00	Choir
Wed	10:30	Nursing Home Mass
	12:00	Staff Meeting
Sat		Food Drive
	1:00	Feed My Starving Children/Coon Rapids
Sun		Food Drive
	11:00	Sunday Forum

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Email info to bulletin@stceciliasp.org.

Hymn Numbers:

207, 60, 466, 431, (10:00) 430, 437

Out/About—St. Olaf Band will perform on Saturday, January 25th, 7:00pm at Minneapolis South High School (3131 S. 19th Ave). Tickets: stolaf.edu/tickets.



Recycling/Organics Program Reminder

Blue bins represent recycling

We have a single-sort option so all cardboard, paper, aluminum, tin, and plastics, numbers 1-7 can go in these bins. Please be sure to rinse any containers before placing them in the bin.

Green bins indicate an organics collection

We have these green bins in the choir room, office kitchen, bathrooms, and Friendship Hall. Organics include food waste, paper towels, tissues, flowers, compostable dinnerware, napkins, and pizza boxes.

Gray or black bins

Are for collecting any remaining garbage.

All of the bins have signage to help remind you where items should go and the office staff is here to help with any questions. In the church, link and meeting rooms you will find stainless steel "dual" bins. The blue side is for recycling and the black for garbage.

If ever you're in doubt of which bin to place specific items, please set those items aside and our Maintenance Coordinator will be happy to take care of that for you.

Collections

In the lower level link you will see labeled collection bins. In these bins **we collect cell phones (no chargers, cords or phone batteries), ink/toner cartridges, film plastics, and books for College Prep Elementary and home goods for Bridging.** Please take note of the kinds of items that we collect and check your items before placing them in the bins. This will cut down on the time needed to go through the collections and make it easier for our volunteers to sort and/or ship.

We also collect non-perishable food and toiletries for our neighborhood food shelf. All donations are delivered to Keystone Community Services food shelf.

Clean, gently worn clothing, as well as purses, belts and shoes are also collected and distributed to those in need. Please note: If you have many bags of items to donate we encourage you to take them directly to a donation center.