



Church of Saint Cecilia

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



“The Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field.”

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WELCOME

To join the parish,
please call the office at 651.644.4502,
or talk to one of the hospitality
ministers who greets you.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office is open
Monday-Thursday
9:00am to 4:00pm.

The Church of Saint Cecilia

The week of July 10th, seven youth and three chaperones spent five days at St. Mary's Mission on the Red Lake Indian Reservation. In this week's and upcoming bulletins, some of our ambassadors will share their experiences in answering the call to serve our northern neighbors.

By Kate O'Connell

On Monday, July 10, seven young people from St. Cecilia's (Chets Albert, Elise Carroll, Frank McGuire, Maggie McGuire, Isaac Reiner, his friend Makabe Aberle, and Grace Tienter) left from St. Cecilia's, along with chaperones, Steve Claas, Nick Dizio (who has volunteered at Red Lake previously) and myself for a trip to the Red Lake Reservation, north of Bemidji. We spent the week there, returning on Friday the 14th. In that time, we had the great honor of playing and working with Red Lake elementary school children, helping them retain their reading and math skills, eating lunch with them, and playing some more. Our youth planned each day, and had the grace to adjust those plans when the Red Lake children had other ideas, even while encouraging the children to read one book, count to 30, or correct our spelling errors. We were also able to visit the new college, with our Red Lake guide, Brent Sigana. He showed us the Anishinaabe immersion room, the library, the beautiful facilities and artwork.

Reflection

One of the 4th grade Red Lake children wanted to play school, where she was the teacher and another child and I were the students. I asked her to teach me Ojibwe words. She could say them easily, but I asked her to write them on the white board because that's how I learn. She got help from Brent on the spelling, and I learned some Ojibwe words, such as "Gaween, gego" ("No, don't"), which the other student said her auntie says all the time to her little sister. The 4th Red Lake student wrote Ojibwe words that filled up most of the white board. Brent posted a picture on Facebook, which many people quickly "liked." He also brought the new school principal into the room to see the work by this 4th grade student -- he was so impressed. Later, this child told me that her grandmother had been severely beaten for speaking Ojibwe; I listened with a heavy heart, told her I was so sorry that her grandmother had been treated that way, and said I was grateful that she was willing to teach me. Reconciliation and new life come in many forms.

To all people at St. Cecilia's who made this trip and donations to St. Mary's Mission possible by participating in the fundraisers, miigwetch!



Back-to- School Supply Drive

We're now collecting donations for children whose families are unable to afford the necessary basic supplies for school this fall. Please bring your **NEW** donations to the lower link through August 13th.

The following supplies are requested:

- Backpacks
- Pens (blue, black and red ink)
- Pencil Boxes/Bags
- #2 Pencils & Pencil Sharpeners
- Mechanical Pencils
- Erasers (regular and pencil top)
- Markers (narrow and wide washable)
- Crayons (box of 24)
- Highlighters
- Colored Pencils
- Loose Leaf Paper (wide & college)
- Notebooks (wide & college ruled)
- Pocket Folders
- Glue (bottled and sticks)
- Rulers & Scissors
- 3-Ring Binders (1, 1-1/2, & 2" only)

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

Prayer Ministry: If you have an intention you wish prayed for, please call Marge Virnig at 651.644.4502 ext. 12.

Stewardship-Fiscal Year July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017

As of June 30, 2017

June 2017

Anticipated Collections	\$376,200.00
Actual Collections	\$422,282.00
Less :Actual Expenses	\$378,277.00
Actual Debt Payments	\$34,452.00
Balance	\$9,553.00

Year-to-Date

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Parish Bank Debt	\$122,840.00
Alms Box Balance as of July 16	\$906.82

Rest in Peace

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of Elaine and Frank Wray, on the passing of Elaine on July 15th and Frank on July 9th. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

We extend our condolences as well to Lois Matthews and family on the passing of John Matthews on July 10th. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

FAITH FORMATION

Artist Needed for Faith Formation Project.

We are looking for an artist willing to paint detailed wooden figures (1/8" plywood, 4-6" tall), for our First Eucharist curriculum. The children will work with the figures to tell stories of the Hireling and the Wolf, the Pharisee and the Tax Collector, the Good Samaritan, and other parables. We have examples of what the figures could look like for the artist's reference. If interested, please contact Theresa O'Toole at theresa@stceciliasp.org. Thank you in advance for your help!

Hymn Numbers:

734, 319, 75, 634, 783, 627

COMMUNITY NEWS

Office Closed

The parish office will close at 12:30pm on both Tuesday, July 25th and Wednesday, July 26th. Thank you.

Mission Appeal Next Weekend

Next weekend we welcome Bishop Udumala Bala of the diocese of Warangal, India to speak on behalf of his mission as part of our annual archdiocesan missionary cooperation plan. A second collection will be taken next weekend (checks payable to St. Cecilia with a notation of "mission appeal"). Your prayers and financial generosity are greatly appreciated.

Habitat Needs More Volunteers! We still need a few more volunteers for the Habitat Building project for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday Aug 1, 2, 3 & Aug 8, 9, (924 Jessamine, St. Paul). Volunteers can sign up online at cabrinimn.org/habitat or by contacting bobkessler45@gmail.com. Please consider joining us for this great community building experience!

Alms Box Drive Thank You

Last weekend's "pocket change" drive netted \$567.82 which will help those in need! Thanks to Geri Jwanouskos for providing the "tip jar". We're very grateful!

Pope Francis' Universal Intention for the Challenges of Humanity, July 2017

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

Prayer

*God our Father,
you call us to know and to follow your
Son Jesus
as a model for our lives.
Help us to give a coherent testimony of
our faith in Jesus,
which encounters the people around us.
The Gospel has an enormous force of
transformation,
when it is lived in its radicality and
beauty.
On the contrary, a faith disconnected
from life,
without mercy,
can cause scandal and isolation.
We ask for your forgiveness for our lack
of consistency,
that lead so many brothers and sisters
not to find in the Church a place full of
life.
We pray for all who have strayed away
from the faith,
that, with our prayer and witness,
they will be able to rediscover the joy of
believing and living in Christ.*

Project Home. St. Cecilia's will again be staffing Project Home from August 6th-12st. St. Matthew's (2136 Cater Ave) has been hosting homeless families for the month of August for many years and our help is again needed. We need 4-5 volunteers to welcome the families from 5:30-8:30pm, and 2 overnight hosts. Please sign up in the link or online through our St. Cecilia webpage Outreach/Project Home. Questions, please call JoAnn Mason @642.1520, Kate O'Connell @651.558.6269, or Rose Marie Assad @489.3044.

Sanctuary Prayer. On Sunday, July 30th at 7:00 pm we will gather in prayer for those in need of refuge and safety. This prayer is done in cooperation with the University Area Coalition of Sanctuary Supporting Churches: University Baptist Church, First Congregational of Minneapolis, University Lutheran Church of Hope and St. Francis Cabrini. Come pray with us in our sacred space for insight into our deep connections with each other and for an openness to the Holy among us. *Source of Justice who is known by many names: Open our eyes that we may see the immigrant and undocumented, not as threats, but as brothers and sisters whose dignity is tied to our own dignity, and whose lack of freedom calls into question our own freedom. Interfaith Movement for Justice.*

Catholic School Parents' Association (CSPA)

For many years St. Cecilia's has maintained a commitment to Catholic education by inviting parents enrolled in area Catholic elementary schools to form an informal association to help develop funds for a grant program to off-set their tuition costs. To be eligible for these modest grants, participating parents sign an agreement to participate in developing a fund-raising event to help build the fund. In addition, our parish also has a special collection during Catholic Schools Week in early February. A grant amount (based on available funds) is sent in early Spring on the parent's behalf to the school where their child attends.

Interested parents must sign an enrollment agreement by September 1 of the school year with the commitment to participate in the fundraising process. The grant amount will be determined by the total of funds raised by a distribution date around April 15 of that school year. To participate in the coming school year, please call the parish office at 651.644.4502 with further questions or to make arrangements to sign the agreement.

Formerly, St. Cecilia's was able to forge a relationship with a few of the area Catholic schools whereby they charged their lower "parish member" rate for St. Cecilia parishioners who are CSPA members. These schools, then received the grant and also offered our parents a lower tuition rate.

In recent years, parishes and schools have closed or been merged and tuition costs in remaining schools have risen dramatically. Parishes with schools have had to establish more realistic tuition rates closer to actual per-pupil costs to better meet the expenses of maintaining buildings and providing salaries for teachers and staffs. Also, today's students whose families attend St. Cecilia's either attend schools other than those with whom we formerly had a rate agreement or those schools no longer offer a distinct parish member rate.

It may be that in coming years, the government will fund Catholic schools more directly as they do with charter schools. The archdiocese may also embark on a different consolidation model for which every parish contributes or is assessed. Meanwhile, our CSPA model will continue as a way to ease the burden of our parents and the parishes that sponsor schools they attend.