



Church of Saint Cecilia

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



Whoever gives even a cup of cold water to these little ones to drink,
will surely not lose their reward.

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HAPPY NEW (Budget) YEAR!.....a pastor's epistle

I could have titled this "All's well that ends well," because we ended the budget year on June 30 without a deficit. Our work as a community, however, continues. Among the highlights of this past year were an exceptionally successful "Come Join Us" dinner and event, strong contributions to our Building Fund and steady, faithful contributions for our operating budget. We were able to purchase furnishings and dishes for our social hall and with the aid of a government grant we purchased a dishwasher and bins and supplies for organic disposal. We're still "getting the hang" of the recycling procedures, but we can be pleased with our progress in becoming better stewards of our resources and environment.

WHAT REALLY HELPS It makes a difference that more of us are using the automatic withdrawal method for our weekly/monthly contributions to the parish. This guarantees a more predictable flow of income which we count on to meet our on-going obligations for salaries and building expenses. It has also helped that so many are faithful in making contributions to our Building Fund. It is also possible to have an additional monthly automatic withdrawal specifically for our Building Fund from a checking/saving account as some of our members now also do. Because of your generosity this year, we were able to make additional "principal only" payments to our mortgage loan balance in the amount of \$14,800.00! With the government raising interest rates, our ability to reduce our principal will allow us to keep reducing our debt responsibilities.

PROJECTS AND NEEDS ON THE HORIZON Folks at St. Cecilia's have been generous in responding to special projects in our parish and also in response to the needs that affect the larger community and church:

SOCIAL CONCERNS AND IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE RELATED PROJECTS

From our parish budget, we sent end of year checks to three different organizations to support their work: *Isaiah* and *Asamblea* to support their on-going work with the immigrants/refugees in our community and an area food shelf *Small Sums* which serves clients not presently served by Keystone services, which our parish already supports. Because we have taken on the commitment to be a sanctuary supporting community, we will be taking on a **second collection next weekend, July 8/9** to create a Response Fund to disburse to organizations who will be working with the endangered immigrant population. Contributions can be directed to this fund on an ongoing basis, but our collection next weekend will help create an initial base of support.

ALMS BOX NEEDS Throughout the year, many of you already make donations to our Alms Box. The collection slot is on the wall near the processional cross in the entryway of the church. Unlike other contributions to our parish, these are usually cash donations for which we do not provide a receipt for tax deductions. From the amount provided, we purchase food cards, when we are able, to give to those who come to our door. We have also been able to respond to other emergency needs of individuals for medical or shelter issues. We do not give money directly to individuals, but have made necessary purchases on their behalf with these donations. We anticipate an increased demand for responding to these needs as we become more aware through our Immigration/Refugee involvement.

To highlight our on-going alms box needs, we'll have a **"Pocket Change" Drive the weekend of July 15/16.** Look for the large jar in the entryway that weekend, and if you have been accumulating coins, drop them off on your way in or out of church that weekend.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS PROJECTS In a few weeks, we hope to see work begun and completed on installing a permanent sound system in our Parish Hall. An *continued on next page*

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 March 31, 2017

March 2017

Anticipated Collections	\$24,274.00
Actual Collections	\$26,316.70
Less :Actual Expenses	\$34,064.08
Actual Debt Payments	\$1,684.79
Balance	(\$9,432.17)

Year-to-Date

Anticipated Collections	\$213,614.00
Actual Collections	\$280,612.83
Less: Actual Expenses	\$281,815.00
Actual Debt Payments	\$11,461.81
Balance	(\$12,663.98)

Parish Bank Debt	\$142,586.00
Alms Box Balance as of June 25	\$188.79

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, July 8, 4:30 pm

Cross:

Book: Leo S.

Candle:

Lectors: Tom M./Justin M.

Host: Bob S.

Cup: Kate O.

Hospitality: Bob S./Colette S.

Sacristan:

Sunday, July 9, 8:15 am

Book: Julie B.

Lectors: Jean W./Jane C-K.

Host: Mary Pat R.

Cup: Rose R./Eileen S.

Sacristan: Pat K.

Sunday, July 9, 10:00 am

Cross:

Book: Jack S.

Candle:

Lector: Art Z./Kathy Z.

Host: Claudia B.

Cup: Dick B./Mary Pat Z.

Cup: Julie M./Bill J.

Hospitality: Evelyn P.

Sacristan: Paul C.

a pastor's epistle continued

amplifier had been donated a number of years ago, but work never was completed. We have been using the portable sound system down there which was once used for the Sunday mass at the neighborhood high rise. It is heavy to move around and not particularly safe to be left in place. We hope to sell this equipment on consignment and ceiling speakers will be installed along with a system that will be easy to access for our presentation needs. We have almost enough balance left in the basement furnishings account we collected when the furniture and dishes were purchased to basically cover this expense, and if this is an area toward which you wish to direct a contribution, please designate "sound system" on your contribution.

We have other "big ticket" items we will want to be addressing in the future that have to do with correcting water drainage and ice formation issues that involve the alley area behind the church and the curb indentation for our handicapped accessible entrance at our lower level. In both instances, we need to work with the city to correct these problems and there may need to be some related work done on our property as part of this. Safe access for our visitors and keeping our building from deteriorating are important concerns we can't continue to not address. **All in all, however, a hearty "Thanks" is in order!**

John Hofstede

COMMUNITY NEWS

Office Closed

The parish office will be closed Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th. Regular office hours (9-4) will resume on Wednesday, July 5th. Thank you and a happy July 4th to all.



The Tres Iglesias Habitat group (St. Francis Cabrini, St. Cecilia, and Prospect Park United Methodist Church) is building a new house at 924 Jessamine Ave.

E. on St. Paul's Eastside this summer on weekdays July 31st to August 11th. Sign up online through the Cabrini website cabrinimn.org/habitat.signup, or by accessing the site through the St. Cecilia Habitat for Humanity webpage at <http://www.stceciliasp.org/habitat-for-humanity-1.html>. Paper sign up is also available in the link.

Volunteer sign up deadline is July 9th.

In addition, we are also hoping to raise \$5,000 which is our portion of the funds for the work camp. Checks payable to St. Cecilia with a notation of "Habitat" may be placed in the regular collection basket. Thank you!

The Habitat organizers, Tom Deegan, Ken Scherber, and Bob Kessler

Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you supporting Pope Francis' work through the Peter's Pence collection. This collection unites us in solidarity with the Holy Father and his works of charity toward those who are suffering around the world. Checks payable to St. Cecilia with a notation of "Peter's Pence" may be placed in the regular collection basket during Mass. Thank you!

Men's Softball Games

The St. C's men's softball team schedule for July is as follows:

July 12th-6:15pm against Lumen Christi at St. Greg's Field (Montreal & Davenport)

July 19th-7:15pm against Nativity at St. Clair North (St. Clair just east of 35E)

July 26th-7:45pm against Lumen Christi at Edgumbe Field (Edgumbe/Jefferson & Griggs).

Come out and support the team!

Food Drive

Your donations of nonperishable food and toiletries are greatly appreciated for our food drive next weekend. Kid friendly foods are needed especially during the summer months. Food shelves can stretch cash donations further than donations of food because of their access to discount products and programs so monetary donations are also greatly appreciated (checks payable to St. Cecilia with a notation of "food drive" may be placed in the regular collection basket). Thank you!

Library News

St. C's library is stocked with many wonderful offerings from categories such as Holy Men & Women, Prayer, Major Spiritual Writers, and Social Justice to name a few. Take some time to relax with a good read this summer. Stop by the link and peruse the selection.

Something to Consider. Are you a frequent shopper at Amazon? AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know, same products, same prices, same service, but the best part is Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice, at no additional cost to you. Please consider shopping through AmazonSmile and designate St. Cecilia Catholic Church St. Paul as your charity recipient. More info. available at smile.amazon.com or by calling the parish office.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Upcoming Sanctuary Meetings

Free St. C's Immigrant Support Task Force Mtg.—3rd Sunday of the month, July 16th at 9:15am in the soft room.

Monthly Prayer Vigil

- Sunday, July 30th at 7:00pm at St. Cecilia's Church.

University Area Coalition of Sanctuary Churches Monthly Meeting

(Five churches: Cabrini, Hope Lutheran, University Baptist, First Congregational of Minneapolis and St. Cecilia's) Tuesday, July 11th from 4:00-5:00pm at University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 13th Avenue SE, Minneapolis.

OUT AND ABOUT

COME TOGETHER TWIN CITIES Meeting. Since the shooting death of Philando Castile last July, a group of people, including clergy and people of many faiths, have been meeting monthly to talk about the great need for racial reconciliation. The next meeting of COME TOGETHER TWIN CITIES will be Sunday, July 9, 4:30 to 6:30pm at Christ Lutheran on Capitol Hill, 105 University Avenue in St. Paul. Join Us!

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	Peter's Pence Collection
Mon	Office Closed
Tue	Independence Day/ Office Closed
Sat/Sun	Food Drive Second Collection- Response Fund/ Endangered Immigrant Population

Hymn Numbers:

903, 319, 64, 801, 924, 578