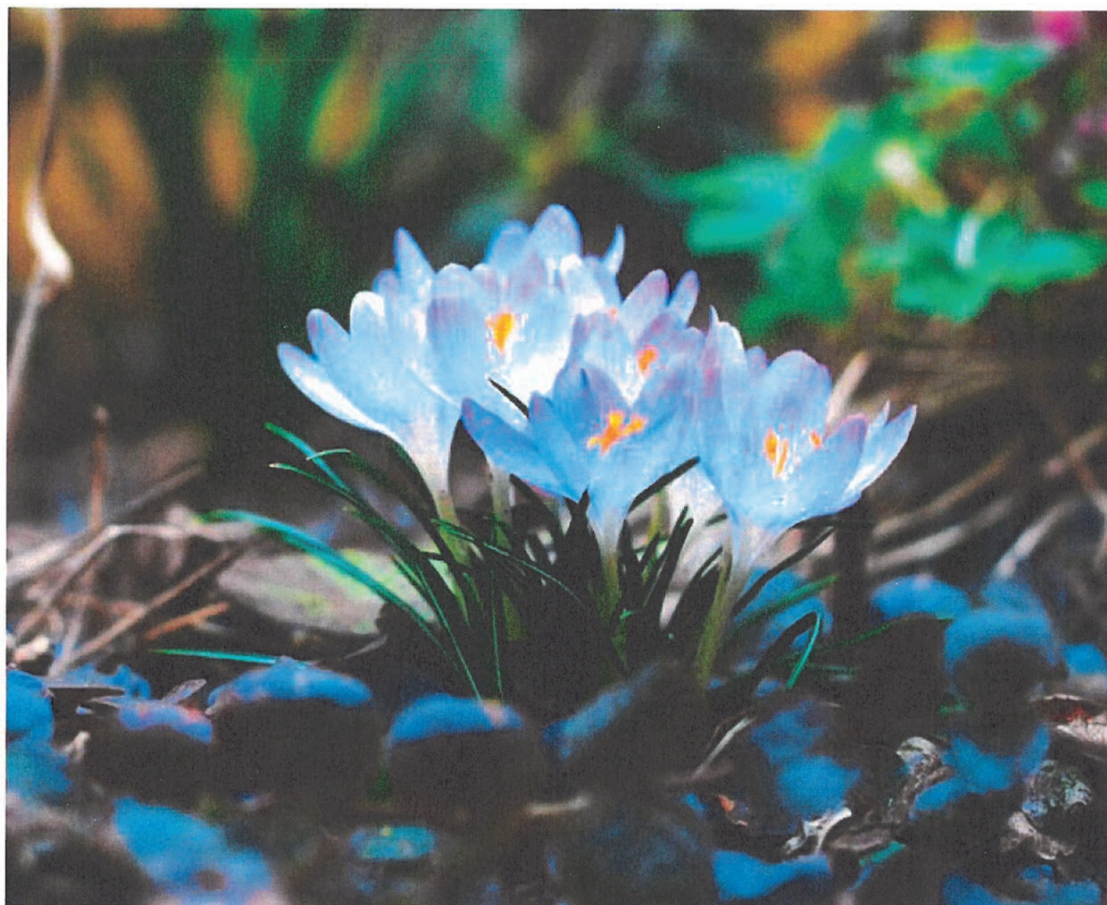




Church of Saint Cecilia

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



For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

WELCOME

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Holy Days Schedule

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th
4:00 Carols/4:30 Mass
(Note: Fourth Sunday of
Advent, December 24th,
Mass at 8:15 & 10:00am)

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25th,
10:00am Mass.

Advent Sacrament of Penance

Wednesday, December
20th, 3:30-4:30pm
Thursday, December 21st,
3:30-4:30pm
Saturday, December 23rd,
10:30am-Noon and 3:30-
4:15pm

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The Church of Saint Cecilia

St. Mary's Mission Update

- As you have heard, the church at St. Mary's Mission was destroyed in a fire. Miraculously, the nearby school was untouched, and the building where our Youth Group stays was also untouched.
- It is truly a miracle that no one was hurt in the fire that destroyed the church at St. Mary's Mission. When Fire Chief Sigana opened the side door, flames shot out but he was not hurt. Many beautiful artifacts were destroyed, but no lives were lost.
- Red Lake members watched quietly (from a safe distance) as the church burned, as if they were sitting with a friend who was dying.
- Many people saw, first, an image of Christ in the flames, then an image of Mary—that was very comforting to the community.
- On the first Sunday after the fire, Mass was held in the gym (where the Youth Group has spent a LOT of time), and the place was FULL. That had been Fr. Jerry's prayer, that the church would be full for Christmas, and it happened just days after the fire!
- Miraculously, no water got into the school, so the students were actually able to go to school the first Monday after the fire (and were even able to celebrate St. Nick's Day on December 6).
- Each class visited the site where the church burned and spent time talking about their memories.
- Red Lakers said they want to build a new church—and it will truly be their church.
- In the meantime, people from Red Lake know that they ARE the church—Fr. Jerry keeps telling them so and they know it in their hearts.
- Fr. Jerry knows that we were praying for Red Lake and are having a bake sale and special collection. He said he so appreciated the prayers and efforts to help—it meant a LOT to him that youth who had been to Red Lake wanted to know how everyone was doing and wanted to help.
- Cindy Windau's brother, Troy, even helped set up go-fund-me page, and is hoping to bring people to the site over the weekends, once the community decides to rebuild:
<http://www.bemidjipioneer.com/news/4370181-parishes-raise-funds-rebuild-st-marys>

Thank you for your generosity in supporting St. Mary's. Checks are also accepted -- please make the check out to St. Cecilia's and write St. Mary's Mission in the memo.

Kate O'Connell

Editor's Note: Stop by the link this weekend for our Youth Group's annual bake sale and/or to donate to St. Mary's.

Prayer Ministry: If you have an intention you wish prayed for, please call Marge Virnig at 651.644.4502 ext. 12 or complete the form on our website.

Stewardship-Fiscal Year July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

As of September 30, 2017

September 30, 2017

Anticipated Collections	\$25,552.00
Actual Collections	\$25,340.78
Less :Actual Expenses	\$23,418.45
Actual Debt Payments	\$1,560.73
Balance	\$361.60

Year-to-Date

Anticipated Collections	\$76,656.00
Actual Collections	\$79,104.16
Less: Actual Expenses	\$79,224.42
Actual Debt Payments	\$4,622.38
Balance	(\$4,742.64)

Parish Bank Debt	\$118,295.33
Alms Box Balance as of Dec. 10	\$1,808.80

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, December 23, 4:30 pm

Cross:
Book:
Candle:
Lectors:
Host:
Cup:
Hospitality:
Sacristan:

Sunday, December 24, 8:15 am

Book:
Lectors:
Host:
Cup:
Sacristan:

Sunday, December 24, 10:00 am

Cross:
Book:
Candle:
Lector:
Host:
Cup:
Cup:
Hospitality:
Sacristan:

Year End Giving

Please note that end of year contributions for 2017 tax records must be received in the parish office by Sunday, December 31st. When making your year end gifts, please consider taking advantage of the option to sign up for monthly automatic withdrawal through your checking or savings account for your regular contribution to the operating budget of the church. An additional contribution can be likewise, made to the building fund. Forms are available in the back of church and on our website. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Due to the upcoming holidays, please be mindful of the early bulletin deadlines:

Dec. 24th bulletin—submissions due by Tuesday, Dec. 19th, 9:00am

Dec. 31st bulletin—submissions due by Thursday, Dec. 21st, 9:00am.

Submissions may be emailed to bulletin@stceciliaspm.org or brought to the parish office. Thank you.

The Gift of Warmth

This Christmas season we will be collecting something warm for those in need. Suggested items (socks, gloves, mittens, hats, etc.) may be placed in the basket near the crèche. Thank you.

2018 Catholic Calendars

Please take home a 2018 Catholic reflections calendar which is available in the back of church. Thank you to Rich & Sharon Purcell from Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home for providing them.

Save the Date: *Taste of the Neighborhood* –Friday, Feb. 9th

The Community Events Team is planning a new adult event, *Taste of the Neighborhood*, offering food from the restaurants around St. Cecilia's. Hardy hors d'oeuvres, from each restaurant, and beverages will be served at this fun, social gathering. Mark your calendar for Friday, February 9th, 7:00-9:00pm (\$10.00 per adult) and watch for participation details in January. Contact Stephanie Klenk at 612.308.5273 or klenksr@yahoo.com with questions.

CSPA Trivia Night is Back!

Mark your calendar for Saturday January 13, 2018 for the always fun, trivia night. Pre-register your team of 6-8 people by emailing rosejagim@gmail.com, list the names and team captain. Beer, wine, pizza, and snacks will be provided. Plus fun raffle prizes! Bring cash. Cost is \$10 per person if pre-registered. (Checks payable to St. Cecilia with a notation of "Trivia Night" on the memo line) or \$15 per person at the door the night of January 13th from 6-8:30pm. Hosted by the CSPA. For further details see the flyer on the link bulletin board, and to pre-register please email rosejagim@gmail.com.

Library Advent Display

The St. C's Library Team invites you to check out the special advent display of books in the link. Peruse the selection and check out something to enjoy this Advent Season!

Liturgical Ministers Needed

Liturgical ministers are needed for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve/Day, and January 30th/31st. Please sign up in the back of church if you're able to help.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Explaining the Minnesota Faith Agenda and the role of Faith Delegates—December 21st

Leaders at ISAIAH, a faith based organization representing over 98 different churches, have set a goal of getting 400 Faith Delegates from congregations across the State to attend their precinct caucus as Faith Delegates on Tuesday, February 6, 2018. We have held House Meetings to explain how this will work, and more meetings are scheduled this month all over the state. However, in consideration of the busy time we face during the holidays, we are holding a one hour streamlined meeting to share the Faith and Agenda and explain what a Faith Delegate is being asked to do.

The Faith Agenda is in its second draft and a group of faith leaders are honing it down at a final meeting on December 19th from 4:00 to 5:30 pm at the ISAIAH office at 2356 University Avenue. The agenda will be used to ensure that the next Governor and other elected officials are accountable to our shared faith values on a broad range of social justice issues such as health care, the environment, economic dignity, education, immigration, and housing. Once the agenda is completed, the Faith Delegates will use it to challenge all candidates to stand together bearing each other's burdens and hopes for a better future for all.

Please join us if you are able for **one hour** on Thursday, December 21st, at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall, at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church, 2357 Bayless Place, Saint Paul. All are welcome and treats of the season will be provided! Questions? Contact Bob Kessler at bobkessler45@gmail.com or 651.334.2289 (cell)

FAITH FORMATION

Upcoming WCW Event - Join us!

We welcome you to attend our Family Advent Party on Wednesday, December 20th. Come dressed in your favorite holiday sweater or pajamas, (the more festive the better!) and join us for Advent Bingo, make-your-own pizzas, ornament making and other activities. This is a great way to end another fantastic year together at St. Cecilia. We will not meet again until January 10th. Potluck at 5:30pm, activities to follow at 6:15pm. Hope to see you there!

URGENT - 4th Grade Catechist Needed

Our 4th grade catechist is unable to continue teaching in the new year. I am looking for someone who can take over the lead catechist role. I can provide you with all of the material you will need. We have a pretty quick turnaround before the students are without a teacher so I'm hoping someone will be able to help or could pass the word to someone who can. They are a great group of students! The commitment is an average of two evenings a month from January-May and catechists receive a modest stipend for their time. Contact theresa@stceciliaspm.org with any inquiries.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun		Youth Bake Sale
	10:00	Advent Program
Tue		Bulletin Submissions Due/9am
	7:00	Choir
Wed	10:30	Nursing Home Service
	3:30	Sacrament of Penance
	5:30	WCW Potluck/Classes
Thur		Bulletin Submission Due/9am
	3:30	Sacrament of Penance
	6:15	Community Bldg. Team
	6:30	Faith Agenda/Delegates
Sat	10:30-N	Sacrament of Penance
	3:30	Sacrament of Penance
Sun		Fourth Sunday of Advent
	8:15	Mass
	10:00	Mass
	11:00	Environment Set Up
	4:00	Carols
	4:30	Christmas Eve Mass

Hymn Numbers:

See worship aid, 64, 420, 395 Vs. 1, 5-6