



Church of Saint Cecilia

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



Every good and perfect gift comes from on high.

James 1:17

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The Church of Saint Cecilia

St. Mary's Mission—Red Lake



A group of 6 teens and 2 adults from St. Cecilia's recently spent a week at the Mission on the Red Lake Reservation. Mission facts: More than 80% of babies on the Red Lake Reservation are born with a substance addiction due to maternal drug use. In addition to running the parish church (now temporarily housed in the school after last December's church fire) and elementary school, the Mission supplies diapers and other resources to Red Lake families in need.

Here is a reflection by Kate O'Connell about her experiences at Red Lake.

I met a younger child this year, who hadn't been there in prior years. This boy came late the first day, standing by the door of the room where we were, uncertain about coming in. I welcomed him and asked for his name, which he quietly told me. After a little while, he took my hand, we went into the room and then spent the rest of that day together. He asked me if I would eat lunch with him. In fact, he often asked questions – will you come with me? Will you read this to me? Will you chase me?

While it was clear that he had some developmental issues, he was delightful, enjoying life, smiling his beautiful smile. It was a pleasure to be with him and see the world through his joyful eyes. I also saw that he was easily influenced by other children, as he took joy in their running around, even in the school, where they are supposed to walk, and in not always following directions.

I shared with our group that I was sad for this boy and worried about his future. But our insightful young people had hope for this child – they said they could easily see him growing up, dealing with his life, and becoming an advocate for children who face the challenges he faces.

And I believed them. After all, we had spent Monday evening with a young Red Lake man who several years ago had serious brain injuries and wasn't expected to live – this young man finished his Associates Degree and will continue his education at Bemidji State University, so he can teach students at Red Lake.

On the last day, when I told this little boy that I would be going back to St. Paul, he asked me, "How many more days before you come back?" I will hold this child in my heart until then.

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 or complete the form on our website.

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

Year to Date Financial Information as of June 30, 2018:

Anticipated Contributions	\$365,000
Actual Contributions	\$387,730
Building Fund Contributions	<u>\$21,834</u>
Total Income	\$409,564

Budgeted Expenses	\$383,842
Actual Expenses	\$363,745
Principal Payments on Debt	<u>\$37,609</u>
Total Expenditures	\$401,354

Revenues Over Expenses	\$8,210
Debt Outstanding	\$85,231

Alms Box Balance as of Aug 26 \$784.75

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, September 8, 4:30 pm

Cross:	
Book:	Scott S.
Candle:	
Lectors:	Mary V./Kate O.
Host:	Dick M.
Cup:	Stephanie K./
Hospitality:	Bob & Colette S.
Sacristan:	Marge V.

Sunday, September 9, 8:15 am

Book:	
Lectors:	Rose J./Beth C.
Host:	Jeanne L.
Cup:	Geri J./Stacia P.
Sacristan:	Pat K.

Sunday, September 9, 10:00 am

Cross:	Larry C.
Book:	Jean W.
Candle:	Sophia D./Liam W.
Lector:	Cindy W./Art Z.
Host:	Mary M.
Cup:	Julie T./Sue W.
Cup:	Kathy Z./Bill J.
Hospitality:	Tom C./Evelyn P.
Sacristan:	Mary Pat Z.

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Sponsor the event!

Contact Joe or Hannah Van Thomme at
(Joe) jvanthomme@eckbergglammers.com
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Get your hats, lederhosen and
suspenders together for
Oktoberfest 2018!

Beer, Brats, Bingo,
fun for the kids and a
whole lot more!



**Volunteers
Needed!
Sign up in the
Link.**

Saturday, September 29, 2018 4:00-7:00pm

COMMUNITY NEWS



Raymond Avenue Road Restriction—Sunday, September 9th

On Sunday, September 9th, the Saint Paul Classic Bike Tour will use southbound Raymond Avenue. It will be closed to traffic from 9:00am to 1:00pm. There will be “no parking” posted on the west side of Raymond. Northbound Raymond will be open.



FOOD DRIVE

Next Weekend September 8th/9th

Feeding the hungry is one way that the St. Cecilia community lives the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Next weekend, September 8th/9th, we will be collecting nonperishable food, personal care items, and monetary donations for our neighborhood food shelf. Below is a suggested donations list:

Food:

- Canned Meat Products (tuna, stew, chili, etc.)
- Rice & Pasta/Boxed Dinners
- Canned Soup/Crackers
- Canned Fruit (low sugar)
- Canned Vegetables
- Kid Friendly Meals (Mac n’ cheese, Canned Ravioli)
- 100% Fruit Juice
- Cereal & Breakfast Bars
- Cooking Oil/Baking Products
- Healthy Snacks

Non-Food Items:

- Bar Soap/Shampoo/Deodorant
- Laundry Detergent
- Paper Towels/Napkins
- Toothbrushes/Tooth Paste
- Baby Diapers
- Toilet Paper, etc.

Monetary Donations:

Checks payable to St. Cecilia Church with a notation of “food shelf” may be placed in the regular collection basket during Mass or sent to the parish office.

Bike Rack

Have you noticed the new bike rack out front? It’s portable, so if bikers would like to suggest a more convenient location, please let the office know. Special thanks to Charlie Keffer for assembling it.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Mark Your Calendar

Art Zannoni will preside at the prayer of the University Area Sanctuary Coalition at St. Cecilia Church on Sunday, September 30th at 7:00pm. It will be a chance to reflect on the culture of diversity and inclusion and our Christian response. Come pray with us.

Racial Reconciliation Meetings—Change in September Meeting

These twice monthly meetings are a meaningful way to address racism and its influence on society in a safe and supportive environment. You’re invited to join a group of parishioners working to dismantle the racism in ourselves and our community. The meetings are generally held the first Saturday of the month at 10:30am and the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the soft room on the ground floor. **Due to the Labor Day weekend, the next Saturday meeting will be on September 8th.**

Project Home Thank You

Thank you to the 24 amazing volunteers who served at St. Matthew’s Episcopal the week of August 20th-25th. Six moms and 14 children blessed our lives as we served healthy snacks, read to, laughed and played with the children. Thanks to Stephanie Hanson, we even treated the moms to foot soaks and massaged their tired feet one evening. We were able to return to our homes but these families are still there. Fortunately, with the help of Project Home and Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul, they are being helped to access services to assist them to move on. There were 7,668 homeless men, women and children in Minnesota in 2017, up 4.6% from 2016! We can help to change the root causes that prevent so many from having a safe place to live. Let’s challenge our legislators, and those currently seeking office, to work hard to make affordable housing a priority. Thank you again volunteers!

JoAnn Mason and Rose Marie Assad

Forming a Social Justice Team

Anyone interested in social justice is invited to meet on Sunday, September 9th at 9:20am in the soft room to discuss how we can further support and expand social justice efforts here at St. Cecilia’s.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation 2018-2019

Our faith formation year will kick-off on Wednesday, September 26th with our first Whole Community Wednesday (WCW). Our students will meet their catechists and classmates, and the parents will hear about what’s in store for the year. Please note that we are extending our class time this year by 15 minutes to ensure we have enough time for lessons and presentations.

5:30pm - Begin gathering for potluck meal
6:15pm - Opening Prayer Service
6:30pm - Student and Parent Meetings
7:30pm - Dismissal

Contact Theresa O’Toole with any questions at theresa@stceciliasp.org.

Sacramental Preparation Groups - Save the Date!

We will have an introductory retreat for our 2nd graders on Saturday, September 15th from 9:00am-12:00pm in Fellowship Hall. We will also have a parent/candidate Confirmation meeting for 8th-9th graders following 10:00am Mass on Sunday, September 16th in the choir rehearsal room. More details will be emailed out to all registered families, but these meetings will help give an outline of what to expect this year. If you are unable to make the date and have a student in sacramental preparation, please let me know ASAP so we can go over the materials. Contact Theresa O’Toole with any questions at theresa@stceciliasp.org.

OUT AND ABOUT

“Encountering the Compassionate God of the Bible,” Thurs., Oct. 4th 1:45-3:45pm (repeat 7-9) at St. Odilia. Presenter: Art Zannoni. All are welcome.

PARISH CALENDAR

Mon		Labor Day Holiday Office Closed
Wed	10:30	Nursing Home Mass
Sat		Food Drive
	10:30	Racial Reconciliation
Sun		Food Drive
	9:20	Social Justice Mtg.

Hymn Numbers:

839, 319, 28, 486, 713, 750

Welcome to fairgoers and students celebrating with us today.