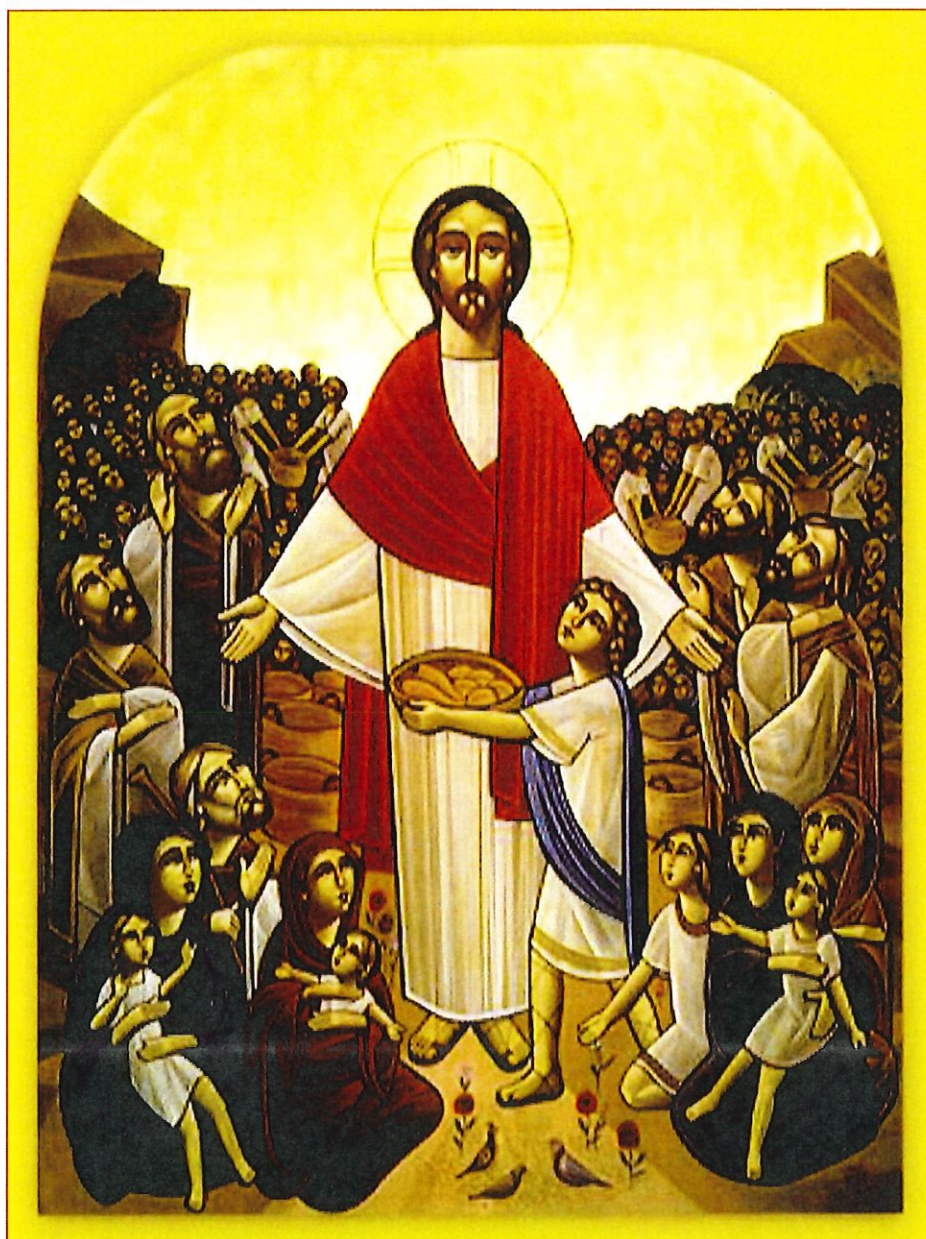




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They all ate and were satisfied.

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TEMPORARY PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
10:00am to 1:00pm

The Church of Saint Cecilia

We recently sent checks to Hallie Q. Brown, Interfaith Action, and St. Mary's Mission as part of our annual St. Cecilia community grants. We especially wanted to share with vulnerable populations most affected by the Covid-19 virus as well as by the recent outbreak of violence in our community. Today's focus is on St. Mary's Mission.

St. Mary's Mission has served the Red Lake Indian Reservation in northern Minnesota for over 150 years. Our school, founded in 1888, provides a quality pre-school-8th grade Catholic education in a safe and healthy environment where children are immersed in learning, surrounded by the strength of our community's faith, the power of our prayer and the living witness to our belief and values. Many young students are accompanied to school by their grandparents, who graduated from St. Mary's!

Every child needs and deserves a good education, don't you agree? And when that education comes within a welcoming and nurturing environment that reinforces family and cultural values, parents know that their children are getting the best education possible. That's what we strive to provide here at St. Mary's Mission School.

From the moment they walk through the school doors in the morning, students are greeted with delight by every adult they meet—telling them just how special and loved they are. Throughout the school day, we celebrate the Ojibwe culture of our students. We want every student, their families and everyone in our community to celebrate what's right with our students and the people of Red Lake—to believe in themselves and have the courage to soar!

Our school provides a safe haven for students where they can have fun while they learn. And learn they do—test scores verify the significant academic progress our students are achieving. Our guided reading and math programs provide individualized attention and a variety of approaches to support and reinforce learning. Because reading and math skills are essential for future academic and life success, we focus on helping students to be confident and adept at using math skills, to fall in love with reading and become lifelong readers. We want our students to have the skills, knowledge and confidence to grow up to be whatever they want to be!

Your support helps our students and our school excel! Red Lake is situated far from any major economic center. Given high poverty and lack of economic and employment resources here in Red Lake, many families who enroll their children at St. Mary's Mission School struggle to pay even part of the nominal \$475 tuition fee. We keep tuition costs very low so that families can send their children to St. Mary's. Despite a tight operating budget, tuition payments do not cover our costs. (This year, the actual annual cost of educating one child is \$5,778). No child is turned away from St. Mary's Mission School because of their inability to pay tuition.

We depend on the generous donations of individuals, businesses, churches and foundations off the reservation to help our school thrive and our students pursue their dreams. While many on the Red Lake Indian Reservation struggle with poverty, families who send their children to St. Mary's are not poor when it comes to dreams for their children. They know that St. Mary's provides the best possible education: they want their children to have a strong academic foundation that helps them to be both wise and good to prepare them for a positive and successful future.

Note: Due to the pandemic, St. C's youth mission trip was cancelled. In lieu of the trip, funds were sent directly to St. Mary's Mission.

School Supply Drive for Keystone Community Services. For safety reasons, drop off your donations at Merriam Park Community Center (2000 St. Anthony Ave.), August 13, 14 & 17-19, 9am-5pm. Supplies needed: backpacks, pocket folders, pencils, pens, highlighters, crayons, colored pencils, markers, erasers, 12" rulers, scissors, glue, calculators, pencil sharpeners, notebooks, pencil boxes/bags. Thank you!

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

Financial Information ending

June 30:

Anticipated Collections	\$358,000
Actual Collections	\$360,994
Major Gifts	\$53,762
Building Fund Contributions	\$16,010
Other Revenues	<u>\$4,633</u>
Total Revenues	\$435,399

Budgeted Expenses	\$405,000
Actual Expenses	\$354,550
Major Repairs	\$8,500
Principal Payments on Debt	<u>\$15,707</u>
Total Expenditures	\$378,757

Revenue Over Expenses	\$56,642
Debt Outstanding	\$54,806

Alms Box Balance as of June 29 \$531.13

Project Home

During August, although St Matthews won't be hosting Project Home as usual, our help is still needed. Amber Gale, Project Home's rapid exit caseworker, has found housing for four families, all scheduled to move out during August. All four families will urgently need basic supplies (see list below) for their apartments. **Donations may be dropped off at Hotel 340, 340 Cedar Ave., St Paul** (Pull up in front, go in to the front desk and ask for Amber or a Project Home staff member. They will bring a cart and load up donations.)

Donations needed:

- Shower curtains/curtain rings
- Bathroom rugs
- Bath soaps, shampoo & conditioner, first aid kits, toilet paper
- Basic cleaning supplies (paper towels, detergent, bleach, broom/mop/rags, dish soap)
- Garbage bags and trash cans
- Pots & pans, cooking utensil sets
- Silverware (flatware) sets
- New sets of bath towels including wash cloths if possible
- Furniture (able to be dropped off or fit in SUV for pick up):

Table and chairs for kitchen

Dresser for 2 little girls

Other

Call the parish office with questions.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:1-3. *God promises the messianic banquet without payment or cost.*

Psalms 145: 8-9. *The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.*

Romans 8: 35, 37-39. *No trial, no power in the heavens or below the earth, neither death nor life, will be able to separate us from the love of God which comes to us from Christ Jesus.*

Matthew 14: 13-21. *In a deserted place, where the crowds came to find Jesus, he multiplies five loaves and two fish to feed over five thousand people.*

Reflection Questions

Isaiah tells us not to spend our resources on what does not satisfy. Have you ever spent or squandered resources foolishly? How were you or are others affected?

St. Paul says nothing can separate us from the love of God. Have you ever felt separated from that love? Did someone help you experience or discover love? How and when?

Why does Jesus insist that the disciples feed the crowd? What hungers or needs in the world today do you consider overwhelming? If asked today, what resources do you have that you could bring to the task? Where or how would you begin?

COMMUNITY NEWS

Catholic Social Teaching Documents

In preparing for the election season, please see the attached documents titled *Themes of Catholic Social Teaching*, and *Supplementary Questions to Examine Conscience in Light of Catholic Social Teaching*. (©2010 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Save the Date!

**St. C's Vir(tu)al
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**Saturday,
September 26th**

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to follow!

Techie Helper(s) Needed

Responsibility for filming and posting our weekly recorded liturgies has largely fallen to Theresa O'Toole (Thanks, Theresa!) With Fall approaching, though, she will need to devote her time and energy to our Faith Formation programs. During the covid crisis, we need someone who can be consistently available to record the mass on Saturday, download it from our camera, perform the necessary editing and upload the completed recording for viewing. Having this available has been a great service to our community. While recording this during spring and summer has been a trial and error learning process, our format has become more or less fixed. Given the hands-on time it takes to film and edit, though, it takes quite a bit of waiting time for the camera, computer and internet to process the recording during the download and upload phases. She has generally done the initial work on site at the parish and then completed the rest of the work at home. **If you or someone you know might have the skill and interest to perform this service for us, contact Theresa at theresa@stceciliaspm.org for further information.**

Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION

**Faith Formation Registration
2020-2021**

I have implemented many changes to our Faith Formation program this year in order to keep our families and catechists safe. Please note the following:

- Our program will move to a "whole family catechesis" model. Instead of breaking into grade levels for instruction, a small number of families have the option to attend in person and sit at their own table. Lessons will be intergenerational. No potluck meal will be served. Masks will be required and tables spaced apart.
- Two sessions like this will be held each month on Sundays, but the sessions will be identical so families would only attend once. Sign-up Genius links will be sent out so attendance is by reservation only.
- The only grade level groupings will be for Confirmation (grades 8-9) and First Eucharist (grade 2). They will meet once a month in person.

• I will record our meetings and Zoom them live for families who feel safer watching at home. Families have the option to have the curriculum printed for homeschooling.

• Each meeting will include instruction and a service project or activity component.

• To complement our Sunday liturgies, we will record Liturgy of the Word for Children and post it to our Google Drive page.

• CGS will be by appointment only.

To register for faith formation please contact me at theresa@stceciliaspm.org and I will send out the online form. Sacramental preparation will begin in August and registrations for those groups must be submitted by August 15th. Family Formation and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will begin in October. I appreciate your cooperation and patience!

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Email info to bulletin@stceciliaspm.org.

Prayer Ministry: If you have an intention you wish prayed for, please call the parish office at 651.644.4502 or complete the form on our website (Community/Prayer Ministry tab).

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