



Church of Saint Cecilia

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



WELCOME

To join the parish,
please call the office at 651.644.4502.

TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS

The parish office is open
Monday-Thursday
10:00am to 1:00pm.

“...and Jesus remained in the desert 40 days, tempted by Satan.”

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The Church of Saint Cecilia

During the seasons of Lent and Advent we will be featuring a variety of voices from the community in our bulletin.

Reflection for the First Sunday of Lent
By Marge Virnig

As I am anticipating Lent I am remembering a recent conversation I had with my six-year-old grandson, Major, that I would like to share:

Me: What does God look like?

Major: Well, people think he's mostly invisible but he's probably blue with white eyes.

Me: Huh? (*My profound response*)

Major: When you look up you think you see a blue sky with clouds but you are really looking at God. Or just look at anything and you will see God because God made everything.

Me: So God looks like whatever you are looking at?

Major: Sure. Even people. People just need to pay attention to what's going on in real life because that's where God is. If they don't believe and don't pay attention then they won't see God even though he's right in front of them.

Me: OK. (*Another profound response*)

Major: AND God talks to people all the time and wants to know what's up, but people can only hear him if they listen with their heart. Same with Jesus ... you know God has a kid named Jesus?

Me: That sounds about right. (*Knocking it out of the park with my profound responses*). What has God said to you lately?

Major: We don't always need to talk. Sometimes we just hang out and chill. But he did tell me he knows I miss my Uncle Cody, but don't worry because he's safe with God and nobody can shoot him anymore. (Cody was shot outside First Avenue last summer in one of the "events" following the George Floyd killing).

The gospel for the first Sunday of Lent is about the temptation of Jesus. Mark's gospel doesn't describe how Jesus was tempted, but rather tells us to repent and believe. My grandson holds up those good news truths I need to remember, reflect, believe, and live in order to be a faithful disciple.

- I am created in God's image, but I am not God.
- You are created in God's image, but you are not God.
- God is present always and everywhere – we just need to pay attention.
- God created everything – we must recognize, honor and protect the dignity of all creation.
- Listen to the wisdom shared by others, including (and especially) children.
- Sometimes we just need to hang out with God and be quiet.

These are a few of my Lenten starters. I pray for the discipline to stay focused on them.

Stewardship-Fiscal Year
July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

Financial Information through
December 31:

Anticipated Collections	\$164,074
Actual Collections	\$160,557
Parish Events, net	\$18,460
Major Gifts	<u>\$907</u>
Total Revenues	\$179,924
Anticipated Expenses	\$158,925
Actual Expenses	\$171,496
Excess Revenue Over Expenses	\$8,428
Building Fund Contributions	\$4,430
Principal Payments on Debt	\$8,297
Net Surplus	\$4,561
Alms Box Balance as of Dec 21	\$681.13

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9: 8-15. To Noah and his descendants God establishes a covenant of peace, symbolized by the rainbow.

Psalm 25. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.

1 Peter 3: 18-22. Just as Noah and his sons and their wives were saved by the ark, we are saved by Baptism; each is a means by which the power of Jesus' resurrection reaches us.

Mark 1: 12-15. Jesus is led by the Spirit into the desert, where he is tempted by Satan, surrounded by wild beasts, consoled by angels. Afterwards in Galilee he announces: "The reign of God is at hand!"

Parish Calendar

Sun		First Sunday of Lent
Wed	6:00	Zoom-Social Gathering
	6:30	Zoom-Prayer Service
Sun		Second Sunday of Lent
	2-4	Sandwich Drop Off
	3:00	First Eucharist-Zoom Meeting
	3:00	Confirmation

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

Faith FORMATION

The Sandwich Project

All of our make-at-home sandwich slots have been taken. A huge thank-you to those families who stepped up to help us reach our goal of 1,400 sandwiches. Directions were emailed out previously, but please reach out to Theresa O'Toole if you need those re-sent. Drop-off for the sandwiches is on February 28th from 2:00-4:00pm. Please freeze the sandwiches if you are making them in advance. Thank you!

Soup Fundraiser

We had an amazing outpouring of support for our soup fundraiser. Parishioners purchased 200 quarts of soup and donated an additional \$1,000 for St. Mary's Mission at the Red Lake Reservation. I can't express just how wonderful it was to see so many familiar faces on Sunday! I would like to thank Keller, Delaney, and Cassidy, and especially Mike Linn for helping to sort and set out the soup. This fundraiser would not have been possible without our friends at Hazel's of Northeast. Please show your gratitude to Adam and the staff by dining in or picking up a meal. Check out their upcoming Friday night fish fries on their [website](#).

Upcoming Faith Formation Events

February 24th

Welcoming of First Eucharist Candidates during our Wednesday prayer service
6:00pm Social Time
6:30pm Prayer Service

February 28th

Sandwich Drop-Off
2:00pm-4:00pm
Confirmation, Courtyard (dress for the snow, bring masks)
First Eucharist Zoom Meeting
3:00-4:30pm

March 7th

Family In-person session #6
"The Last Days of Jesus" & The Peace Crane Project
CGS Group 1
3:00-4:30pm

March 14th

Confirmation, Courtyard (dress for the weather, bring masks)
CGS Group 2
3:00-4:30pm
First Eucharist Chalice Glazing & Class (times will vary)

March 28th

Confirmation, Courtyard (dress for the weather, bring masks)
3:00-4:30pm

Catholic Services Appeal

The mission of the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation is to work with each of the parishes of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis to conduct an annual appeal to fund 20 designated ministries within the Archdiocese that no one parish can support on its own.



Our parish goal is \$21,652.

Visit the rebranded website at csafspm.org and watch the 2021 video and utilize the many helpful

documents under Resources/Tools for parishes. For your convenience, online donations may be made directly to the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation [here](#).

Your prayers and contributions enable the funded ministries to reach out to many in need.

Thank you.

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Grocery Delivery

For many people, getting groceries and essentials can be challenging, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Keystone Community Services has launched a new FREE grocery delivery program to increase food access for low-income seniors and adults with disabilities. Food is sourced from the Keystone food shelves, and those who qualify can receive monthly food deliveries. To qualify, participants must be over the age of 60 OR adults with disabilities in low-income households of three or fewer individuals within our program services area. For more specifics about qualifications and information on how to sign up for deliveries, please visit keystoneservices.org/seniors/grocery-delivery/ or call 651-645-0349 for information.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Knitting Group

St. C's knitting group is meeting via Zoom! If you have craft projects you wish to work on and would enjoy visiting along with fellow parishioners then this group is for you! Dates and times vary so for more information contact Marge Virnig [here](#). All are welcome!




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