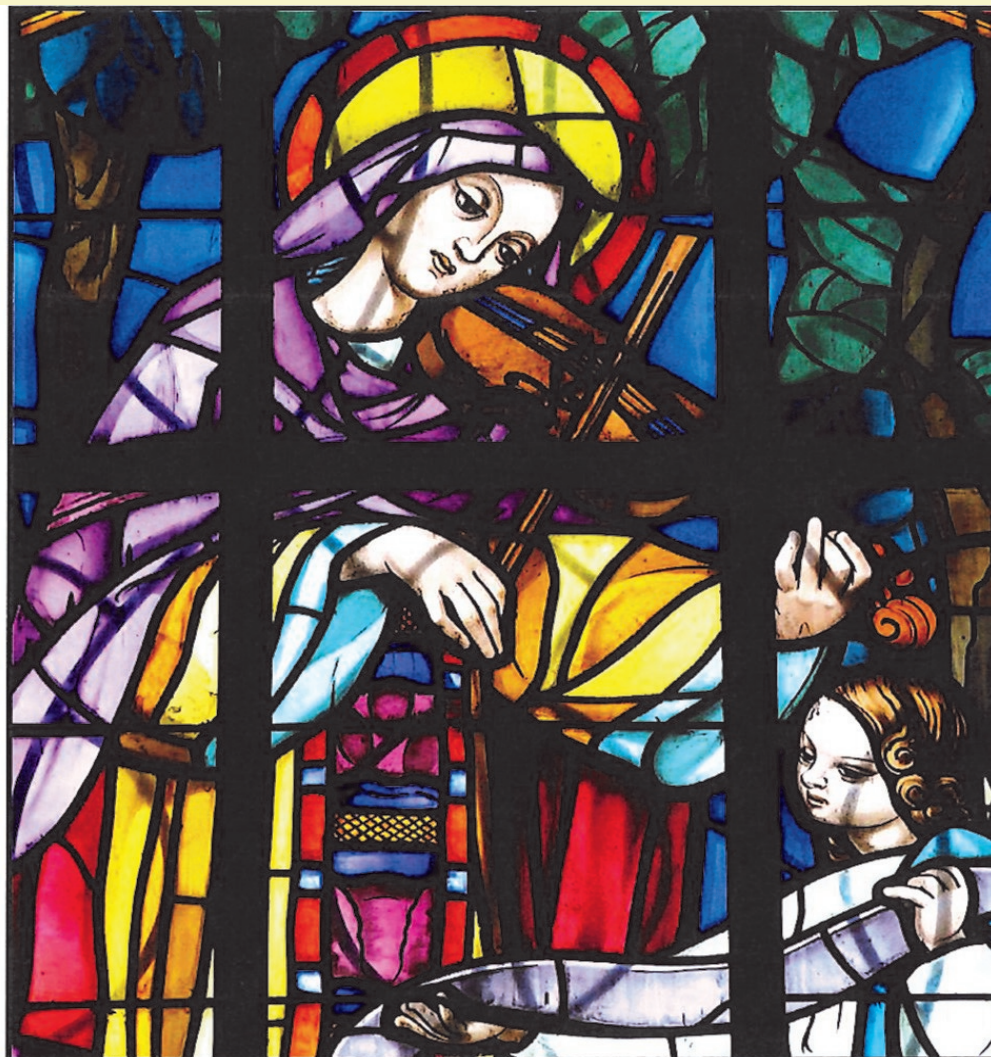




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The Church of Saint Cecilia

Confirmation Candidates Focus on Service & Justice

During October and November, our Confirmation candidates have been focusing on service and justice. Included during this time was a visit to St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store on Lake Street and the George Floyd Memorial. It is a huge testament to our community that even with the weather (it was cold and snowy!) and the distance we had 100% of our families there -- many of them came in full force, along with several sponsors.



Before our visit, students collected personal care items to donate to St. Vincent. Because of the rioting that took place in that community there is no convenient place to purchase these items, so St. Vincent has been giving them away for free each week. Our students showed up with over 100 bags of items to donate!



From there we walked to the George Floyd Memorial to reflect and pray together. It was painful and uncomfortable, which was good for all of us. Painted on the street leading up to the memorial are the names of black men and women who have lost their lives. Some of our students counted those names...169. You will notice reference to this list in many of our students' reactions, which are below. Our community is full of pretty incredible and insightful young people.

Colleen Smith

Q: What did you feel?

Angry - Hurt - Astonished - Sad - Hopeful that things will change - Empowered to change - Weight of all the loss - Uncomfortable - Happy that we were able to help the community.

Q: What did you wonder about?

How will we change? How have we disregarded that "all men are created equal" for so long? Who is trying to make a change and how can I be a part of it? Why haven't I heard about so many of these people who have died? What is going to happen to the people who live in that community? What would these people have done with their lives if they didn't end so soon? How is

racism still here?

Q: What did you find most impactful about your experience?

I am thinking more about how to stop being subconsciously racist. I felt all the hurting that everyone was experiencing. No one was trying to cover the truth and the rawness of the situation. So many people live through this daily, and we need change. The fist gives so much hope that there will be change. I realize how much more this means to me and how much more I want this change.



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

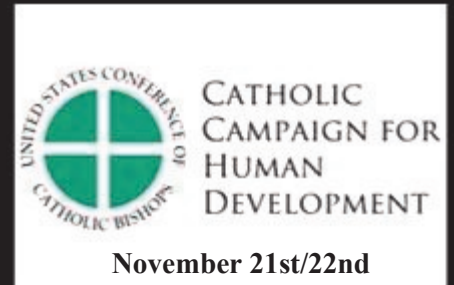
Financial Information through September 30:

Anticipated Collections	\$75,000
Actual Collections	\$60,486
Parish Events, net	\$16,488
Major Gifts	<u>\$705</u>
Total Revenues	\$77,679

Anticipated Expenses	\$84,071
Actual Expenses	\$77,689

Excess Expenses Over Revenue	\$(10)
Building Fund Contributions	\$1,035
Principal Payments on Debt	\$4,124
Net Deficit	\$(3,099)

Alms Box Balance as of August 24	\$531.13
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November 21st/22nd

Founded in 1970 by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is a domestic anti-poverty program supporting community and economic development programs nationally and locally.

Checks payable to St. Cecilia may be sent to the parish office or use our secure PayPal site [here](#) for your contribution. Please indicate "CCHD" with your donations.

Thank you for your prayers and donations.

To learn more about the collection for the CCHD, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

The Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, The Solemnity of Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17. Parable of the divine shepherd who rescues the scattered sheep, seeks out the lost, binds up the injured, heals the sick, judges between the wicked and the good.

Psalms 23. The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28. In his resurrection, Christ represents the first fruits of all those who belong to him. He will hand over this kingdom to the Father.

Matthew 25: 31-46. The final judgment by the Son of Man, seated upon his royal throne, rewarding those who cared for him while caring for "my least brothers and sisters," punishing those who did not care for him in these "my least."

Reflection questions

What kind of sheep are you? If you are lost, wounded or ill, how did you get that way? In what ways are you strong? Healthy?

This week, when did you see someone hungry, naked, thirsty, sick, in prison? How did you respond?

Where do you or would you need to look to encounter the people identified as deserving our attention?

As a church, whom do we seem to most easily pass by?

FAITH FORMATION

Upcoming Faith Formation Events: November 22

Family Session #2B, Friendship Hall
Confirmation, Courtyard
3:00-4:30pm

December 6

Confirmation, Zoom
First Eucharist, Cancelled
CGS Group 2, Cancelled
3:00-4:30pm

December 13

CGS Group 1, Cancelled
Family Session #3 A/B, Virtual
3:00-4:30pm

An angel speaks, "Oh do not fear. I bring you JOY. I bring you CHEER. At Bethlehem near break of morn, the SAVIOR of the world was born!"

We invite you to join us for our Virtual Advent Program presentation led by the children of St. Cecilia. It will run at the end of the recorded Mass the weekend of December 19th/20th.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Thanksgiving Day Mass Recording

Our Mass will be recorded and available for viewing by Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 26th. If you will be serving bread and/or wine with your dinner, please have those items available when viewing the liturgy which will include a special blessing.

We also will be accepting monetary donations for our neighborhood food shelf. Donations may be sent to the parish office or you may donate through our secure PayPal account [here](#). Please be sure to include a notation of "food shelf" with any donations. Thank you! Please note that the parish office will be closed on Thanksgiving day, November 26th.

Contact Information

If you have changed your contact information (email, mailing address, or phone), please let us know so we may stay in touch. Call the parish office at 651.644.4502 or send an email to linda@stceciliasp.org. Thank you!



Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is underway for families in need at College Prep Elementary (CPE) and Holy Rosary Church (HR).

How to be involved:

- We especially welcome monetary donations through our parish PayPal account [here](#) which our team will use to purchase the gift cards. Checks payable to St. Cecilia may also be mailed to the parish office at 2357 Bayless Place, St. Paul, MN 55114. Please be sure to add a notation of "giving tree" with your donation.

Monetary donations equivalent to the cost of a winter jacket, boots, clothing, comforters, etc. are greatly appreciated.

- Sign up online [here](#) to donate a toy for a younger child. This is a fun way for you or your family to be involved by selecting and purchasing a gift of your choosing from the list.
- Write a note, letter, or make a homemade card for a family/child at either organization. This is a great way to personalize the gift giving this year.

Curbside Donation Drop-off Saturday, November 21st 12:00pm to 4:00pm

We'll be collecting the unwrapped toys, cards and any monetary donations. For the safety of all, we'll ask that you remain in your vehicle, wear a mask, and a team member will collect your donation from you.

OUT AND ABOUT

Holiday Volunteer Opportunity

The Salvation Army is in need of volunteers for their holiday programs. Opportunities are available with the toy shop program, meal programs, and the red kettle campaign. Due to the pandemic, guidelines are in place to ensure the safety of all volunteers.

For more information and or to volunteer, please visit:

<https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/twin-cities/volunteer/>.

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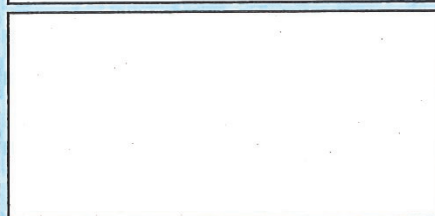
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