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Saturday 4:30 & Sunday 9:30
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45



John 6:1-15

Wayne Pascall

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The Church of Saint Cecilia

Happy Grandparent's Day! Below is part of Pope Francis' introduction to his creation of Grandparent's Day to be observed each year as the last Sunday in July. This statement was issued earlier this year in the midst of the Covid crisis.

As I have often observed, we will not emerge from the present crisis as we were before, but either better or worse. And "God willing... this may prove not to be just another tragedy of history from which we learned nothing... If only we might keep in mind all those elderly persons who died for lack of respirators... If only this immense sorrow may not prove useless, but enable us to take a step forward towards a new style of life. If only we might discover once for all that we need one another, and that in this way our human frailty can experience a rebirth" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 35). No one is saved alone. We are all indebted to one another. We are all brothers and sisters.

Given this, I want to tell you that you are needed in order to help build, in fraternity and social friendship, the world of tomorrow: the world in which we, together with our children and grandchildren, will live once the storm has subsided. All of us must "take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies" (*ibid.*, 77). Among the pillars that support this new edifice, there are three that you, better than anyone else, can help to set up. Those three pillars are *dreams*, *memory* and *prayer*. The Lord's closeness will grant to all, even the frailest among us, the strength needed to embark on a new journey along the path of dreams, memory and prayer.

The prophet Joel once promised: "Your old men shall dream *dreams*, and your young men will have visions" (3:1). The future of the world depends on this covenant between young and old. Who, if not the young, can take the dreams of the elderly and make them come true? Yet for this to happen, it is necessary that we continue to dream. Our dreams of justice, of peace, of solidarity can make it possible for our young people to have new visions; in this way, together, we can build the future. You need to show that it is possible to emerge renewed from an experience of hardship. I am sure that you have had more than one such experience: in your life you have faced any number of troubles and yet were able to pull through. Use those experiences to learn how to pull through now.

Dreams are thus intertwined with *memory*. I think of the painful memory of war, and its importance for helping the young to learn the value of peace. Those among you who experienced the suffering of war must pass on this message. Keeping memory alive is a true mission for every elderly person: keeping memory alive and sharing it with others. Edith Bruck, who survived the horror of the Shoah, has said that "even illuminating a single conscience is worth the effort and pain of keeping alive the memory of what has been." She went on to say: "For me, memory is life." [3] I also think of my own grandparents, and those among you who had to emigrate and know how hard it is to leave everything behind, as so many people continue to do today, in hope of a future. Some of those people may even now be at our side, caring for us. These kinds of memory can help to build a more humane and welcoming world. Without memory, however, we will never be able to build; without a foundation, we can never build a house. Never. And the foundation of life is memory.

Finally, *prayer*. As my predecessor, Pope Benedict, himself a saintly elderly person who continues to pray and work for the Church, once said: "the prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others." [4] He spoke those words in 2012, towards the end of his pontificate. There is something beautiful here. Your prayer is a very precious resource: a deep breath that the Church and the world urgently need (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 262). Especially in these difficult times for our human family, as we continue to sail in the same boat across the stormy sea of the pandemic, your intercession for the world and for the Church has great value: it inspires in everyone the serene trust that we will soon come to shore.

Dear grandmother, dear grandfather, dear elderly friends, in concluding this Message to you, I would also like to mention the example of Blessed (and soon Saint) Charles de
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Preliminary Year End Financial Results for the Year Ended June 30, 2021:

Budgeted Operating Revenues	\$315,327
Actual Operating Revenues	329,497
Miscellaneous Income	4,471
Major Gifts/Endowment Grant	10,417
Parish Events	30,253
PPP Loan Forgiveness	36,100
Total Operating Revenues	\$410,738

Budgeted Operating Expenses	\$335,647
Actual Operating Expenses	336,417
Actual Major Repairs	10,003
Total Expenses	\$346,420

Building Contributions	\$9,085
Principal Payments on Debt	16,725

Total Revenues over Expenses	\$56,678
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Cash on Hand for Operations	\$253,128
Cash on Hand—Building Fund	\$71,258
Reserve Fund at CCF	\$62,004
Debt Outstanding	\$(38,082)
PPP Loan Deferred (second loan)	\$(35,900)

We recently completed our fiscal year, which ended on June 30, 2021. For most of the fiscal year, we were operating under Covid restrictions, which had a significant impact on our operating revenues and expenses.

Our weekly contributions recovered as the year continued and we ended the fiscal year with a decrease from prior years' of about 6%. We were able to complete two successful parish fundraising events, thanks to creativity and the support of the parish. In addition, we received our normal endowment grant which largely funded our building repairs. Our initial PPP loan, received in the early months of the pandemic, was forgiven as we met the required conditions of the loan. As a result, we were able to end the year with a net surplus of revenues over expenses and strong cash balances. Thank you for your continued generous support of the parish.

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

Foucauld. He lived as a hermit in Algeria and there testified to “his desire to feel himself a brother to all” (*Fratelli Tutti*, 287). The story of his life shows how it is possible, even in the solitude of one’s own desert, to intercede for the poor of the whole world and to become, in truth, a universal brother or sister. I ask the Lord that, also through his example, all of us may open our hearts in sensitivity to the sufferings of the poor and intercede for their needs.

May each of us learn to repeat to all, and especially to the young, the words of consolation we have heard spoken to us today: “I am with you always”! Keep moving forward! May the Lord grant you his blessing.



Volunteers Needed!

Our 5-day summer Habitat project will be **August 16th-20th** at 397 Maryland Avenue West, in St. Paul. We’re looking for up to 12 volunteers to work on-site each day from 9:00am-3:30p. There will be no formal breaks except for lunch—and you will need to bring your own food/beverages and masks are required. Every volunteer is required to view an [11 minute training video](#) and [volunteer safety document](#) to learn about Covid-19 safety protocols on-site. After viewing these you may sign up to volunteer [here](#). More information and sign up is also available at the [St. Frances Cabrini website](#).

Monetary donations are also welcome to offset our contribution for the build. Checks payable to St. Cecilia “Habitat for Humanity” may be placed in the collection basket during Mass or sent to the parish office. Thank you!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Parish Pictorial Directory

We’re excited to be partnering with Universal Church Directories for our parish pictorial directory this fall. **Photo sessions will take place in our safe environment at St. C’s on September 8th-11th.** You will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory for participating! You will also have the opportunity to purchase portraits if you choose. Your sitting can include pets or props (musical instruments, etc).



Safety procedures will be in place for the protection of all involved. Masks will be required when in the building, and may be removed during your photo session as instructed. Equipment will be disinfected between sittings and hand sanitizer will be used as well. Germ guard plexiglass will be between customers and photographers at the viewing station, and social distancing rules will apply throughout the photography process.

If you prefer, you may submit a photo for inclusion at a possible fee of \$15—you will also receive a directory. Copyright protected photos will require a release from the photographer. Submitted photos may be sent to the parish office.

Our directory will not be complete without you and we hope you’ll consider taking part in this opportunity!

Schedule your photo sitting: <https://ucdir.com/schedule/login.php> (Church code: **mn162**, Password: **photos**). Paper sign up will be available in the link after Mass. For assistance with sign up or further questions, please call the parish office at 651.644.4502.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

DO JUSTICE, LOVE MERCY, AND WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD! Micah 6:8

As we announced earlier, Project Home has moved to the Provincial House on the St. Catherine Campus! They are able to serve many more families in crisis, and Sara is asking for our help only on weekends.

Volunteers will be needed during the month of August on Saturdays and Sundays to serve and clean up for lunches and dinners. There are five congregations and five weekends to be covered. St. C’s will cover the weekend of August 28th-29th.

2-4 volunteers are needed for each shift:
Lunch - arrive 11am, serve at 12pm, clean up till 1:30pm
Dinner - arrive 4pm, serve at 5pm, clean up till 7pm.

After each meal, as volunteer numbers permit, volunteers can stay later to do activities with the kids: read books, do art work, play indoor games, go to the playground and basketball hoop, organize outdoor activities. After the dinner meal, they can choose a G or PG movie for the dining hall (set up with AV equipment) and perhaps have art activities for kids to do at the tables. Another option is to bring prepackaged desserts or prepare parfaits or root beer floats. As in previous years, meals will be selected and Dolly Vang is in charge of preparing them on-site.

Please consider joining in on this wonderful opportunity! (It’s a great chance for families to serve together!) Call JoAnn @ 651.353.2103 with questions or to volunteer. We will also have an online sign-up calendar soon. JoAnn Mason and Rose Marie Assad, Coordinators

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:42-44. *God’s servant, Elisha, multiplies twenty barley loaves for a hundred people.*

Psalm 145. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Ephesians 4:1-6. *With perfect humility, meekness and patience, we preserve the bond of unity. One body and one spirit, one baptism, one God and Father of us all.*

John 6:1-15. *Jesus multiplies five barley loaves and some dried fish for five thousand people.*


Music for Liturgy

Opening	Coming Together for Wine and for Bread	#836
Gloria		#319
Psalm	The Hand of the Lord Feeds Us	#1141
Alleluia	Mass of Plenty	
Preparation	We Come with Joy	#808
Mass of Plenty		#355, #356, #357
Lamb of God		#392
Communion	One Bread, one Body	#932
Closing	Praise and Thanksgiving	#861

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