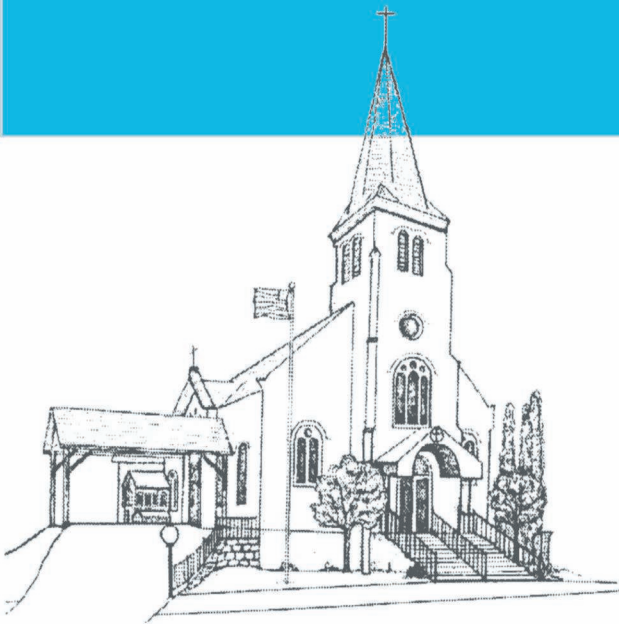


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Mission Statement

Sacred Heart parish is a community of Catholic Christian believers, established by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. We strive to grow in holiness through prayer, celebration of the Eucharist and other sacraments, and reflection on the scriptures. We work hard to build the kingdom of God through evangelization, catechesis and service for all.



20th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." - Mt 15:24-25

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

Weekdays

Wednesday 9:00 am

First Friday of each month 9:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Friday of each month 8:30 am

First Saturday of each month 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Or by appointment

Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

August 20, 2017

ON RANDOM THINGS

As I sit here in Grand Junction, Colorado at my Mother's kitchen table to write this article, I have no idea what to write; nothing comes to mind. Thus, I might as well write random thoughts that are in my head. Since arriving a couple days ago, I have mainly relaxed, read a lot, ate, and talked with my Mother about numerous topics.

Over the past several months, one of my hobbies has been reading. Of late, I have been reading books about martyrs in the Catholic Church, which includes Father Stanley Rother, who I will be writing about in detail next month, and Father John Gerard, a Jesuit priest born in England during the persecution of Catholics. Gerard was once captured, imprisoned, tortured, and then escaped with the assistance of another Jesuit, Nicholas Owen, who himself was captured, tortured, and executed at the Tower of London in 1609. Realizing that I ought to read other subject matters, I am currently reading the book *"Whose Names are Unknown"* by Sanora Babb. It is about the 1930's depression and dust bowl era. Babb was ready to have her book published as her editor thought it an "exceptional fine novel." However, due to poor timing, it was not published until 2004, some sixty-five years after Babb was ready to have it printed. Her untimely misfortune occurred when John Steinbeck's *"The Grapes of Wrath"* became a best seller about the same topic. Even more wretchedly, it is said that Steinbeck used some of Babb's notes about a life he never himself experienced in Oklahoma, unlike Babb who was born in that state.

The past several summers, I have carried tomatoes, cucumbers, and bell peppers onto the plane to give to my Mother. This year was no exception! There is no reason why I need to, nonetheless, she likes eating from my garden and I enjoy sharing some of my harvest with her. In addition to the vegetables, we have also had Rocky Ford cantaloupe and watermelon along with Olathe sweet corn. Rocky Ford is in Southeastern Colorado where some of the best melons I have ever eaten grow. Olathe, fifty miles south of Grand Junction, has some of the finest sweet corn. Finally, before leaving I will purchase and bring back home a couple cases of Colorado peaches which top any other peach produced in the country.

During some of my free time, I have been researching places to have a Fief Family Reunion next summer. Fiefs are my Mother's side of the family. For the past forty years whenever we have a reunion, it has been in Colorado including the last one held in 2012. We were going to have one this year, but it never happened. I have offered to lead the organization of the 2018 gathering. I suggested to a few relatives about having it in our native town of Garden City, Kansas where all fourteen of my Mom's siblings were born and almost all thirty-five of my first cousins also entered the world. Thus far, all is good, for there has only been positive feedback.

If some of you are wondering, particularly parishioners from Sacred Heart, why I wasn't at the weekend Masses two Sundays ago, even though I was on the schedule, I went to Saint Maron's in Minneapolis to celebrate Mass at that parish in the Eastern Maronite Rite. I am one of only a handful of priests in the Archdiocese who can celebrate this rite. The pastor had to attend a family emergency in Lebanon and called upon me after he couldn't find another priest to cover him.

Have a good summer week, Father Shane

Faith Formation for grades 1st-10th will begin on **Wednesday, Sept. 13 6:30-8:00pm**. We will have registration and a mandatory meeting for all parents and children on the that night at 6:30 in Wey Hall. Following will be a meeting for all Confirmation parents and students.

There will be a teacher training meeting on **Wednesday, September 6**, at 6:00 pm in the Parish House. **We are still in need of at least one teacher. Please contact Sue Roth at 651-238-1797 if you are interested.**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you or someone you know is in need of a prayer shawl please contact the Parish office at 320.358.4370.

Shawls are provided by the CCW of Sacred Heart.

**Our Fall Festival will be Sunday, September 17.**

Sign up sheets are in the back of church for many different activities for the festival. We need everyone's involvement to make the festival a success. Please sign up with your name and number where you would like to volunteer. Coordinators will then contact you.

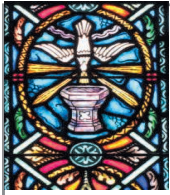
We will need donations for prizes for children's games and bottles of pop (2 liter size). Bins are in the back of church for these donations. If you would like to make a monetary donation, envelopes are in the pews, and your donation can be dropped in the offertory baskets.

Crafters, Cooks, Bakers: Your items are needed for the Country Store. We will not be having a cake walk this year, but baked goods will be for sale in the Country Store. We know there is a lot of talented people in our parish. Please consider making a few items and donating them to this great fundraiser. There is a Country Store bin in the back of church to place your items. Baked goods should be dropped off Saturday or Sunday of the Festival at the Parish House.

If you or your business would like to donate items for the Silent Auction, please contact Phyllis Keating at 651.307.8448.

Next Fall Festival Planning meeting will be **Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 7:00pm in Wey Hall.**

MASS INTENTIONS



August 23 Open
 August 26 Frank & Clara Deutsch †
 August 27 Gary Anderson †
 August 27 Dick Schneider †

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you or a loved one are ill in any way and would like to have your name included in the Sunday Prayers of the Faithful, contact the Parish office. Also, any prayer request or needs can be written in our Parish Intercessory Book in the back of church AT ANY TIME.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

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 Lenny Anderson

Please advise the office if any of these names can be removed. Thank you.

"Loving God, we ask that you enfold in your tender compassionate care all those in our community whose hearts are breaking and whose worries consume them."

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, August 26 at 4:00 pm

Lector: Al Walz
 Communion: Mary Stenger,
 Rick Kosloski
 Gifts: Drevecky Family
 Ushers: Jim Thorn, Dick Ordner
 Servers: Brodrick Larson

Sunday, August 27 at 9:00 a.m.

Lectors: David Prickett, Mary Jane Dahl
 Communion: Audrey Larson,
 Clarence Larson*, Elsie Moore
 Gifts: Moore Family
 Ushers: Derrick Murphy, Kevin Murphy, Rodney Swanson
 Servers: Alexis Ertz, Brayden Ertz

Potluck celebration with Father Xavier on August 27th following the 9:00 am Mass. Please bring an item to share.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 23

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, August 26

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 4:00 pm
 Fr. Fitzgerald St. Gregory's 5:00 pm

Sunday, August 27

Fr. Fitzgerald St. Gregory's 8:30 am
Fr. Shane/Fr. Xavier Sacred Heart 9:00 am
 Fr. Fitzgerald St. Gregory's 10:30 am

Friday, September 1

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 am
 Fr. Shane St. Gregory's 9:00 am

Daily Prayer This Week

This week we can be moved by the powerful fidelity of a woman like Ruth. And the familiar gospel stories will guide us through the week most with practical advice and challenging ideas.



It is good to begin by recognizing our own issues with God. For many of us, the graces with which we will be asking God to bless us have to do with our freedom from being so independent. For some of us, it will be to ask to keep our priorities straight this week. It may mean that we let this be a week when we ask what "success" really means for us. It could be a week to try to name more clearly what our purpose, our mission in life is: what the Lord calling us to do with our lives.

The real grace of finding intimacy with God in the midst of our busy everyday lives is that it helps keep us focused. When we get really busy, it can be like being on a tread mill. We begin our day in the morning, go where the day takes us and jump off at night. Our desire here is to live with more choice, more freedom. We want to live each day more reflectively. So, if I know the gospel is going to ask me to ponder how the lure of having more and more money can become an impediment to my salvation, or how generous and merciful God is, or how my busyness leads me to forget or lose my priorities, then I can choose to let those reflections shape my week. The way I can do that is by beginning each day with focus. What gives focus is recognizing and naming a desire, a grace or gift I ask of God, for that day, conscious of what I will be experiencing, what will challenge me, what opportunities will be offered me. What really makes this effective, is to keep talking with Jesus about those desires in the small, quiet moments that are tucked into each day, the "in-between times" of the day. The effect is that more and more of the details of our lives are interacting with the Word of God and the desires which God is inspiring in our hearts. As we move toward the weekend, we can prepare to hear Jesus ask us who we say he is - who he is for us. Connecting with Jesus in our daily lives allow him to become my Savior and the intimate friend who knows me through and through and is helping me come to know myself with great honesty, integrity, freedom and peace.



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