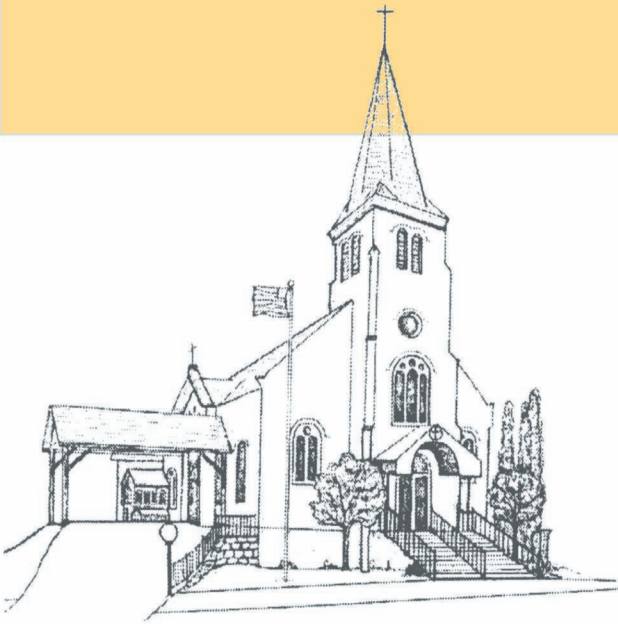


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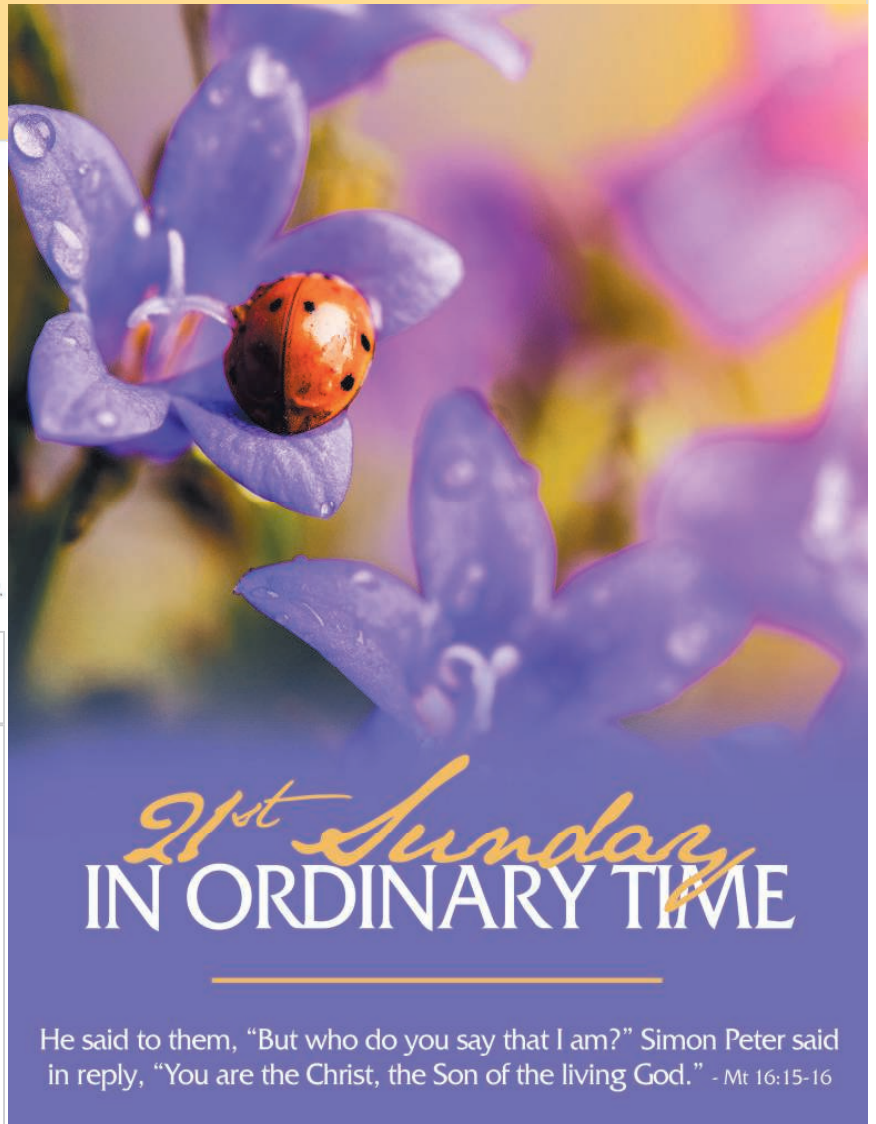
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Mission Statement

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.



21st Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

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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 27, 2017

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Twenty-first Week of Ordinary Time

Keys are central to readings for the Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time. The first reading from Isaiah offers the story of the faithful servant Eliakim, who will be given the keys for his master's palace. Paul's brief reading from the Letter to the Romans is a moving prayer filled with awe at the depth and unknowing ways of our Lord. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus asks his followers what people are saying about him. Then he asks the real question, "Who do you say I am?" Peter's direct answer, "You are the Christ" prompts Jesus' reply that Peter would be given the keys to the kingdom of heaven and would be the rock upon which his church would be built.

This week we have the Memorial of St. Augustine and the Memorial of the Passion of John the Baptist.

Matthew's Gospel this week includes stories of Jesus strongly challenging the Pharisees. He saw how they made people's lives so difficult by their insistence on the rules and appearances while neglecting mercy and good faith. He chides them for paying attention to the extraneous and not the message: "Blind guides, who strain out the gnat and swallow the camel!" His criticism grows stronger: "On the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evildoing." Jesus teaches about preparation: Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. In the parable of the ten maidens who go out to meet the bridegroom, many of the women did not prepare for the meeting and do not have enough oil for their lamps and Jesus says again, "Stay awake." Saturday's gospel is the dramatic story of the three servants who are given resources by their master and rewarded or punished for what they did with the resources they had.

Our week ends as we look to the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. We see a glimpse of the Prophet Jeremiah who understands the pain of following the Lord and decides not to speak the Lord's name again, "but then it becomes like fire burning in my heart." Paul's letter to the Romans encourages those ancient Romans - and us - not to conform to this age but to discern the will of God. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus corrects his disciples' resistance to his own passion and death, telling them that if they try to save their lives, they'll lose them. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

FROM FATHER SHANE

Over the recent months, the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and Trustees (Al Walz and David Prickett), have discussed some needs the parish has: tuck pointing the church, repairing the parking lot, and the sanctuary area. I would like to explain in more detail on each of these items.

Our church building is in need of tuck pointing, and we have had discussions about it for several years. After receiving several bids, we have accepted one from Karr Tuckpointing, a respectable firm in Iowa. The cost is \$49,045.00 for the entire project. Once we get approval from Archbishop Hebda, I will sign the contract. Funds will come from two sources: 1.) some from our general funds and 2.) asking parishioners to make an extra donation-gift. More details on this is forthcoming. We expect to start the work in the fall of 2018.

The parking lot is in need of repair and repaving. After we receive, review and accept a bid, we will proceed in completing work on the parking lot. It is suspected to happen next spring or summer.

Finally, the two windows in the sanctuary/behind the altar are in need of repair and the walls in that area need painting. This restoration will most likely take place next year. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Shane, Steve Yurick, or one of the trustees. I will continue to keep you updated on these projects as information becomes available.

FAITH FORMATION

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 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.

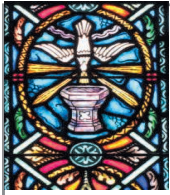
Crafters, Cooks, Bakers: Your items are needed for the Country Store. We will not be having a cake walk this year, but baked goods will be for sale in the Country Store. We know there is a lot of talented people in our parish. Please consider making a few items and donating them to this great fundraiser. 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. All money and tickets need to be in by September 10th.

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



MASS INTENTIONS



August 30 Edwin Wasinger †
 September 2 Francis Redding †
 September 3 Dick Schneider †

PRAYER REQUESTS

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Totals for the week of 8/22/17

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 Lenny Anderson

"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."

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

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, Sept. 2 at 4:00 pm

Lector: Kevin Smith
Communion: Rick Kosloski,
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Gifts: Thorn Family
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Sunday, Sept. 3 at 9:00 a.m.

Lectors: Al Walz, Mary Jane Dahl
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 Clarence Larson, Audrey Larson
Gifts: Peterson Family
Ushers: Rodney Swanson,
 Craig Peterson, Don Belland
Servers: Brodrick Larson, Ca-
 dence Mooris

Upcoming Second Collection

Weekend of September 9-10, there will be a second collection for Father Xavier's "Little Flower Church". See today's insert for details.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 30

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Friday, September 1

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Fr. Shane St. Gregory's 9:00 am

Saturday, September 2

Fr. Shane St. Gregory's 5:00 pm

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

Sunday, September 3

Fr. Shane St. Gregory's 8:30 am

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Fr. Shane St. Gregory's 10:30 am

Daily Prayer This Week

The old Baltimore Catechism defined Prayer as "raising the mind and heart to God." It reminds us that prayer is not simply saying words to God, or even thinking over religious things in our heads. Real prayer becomes a matter of the heart. We understand prayer best when we think of it as a relationship. Growing in prayer is to grow in love, in intimacy, in a type of communication that is "heart to heart." So, on the human level, if we have a difficult time receiving love or in surrendering our self-absorption and giving love or if we just haven't had much experience of being intimate and vulnerable with another human being, then it will be difficult for us to do that with God. Conversely, anything we can do to develop our relationship skills, to de-selfish ourselves and practice accepting love and loving generously will help us grow in our relationship with God. Praying can often become easier, more personal and intimate.



This week, we can go from hearing these wonderful readings to listening to Jesus with our hearts. It is great to begin this week asking for the grace to reflect throughout the day on how we will enter "the narrow gate", by how we go about our day, interact with people, or return home from work. Then we can reflect on how we can humble ourselves and what that means for our day to day choices.

We could ask for the grace to go deeper than the externals and rules and get to the heart of our faith - loving others with the same compassion and love that Jesus shows us. For some of us, it might be extremely helpful this week to take the word "awake" and to carry it all day long. "Help me stay awake, Lord: to be alert and attentive, focused and reflective today. It will be busy, but I ask that you help me be consciously aware that you will be with me all day." We may want to ask, "Lord, let me be conscious of the many gifts and blessings you have given me. Let me reflect upon how I use each gift gratefully and for others. Let me really see today if there are gifts that I am neglecting, squandering, or simply are afraid to use. Then, give me the courage to give you thanks and to be a good steward of your gifts."

As we prepare for Sunday, we can begin to reflect upon giving up the honors in our lives. We can begin each day praying, "Lord, help me humble myself today, put myself last in caring for my family, in doing my job with a more selfless sense of service. Help me forgive people who aren't performing well or behaving well. Help me see the way you give me life in this surrender, in this freedom to spend brief moments today in talking with you, friend-to-friend, in heart-felt connection with you, for others."



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