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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.

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.

September 3, 2017

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Twenty-second Week of Ordinary Time

Our week begins 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."

This week we celebrate the **Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** and the Memorial of St. Peter Claver.

Paul's **First Letter to the Thessalonians** concludes on Tuesday. Wednesday, we begin a week of readings from the **Letter to the Colossians**, with its gracious salutation and encouragement. The readers are exhorted to see Christ as the "head of the body" noting that all is created "in and through him."

We now move from Matthew to **Luke's Gospel**, which we will read on weekdays from now until Advent begins. We will feel the special way the evangelist will highlight healing, mercy, the poor, women, prayer, the Spirit and a gospel for a new, all inclusive, Israel.

Jesus teaches in the synagogue and reads from Isaiah: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus heals a man with demons. He heals Simon's mother-in-law, and all the sick they brought him. "I must proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God, because for this purpose I have been sent." He calls out to three discouraged fishermen to lower their nets, to show them his power. Peter is overwhelmed and protests he is unworthy. "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." At Jesus' persistence, Peter, James and John leave their nets to follow Jesus. The week ends with Jesus' tangling with the Pharisees who challenge the fasting of his disciples. "Can you make the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?" He deflects the criticism by telling them "no one pours new wine into old wineskins." When his critics note that his disciples were "unlawful" by picking heads of grains to eat, he tells them, "The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath."

Next Sunday is the **Twenty-Third week in Ordinary Time**. As faithful followers, we are encouraged to "love one another" throughout the readings. **Ezekiel** tells us that we are responsible for each other and Paul's letter to the **Romans** offers: "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." In **Matthew's Gospel**, Jesus tells us to challenge each other on our behavior and to pray, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."



September 3, 2017

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 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. 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



September 6	Edwin Wasinger †
September 9	Rose Peloquin †
September 10	Carole Budzynski †

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Totals for the week of 8/29/17

Plate	267.92
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Fall Festival	535.00

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"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.9 at 4:00 pm

Lector: Rick Drevecky
Communion: Mary Stenger, Kristie Frazier
Gifts: Thiel Family
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Sunday, Sept.10 at 9:00 a.m.

Lectors: Sue Roth, Wayne Herberg
Communion: Liz Herberg, Elsie Moore, Schott Tryon*
Gifts: Herberg Family
Ushers: Dennis Kaufmann, Joe Moore, Don Belland
Servers: Maggie Roth, Elena Herberg

Upcoming Second Collection

Next weekend we will have a second collection for Father Xavier. As it turns out, Archbishop Hebda has asked that all parishioners take up a collection for those suffering from hurricane Harvey in recent weeks. This collection was requested to take place Sept. 9-10, since we already have a second collection planned that weekend we will have the one for those suffering from hurricane Harvey on the weekend of Sept.23-24. Please give generously to both collections. ~ Fr. Shane

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 6

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, September 9

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

Fr. Fitzgerald Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

Sunday, September 10

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

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

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

Daily Prayer This Week

As we get into this pattern of letting the readings interact with the desires of our hearts, one week flows into the next. So, we begin this week continuing to reflect on the purpose of our lives. We can measure our resistance to self-denial for the sake of loving others more and ask for the Lord's healing and grace.



Our pattern of finding intimacy with our Lord in the unique context of our busy, complicated days begins with a morning moment of focus, the earlier the better. Soon after we wake up, we can pause briefly to give a faith filled shape to our day. While making coffee, starting a load of wash, taking a shower, getting dressed, we can begin our day with the Lord, begin our day in a relationship. At first, it may take practice to replace what usually goes on in our heads and hearts, with this kind of prayerful desiring. It can quickly become a very natural way to anticipate, plan and prepare for our day.

Reading this guide over the weekend or early in the week helps, as does reading the Daily Reflection for the day. But these resources work best when they provide a support for our inner conversation with the Lord as we go through the real experiences, relationships, conflicts and challenges of our day. Then the scriptures, the unique details of our lives, and the desires of our hearts simply come together in an ongoing dialogue with the Lord that takes place in the background of our days and shapes our choices and reveals deeper desires.

This week, we might ask Jesus to confront the demons that seem to dominate the upcoming week. We may have many mothers-in-law or friends that need healing that we can entrust to the Lord's care. We might experience discouragement in our work, with our spouses or parents or in our jobs or ministries. We can take those discouragements and use them as an opportunity to ask the Lord to show us his power there. And, when we are tempted to feel unworthy or to be humbled by the task ahead, we can let Jesus call us again to follow him. Perhaps this week we will feel the call to a real renewal, to not just keep trying to pour new wine into our old wineskins but to ask the Lord to make us new, and ready for the new calls, new graces he is offering us. With the smallest of efforts, we can find a few moments every evening to look back on these days of connecting with our Lord, and to express our gratitude for his presence and the new freedom and graces we are receiving.

By Saturday, we might find ourselves turning to Mary to ask for the graces we need from our Lord. "I thank God for your life, Mary. Please place me with your Son."



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