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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.



23rd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." - Mt 18:20

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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.

September 10, 2017

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

On Hell, the Eucharist, and Prayer

Sometimes I have questioned if some Catholics, as other Christians, still believe in Hell. You know, that place that is described as hot, leaving one thirsty with no hope of ever tasting a drop of refreshing water. Hell is a location without the loving and peaceful presence of God. Some might say that Hell doesn't really exist, or that we really don't have to either make an effort or work at avoiding that hot place in our afterlife. As a matter of fact, I believe that it can safely be said that many Catholics aren't too concerned about having to spend eternity in Hell, at least their actions reflect this attitude. This is not a judgment, only an observation.

Why do I still believe there is Hell? There are several reasons: Jesus spoke about it in his preaching, Our Savior died for our salvation, and if there wasn't such a place, I would be out of a job. Seriously Jesus did explain Hell to his early followers, and that there was right and wrong. Moreover, since the first martyr Saint Stephen was stoned to death, thousands upon thousands of men, women, and children have also given up their lives for the sake of Christ.

Additionally, for twenty centuries now women and men have dedicated their lives to Christ by being a priest, deacon, nun, or religious brother. These men and women not only are committed to serving others in the name of Jesus, but also devote many, many hours to prayer.

We Catholics, and others as well, would all agree that we want to reach Heaven, not Hell. Some of us are working hard at achieving this goal through our prayer and our relationship with God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit; others do so with mediocrity, and still others not much at all. Again, no judgment here, just what I notice happening around me. Why is it rather difficult to keep God at the center of our lives, making it a priority to nourish our faith through attendance at Sunday Mass and growing in our spiritual and prayer lives? Even as a Catholic priest I am not immune to the temptation to not always make an effort to further my relationship with God. It takes lots and lots of effort. Furthermore, as a priest it is my duty and responsibility to show and assist others, particularly my parishioners, the importance of why we need to celebrate every week the Sacrament of Eucharist. Likewise, to also share ways to pray and grow closer to God. Yes, a priest does have a concern and obligation to do this for their parishioners. We priests don't want any of the souls that are under our spiritual care to go to Hell.

Therefore, during the coming months, I plan to explain what the Sunday Mass is all about, as well as share why we do what we do during a Sunday gathering together hearing the Word of God proclaimed and explained from the Ambo (pulpit) and around the Altar. Also, I plan to write about why and how to pray from time to time.

May we journey together on our spiritual pilgrimage on Earth through prayer and support for one another by our presence at Mass each Sunday.

Blessings, Father Shane

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.

*Faith IS NOT KNOWING
WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS,
BUT KNOWING
who holds the future.*

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.



**Sts. Peter and Paul 9th Annual
Fall Festival and Auction Sat-
urday, September 16, 2017
1050 Southview Ave. Braham,
MN**

**All Day Entertainment
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Drawing at 9 pm**



FALL FESTIVAL – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH 10:00AM-2:00PM

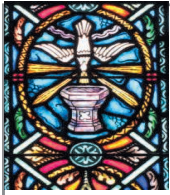
The Fall Festival Committee would like to thank everyone for their involvement. We are very encouraged that this year's festival will be the best by the donations and volunteers that have come forward. Thank you for your involvement and keep it coming!

Baked goods for the Country Store can be dropped off the morning of the Fall Festival. Please mark your items stating what it is and a price.

Apple crisps should be dropped off Saturday Morning.

Volunteers will be needed for set-up of the Fall Festival, Saturday, Sept. 16 at 9:00am. We will need some muscle to help put up tents, tables, chairs, etc. The more that help, the less time it will take.

MASS INTENTIONS



September 13 Edwin Wasinger †
 September 16 Bev Hurley †
 September 17 Ed Chromey †

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Totals for the week of 9/5/17

Plate310.10
 Envelopes..... 1570.00
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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.16 at 4:00 pm

Lector: Al walz
 Communion: Chuck Debevec,
 Jeanne Kay
 Gifts: Murphy Family
 Ushers: Derrick Murphy, Kevin
 Murphy, Ken Opatz
 Servers: Alexis Murphy

Sunday, Sept.17 at 9:00 a.m.

Lectors: Jeremy Albright , Diana
 Granlund
 Communion: Jean Peno*,
 Audrey Larson, Clarence Larson
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 13

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, September 16

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

Fr. Fitzgerald Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

Sunday, September 17

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

Fr. Nygaard Sacred Heart 9:00 am

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

Daily Prayer This Week

When we place Jesus at the center of our lives, as Paul calls the Colossians to do, two marvelous graces are given us. We experience God's love for us in the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus. As grateful sinners, we then are able to forgive others.

As we begin each day this week, we can let these two graces be part of our reflection. We can ask our Lord to show us his love. We can fear-less-ly ask to understand who we are as sinners, in the concrete ways each of us falls short, gets distracted, becomes uncentered and makes very unfree choices. We can ask to be forgiven and healed. This journey each day might take us into specific patterns, habits, ruts we're in. We may even want to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week, in preparation for celebrating the upcoming Sunday's readings.

We can choose to focus carefully this week on those people we ask for the grace to forgive. Whose faults do I pay most attention to? Whom do I judge harshly? From whom do I withhold forgiveness? If we begin each day, asking our Lord to reveal the answers to these questions, throughout our day, our days this week will show us deeper places where the Lord can forgive us and where we can share that mercy.

From the beginning of the week, we might ask Mary to gently guide us to trust her Son's love and to be more tender in loving those people her Son invites us to forgive and be a source of healing.

Throughout this week, we can also give thanks for the ways we are called to be Jesus' followers - not because we are extremely talented or because we are perfect, but because he saw in us something that he could heal and then send us to heal others. We can be especially attentive to the ways we are blessed in our poverty and in the ways we sometimes experience rejection as his disciples.





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