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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.



24th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart." - Mt 18:35

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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 17, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS



September 20	Fran Redding†
September 23	Fran Redding†
September 24	Tom Strandmark †

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Totals for the week of 9/12/17

Plate	253.35
Envelopes.....	1875.00
Bldg. Maint. Env.....	50.00
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Food shelf	10.00
Fall Festival	1580.00
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Fr. Anthony	300.00

TOTALS \$ 6119.79
 "Deeds of giving are the very foundations of the World"

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

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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."

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, Sept.23 at 4:00 pm

Lector: Rick Drevecky
Communion: Mary Stenger,
 Rick Kosloski
Gifts: Drevecky's
Ushers: Jim Thorn, Dick Ordner
Servers: Brodrick Larson

Sunday, Sept.24 at 9:00 a.m.

Lectors: Kevin Smith, Al Walz
Communion: Mary Pat
 Hestbeck, Elsie Moore, Beth
 Churchsmith
Gifts: Moore's
Ushers: Joe Moore, Ted
 Stathes, Rodney Swanson
Servers: Alexis Ertz, Brayden
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 20

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, September 23

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

Fr. Fitzgerald Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

Sunday, September 24

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

Fr. Nygaard Sacred Heart 9:00 am

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



ST. GREGORY'S ANNUAL BOOYA

St. Gregory's Annual Booya will be held on Sunday, September 24.

Enjoy the Booya

*Go ahead and have a second helping
 & be sure to take some home!*

*Serving begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.
 Take Out starts at 11:00 a.m.*

Daily Prayer This Week

Who among us hasn't wondered about how much is enough? How many times do we need to forgive? How much of the goods of this earth do I need to have? How generous am I able to be? The parables Jesus uses often shock our attention and give us a rich fruit for reflection.

These days, the news stories are centered on war and conflict, and on financial collapse centered on greed. We are not always aware of the scope of the human tragedy that goes on in our neighborhoods, in our cities, in our world. Many people on the earth suffer in so many ways - in the Sudan, in sub-Saharan Africa and in the Middle East. We can see stories of pain and suffering on the other side of the world and we feel it here. We might be filled with horror and compassion and fear. Insecurity, powerlessness can bring us to our knees and to the Lord. This week's readings help us with continuing reflection that can guide our integration of a confidence in God's love and mercy.

One of the great things that any tragedy brings forward is examples of great heroism and generosity. We also know that the human spirit can be tempted to the worst things imaginable. But, when we see people sacrificing their own lives to help others or showing with their generosity and passionate care how deeply they value human life, it lifts our own spirits and helps us be more generous and free.

We could ask the Lord this week to help us assess what we really need. Do riches become a trouble for us? Do anxieties and the pleasures of life choke my reception of the Word? Can we ask for the desire to walk through our days with trust in Jesus' power to heal, to bring what is dead to life? Each of us can make this daily desire request and reflection very concrete. And, as we prepare for the weekend, we can begin reflecting on how happy I am that God is merciful and generous, even toward those that I don't think "deserve" it.

As we begin each day with a desire, we can end each day with gratitude for what we received.

On True Discipleship and Forgiving

Two of the four sentences said at the end of Mass by a priest, or if there is a deacon present, are: "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord of your life" or "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." When we leave church, we are filled with peace and joy, but we are also called to share the peace and joy of the Gospel with others.

Consequently, we are to proclaim the Good News of our Lord as well as live out what we believe and have been taught by Jesus through Scripture and by the Church's tradition. A first question, then, is do our words and actions show to others that we have taken Jesus' teachings to heart, that we are serious in our commitment to follow our Savior? Since evangelizing others comes after we practice the teachings of Jesus, I will focus on one way of living out a Christ like life.

One of Jesus' most significant teaching found throughout the New Testament is forgiveness. If we want forgiveness of our sins, we need to forgive others as well. "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (Matthew 6: 14-15) Jesus had just finished telling his disciples how to pray by giving them the *Our Father*. (See Mt: 9-13) Furthermore, each time we recite the *Our Father* we pray in part, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

I think everyone would agree that we know that God always forgives us, although we try to not commit whatever sins we have in the past again. If we do, and we also repeat many of our sins over, if we attempt to overcome our sins and continue to ask God to forgive us, he will, that is, only if we forgive others. This is where forgiveness becomes messy for many of us, including myself. I think asking for forgiveness is more difficult than forgiving others for a lot of us. However, there are others in our lives who, even though they say they are good Catholics and might even attend weekly Sunday Mass, refuse to forgive others. To say that I am a good Catholic and refuse to forgive is like oil and water. They just don't mix.

The question then is do you and I take Jesus' message of forgiveness seriously? When I don't forgive, not only am I hurting myself but also those who we aren't forgiving. This inability to forgive someone is painful for all involved. I have seen this in my family as well as in some parishioners and their families.

Finally, while I wish to not sound too harsh, I can't see how someone can come to church, yet be unforgiving in their lives. It just doesn't make any sense to me. In the end, we need to take the teachings of Jesus seriously if we really want to make a difference in a world that is all too often unforgiving. To be forgiving is to find peace and joy in our lives and what we must do if you and I want to call ourselves Catholic Christians.

Have a good week, Father Shane

K of C Ham Bingo
Saturday, September 30 at 7:00 pm
Sacred Heart Church
Wey Hall



Faith Formation has begun for the youth in our parish in grades 1-10. If you have not registered your child yet, please contact the Parish Office or Sue Roth.

The second Sunday of every month, starting in October, is going to be **Discipleship Sunday**. This is something in which we invite all parishioners to get involved. We will have our Youth Masses on these dates with fellowship to follow after mass. We also will be collecting for the food shelf on these Sundays. Also, we are going to be having service projects in the afternoon. If you know of a service project in which we should look to get involved, please contact Sue Roth.

SEPTEMBER 23/24 SECOND COLLECTION

Archbishop Hebda requested that we have a second collection for those suffering from Hurricane Harvey, particularly in and around Houston. As you may or may not be aware, since Hurricane Harvey, there was another one, Irma, that has devastated several Caribbean islands including the US Virgin Islands of St. Thomas and St. John. Yes, you all probably know about this hurricane hitting Florida and SE United States, since the media covered this area greatly. It seems that the US Islands have been forgotten, though the damage is much more severe.

As of this writing, even though I have made several

attempts to contact my close friend, Fr. Neil, I have been unable to. From the pictures that I have seen, it looks horrible in those two islands. The people are suffering not only from the devastation of Hurricane Irma, but also the source of most of their income



comes from Tourism. It will be years, if ever, that many of our Catholic brothers and sisters, return to life as it was before this hurricane.

Therefore, as we directed assistance to a parish in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005, this second collection will all be directly sent to Holy Family Parish on St. Thomas, Fr. Neil's parish. I ask that you give generously to the parishioners of Holy Family. Many thanks!



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