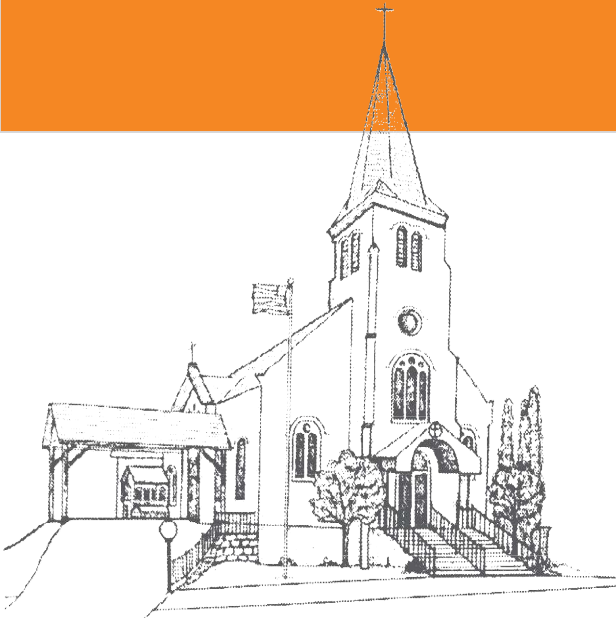


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Mission Statement

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.



27th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?” - Mt 21:40

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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

October 8, 2017

ON PERSONAL REFLECTIONS OF A MARTYR -PART I

In last week's article, our guest writer wrote a brief biography on Blessed Father Stanley Rother, who was martyred in Guatemala. Now I would like to share some of my personal reflections about this martyr when I visited where he was killed, and also my experience of attending his beatification in September.

I first learned about Father Stanley through my Mom who was employed as the director of faith formation at Saint Dominic in Garden City, Kansas during the 1990s. In her position, Mom also was involved on a diocesan level in the Diocese of Dodge City where Father Stanley's sibling, Sister Marita Rother, A.S.C. worked as well. In February 2001, I had the opportunity to visit the two parishes and city where Blessed Stanley lived for thirteen years, as it was one of the stops of a ten-day pilgrimage/retreat to Guatemala sponsored by the Maryknoll priests/brothers, I was excited to have this opportunity to go.

On day six of the pilgrimage/retreat, we stopped late Saturday afternoon at Saint Francis of Assisi Church, one of the two missionary parishes served by the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. In order to enter the church, we needed to climb seventy steps. The ascent was worth it, for once on top, you had a spectacular view of Lake Atitlan, the most scenic and largest lake in all of Guatemala. The church, although simple and modern, was absolutely remarkable. Our group, consisting of all priests, celebrated an hour and a half Mass in two languages- Spanish and in the local Mayan dialect called Tzutujil, which I didn't understand, yet the Mass was rather fascinating.

Following Mass, we drove to our final stop of the day, Santiago Atitlan, the town where Blessed Stanley lived and died. After dinner, we were given an introduction to the two Oklahoma City missionary parishes and villages by the pastor, Father Tom McSherry. For our sleeping quarters, each of us shared a room with four others, sleeping on a thin mat on the floor, sharing one bathroom between the ten of us.

The next day, Sunday, we spent in Santiago Atitlan, where the main missionary church of the Archdiocese, Saint James, was located; it dates back over four hundred years. One of the two highlights of that day were visiting the rectory and room where three men killed Blessed Stanley during the night of July 28, 1981 after he apparently resisted them. He ministered to the people there for thirteen years and was loved by all the locals. The rest of that wonderful Sunday occurred while celebrating Mass at Saint James Church; a service lasting more than two hours. Despite the length, the prayerful time went by quickly. Two aspects of the Mass that were quite meaningful for me were first, that it was led by two parishioners, one of whom held a candle to the location where I distributed Holy Communion. And second, drinking the Blood of Christ from Blessed Stan's chalice. Oh! one more thing which intrigued me was how much charcoal, a grill full, was used for the incensing during the Mass.

Around mid-afternoon, we boarded our bus for the three-hour ride

Parish Council meeting is on October 10th at 7pm in the parish house.

First Reconciliation Workshop will be at Sacred Heart on Oct. 14th from 10am-12 noon.

CCW meeting at 6:30pm in Wey Hall on Oct.17.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 21/22

On World Mission Sunday, Catholics around the world unite to recommit to their missionary

identity. This is an appeal of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which supports our brothers and sisters in over 1,150 mission dioceses worldwide. This year's theme, Mission of the Little Flock, calls to mind the places where the mission Church is small, marginalized and persecuted—the little flocks of Jesus. An example is the mission Diocese of Vijayapuram, India, where the Church is a minority supporting the poor and disenfranchised. Please offer prayers and gifts of sup-

FAITH FORMATION

FIRST RECONCILIATION WORKSHOP

The First Reconciliation Workshop has been rescheduled to **Saturday, October 14** at Sacred Heart from 10:00 a.m. until noon. All children from St. Gregory the Great and Sacred Heart parishes who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year must attend with their parents.

Sunday Oct. 8th at 2:00pm we will be gathering in Wey Hall to prepare a meal for A Place For You, the transitional shelter in Pine City, and we will be doing needed tasks around the church property. This is an excellent opportunity for Confirmation service project commitments, to earn "do" drops, and to come together as a community in discipleship. **ALL MEM-**

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.

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PRAYING FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

November is traditionally the month to remember and pray for our departed family & friends. All Soul's envelopes are attached to this week's bulletin. Please return your All Souls' envelopes by November 1 at noon in order that they may be placed on the Altar. Prayers will be offered for our Deceased loved ones throughout November and the Book of Names of the Dead will be placed by the baptismal font from November 1st until before the be-



MASS INTENTIONS



October 11 Open
October 14 Open
October 15 Nicolas/Tom Anderson

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Totals for the week of 10/3/17

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LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, Oct. 14 at 4:00 pm

Lector: Mary Jane Dahl
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Jeanne Kay
Gifts: Murphy family
Ushers: Jim Thorn, Ken Opatz
Servers: Alexis Murphy

Sunday, Oct. 15 at 9:00 a.m.

Lectors: Jeremy Albright, Diana
Granlund
Communion: David Prickett,
Jean Peno*, Mary Pat Hestbeck
Gifts: Peno Family
Ushers: Craig Peterson, Ron
Peltier, Bill Peno
Servers: Isabelle Harer, Devon
Larson

Pope Francis has inaugurated a **"World Day of the Poor"** which will be on Sunday, **Nov. 19th**, this year. He wants us to plan things for the week before and even suggests inviting the poor to our parishes. **Sacred Heart** will be hosting a dinner that afternoon for the parish and public, it will be a free will donations.



Prayer Partners Needed

Sacred Heart has two confirmation candidates that are in need of a prayer partner. The commitment is to pray for them until they are confirmed in the spring of 2019. Praying for others is an important way you can serve. Please consider being a prayer partner.. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the church. Thank you!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 11

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, October 14

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

Sunday, October 15

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

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

Marjorie King	Margarette Brooker	Kim Sarago
Jean Amunson	Marvin Johnson	Jim Kirchberg
Bill Peno	Arlene Greenhagen	Ethel Thomas
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Wayne King	Jim Mitchell	Sue Roth
Robby Murry	Judie Peltier	Abby Larson
Heidi Blatz	Betty Erickson	Bob Wilbur
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Cecilia Shinler	Nick Cieminski	Colleen Najewski
Joan Parkin	Betty Anderson	Lenny Anderson
Ariel Thull-Rulfzen	Jim Bartz	

"When we pray, God hears more than we say, answers more than we ask, gives more than we imagine...in HIS own time and HIS own way."

Daily Prayer This Week

Anxiety about getting things done, fear of losing wealth and a lack of compassion for our neighbors are all themes in this week's gospel. This can be a week of asking God for the wisdom and discernment we need to find the balance in our lives and a sense of where our focus should really be.

We can do this by threading our days with an awareness of God's presence in the tiny moments of quiet time that we come across. As we awaken and sit at the side of our bed, we can simply ask, "Loving God, help me to love you today with all my heart, with all my being, with all my strength, and with all my mind. Help me to see you in my neighbor today."

Later in the day, as things seem to go faster and get more complex, we can ask again not to be anxious about so many things and to remember the great gift of Jesus' presence in our lives. As we do the laundry, go to the store, or take care of family we can again ask our Lord to let us be aware of the presence of the loved ones we come in contact with - the real "riches" we have in our lives.

The Our Father has been called the Perfect Prayer and this week might be a good time to focus in on it with our whole hearts. In the quiet moments before we go to bed, we can practice this week saying each line of the prayer, very slowly, perhaps stopping to ponder one line that calls to our hearts in a special way.

Hallowed be thy name...

Thy will be done...

Give us this day our daily bread...

Forgive us our trespasses...

As we forgive others...

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