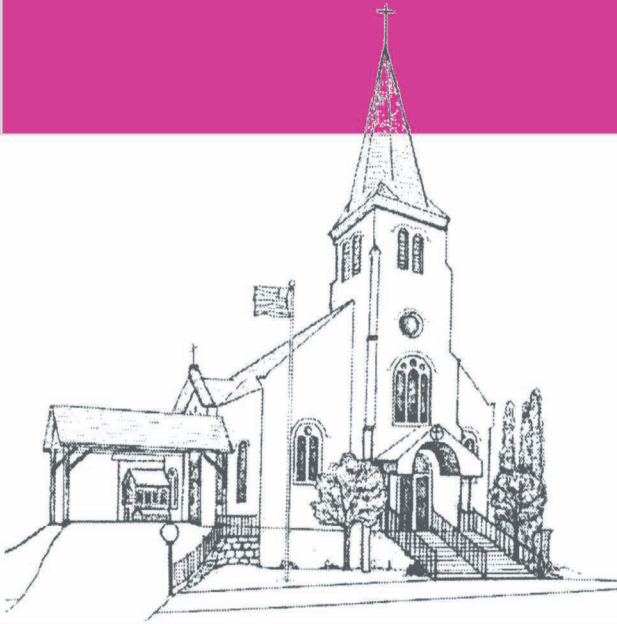


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Mission Statement

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.

28th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME



"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son... Tell those invited: 'Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast.'"

- Mt 22:2, 4bc

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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.

October 15, 2017

ON PERSONAL REFLECTIONS OF A MARTYR-PART II

In last week's article, I shared about my experience of going to Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala, and visiting the church and rectory where Blessed Father Stanley Rother lived and died a martyr on July 28, 1981. This week, I am writing about my time in Oklahoma City a few weekends ago, when I attended his beatification.

On December 2 of last year, Pope Francis announced that he formally recognized that Father Stanley was a Martyr, which led the way to his beatification. Then, in June, Archbishop Coakley gave a presentation at our Archdiocesan priest's gathering. He informed us about and invited us to come to the beatification Mass on September 23. At that point, I really wanted to go; yet, I had a dilemma because that was the same weekend Saint Gregory's Booya was scheduled. For nearly a month, I went back and forth, wondering if I should or should not miss this annual event. Finally, I determined that the beatification could very well be a once in a lifetime occasion; therefore, I chose to attend it.

Since the Mass was a Saturday morning, I decided to leave on Thursday, in order to not be in a rush. At the time, I was not certain if there would be anyone else present who I might know at the Mass, or the priest's luncheon afterwards. This created some apprehension on the days leading up to the beatification, and especially on Saturday morning. Thus, when the time arrived for me to go over to the convention center where the Mass was being celebrated, everyone I saw was in a friendly mood and I felt more at ease. Upon arriving in the room set aside for priests to put on their vestments, I did not recognize anyone. After putting on my vestment, I nervously proceeded to the location in the arena where about 300 priests were to sit. Near the front of the area, I saw four priests from the Archdiocese sitting in a row. Then unexpectedly, toward the end of that row I spotted Father Greg Schaffer, my seminary classmate who is serving in our Archdiocesan mission in Venezuela. As we talked before Mass, he shared that when he was fifteen, he had met Blessed Stanley when visiting his uncle's parish in the town of San Tomin, the closest neighboring city to Santiago Atitlan. When the Mass began, Father Greg sat next to me.

The liturgy started with a procession of fifty-two bishops and Cardinal Angelo Amato, the Prefect for the Congregation for the Cause of Saints and on behalf of Pope Francis. Following the almost three-hour service, I went to the ballroom for the informal luncheon that was being served, sitting with several priests who I didn't know. Shortly thereafter, Bishop Ed Weisenburger, from the Diocese of Salina (just named the Bishop of Tucson last week) sat at the table. I attended Conception Seminary for two years with the bishop, although he was a year ahead of me. We had not seen each other in thirty-five years.

The following morning as I sat at the gate at the Oklahoma City Airport, Bishop Paul Sirba of the Duluth Diocese arrived and waited with me. When we boarded the plane, as it turned out, he was assigned to the seat next to me. I have known Bishop Sirba for twenty plus years since he was a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis before going to Duluth. Naturally, we had a superb visit throughout the flight. To be continued...

Have a blessed week, Father Shane

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 support on World Mission Sunday.

FR. SHANE AWAY

Fr. Shane will be away until Thursday, October 26 for a 8 day retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House in Las Altos, CA. In case of an emergency and the need for a priest, please contact the parish office at 651.674.4056. If you are calling after office hours, press extension 112 (Barb's extension) and a phone number of who to call will be in the message.

Fr. Andy Phiri from Zambia will be at St. Gregory the Great and Sacred Heart parishes while Father Shane is away on retreat. If you would like to prepare a meal for Fr. Andy while he stays at the St. Gregory the Great Rectory, please call the parish office. Please take note that Fr. Andy is a vegetarian when deciding on menu choices.

Festival Results

Gross Proceeds:	\$ 14,505
Expenses:	\$ 4,136
Net:	\$ 10,369

God bless all who helped to make this year's Fall Festival such a great success. Financially, bottom line results exceeded any recent year's, better than the previous year by over \$2000. Community-wise, there was a greater participation from outside our parish. A very special thank you to this year's co-chairs, Fran Michnowski and Brenda Dahl. Great job ladies. And a hearty "Well Done" to all.

FAITH FORMATION

Due to MEA there will be no class the week of Oct. 18th, classes will resume on Oct. 25th.

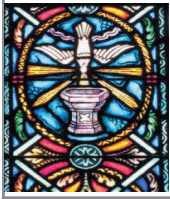
Prayer Shawl Ministry

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.



MASS INTENTIONS



October 18 Open
October 21 Open
October 22 Open

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Totals for the week of 10/11/17

Plate306.00
Envelopes..... 1535.00
Bldg. Maint..... 55.00
Candle money 16.00
Food Shelf 60.00
EFT money.....344.00
Hurricane Relief 25.00
Fall Festival 76.00
Grave Sales500.00
TOTALS \$ 2917.00

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LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, Oct. 21 at 4:00 pm

Sunday, Oct. 22 at 9:00 a.m.

Lector: Al Walz
Communion: Mary Stenger,
Rick Kosloski
Gifts: Drevecky Family
Ushers: Jim Thorn, Dick Ordner
Servers: Brodrick Larson

Lectors: Kevin Smith, David
Prickett
Communion: Audrey Larson,
Clarence Larson*, Elsie Moore
Gifts: Moore Family
Ushers: Derrick Murphy, Kevin
Murphy, Rodney Swanson
Servers: Alexis Ertz, Brayden
Ertz

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 Community Spaghetti feed at 4 pm, it will be a free will donation. All donations will go to "A Place For You" in Pine City. Please consider donating a dessert. Thanks.



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 18

Fr. Nygaard Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, October 21

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

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

Sunday, October 22

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

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 am

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

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

Marjorie King
Jean Amunson
Bill Peno
Mary Knack
Wayne King
Robby Murry
Heidi Blatz
David Gaul
Cecilia Shinler
Joan Parkin
Ariel Thull-Rulfzen

Margarette Brooker
Marvin Johnson
Arlene Greenhagen
Gerald Mollberg
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Phyllis Swanson
Nick Cieminski
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Jim Bartz

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Jim Kirchberg
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Tom McKenzie
Sue Roth
Abby Larson
Bob Wilbur
Tom Solorz
Colleen Najewski
Lenny Anderson
Kathy Quinn

"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:



On Sunday we have the story of the ten lepers who beg for healing. These outcasts cannot be a part of society without being cured. Jesus heals them, but they seem to forget about what Jesus did for them. Only the foreigner returns to thank him. This is a good moment for us to reflect on what God has given us this week and to thank God for those gifts.

Whether or not we have a clear picture of where we are being called by Jesus, we can feel the invitation, the call to our hearts, in the silence. We can take just a few minutes each morning as we awaken to sit by the side of the bed and open our hands and hearts and pray, "Jesus, in this quiet moment, I feel my heart being drawn to you. Help me to see this day where you are calling me." We can repeat this small act on our way to work, taking our children to school and walking to the store. "I know you are in my heart, Jesus. I know you are calling me this day, but my heart is not always open to listen. Help me to answer your call today. At the end of this day, help me to be joyful in answering your call through those in my life." So many of the stories this week are clashes between Jesus and the Pharisees. We can ask ourselves: Where in my life do I worry more about appearances than I do the poor who are in front of me? Who are "the poor" in my life? Who are the outcasts, the unpopular or the rejected people I see each day? How can I minister to those people and be a leaven in this world?

At the end of each day this week, we can be grateful for the many opportunities we were given to follow along with Jesus. We can ask the Holy Spirit to help us see the invitation in our lives every day and ask for the clarity to recognize "the poor." When I see the poor, the outcasts, those whose health or habits make them unappealing, do I love them the way Jesus would? Can I look at the brusque and rude people in my life as people Jesus would have gravitated toward, sensing how much they need love?



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