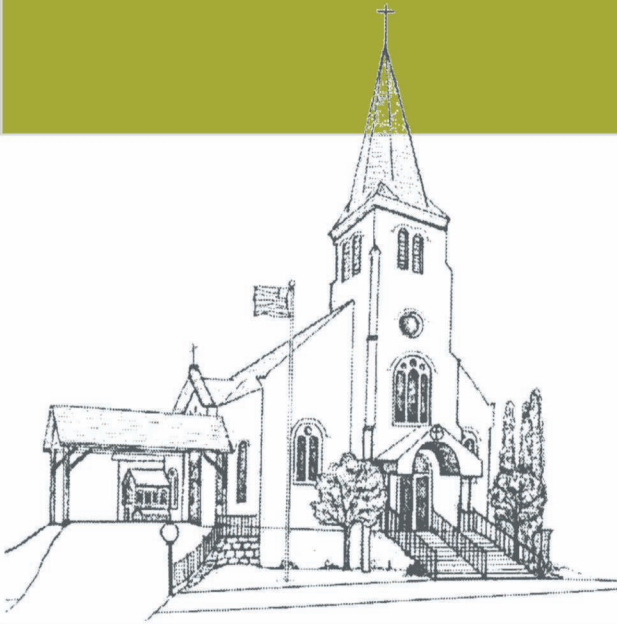


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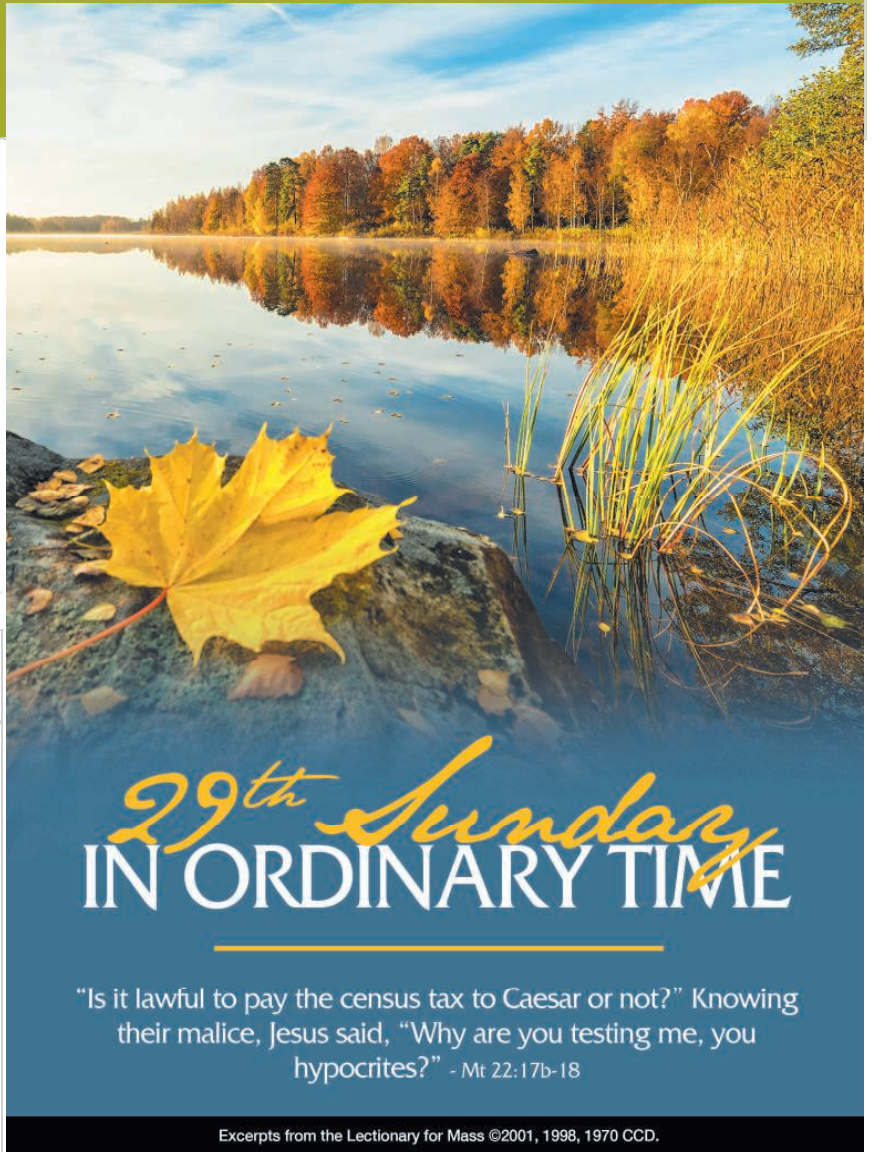
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Mission Statement

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.



29th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?" - Mt 22:17b-18

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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 22, 2017

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

The Twenty-Ninth Week of Ordinary Time

On the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time we see Matthew's gospel tell us of the Pharisee plot to set a trap for Jesus. This time they use politics to see if he will offend either Rome or the people. Should they pay Rome's census tax? Jesus pushes the challenge back to them: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." What is it they must repay to God that is God's? Their trust in Jesus -- God's gift to them.

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Apostles, Saints Simon and Jude.

We continue with the second of four weeks of weekday readings from Paul's Letter to the Romans. This is Paul's longest letter and was written from Greece as he prepared to visit Rome.

Our gospels continue with Luke's Gospel and multiple stories of Jesus exhorting us to be prepared, to beware of greed and that our "life does not consist of possessions." Jesus' mission is to bring peace and healing. We are to be prepared for the times our Lord comes to us. Much is expected of us who have been entrusted with so much. Jesus has come to set a fire among us, which will probably also place us at odds with others, even others we love. Yet, Jesus calls us to read the signs of our times and to make peace with our opponents if we can. We are being fertilized to bear fruit.

Justice and compassion are keys to loving, in the readings for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Exodus proclaims God's call that we act justly toward foreigners, and the most vulnerable among us: widows, orphans and the poor. Jesus says it most simply: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. ... You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

World Mission Sunday

On this World Mission Sunday, we have the wonderful opportunity to contemplate the meaning of faith in our own lives – and our own role in spreading our belief in Christ. St. Paul, the great missionary of the early Church, valued the members of the Body of Christ, and wanted them to appreciate each other in our Savior. "We give thanks to God always for all of you...unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ.... For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction" (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3, 5).

Paul and the other Apostles and disciples transformed the world through their far-flung journeys to preach the Good News. Today we must realize that we are still a missionary Church. The ministry, passion and death of Jesus were not just ancient historical events. Through His resurrection, Christ saved us from the consequences of sin and death. Our Lord lives as truly now as He did two thousand years ago. And it is up to us to share our faith through prayer, example and support for the Missions through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

If you didn't get the chance to drop an envelop in the collection this weekend you can still do so next weekend.



FAITH FORMATION

Our next Discipleship Sunday will be November 12. We will have Youth Mass at 9:00 followed by fellowship in Wey Hall.

Thank you to the 8 people who came to volunteer the afternoon of our last Discipleship Sunday where we did some landscaping at the parish house and made a meal for A Place For You. This is a good start for this program. Please remember that this is not only for Faith Formation families but is open to our entire parish. We hope to see more parishioners involved in Discipleship Sunday on November 12.

On November 12 we will be participating in "Tie Up Some Christmas Cheer." This is sponsored by Fostering Families and will take place from Noon – 5:00 pm in the Rush City Community Center. Please go to the Fostering Families website at www.fosteringfamiliesmn.com to sign up for a time. All ages are welcome. This organization hopes to make 300 blankets for foster children in Chisago, Pine and Kanabec counties.

They are also looking for donations of money and fleece fabric. If you would like to contribute, go to their website or Facebook page. Contact Sue Roth (651-238-1797) if you have any questions.

We hope to see many Sacred Heart families join in this community event.

PARISH NEWS

Please put this in for Fall Festival:

To celebrate the success of our Fall Festival, the Fall Festival committee would like to invite everyone who helped with the festival to join us for dinner at the Brass Rail, Thursday, November 2, at 6:00. You will be responsible for paying for your own dinner, but we feel this is a great way to celebrate and support The Brass Rail. All parish families and all ages are invited. Please contact the parish office with the number that will attend from your family by Oct. 31, so we can give the Brass Rail notice.

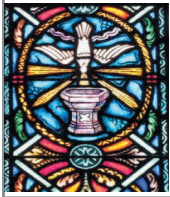


Anthony John Debevec, brother to Chuck Debevec, passed away on Sunday October 15, 2017 at the age of 71. A Mass of Christian Burial was on Thursday (10-19-17) at the Church of the Sacred Heart.

We pray the love of God enfolds you during your journey through grief, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.



MASS INTENTIONS



October 25 Open
October 28 Open
October 29 Dick & Sally Kemen †

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Totals for the week of 10/11/17

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LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, Oct. 28 at 4:00 pm

Lector: Rick Drevecky
Communion: Mary Petschl,
Kristi Frasier
Gifts: Petschl Family
Ushers: Al Petschl, Ken Opatz
Servers: Connor Frazier

Sunday, Oct. 29 at 9:00 a.m.

Lectors: Sue Roth, Diana Grandlund
Communion: Beth Churchsmith,
Scott Tryon, Jean Peno
Gifts: Herberg Family
Ushers: Bill Peno, Joe Moore,
Dennis Kaufmann
Servers: TJ Roth, Elena Herberg

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.



ALL SAINTS' DAY—WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Sacred Heart will have Mass at 9:00 a.m. and again at 6:45 p.m. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. All you holy men and women, pray for us!



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 25

Fr. Nygaard Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, October 28

Fr. Andy Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

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

Sunday, October 29

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

Fr. Andy Sacred Heart 9:00 am

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

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

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Bill Peno
Mary Knack
Wayne King
Robby Murry
Heidi Blatz
David Gaul
Cecilia Shinler
Joan Parkin
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Arlene Greenhagen
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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



This is a terrific week to ask for the gift of freedom. Each day, when we focus ourselves in the morning, and throughout each busy day, we can keep asking God to help us, to give us what we need to become freer.

There's freedom "from" and freedom "for." We can ask to be released from what has a hold on us. If we ask, we

can trust that God will give us the grace to understand the habits and desires that hold us back from intimacy with God. We can ask to be more honest with ourselves about them, and to grow in a desire to discover what we would be like without them. We can pray to be free for whatever God desires of us. If we express our desire to be placed at the service of others and to be able to give our lives away more generously, we can trust that God will let Jesus set our hearts on fire.

The Word helps us each week. Sometimes, one phrase or one story will carry us for several days. Other weeks, we will have to look back at the readings to hear a reminder, an encouragement, a call. I might stay with the words, "give to God what is God's." On a given day it might be a great grace to realize all is gift, including the members of my family, the gifts I've been given to do my work, the graces offered me this very day. If I hear the words of Jesus, "life does not consist in possessions," we might ask him to show me how this is meant for me this week. Perhaps I will imagine myself as that tree that isn't bearing much fruit. Instead of cutting me down, our Lord is patient and willing to nourish me and cultivate me, so that I can bear fruit.

All week, we speak with our Lord, friend to friend, expressing whatever is in our hearts. No matter how busy we are, we will grow in gratitude as we see how much Jesus can do with our open hearts.



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