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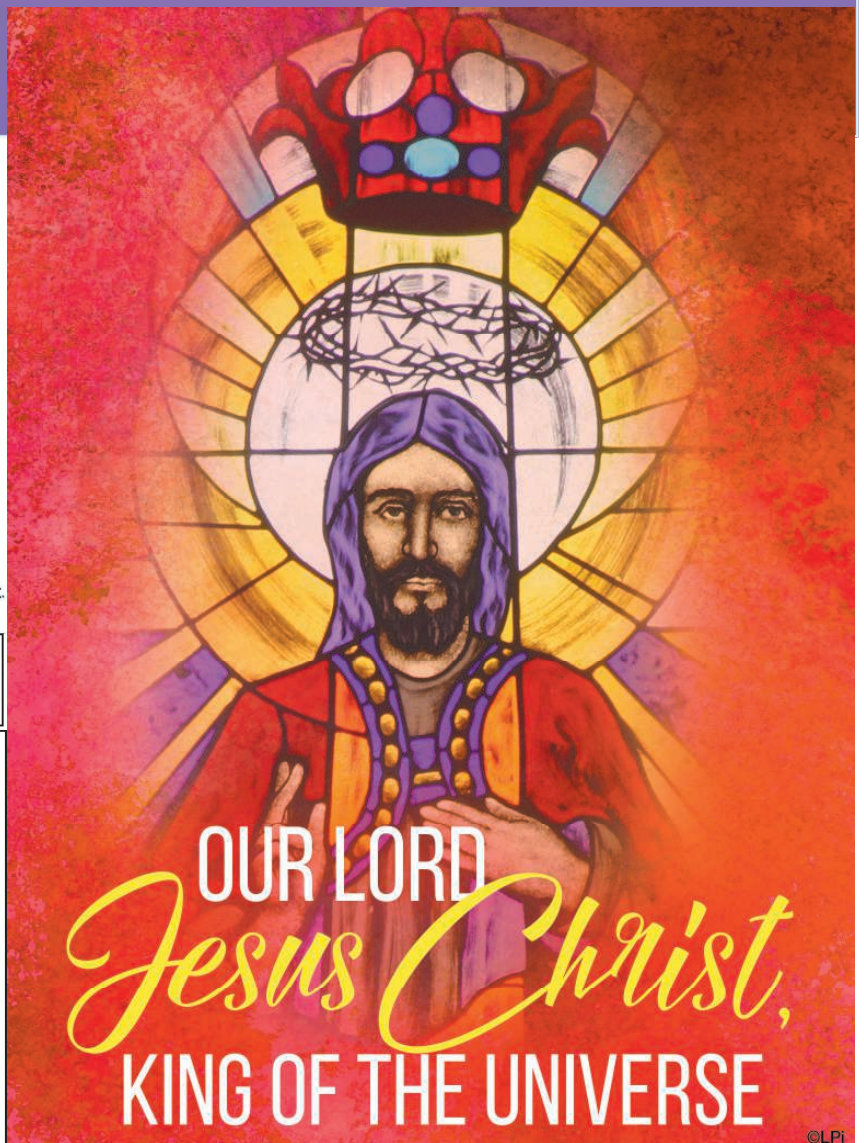
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Mission Statement

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.



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.

November 26, 2017

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

The Thirty-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

Sunday is the Thirty-Fourth or Last Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. Jesus tells the marvelous parable about how we will all be judged - as a shepherd separates sheep from goats, based upon our care for the poor: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."

We celebrate the Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle on the 30th. The first reading this last week of the liturgical year is from the Book of Daniel. These apocalyptic and mystical readings were written to give encouragement to the Jewish people in the face of persecution.

The stories in the Gospel of Luke this week offer a look at the meaning of generosity as the poor widow offers her two small coins. Jesus cautions against those who will come in his name promising salvation: "Do not follow them!" The cost of following his teaching is made clear, "You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed." In a dramatic look at the end time, echoing the Daniel readings, Jesus says, "And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." Jesus continues the "end time" message saying, "know that the Kingdom of God is near. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place." He cautions, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap."

Sunday is the beginning of a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. The first reading from the Prophet Isaiah as the people repent before God: "Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!" Mark's gospel offers the image of the master who leaves his servants in charge while he is away. Be watchful! Be alert!

Reflections

We often mention that time is a gift to us; this idea of measuring Church time is also a gift, but do we truly appreciate it?

People tend to say "I go to church." In reality, Christ does not call us to "go" to church; He calls us to be Church. We should live our lives in such a way that it is clear we are Catholic and Christian and part of Christ's Kingdom, for He is our King. Were you aware that the name "Christ" is a royal title in itself? In Greek it means "the anointed king."

St. Paul referred to the Lord as "king of kings and lord of lords," a phrase with which we are familiar. If we accept Christ as our King, and if we live our lives as His disciples and followers we are certainly part of His Kingdom. Pope Pius XI instituted today's solemnity in 1925 at a time when many countries were struggling with total loyalty to secular royalty. Pius XI wanted Catholics to recognize that their loyalty was to a higher power, their spiritual king in heaven.

Pius XI wrote at that time, "For Jesus Christ reigns over the minds of individuals by His teachings, in their hearts by His love, in each one's life by the living according to His law and the imitating of His example."

Daily Prayer This Week

The old and the new come together this week as we bring this liturgical year to a close and look ahead to Advent, which begins Sunday. We reflect that Jesus is our Savior and King. This means we are called to help build up the kingdom by loving Jesus in our poorest brothers and sisters. We will encounter readings about the generosity of a poor widow and the warning of the approaching end of time. This is meant to help us begin our preparations for Advent. The actual end of the world may not be at hand, but the Kingdom of God is always at hand for us. It takes focus and paying attention to notice the signs, the ways the Lord makes himself available to us in the midst of our busy days.

We prepare for Advent this week when we can begin a small, but honest prayer, "Come, Lord, Jesus. Come into this place and into the conflict in my life. Let me be attentive and open to see the places where I am restless, distracted and too busy. Come into my real situation - not the way I present myself to others. Come to me - the real me that needs you." We need this kind of preparation.



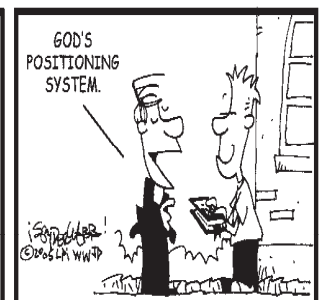
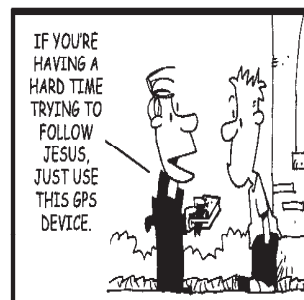
These are challenging times. Holidays stretch us and test us. Sometimes, under the stress of it all, we regress into behaviors that are bad and destructive, because they are familiar and what so many others are

doing. Relationships get strained. Alcohol rarely brings cheer without at times risking bad patterns. So, praying these days - while very busy - praying out of our needs and even our pain - roots us in relationship with the One who always comes to save us.

For those of us in the U.S., we shouldn't miss reflecting on the meaning of Thanksgiving Day. It is an important time to be grateful for what we have received and to accept our responsibility for being good stewards of what we have, sharing God's gifts to us in loving service to others.

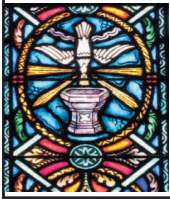
For all of us, this is a week to be grateful and to experience the beginning of Advent on Sunday. We can prepare to walk into Church more alert, more ready to explore our longing. We can take advantage of the many resources offered on the "Praying Advent" pages. As we grow in our practice of connecting with our Lord and friend in brief moments throughout each day, we can develop the habit of giving thanks each night for what we have received.

CHRIST THE KING



November 26, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS



November 29 Open
December 2 Leona Bier †
December 3 Open

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Totals for the week of 11/21/17

Plate	220.00
Envelopes.....	1406.00
Stipends/stole	7.00
Food Shelf	35.00
Cam. For Human Dev	231.07
EFT Money.....	490.00
Grave Sales.....	1000.00
Schlangen Family.....	20.00
Bing Crosby CD'	30.00
TOTALS	\$3439.07

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, December 2 at 4:00 pm Sunday, December 3 at 9:00 a.m.

Lector: Kevin Smith	Lectors: Al Walz, David Prickett
Communion: Jeanne Kay, Ginny Thorn	Communion: Beth Churchsmith*, Clarence Larson, Audrey Larson
Gifts: Kay Family	Gifts: Peterson Family
Ushers: Dick Ordner	Ushers: Craig Peterson, Don Belland
Servers: TJ Roth, Ava Wendorff	Servers: Brodrick Larson, Dev-on Larson

SAVE THE DATE

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, is on Friday, December 8.



Masses will be held:
Thursday, Dec. 7
5:00 p.m.—Fr. Shane
Sacred Heart
Thursday, Dec. 7
7:00 p.m.—Fr. Shane
St Gregory the Great
Friday, Dec. 8

9:00 a.m.—Fr. Bob
St. Gregory the Great
Friday, Dec. 8
9:00 a.m.—Fr. Chuck
Sacred Heart

There will not be an evening Mass on
Friday, Dec. 8 at either Parish.
Thank You.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 29

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

First Friday, December 1

Fr. Nygaard Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, December 2

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

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

Sunday, December 3

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

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

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

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

Marjorie King	Margaret Brooker	Kim Sarago
Jean Amunson	Marvin Johnson	Jim Kirchberg
Bill Peno	Arlene Greenhagen	Ethel Thomas
Mary Knack	Gerald Mollberg	Tom McKenzie
Wayne King	Jim Mitchell	Sue Roth
Robby Murry	Judie Peltier	Abby Larson
Heidi Blatz	Betty Erickson	Bob Wilbur
David Gaul	Phyllis Swanson	Tom Solorz
Cecilia Shinler	Nick Cieminski	Colleen Najewski
Joan Parkin	Betty Anderson	Lenny Anderson
Ariel Thull-Rulfzen	Jim Bartz	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."

NEWS

COOKIE SALE IS NEXT SATURDAY Just a reminder the CCW Santa Day's cookie sale is next **Saturday, December 2.** Those who wish to bring a double batch of their favorite Christmas cookies for us to sell can bring them starting at 8:45. We have had a wonderful variety of cookies in the past and hope this year will be the best and plentiful sale of all.



Come have lunch with us at the Rush City Senior Dining or have your meals delivered. Cost for 60 and over \$4.00 under 60 \$7.75. Meals are served daily, Monday thru Friday. Bingo every Wednesday & Friday at 11 am. For more information or to order a meal please call 320.358.3611 between 10am and 1pm.



We are looking for a new Chairwoman or Co-Chairwomen to take over the 2018 Salad Luncheon. Lists and instructions will be provided from previous years. All members of CCW assist with the luncheon, but we do need someone to chair the event. If you are interested, please contact Brenda Dahl.

Next CCW meeting is **December 5th at 6:30 pm** in Wey Hall.

Christmas Tree Sales! Enjoy a fresh cut pine tree for your Christmas this year. They look good, smell good, and your payment will be used to offset the cost of the 2018 mission trip expense. Purchase your certificate in the parish office hours & then go and pick out the tree of your choice. Thank you.



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