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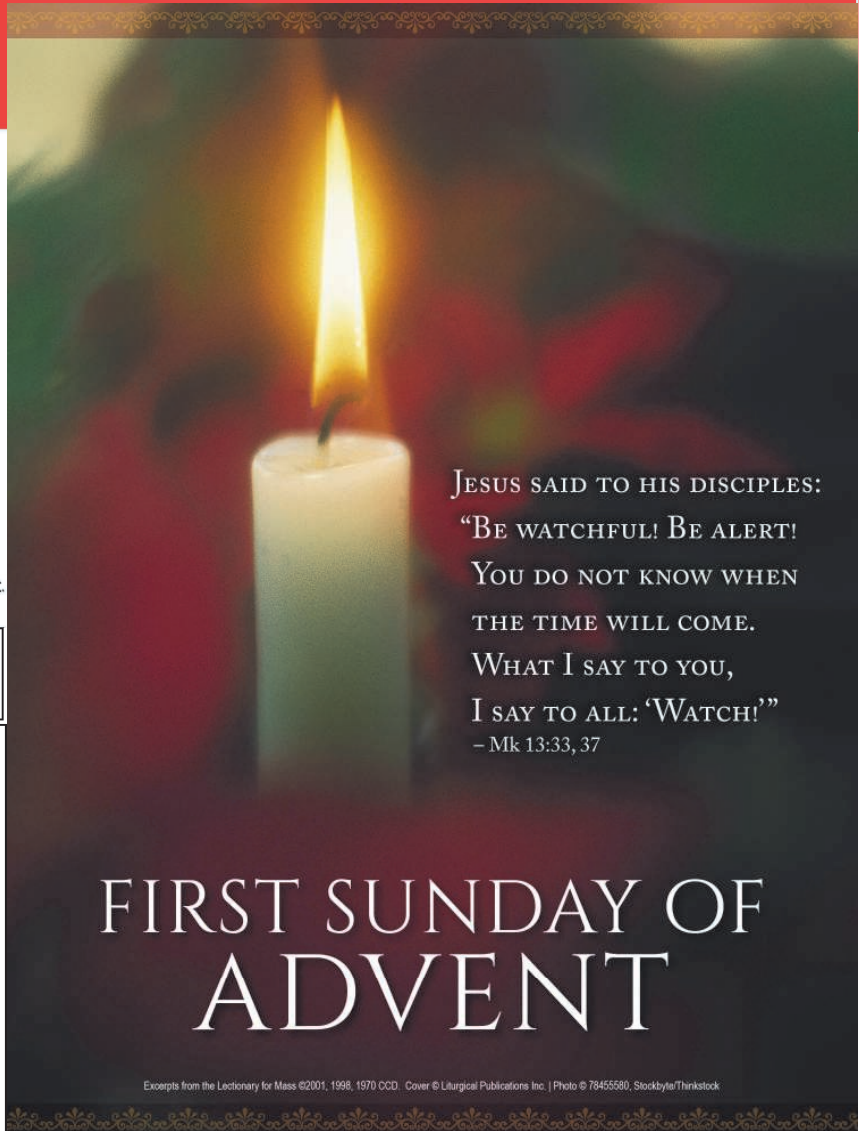
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Mission Statement

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.



JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES:
"BE WATCHFUL! BE ALERT!
YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN
THE TIME WILL COME.
WHAT I SAY TO YOU,
I SAY TO ALL: 'WATCH!'"
- Mk 13:33, 37

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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.

December 3, 2017

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

First Week of Advent

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!

Friday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

During the first part of Advent - until December 17 - we focus on the first reading. This week it is from the **Prophet Isaiah**. These readings are about promises. Isaiah is consoling, building up and preparing his people to have hope. "In the days to come," he says over and over. When the day of promise comes, "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again." Even though King David's line, and that of his father, Jesse, are almost wiped out, Isaiah proclaims hope: "On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom." Who would believe even a peace in nature - lion lying down with the lamb? "There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea." God's unique ways of favoring the poor, which Mary comes to know and proclaims in her Magnificat, are seen when Isaiah says, "He humbles those in high places, and the lofty city he brings down; He tumbles it to the ground, levels it with the dust." Even Jesus' own statement about his mission is seen in the powerful images Isaiah uses to give us courage and hope: "On that day the deaf shall hear ... the eyes of the blind shall see ... the lowly will ever find joy in the LORD ..." "On the day the LORD binds up the wounds of his people."

The gospels for this first part of Advent are chosen from several gospels. They are meant to match the first readings and to show that the promises are fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus brings healing. He raises up the childlike. And Jesus calls and sends the twelve apostles to continue his ministry.

In the **Second Sunday of Advent** we hear Isaiah write of a voice that cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!" These lines from the prophet are repeated in the **Mark's Gospel** as we are introduced to John the Baptist who prepares the way for Jesus. John says, "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Daily Prayer This Week

Despite all of the distractions at this time of year, we really can focus on Advent during these weeks. We seem to get very busy, and at times have to go to a number of social events or wrestle with budgets and shopping, but the heart of this season is all about expectant hope. So, we begin our Advent journey by giving ourselves some time - just a few minutes each day - to reflect on how much God promises us.

Each morning this week, while we are first coming to consciousness, we can name a desire, name an emptiness or feeling of anxiety or worry that we can feel. It is into the raw places in our lives such as these, that our Lord came to be with us. So, this week, we can begin to invite our Lord to be Incarnate in our lives, in the places we need him the most.

Our goal this week is to let ourselves feel like those to whom the promises of our God are made. We want to get in touch with ourselves, especially those parts of ourselves that are in need of a Savior. We do this by keeping our focus on the places that feel like a desert, the places that feel like we've been through a war, the places that feel like a lifeless stump. When we have a hard time seeing, we ask for the grace to be able to believe the promise that we shall see. When we seem deaf, we place our trust in the One who assures us that we will hear. And when we feel beaten down and awfully lowly, we turn to the One who promises that we will "find joy in the Lord." And, who among us doesn't have days on which we are aware of various kinds of wounds? On the day of promise, "the Lord binds up the wounds of his people." As we let these deep realities of our daily, busy lives come into focus and interact with the readings, something wonderful happens. We become more and more aware of our need for God. Very naturally and quite spontaneously, a

prayer comes forth from deep within us, which we can say in the smallest moments of our busiest days. "Come, Lord." "Come and save me." "Come and be with me in all of these messy, empty, dry and disordered places in my life." "Come, Lord. I feel my longing for you grow. I feel my hope grow. And, as I place my hope in your promises, Advent begins to come alive in me."

All of this preparation can happen in the simplest way, before the first Christmas decoration goes up. And, for each moment of each day that we encounter a place that we desire, that we long for our Lord's coming, we can express our thanksgiving. Each night we might pray:

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?" (Ps. 27)



2017 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

The Immaculate Conception

A Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 7

5:00 PM at Sacred Heart

7:00 PM at Saint Gregory (with Incense)

Friday, December 8

9:00 AM at Sacred Heart & Saint Gregory

***The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Saturday, December 23

4:00 PM at Sacred Heart

5:00 PM at Saint Gregory

Sunday, December 24

9:00 AM at Sacred Heart

9:30 AM at Saint Gregory

The Nativity of The Lord

Sunday, December 24

4:00 PM at Saint Gregory

5:00 PM at Sacred Heart (with Incense)

10:00 PM at Saint Gregory (with Incense)

Monday, December 25

9:00 AM at Sacred Heart (with Incense)

10:00 AM at Saint Gregory (with Incense)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

A Holy Day of Obligation

Sunday, December 31

5:00 PM at Sacred Heart

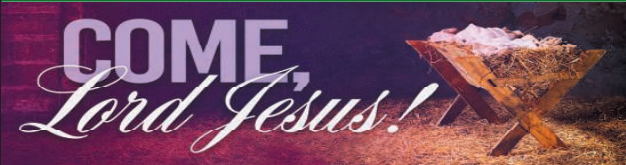
Monday, January 1

9:00 AM at Sacred Heart

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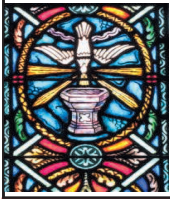
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* First, Second and Third Sundays of Advent are the same as regular weekends.



December 3, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS



December 6 Open
December 9 Open
December 10 Dick & Sally Kemen †

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Totals for the week of 11/28/17

Plate159.00
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LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, December 9 at 4:00 pm Sunday, Dec. 10 at 9:00 a.m.

Lector: Rick Drevecky **Lectors:** Youth
Communion: Mary Stenger, **Communion:** Liz Herberg, David
Kristie Frazier Prickett, Scott Tryon
Gifts: Stenger Family **Gifts:** Youth
Ushers: Ted Stathes **Ushers:** Dennis Kaufmann, Joe
Servers: Connor Frazier Moore, Don Belland
 Servers: Brayden Ertz, Elena
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The family of Tony Debevec would like to thank the following who attended or participated in his funeral:

To the staff at Olson Chapel, the sacristan, ushers, server; those who provided the music; those who provided the military honors; the pallbearers, kitchen staff, and any others who helped; to our relatives and friends who attended, donated, and arranged for Masses; to those and to all others who were unable to attend but offered their prayers and condolences we express our deepest gratitude. Special thanks are due to Fr. Andy Phiri, who stepped in with little notice to celebrate the Mass in the most devout and excellent manner possible.

*Chuck Debevec
Carol Clift*



SECOND COLLECTION DECEMBER 9 & 10

The December second collection will be for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Donations will go to help care for elders. "Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders," writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 6

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Thursday, December 7

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 5:00 pm

Friday, December 8

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, December 9

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

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

Sunday, December 10

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

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Fr. Shane St. Gregory's 10:00 am

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

Marjorie King	Margarette Brooker	Kim Sarago
Jean Amunson	Marvin Johnson	Jim Kirchberg
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Wayne King	Jim Mitchell	Sue Roth
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Cecilia Shinler	Nick Cieminski	Colleen Najewski
Joan Parkin	Betty Anderson	Lenny Anderson
Ariel Thull-Rulfzen	Jim Bartz	Kathy Quinn
Jim Notsch		

"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

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.



Unidentified cash contribution

Last weekend, a substantial cash amount was placed in the collection basket without any identification on the envelope. If this was you, please contact the office so we may give appropriate credit to you. Thank you.

Sunday, December 10th will be Youth mass followed by fellowship, after fellowship we will be preparing a meal for "APFY".



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