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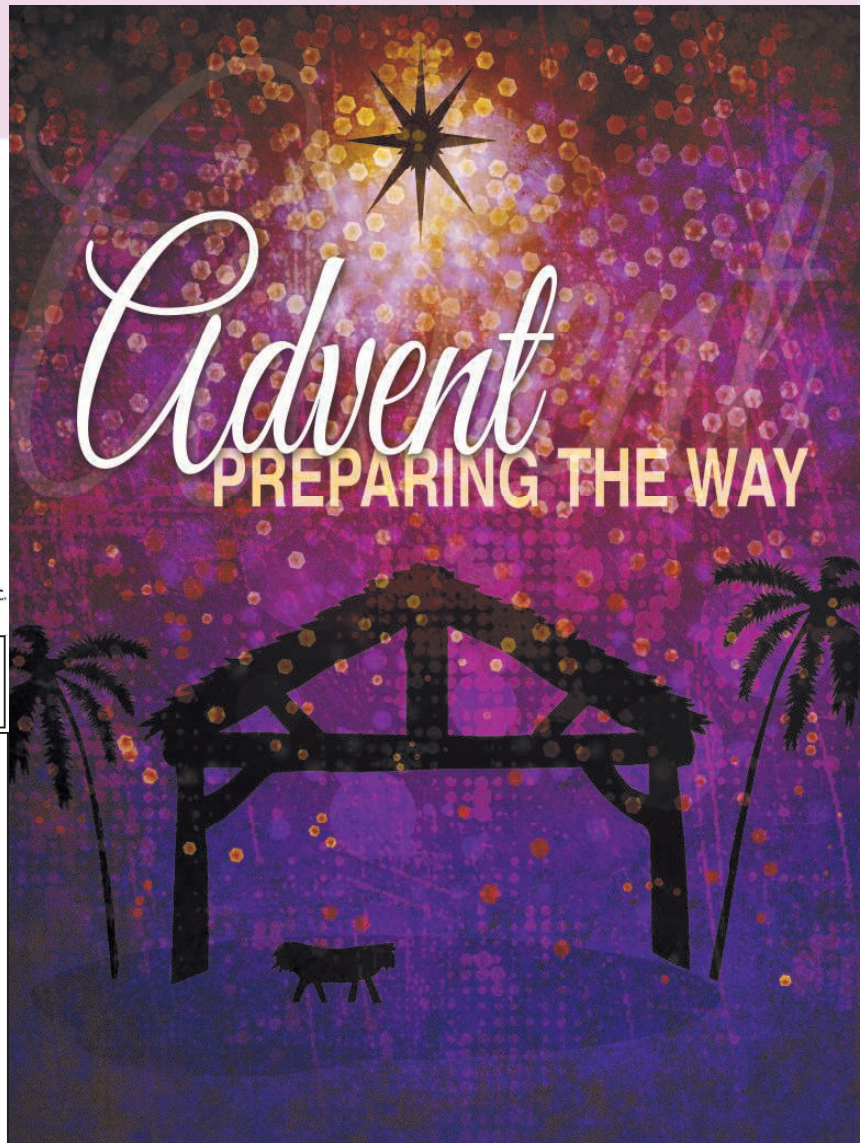
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Mission Statement

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.

December 17, 2017

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Servant of God Fr. Emil Kapaun

Emil Joseph Kapaun was born on April 20, 1916 and grew up on a farm near Pilsen, Kansas. He graduated High School in May 1930, Conception Abbey Seminary College in 1936 and Kenrick Theological Seminary in 1940. On June 9, 1940 Emil was ordained a Catholic priest at what is now Newman University. He celebrated his first Mass at St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church in Pilsen, Kansas.

In January 1943 Emil was appointed auxiliary chaplain at the Herington Army Airfield near Herington, Kansas. In December 1943 Emil was appointed pastor to replace Fr. Sklenar who had retired.

Emil Kapaun entered the U.S. Army Chaplain School at Ft. Devens, Massachusetts in August 1944. Graduating in October began his military chaplaincy at Camp Wheeler, Georgia. He and one other chaplain ministered to approximately 19,000 service men and women. He served in the Burma Theater from April 1945 to May 1946. He ministered to U.S. soldiers and local missions covering a 2,000-mile territory by jeep. He was promoted to captain in January 1946 and released from active duty in July 1946. In February 1948 under the G.I. Bill, he earned a Master of Arts degree in Education at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. In September 1948, he returned to active duty in the U.S. Army.



In January 1950, he was sent to Japan. On July 15 Emil and the Division embarked and left Tokyo Bay sailing for Korea less than a month after North Korea had invaded South Korea. They made the first amphibious landing in the Korean War on July 18. In late August Emil was assigned as chaplain of the 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment. He soon participated in the fighting on the Pusan perimeter in South Korea. From there, since mid-September, Emil and the division were constantly on the move northward. On October 9, the division crossed the 38th parallel into North Korea and advanced within 50 miles of the Chinese border.

He was captured and taken prisoner by Chinese soldiers during the Battle of Unsan on November 2, 1950. He and other members of his regiment were taken prisoner and were marched 87 miles to a prison camp. At the camp he dug latrines, mediated disputes, gave away his own food, and raised morale among the prisoners.

Besides having dysentery and pneumonia, Emil developed a blood clot in one of his legs. Although weak, he managed to lead Easter sunrise service on Sunday March 25, 1951. In time, the prison guards took him to a place in the camp they called the "hospital", which was really a place where he was left alone to die of malnutrition and pneumonia on May 23, 1951. Emil was buried in a mass grave near the Yalu River. He was one of twelve chaplains to die in Korea. He was posthumously awarded the Legion of Merit by the U.S. Army for exceptionally meritorious conduct as a prisoner of war as well as the Purple Heart. In 2013, Emil Joseph Kapaun posthumously received the Medal of Honor for his actions in Korea. He is the ninth American military chaplain Medal of Honor recipient.

In 1993, Pope John Paul II declared him a Servant of God, the first stage on the path to canonization.

Article Courtesy of Bob Rawson, Guest Writer

Daily Prayer This Week

This third week of Advent, begins with *Gaudete* (rejoice!) Sunday. Our daily prayer continues to allow us to become much more concrete about naming our desires and preparing the way for the Lord. We begin this week with joy, knowing that our celebration of all the ways our Lord comes to us is getting nearer.



In these familiar readings is an invitation to us to ask again for help, perhaps especially in dealing with our fears. On Tuesday we hear God's message to us Isaiah: "Fear not. You

shall not be put to shame." Fear can stop us from asking God for the very help we need in our lives. In the midst of what our culture tells us should be a picture-perfect holiday season, we can step back and get in touch with our fears and ask God to help us deal with the relationships we are afraid of, the family tensions that make us apprehensive and the stress that can take us out of the spirit of Advent reflection. If we pause for just a minute, we can feel in our hearts that Jesus is saying gently to us each day: "Do not be afraid." These very busy days can still be a time for us to focus our desires, perhaps each morning at the side of our bed, while in the shower or while going about our daily errands. We can ask God to remind us again that what we are doing in our daily lives is touched by the sacred because God is present in even the most mundane tasks.

"Lord, let me place my trust in you. I get so independent and think I need to fix everything myself. Let me remember not to be afraid of so much and to ask you for the healing that my heart needs so badly. Give me the patience this week to deal with the relationships in my life that need mending and the forgiveness that I can give others and that I need so badly myself. Be with me through the darkness so that I can see the light that you bring to us and the joy with which you want to fill our hearts."

We are moving toward the end of our Advent journey. Even if we don't feel like we have "started" on Advent yet, we can begin today. We are being invited: "Do not be afraid!"

Fill My Heart with Joy

Third Sunday of Advent—Psalm 34:18

JESUS, today you draw my gaze towards Christmas, which is now coming nearer. Do not let me be taken in by weariness or sadness, even though I may have reason to be because of my many concerns and the many forms of violence which wound our humanity. May your coming fill my heart with joy.

December 17, 2017

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 20		
Fr. Shane	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
Saturday, December 23		
Fr. Fitzgerald	Sacred Heart	4:00 pm
Fr. Chuck	St. Gregory's	5:00 pm
Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve		
Fr. Shane	St. Gregory's	8:30 am
Fr. Chuck	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
Fr. Shane	St. Gregory's	10:30 am
Monday, December 25 Christmas Day		
Fr. Shane	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
Fr. Fitzgerald	St. Gregory's	10:00 am

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

Marjorie King	Margarette 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	Cathy Gamache
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
Jim Notsch	Bob Wilbur	

"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."

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Totals for the week of 12/12/17

Plate	240.00
Envelopes	1416.00
Bldg. Maint.	35.00
CCW Cookie sale	6.00
Stipends/stole	50.00
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2017 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

*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

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

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

10:00 AM at Saint Gregory

NEWS

Adult Servers: Please call the office or see Janet Yurick if you are willing to be an adult (man or woman) server at mass. You would be fully trained and called upon when no scheduled server is unable to serve.

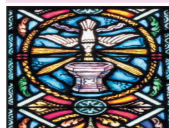
Lenten Vespers: This long-held tradition of readings and chanted music in preparation for Easter is typically held in the late afternoon or early evening. If you are interested in having a vesper service held at Sacred Heart this coming lent, please call, text or email the church to express that interest. Thank you.

Confession: Fr. Shane will stay after Mass this Wednesday to hear any confessions. He will be in the Sacristy.

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.

THANK YOU! A big thank you to the group that helped prepare a meal for A Place for You on Sunday, December 10 and to CCW for donating the food. A meal of chicken soup, bread, and apple crisp was prepared by Kevin Murphy, Alexis Murphy, Alexis Ertz, MiKayla Ertz, Hunter Schlangen, Austin Schlangen, Josephine Schlangen, Isabel Schlangen, Cindy Schlangen, Janet Yurick and Sue Roth. The staff and residents were very appreciative when it was delivered to the shelter.

MASS INTENTIONS



December 20	Open
December 23	Kathy Quinn (Prayers)
December 24	Richard & Ricky Lehman †

An Advent and Christmas Procession

This year's Advent and Christmas decorations at Sacred Heart include a large banner on the wall behind the choir. It represents a cross bearer and two acolytes making their way toward the horizon of a wintry landscape, while the star of Bethlehem shines bright and strong overhead in a star-filled sky.

What message was this scene meant to convey? Three things are key. Firstly we can easily see that the star of Bethlehem is shaped differently than all the other stars in the sky. Its shape echoes that of the cross directly below. In this way, we are reminded that the star and the cross are inextricably entwined, the cross giving to the star its ultimate meaning. Secondly, we know that the function of a cross bearer and acolytes is to lead a procession. But there are no other figures on the banner. That is because *WE* are the procession. Lastly, the luminosity of the scene is intended to convey the wonder of that night which transformed the world.

At the start of Advent each year, we, both as individuals and as church, begin anew the walk of discipleship which will lead us to the manger, to the cross, to the empty tomb and beyond. May this transformative journey be meaningful to each of us as we begin to process together.



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