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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.



THE HOLY FAMILY

“For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.”

- Lk 2:30-31

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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 31, 2017

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Second Week of Christmas



Sunday is the wonderful **Feast of the Holy Family**, and there is a wonderful variety of readings from which to choose. **Luke's Gospel** is the story of the teen aged Jesus teaching in the temple while his parents searched for him. Jesus goes back home with his family. "He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man."

New Year's Day, is the **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**. In addition, it is a celebration of **World Day of Prayer for Peace**. It marks the mid-point in the Christmas Season.

The week continues with a **Memorial of Saint Basil the Great and Saint Gregory Nazianzen**. In the US, we remember **Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton** and the memorial of **Saint John Neumann, Bishop**.

For most of the world, January 6, is the celebration of the **Epiphany of the Lord**, although the US celebrates it on Sunday. That is why this year the closing feast of the Christmas Season, **the Baptism of the Lord**, is celebrated on Sunday, in most of the world, but in the U.S. it is moved to Monday.

The first reading until the Epiphany continues from the **First Letter of John**, encouraging us to make our home in the one who makes his home in us. In Jesus, we have eternal life and we are called to love one another.

The Gospels for this week show Jesus manifesting himself in his life on earth, following **John's Gospel**, from the testimony of John to the manifestation or sign at the wedding feast of Cana.

The Epiphany of the Lord celebrates the light that has come into the darkness of the world and that our salvation was made known to the Gentiles.

The Baptism of the Lord is another epiphany. The divine voice from heaven manifests, reveals, points Jesus out as God's "beloved Son."

Daily Prayer This Week

This second week of the Christmas Season can be a great help for our daily connections with our Lord. We begin the week with the full and wonderful Solemnity in honor of Mary, in her role as "Mother of God." We can ask her to be our guide all week as we desire to grow closer to her Son.

PRAY

We can read the Holy Father's words for the World Day of Prayer for Peace and chew them from time to time this week.

As we go through our daily and often very busy lives, in this time after Christmas, we can continue a sense of this brief season by continuing to ask that our Lord come to us in the ways we still need light and healing and peace. For some of us, this will be an easy prayer this week.

Waiting faithfully can continue throughout the Christmas Season.

A special grace to ask for this week would be the gift of celebrating our Lord's presence with us. We can ask for it every morning, as we get going and we can enter into brief conversations with our Lord, in the background, as we encounter some of the places in our life in which we can see more hope, more of an opportunity for peace.

This week, we might hold up each member of our family, close friends and neighbors, and those we might work with, seeing and celebrating how our Lord is manifest in them. For some of us, there may be real epiphany moments, when we see what we haven't been seeing, feel what we haven't been feeling or experience a call we haven't felt before. Being watchful for and open to these special post-Christmas moments of grace is very important.

The Baptism of the Lord ends this Christmas Season and reminds us of the rest of our lives. As Jesus fully enters our world, by becoming one with us in the waters of baptism, we can ask for a renewed sense of our union with him in baptism - for our salvation and for our mission in this world.

As 2017 draws to a close, many of us are putting the finishing touches on some New Year's resolutions. In the readings for today, Abraham is an example of a man of faith. He can assist us in the decisions we make about how to live more faithfully in 2018.

The writer to the Hebrews says that Abraham believed God's promise that he would have an heir "for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy." Notice what the Genesis and Hebrews readings do not say - that he knew how God was going to fulfill his promise. It is one thing to believe that someone is trustworthy and will do what they say but it is another matter altogether to know how they are going to do it. In fact, Abraham seems to know how God is not going to do it. He is not going to give him a son from his wife, Sarah. So, he has certain suggestions for how God can pull it off. Proposal A is that he adopt one of his servants, Eliezer. This was not an uncommon way to obtain an heir and Eliezer must have been a loyal, noble person because Abraham made him the steward of his house. By the way, his "house" is not like anything we see today. Once Abraham had to gather the fighting men of his house to go and rescue his nephew, Lot, who had been taken captive. His fighting men numbered 318. Abraham was a wealthy man with a huge household and Eliezer was his right hand man. So, Proposal A isn't really a bad idea, from Abraham's standpoint. However, God says No, "your own issue shall be your heir." He knew God could not give him this heir through Sarah but at least now he knew that God would fulfill his promise through his own son and not an adopted servant. Abraham believed God.

That does not stop Abraham from offering Proposal B. Our Genesis reading for today comes from the 15th and 21st chapters of Genesis. In between those chapters you can read about Abraham's second proposal. Abraham has a son by one of his slaves. Since it is his own issue, Abraham just knows that God will fulfill his promise through this particular son. Again, God says No; you will have a son through your wife, Sarah. At this, Abraham laughs in God's face. Sarah also laughs. God, you made me a promise and we believe you. However, this way of fulfilling your promise is impossible. Sarah cannot have children. When Sarah becomes pregnant and has a son, Abraham and Sarah are so blown away by it that they remember how they laughed at the prospect and name their son Isaac which means "he who laughs." Every time they see Laughing Boy they remember that they laughed at God's promise right up until the day when they laughed for joy at this bouncing baby boy.

What can Abraham teach us who want to live by faith in 2018? On more than one occasion I have believed God's words but then decided to help God out by telling him how to fulfill them. We can learn an important lesson from Abraham: trust God and wait for him to do amazing things. He may fulfill his promise through some normal, natural way. On the other hand, he may fulfill it in a way that is unimaginable. Abraham trusted God from the beginning but had to learn how to stop telling God how to be God. Perhaps in 2018 we, too, will learn that God is not only trustworthy but that his ways are not our ways. May the God who does miracles grant us a Happy New Year.

by George Butterfield

December 31, 2017

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, January 1		
Fr. Chuck	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
Wednesday, January 3		
Fr. Shane	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
Friday, January 5		
Fr. Nygaard	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
Saturday, January 6		
Fr. Chuck	Sacred Heart	4:00 pm
Fr. Shane	St. Gregory's	5:00 pm
Sunday, January 7		
Fr. Shane	St. Gregory's	8:30 am
Fr. Chuck	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
Fr. Shane	St. Gregory's	10:30 am

Happy New Year!!!

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
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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

Do to the early submission deadline the financial results will be posted in the following bulletin.

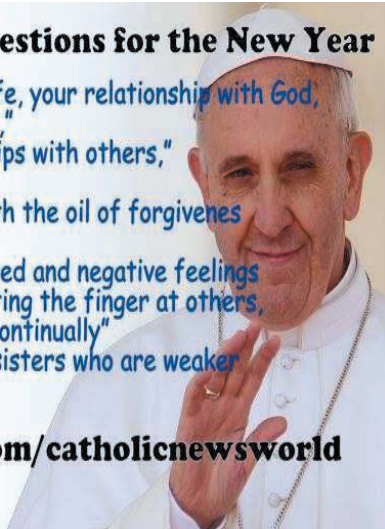
MASS INTENTIONS



January 1	Open
January 3	Open
January 6/7	Open

Pope Francis 10 Suggestions for the New Year

- 1 "Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God,
- 2 "Take care of your family life,"
- 3 "Take care of your relationships with others,"
- 4 "Be careful how you speak."
- 5 "Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness
- 6 "Look after your work"
- 7 "Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings
- 8 "Watch out for anger or pointing the finger at others,
- 9 Watch out "for complaining continually"
- 10 "Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker"



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NEWS



Thank you to all who helped decorate the church so beautifully for Christmas: Sue & Maggie Roth, Roger Pare, Ron Peltier, Dennis & Sandy Kaufmann, The Mark Murphy Family, Brenda

Dahl, The Brett Ertz family, Randy Perreault, Al Walz, Dennis Moore, Steve & Janet Yurick. I know I've missed some names, my apologies. Please call the office if I missed yours. *Janet Yurick, Environmental Chairperson*

You can pick up your **2018 Contributions envelopes**, they are available on the table in the back of the church and also please take 2018 calendar.

January and February Liturgical roles are available in the back of the church.

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.

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.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Monday, Jan. 1 at 9:00 am

Lector: Jeremy Albright, David Prickett

Communion: Jean Peno*, Mary Pat Hestbeck, David Prickett

Gifts: Peno Family

Ushers: Ron Peltier, Joe Moore, Bill Peno

Servers: Devon Larson, Isabelle Harer

Saturday, Jan. 6 at 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Rick Drevecky

Communion: Mary Stenger, Kristie Frazier

Gifts: Herberg Family

Ushers: Dick Ordner

Servers: Connor Frazier

Sunday, Jan. 7 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Sue Roth, Wayne Herberg

Communion: Liz Herberg*, David Prickett, Scott Tryon

Gifts: Herberg Family

Ushers: Rodney Swanson, Dennis Kaufmann, Don Belland

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