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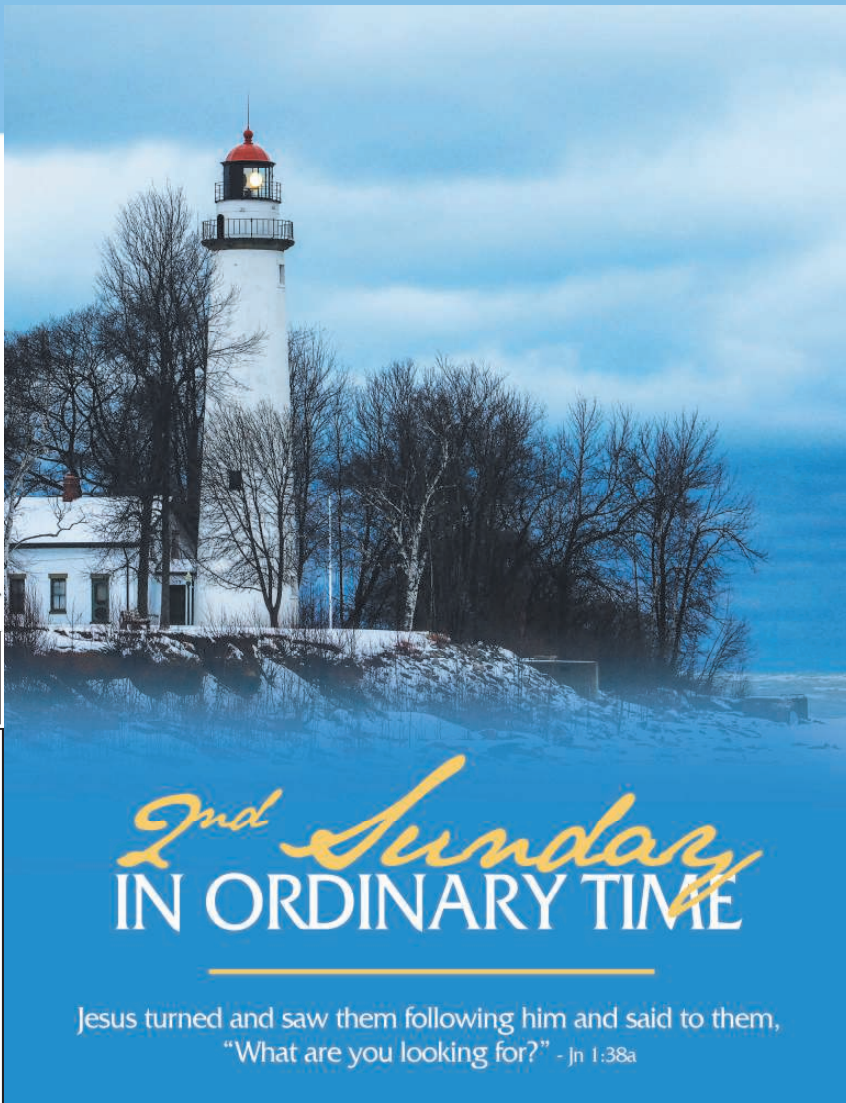
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Mission Statement

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.



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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.

January 14, 2018

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

ON COLORADO IN MAY 1982-PART II

In my article last week, which mostly were facts, I wrote about the first time I was on my own in Fort Collins, CO. Over the past few months, I have thought about my eighteen months living in the shadows of the majestic Rocky Mountains. While living sixty miles north of Denver, I attended Saint Joseph Church and Colorado State University (CSU) for one semester, and worked at Toddy's Grocery store in the produce department. There are numerous good memories and experiences from that time in my life as a twenty-year old.

Having just left Conception Seminary, and still interested in becoming a priest, I contacted the pastor of Saint Joseph's, Father Tom Woerth, to see how I could be involved at his parish. He asked me to train the altar servers, and perhaps teach in the fall faith formation program. I did end up teaching a second-grade class with another parishioner, Jean, who was around my mother's age and had ten children with her husband. She taught me much about how to pass on our faith that year, knowledge that I use to this day.

Father Woerth, who was ordained in 1966, was in his early forties, had only been a pastor for one year, and was a deeply spiritual person. His love of the priesthood, and spiritual, practical wisdom influenced me then, and even now. He introduced me to some great spiritual writers such as Father Henri J.M. Nouwen. Furthermore, he would now and then tell me that he thought I could be a good writer, or would make a good teacher; for this reason, it has given me the confidence in writing and desire to be an author. Teaching on the other hand, that is a whole other story since my powerlessness to think on the spot or at length has been a weakness never overcome.

While living in Fort Collins, I attended CSU enrolling as a history major. One class that stands out was on the History of the European Renaissance. In a philosophy course, Metaphysics, my professor, Joachim, had been a Trappist monk and priest before leaving the abbey. We had some interesting conversations outside the classroom. He also acquainted me with Eastern religions, something that has stayed with me to this day.

Due to my interest in other religions and spiritualities, I visited a nearby Eastern meditation center from time to time where I witnessed the adherents, who were vegetarians, leading a simple lifestyle and fasting often. One of my co-workers, although not part of the center, could have been. Joe challenged me to join him on a three day fast. This I did with success, and it was a tremendous spiritual experience.

Going just west of the city, driving along the Cache La Poudre River, I took a road trip, 100 miles away, to see my favorite cousins and to eat my aunt's fried chicken. I also traveled to Cheyenne, Wyoming, 40 miles away, every so often to eat a French dip sandwich at one restaurant. I was able to spontaneously knock on a friend's door for a visit. I could call a relative or friend on a landline phone shared with the landlord. I lived on my own, in freedom as a college student, without many worries. I lived in a simple apartment, but it was very comfortable. Indeed, this was the happiest time in my life, which I find happening again during the past few months. Although not quite as uncomplicated, my life is still most joyful.

Have a great week, Father Shane

Daily Prayer This Week

Ordinary Time is the longest Season of the Church year. This year we have seven or eight weeks of Ordinary Time before Lent begins. These weeks between the Christmas season and Lent are an important time to continue to work on our habits of focusing our desires early in the day and talking with the Lord throughout the day, in the background of our busy lives. This is how we become "contemplatives in action" and find intimacy with God without leaving the context of our real lives.

How do we do that with the hectic pace of our lives? We hear people say "I don't have time to pray." It isn't about finding more time but more focus in our day with God. With this type of focusing and active consciousness, we find ourselves surprised at the time we really do have. There are dozens of times in all of our days during which our minds are occupied with something: a song, re-playing the last event, practicing a conversation with someone, having an imaginary argument with someone, thinking through the "to do" list of the day. We can learn to fill these times with whatever we choose. If we choose to let it be about our relationship with our Lord, it transforms our lives.

It all begins with our mornings. This week, when we first get up and perhaps for a few moments in the shower or getting dressed, let's tell the Lord that what we desire today is to be more conscious of how what we do this day is responding to his call to me to be his disciple. Then, during the day, in those moments while driving or shopping or walking down the hall to a meeting, we can talk about how we are living our call in this or that activity we are engaged in. That conversation may get more detailed and specific in this or that set of events.



Each evening, for even a few moments, we can review our day's momentary conversations, recognizing the moments of real connection and grace and giving thanks for them, and resolving to take even greater advantage of

these opportunities the next day.



Thanks to everyone who helped take down the Christmas decorations.

Sue, TJ & Maggie Roth, Devan Larson, Al & Jan Walz, Dave Prickett, Joe & Dennis Moore (Elsie as moral support), Wayne, Liz & Elena Herberg, Dick & Pat Mihm, Sue Schneider, Don Kirchberg.



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 17		
Fr. Shane	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
Saturday, January 20		
Fr. Nygaard	Sacred Heart	4:00 pm
Fr. Fitzgerald	St. Gregory's	5:00 pm
Sunday, January 21		
Fr. Fitzgerald	St. Gregory's	8:30 am
Fr. Joe	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
Fr. Fitzgerald	St. Gregory's	10:30 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	
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

Weekend of	1/2/18	1/9/18
Plate	83.00	368.00
Envelopes	240.00	12816.00
Bldg. Maint.		65.00
Food Shelf		10.00
Christmas Offering		25.00
EFT Money		344.00
Christmas Flowers		20.00
Initial Offering	20.00	15.00
Special donation to youth program	900.00	
Total	\$1243.00	\$13663.00

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MASS INTENTIONS



We have numerous openings for Mass intentions, if you would like one read please contact the office. Thank you.

Baptism
OF THE *Lord*

NEWS



The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in Rush City on Jan. 15 from 1pm to 7pm at the St. Johns Lutheran Church.



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The 2018 Catholic Services Appeal for the 18 Collective Ministries of our Archdiocese has officially begun! The Collective Ministries are the shared ministries of this Archdiocese that no one parish can support on its own. Those who have contributed to the Appeal in the past should shortly receive a mailing from the CSAF requesting your continued support. We ask that you once again open your

generous hearts to hear the cry of the poor, the sick, the school children, and the many other people in need who are served by these ministries. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge. You can visit our website at www.csafsmf.org for more information regarding the 18 Collective Ministries. Please send in your pledge using the postage prepaid envelope provided with the mailing or bring your completed pledge to Mass and drop it in the offering. Thank you for your generosity!



Be sure to set aside Feb. 21 to see Tony Melendez perform his inspiring message of HOPE! See the Flyer on the bulletin boards for more information.

Souper Bowl – Soup Food Drive

Our parish will be participating in a special community food drive from now until February 4th, Super Bowl Sunday. Please donate cans/boxes of soup for our local food shelf. Collection bins are in the back of church and in the Parish House kitchen.



FAITH FORMATION

8th GRADE PRAYER WALK

On Wednesday, January 17, the 8th graders will be having a Prayer Walk from 6:00–8:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Please note this revised start and end time.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, Jan. 20 at 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Al Walz
Communion: Mary Stenger, Rick Kosloski
Gifts: Drevecky Family
Ushers: Dick Ordner
Servers: TJ Roth

Sunday, Jan. 21 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Kevin Smith, David Prickett
Communion: Audrey Larson, Clarence Larson*, Kristie Frazier
Gifts: Moore Family
Ushers: Derrick Murphy, Kevin Murphy, Rodney Swanson
Servers: Alexis Ertz, Brayden Ertz



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