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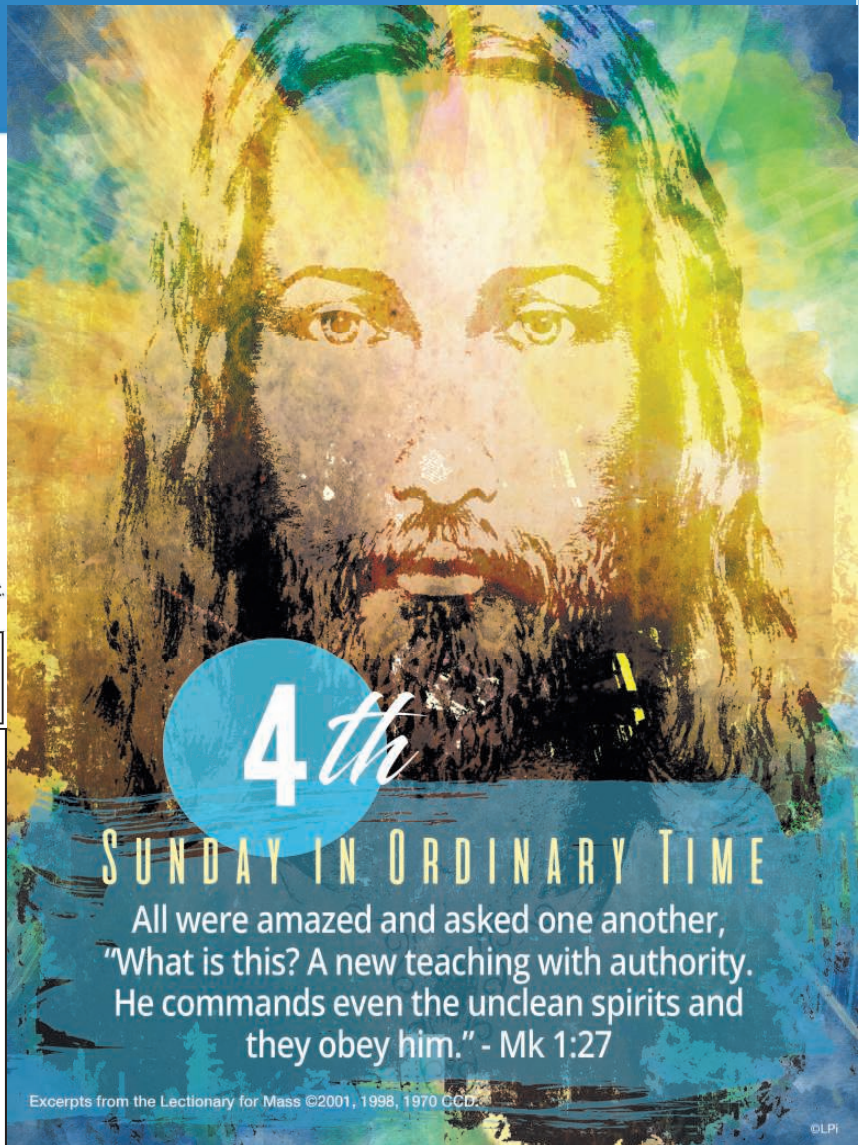
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Mission Statement

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.

January 28, 2018

ON "COME AND SEE", ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

For the past several months, I have pondered and prayed on several occasions on the Gospel of John, verse 1:39, Jesus' conversation with his soon to be first disciples. When he saw two of them, Andrew and Simon Peter, he asked, "What are you looking for?" In response, they replied, "Where are you staying?" Then Our Savior suggested that they "Come and see," which they did. A little while later in the same chapter, verse 46, on the next day, Philip told Nathanael to "Come and see." As was shared two Sundays ago at Sacred Heart when I gave my homily, these "come and see[s]" are the first callings of his disciples.

We receive our initial calling from Jesus when we are baptized regardless if we were a baby or as an adult. No matter, whether young or old, there are numerous times that we must discern where God is calling us. Hearing God's call is not always easy; often it takes time to recognize God's voice, particularly in this day and

age. Why? Sometimes God's call comes to us unexpectedly or other voices sidetrack us. This most often happens when we are so busy that we do not take time to pray, and we have little to no silence in our lives. Recall from two weeks ago, the first reading from the first Book of Samuel, Samuel heard God's voice in a quiet way.

Even though Samuel listened to God's voice, he needed further help in completely understanding and knowing what he was being called to do. Thus, he went to his mentor, Eli. Moreover, in the Gospel, it was Simon Peter's brother Andrew who helped him discern God's calling or will. In our own lives, we too need others in determining what God wants from us; these people can be a priest, a friend, a spouse, a parent, a teacher, a coach, or anyone else who is familiar with God's ways, who does so often speak to us through others.

We might ask where is God calling us? Can we recognize that call? God's will for us could be for something new in our lives. For instance, is God inviting you to participate more actively in church? Is God beckoning you to minister at Mass in some manner, such as a lector, usher, altar server, Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister? Or perhaps God is asking you to serve on the Finance Committee, Pastoral Council or some other way at either Sacred Heart or Saint Gregory the Great? Usually, we recognize God's call by "hearing" his voice in our hearts, or God might be inviting you through another person or myself as your pastor. Now, since we need several more ministers at both parishes, I am praying and discerning who I might ask to be of service at Mass or in other ways.

Are you listening to God? If you feel or sense God calling you through "hearing" his voice in your heart or by an invitation from another parishioner or myself, please respond to God's will in your life today!

Have a good week, Father Shane

Daily Prayer This Week

**HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?**

This is a wonderful week to use the brief background times of our lives to talk with the Lord about our need for healing. We can begin each day by naming some desire we have for healing and deeper wholeness and peace. Putting these desires into words, early each day, as soon as we get up or while in the shower or while dressing, helps us give focus to our relationship with the Lord that day. "Lord, thank you for this day. Be with me as I face the challenges before me today. I especially need patience and more compassion, Lord. Heal the anger I feel, and give me peace, so that I can love the way I know you want me to." Each of us can make this 30 second prayer specific to what we need to do each day, and what graces we need to do it. Getting in the habit of naming what I need and asking for it will shape how we spend the day, confidently aware of our God's presence with us.

Throughout the day, we can continue our simple conversation with our Lord, speaking friend to friend. We may encounter some spirits within ourselves that aren't very clean. Anger or resentment, fear or paralysis, jealousy or pride, lust or greed, self-pity or judging of others are all spirits that distort our ability to love others the way we are loved by our God. When we encounter them, we can ask the Lord to heal us, to drive these spirits from our hearts. Each experience of our need for a Savior can deepen our desire, and our ability to name them each morning.

The healing stories in the gospels make it clear that faith is key to the healing. When the people in Jesus' home town say, "Isn't this just the carpenter's son?" their lack of faith is saying, "He can't heal us." In our own struggle with letting Jesus be our Savior, two things can get in the way. First of all, we need to know we need healing. Secondly, we need to want to be healed. If I cling to being angry or have become comfortable being afraid, I will first need to acknowledge what a difference freedom would mean in my life and come to desire healing. Then, I need to believe our Lord can heal me. The rest is easy. This honest dialogue with our Lord, throughout our days, no matter what we are doing, can help us grow in faith in the One who wants nothing more than to keep freeing us to know his love for us and to share it generously with others.

The integrating element of this daily prayer is the gratitude we express each evening before we sleep, giving thanks for the grace to be able to connect with our Savior throughout this busy day.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 31		
Fr. Shane	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
Friday, February 2		
Communion Service	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
Saturday, February 3		
Fr. Bob Sipe	Sacred Heart	4:00 pm
Fr. Shane	St. Gregory's	5:00 pm
Sunday, February 4		
Fr. Shane	St. Gregory's	8:30 am
Fr. Bob Sipe	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
Fr. Shane	St. Gregory's	10:30 am

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

Marjorie King	Margarette Brooker	Kim Sarago
Jean Amunson	Marvin Johnson	Jim Kirchberg
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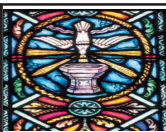
"When we pray, God hears more than we say, answers more than we ask, gives more than we imagine...in HIS own time and HIS own way."

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekend of	1/23/18
Plate.....	247.00
Envelopes.....	2681.00
Candle Money	47.00
Silent Auction	30.00
Stipends/Stole	17.00
EFT money	470.00
Total	\$3492.00

"Thank you for your continuing generosity!"

MASS INTENTIONS



Feb. 3/4 George & Evelyn Prickett †

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, Jan. 27 at 4:00 p.m.	Sunday, Jan. 28 at 9:00 am
Lectors: Rick Drevecky	Lectors: Sue Roth, Wayne Herberg
Communion: Ginny Thorn, Jeanne Kay	Communion: Beth Churchsmith, Scott Tryon*, Jean Peno
Gifts: Thorn Family	Gifts: Herberg Family
Ushers: Ted Stathes	Ushers: Bill Peno, Joe Moore, Dennis Kaufmann
Servers: Connor Frazier	Servers: Brodrick Larson, Elena Herberg



NEWS

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.csafsm.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!



Tickets for Tony Melendez performance will be for sale after both masses on the weekend of February 3rd.

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.



2017 Contributions statements and envelopes will continue to be available through Feb. 4th. After that, they can be obtained in the office.

February 13th will be the next Pastoral council meeting at 7:00 pm in the Parish House.



Join in the Fun and Festivities of Mardi Gras on Saturday, February 10.

6 PM—Food & Games Begin
7 PM to 9 PM—Bingo

Serving delicious helpings of Creole and Corn Bread! Hot dogs too!

Games of Chance, Bingo, and new this year French Quarter Beignets specially made while you wait.

Please join in the revelry at our annual Mardi Gras Party and support the participants of the 2018 Mission Trip in this Fundraising Effort!



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