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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.

February 18, 2018

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

The First Week of Lent

On the First Sunday of Lent, as we begin our Lenten journey, remembering how God re-established the covenant after the flood, and we reflect on how Jesus began his public ministry with a retreat of forty days - driven to the desert by the Spirit.

After last week's first four days, the next three weeks of Lent represent a period of instruction, originally designed for the Catechumens (those preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil). We can read these readings as a catechism of renewal for us all.

The first weekday reading of week one is the great giving of the Commandments: "Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy." Jesus gives the great parable about the last judgment - separating the charitable from the uncharitable: "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Then, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray. He says that it is an evil generation that looks for "signs." He's the sign - a call to repentance. On the day we hear the desperate but faith-filled prayer of Esther, Jesus tells us to pray confidently. And he sums up the whole law and the prophets for us: "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you." Jesus says our holiness has to go beyond the letter-of-the-law holiness; it must touch our anger, our judgments of others, and be reconciled with those we've wronged. The holiness Jesus proposes for us calls us to love our enemies, even to pray for those who persecute us. We are called to love the way God does.



his disciples his glory, to prepare them for what is to come. A voice from a cloud said, "This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him." All we need to do for the journey ahead is to listen to him.

For the Second Sunday of Lent we read of how God tested Abraham's faith. In the gospel we witness how Jesus showed



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the cross will be held at 7:00 pm on each Friday from February 16th through March 23rd and at 3:00 pm on Good Friday, March 30th. Join in this walk with Jesus during the Lenten season.



Daily Prayer This Week



This first week of Lent is the time we are given to begin our Lenten patterns, to re-align our priorities, and to make use of more reflective time each day. It is a time to fast and abstain from those things that hinder our relationship with the Lord, and to consider being more generous to the poor.

As we make this beginning, we are offered some beautiful instruction about what is expected of us. These readings describe a very Jesus-like love. We can examine our care for the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick or imprisoned. We can reflect upon who in our lives needs us and whether we love them as we want to be loved. And we can look at the deeper things, like our anger or how we treat others, and our response to those who are our "enemies." What is most important this first week, beyond a sharper examination of our consciences, is to see this as a time for God's grace to work in us. So, it is a time to ask for the graces we are starting to see we need.

Each morning this week we can ask our Lord to help us focus this day on the neediest people around us. We can ask to begin new patterns this week by practicing special charity and love, where I haven't been so generous or kind before. The key is to ask and to be very specific. Then, throughout the day, we can keep talking with our Lord, in the background about these graces we ask for and the concrete circumstances we find ourselves in. It is in the particular events of our day that we will become attentive to our need for our Lord's presence and grace, as well as our need to choose a new pattern. Each evening, we can briefly review the day and recognize some missed opportunities to connect with the Lord or take advantage of a situation here or there, but most of all, we can thank the Lord for the moments of connection that have begun our Lenten journey.



When we face the death of someone; to have a Mass offered for the repose of their soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers.

To have a Mass offered on the occasion of their birthday, anniversary or Holy day is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated. Contact Marsha in the Parish Office to schedule Mass Intentions.

February 18, 2018

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 21

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Friday, February 23

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 4:30 pm

Saturday, February 24

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

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

Sunday, February 25

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

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Fr. Fitzgerald St. Gregory's 10:30 am

Correction for last weeks bulletin

Please consider coming to 9:00 am mass each **Wednesday** followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Noon.

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

Marjorie King

Jean Amunson

Bill Peno

Mary Knack

Wayne King

Robby Murry

Heidi Blatz

David Gaul

Cecilia Shinler

Joan Parkin

Ariel Thull-Rulfzen

Jim Notsch

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Tom Solorz

Colleen Najewski

Lenny Anderson

"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 2/13/18

Envelopes 2166.00

Plate 212.00

Bldg. Maint..... 130.00

Food Shelf..... 160.00

Ash Wednesday 45.00

Energy Needs 85.00

Christmas Flowers..... 20.00

Initial offering 15.00

Solemnity of Mary..... 30.00

Total \$2863.00

"Thank you for your continuing generosity!"

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, Feb. 24 at 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Kevin Smith

Communion: Ginny Thorn, Kristie

Frazier

Gifts: Frazier Family

Ushers: Dick Ordner

Servers: Connor Frazier

Sunday, Feb. 25 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Al Walz, Sue Roth

Communion: David Prickett,

Clarence Larson, Audrey Larson

Gifts: Larson Family

Ushers: Dennis Kaufmann,

Craig Peterson, Bill Peno

Servers: Cadence Morris, Maggie Roth

FAITH FORMATION

There will not be any Faith Formation classes on Wednesday, Feb. 21st. All families are encouraged to attend Tony Melendez in concert at the Pine City High School, tickets are available in the Parish office.

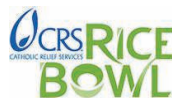
"Darkness Covered the Earth."

Our Lenten banner is now raised on the wall above the piano. It represents a crucifix inspired by those of the Greek Church, set against a black background. Jesus' mission is over; the pallor of death is upon him. Sin and Death appear to have triumphed, Jesus to have failed. Yet even in this total blackness, the light of Heaven, conveyed in the Greek tradition by gold backgrounds, shines undimmed as it envelopes Jesus in its embrace.

The upper part of the cross' vertical beam contains the Christogram ICXC, a first and last letter abbreviation of the Greek words for Jesus Messiah. At either end of the crossbeam, there is an angel in adoration; they recall those of the Hebrew Ark of the Covenant. These angels, however, stand watch over God's new covenant with humankind. Finally, at the bottom of the vertical beam, we find a skull. It is the skull of Adam. According to tradition, Jesus' crucifixion took place on the site of Adam's grave. In this way, Jesus, the second Adam, conquers Death through his own death on the cross, on the very burial spot of the first Adam, through whom Death was brought into the world.

In the journey of discipleship begun in Advent, we are invited during Lent to continue the walk leading to Jerusalem and to Calvary, and to share in Jesus' death by dying to ourselves, so that we might share with him in the glory of Easter morning.

NEWS



Encounter Lent

In Iraq, we encounter Majd and his family, people forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

The next **CCW meeting** will be held on Tuesday, **February 20th at 6:30 pm in Wey Hall**. All women of the parish are welcome to join.

Parish Council members needed including a chair person, if interested call the office.

There are a number of plates and cake pans that remain in the kitchen from past events, please stop during office hours to pick up yours. Any remaining items after Feb. 28th will find a new permanent home.

There will be a new children's activity each week on the table in the back of the church, please feel free to take one.

SACRED HEART LENTEN FISH FRY

Fish Fry Friday

Sacred Heart Parish will be serving a delicious fish fry dinner on Fridays in Lent. February 16 through March 16, 2018. Serving from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



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