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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 25, 2018

ON MASS SHOOTINGS- FACTS AND MORE

Every time there is a mass shooting, numerous individuals ask why this happens, especially when the tragedy takes place in a school. One informative answer published in the *New York Times* was the article "What Explains U.S. Mass Shootings? International Comparisons Suggest an Answer." dated November 7, 2017 by Max Fisher and Josh Keller. Their explanation came down to one major reason, that is, America's astronomical number of guns and less stringent regulations. Here are a few disturbing facts.

While the U.S. makes up 4.4% of the global population, we own 42% of the world's guns with 31% of all the mass shootings in the world. Adjusted for population, only Yemen has a higher rate of mass shootings for countries with more than 10 million people.

The authors of the article said that we are a violent country, and having the highest gun ownership causes more deaths, in fact 33 per million in 2009 compared to 5 per million in Canada and 0.7 per million in Britain. Yet, it is noted that, "the U.S. is not actually more prone to crime than other developed countries," according to a 1999 study at the University of California, Berkeley. There are just more deaths from crimes in the U.S. The study revealed that both New Yorkers and Londoners are equally likely to be robbed, but a "New Yorker is 54 times more likely to be killed" while being robbed.

In 2013, American gun-related deaths included 21,175 suicides, 11,208 homicides and 505 deaths caused by an accidental discharge. That same year in Japan, a country with one-third America's population, guns were involved in only 13 deaths. This means an American is about 300 times more likely to die by gun homicide or accident than a Japanese person. America's gun ownership rate is 150 times as high as Japan's. That gap between 150 and 300 shows that gun ownership statistics alone do not explain what makes America different. We also have some of the weakest controls concerning who can buy a gun, which is another difference we Americans have. In contrast, most of the world believes that "citizens must earn the right to own;" the U.S., Mexico, and Guatemala "begin with the opposite assumption: that people have a natural right to own guns." These are the facts concerning the reason why there are more mass shootings in America. Below are some personal reflections on this country's deplorable state of affairs.

Even before the technological age, St Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, "The spiritual poverty of the Western World is much greater than the physical poverty of our people. You, in the West, have millions of people who suffer such terrible loneliness and emptiness." I believe one of the adverse consequences in our current era is that our loneliness and emptiness is accelerated with technology, specifically with our hours and hours of cell phone usage to communicate with each other instead of human contact. We may feel that we are more connected with other human beings but are we when human interaction is becoming less and less? It seems nowadays that we are becoming more disconnected instead of connected to one another.

As a society, we need to come together, yet so often each of us live in our own private world. Do you really know your neighbors, friends, and fellow parishioners? How do you show that you care for them? A phone call is being replaced with a text. A note to say hi, a letter to a loved one or even thank you notes are becoming fewer and scarcer. Jesus visited, prayed with, and most of all showed love for other human beings by being physically present to them.

During this Lent, please remember to walk with Jesus and fellow parishioners, share his love and pray for everyone in this world who needs to feel loved.

Have a good week, Father Shane

Daily Prayer This Week

During this second week of Lent we continue to try to make use of more reflective time each day. We are using all the resources available to us to practice new habits and patterns. We are still in the beginning stages of that process, so we shouldn't be discouraged if it takes more practice.



It is good to begin by being reminded that God is rich in mercy to us and that we should therefore be merciful to others. It is great to

remember that exalting ourselves is dangerous and that there will be consequences for our mistreatment of the poor. We are like tenants of our Father's gifts to us. We can ask ourselves if we use them gratefully and return the fruits that our Lord desires, or do we reject the prophetic words that come to us? Do we reject Jesus himself?

This can all be part of the background of our busy, daily life. Each morning, when our feet hit the floor, if only for a few moments, we can ask for a simple grace. At first, it might only be, "Dear Lord, help me today." As we brush our teeth, wash and get dressed we might specify our prayer more: "Dear Lord, give me the grace to recognize my impatience, anger and judgment today. Help to soften my heart to hear your love. I need your healing, Lord." Or we might get even more concrete, "Lord, Pat is such a struggle for me. Help me to remember how much you love me when I see Pat today. And, when I'm tempted to be impatient or angry, just help me pause and give that over to you, in gratitude for your love."

Each of us will be able to grow in our ability to have brief conversations with our Lord. Whether driving or shopping, doing laundry or paying bills, working in our office or walking down the hall to the bathroom, we can use brief "background" moments to connect with our Lord. These moments of "contemplation in action" will give a character and shape to our day. Lent becomes a living reality for us when our days are spent with the Lord, listening to his love for us, calling us to gratitude and freedom.



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.

February 25, 2018

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 28

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Friday, March 2

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 4:30 pm

Saturday, March 3

Fr. Fitzgerald Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

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

Sunday, March 4

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

Fr. Fitzgerald Sacred Heart 9:00 am

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

Confession will be after mass on Wednesday the 28th

1st Friday's mass will be at 4:30pm

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

Marjorie King

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David Gaul

Cecilia Shinler

Joan Parkin

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Colleen Najewski

Lenny Anderson

Jim Bartz

"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	2/20/18
Envelopes.....	1806.00
Plate	226.00
Funeral Fund.....	160.00
Stipends/Stole.....	37.00
Ash Wednesday	730.00
Energy Needs.....	10.00
CCW-Funeral proceeds.....	100.00
Fish Fry	967.00
EFT money.....	470.00
Total	\$ 4506.00

"Thank you for your continuing generosity!"

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, March 3 at 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Al Walz

Communion: Rick Kosloski,

Chuck Debevec

Gifts: Wendorff Family

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Sunday, March 4 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Wayne Herberg, Kevin

Smith

Communion: David Prickett,

Clarence Larson, Audrey Larson

Gifts: Herberg Family

Ushers: Joe Moore, Rodney

Swanson, Don Belland

Servers: Elena Herberg, Isabelle

Harer

Are you a Mr or Mrs Fixit?

We are in need of one or two people willing to volunteer some time (2-5hrs/mo) to repair misc. Small tasks (no wiring) as the need arises. If interested, please call the office for more information. Also, we ask that you call if you notice anything in need of repair. It would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



"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 envelops 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 Cesia



We encounter Cesia In Nicaragua, where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

March 10/11 is **Global Solidarity Sunday** weekend in the archdiocese with the theme: "The Light came into the world" (John 3:19). This is an opportunity to reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters around the world and help shine Christ's light of mercy, love and healing on those who are homeless, hungry and spiritually lonely. On this Sunday, a special collection will be taken for four global priorities of the U.S. Catholic Bishops: Africa, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, as well as humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as are able and support your brothers and sisters overseas. Thank you.



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.

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