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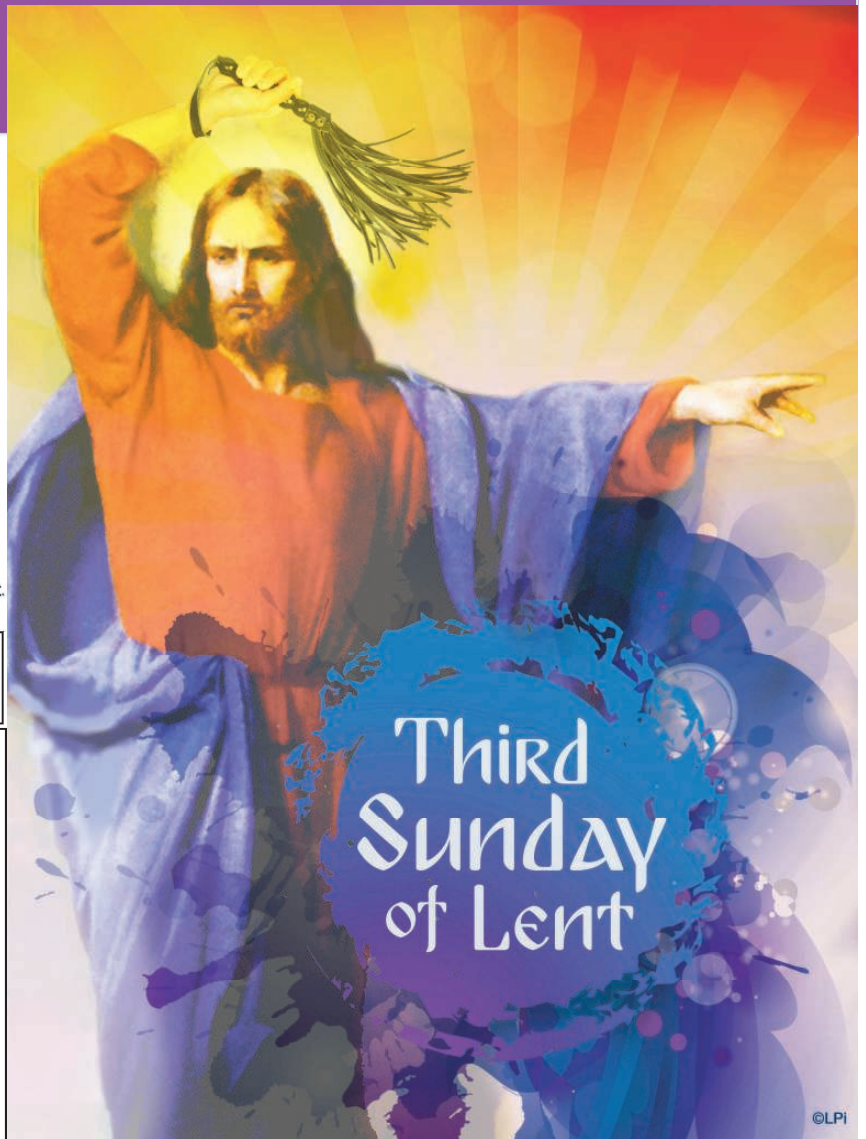
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Mission Statement

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

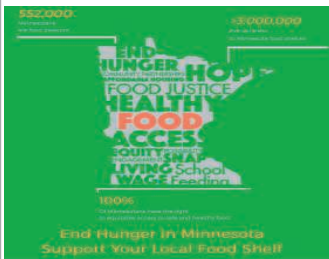
Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

March 4, 2018

Weekly Reflections



Rush City Food Shelf Update March means MATCH!!!

March again brings the MINNESOTA FOOD-SHARE MARCH campaign sponsored by the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches which makes every donation to Rush City Food Shelf in March especially valuable. ALL

funds donated to RCFS STAY here, plus the matching funds! Even though 95% of food shelf users aged 18-65 are employed most earn low wages, have had their hours reduced, have high medical expenses, high rent, day-care expenses without child support, or unexpected car problems. 40% are children and 22% depend on just Social Security. In 2017 our local food shelf distributed more than 74,000 pounds of food to 418 different individuals in 171 different households, averaging 184 individuals in 82 families per month. Food and donations can also be dropped off during this March campaign at Positively 4th Street at 275 W. 4th St, Rush City. Positively 4th Street is a Mission Store where a portion of every sale helps support the work of Rush City Food Shelf. And remember, if those cans get heavy, a lightweight dollar can access about \$9 of food from the area Food Banks. (No past dated cans, please!) Store hours are Thursday: 11 am –7 pm, Friday: 10 am-5 pm, Sat: 10am-3pm. Rush City Food Shelf, Inc. is an ALL volunteer, ALL donation 501 (c)3 organization, so all donations are tax deductible. Donations can be sent to PO Box 178, Rush City, MN 55069. Food distribution is at the Rush City Community Center, 720 W 14th St, EVERY Tuesday from 2 pm-4:45 pm (4th Tuesday, 2pm-5:45pm). Info at 320.358.4428 or 763.274.8055. Email us at rushcityfoodshelf@gmail.com

**Please support your local food shelf!
The need is real!!**

GOSPEL MEDITATION

We all have things in our lives that don't belong there.

Maybe it's the poor way we allow someone to treat us, a habitual sin, or a pattern of thought or attitude that traps us in a cycle of regret, anger, or an inability to forgive.

Jesus has bold words for us today: "Take these out of here."

When we hear the story of the Cleansing of the Temple, it can be easy to look down on the animal-sellers and money-changers. However, they set up shop in the Temple for a very practical purpose. People needed to buy animals to sacrifice, they were going to sacrifice them in the Temple: ergo, quite a convenient, successful marketplace! For many of us, the negative influences in our lives don't come out of nowhere. We might have considered them quite practical and reasonable initially. Over time, these can fester and corrupt our inner life in a way we didn't expect.

The response of Jesus is a strong one. "He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area." God wants us to be whole, healthy human beings. He knows how destructive it is for our souls to be caught up in sin - our own sin and those of others. God's love for us is startlingly fierce.

In a few short weeks we will celebrate the culmination of that courageous love as Jesus goes to his death on the cross.

Lent is an opportunity for cleansing and renewal. If we've allowed into our lives things that don't belong, let today be the day we ask Jesus to clear them out. It's not always easy or pretty, but it's necessary for our hearts to function the way they were made. God will turn our tables over if we ask Him to.

Daily Prayer This Week

This is a pivotal week of Lent. We can solidify the patterns we have begun or we can make a new start, if we haven't been able to get started yet. If we have begun to recognize what needs realigning in our lives and have begun to fast and abstain from some things that get in the way of our relationship with the Lord, then we are engaging in a struggle. We are likely uncovering resistance and experiencing our personal sinfulness face-to-face.

This is all preparing us for a deeper conversion, a readiness for reconciliation with God and the graces that will allow us to be a source of reconciliation with others. This is the time when we begin to see and experience how much God loves us at a new and more personal level. These graces prepare us to keep our eyes focused on Jesus in the weeks ahead - to learn from him, to fall in love with him more deeply and to be drawn to imitate him more completely. If we are just getting started with our Lenten journey, renewing our desires for these graces will be all we need to begin with a renewed openness. God does not need a lot of time to convince us of his love for us.



This is a week about God's love for us and our call to love others the same way. It is a week to keep our daily focus on naming a desire each morning. The day ahead will shape what we ask for as our feet hit the floor in the morning. Pausing to thank the Lord for this day and to ask for the grace to let our mind and heart be renewed in the concrete circumstances, relationships and obligations of our day. Throughout the day, we can then return to those desires in background of our awareness. Our request for the Lord's help is always there and our consciousness of it will help us make the choice we desire to make, to let go of what we need to let go of, to add what we need to add. This will take us deeper and deeper into self-awareness and a sense of our need for a Savior, who is right there to embrace us and give us the graces we ask for.



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.

March 4, 2018

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 7

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Friday, March 9

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 4:30 pm

Saturday, March 10

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

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

Sunday, March 11

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

Fr. Shane 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
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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	Ashley 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	2/20/18
Envelopes	1176.00
Plate	191.00
Food shelf	2.00
Ash Wednesday	5.00
Fish Fry	*20.00
Total	\$ 1394.00

*Note: Additional proceeds of \$810 will appear next week.

"Thank you for your continuing generosity!"

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, March 10 at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, March 11 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Jeremy Albright

Lectors: Youth

Communion: Ginny Thorn

Communion: David Prickett,

Gifts: Thorn Family

Clarence Larson, Audrey Larson

Ushers: Dick Ordner

Gifts: Youth

Servers: TJ Roth

Ushers: Youth

Servers: Brodrick Larson, Alexis Ertz

**Fish Fry
Friday**

SACRED HEART LENTEN FISH FRY

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.

NEWS



ENCOUNTER SAFIATA

In Burkina Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



Global Solidarity Sunday

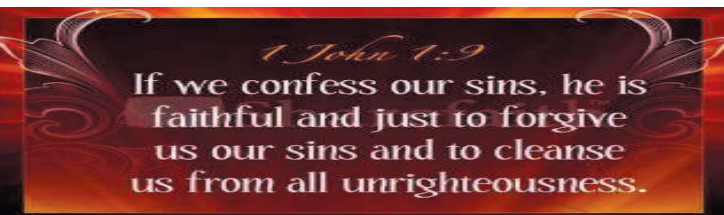
Next weekend is Global Solidarity Sunday as we celebrate that the "The Light came into the world" (John 3:19). This is a unique opportunity to share the light of the Lord in solidarity with your brothers and sisters overseas. We are invited to offer gifts of support by contributing to this collection for four global initiatives designated by the U.S. Catholic Bishops. Please be as generous as you are able and support your brothers and sisters overseas. **Envelopes for your use are in the pews.**

FAITH FORMATION

Our next **Youth Mass** is Sunday, March 11, at 9:00 am. All youth involved in the Faith Formation program are required to attend.

There will be **Altar Server Appreciation** after mass on Sunday, March 11. Please join your fellow parishioners for fellowship after mass in Wey Hall. The Knights of Columbus will be honoring the Altar Servers and will provide coffee and donuts. Please come and show your support for these young people who are involved in this ministry.

The Faith Formation you will participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, March 14, during Faith Formation.



PENANCE SERVICE THURSDAY, MARCH 15TH

Sacred Heart Lenten Communal Penance Service will be held on Thursday, March 15 at 7:00 pm and St. Gregory the Great Service will be on Wednesday, March 21 at 7:30 pm.

Before celebrating the Sacrament of Penance, one should prepare themselves with an examination of conscience. An examination of conscience is a "prayerful self-reflection on our words and deeds in the light of the Gospel to determine how we may have sinned against God."

A Brief Examination of Conscience will be available at the Penance Service in order for you to prepare well beforehand.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

In addition to the regularly scheduled confession time of all Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. at St. Gregory the Great, there will be an opportunity for individual confession on Thursday, March 15 at 9:30 a.m. Also at Sacred Heart on Wednesday, March 28 at 9:30 a.m. and for our KIC students in Grades 2-8 during class time on March 7 at St. Gregory the Great.



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