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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.

4th Sunday of Lent

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. - Jn 3:19-20

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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.

March 11, 2018

On the Walking Path

When I was living in Denver, Colorado before moving to Chisago County, my Mother came to visit when one of my nephews, Jacob, was making his First Communion at the parish where I was an associate pastor. My Mother and Jacob's family were staying at a hotel in the southeastern part of the Denver Metro. Notre Dame parish was located almost directly west of the hotel closer to the Rocky Mountains. One afternoon, Mother and another nephew, Keenan, came to see me while his family went shopping at Park Meadows Mall. Upon getting ready to leave, knowing that my mother was poor with driving directions, I told her to simply go on a certain major road away from the mountains, and once she reached the interstate, to go south, continue for a short distance, and then she would see the hotel on the right side of the road.

After Keenan and Mom were gone for about one half of an hour, she called to inform me that they were lost. I asked how she could be lost having given her the simple directions to drive away from the mountains. As it turned out, she had gone toward the mountains. It is a long story, but the point I am trying to make was that she didn't follow my directions or "the path to follow".

As we enter into the second half of our "walking with God" during this Lenten Season, are you and I still on the path with God or have we gone on another path in the wrong direction? Not only is it a challenge to continue to keep our attention on God, but also it is at times difficult to stay on the right path, the way of honesty, the way of love, the way of compassion, and the way of caring for those who are in need.

Perhaps you and I have been too busy or occupied with other activities that keep us focused on our relationship with God. Busyness is one of the major causes that leads us to forget or lose sight of God's presence in our lives. The busyness that I am thinking about isn't the variety of activities that can fill our days from sunrise to sunset, seven days week. The busyness that comes to my mind is of the lack of silence and the need to always be on our cell phones. Many, or even maybe most us, have our phones at arm's length twenty-four hours a day. We have them when we eat, while at church, or visiting with someone. When we can't even give our full attention to the person who is physically in our presence because of our distraction with our cell phones, how can we expect to give God our full attention?

Another challenge is the sin of omission, or the sin of going off the path, leaving God's commandments behind. Are we honest in our relationships with each other? Do I show love or concern to someone who might be having a bad day? Or am I helping another who might need our emotional or financial support? In the sin of omission, we fail to do something that we know is the right thing to do. Do you and I acknowledge when we have committed a sin of Omission?

The good news this week is that we still have time to refocus our attention on our relationship with God and others while returning to the path walking with Him and our fellow parishioners.

Have a good Lenten week, Father Shane

Daily Prayer This Week



The gospels this week make it very clear toward the end of the week that Jesus faced opposition that couldn't accept who he is. We see that Jesus comes to lay down his life that we might live. So, this week of Lent is an

important time for us to ask ourselves if there are any parts of our hearts, any of our patterns, that oppose Jesus and his desire to give us life. This kind of honesty can transform our lives. It can allow the grace of God to bring reconciliation and healing we might not have imagined.

Even if it hasn't been easy to get really engaged with Lent so far, we can still make a beginning, even now. The key is openness and desire. If we can feel any attraction, any sign that the Lord is possibly drawing us, then the Lord can work with us - no matter what resistance or fear we might also be experiencing. All we have to do is act out of these desires and simply ask the Lord for the grace to help us be more honest and more open to what he is offering us. For example, we can ask for the grace to examine our consciences more thoroughly. We could try a different approach to facing any resistance we might have to the Lord's working in us. We might not commit the big sins, but we may not have examined what we fail to do. Who am I failing to love, to forgive, to be generous to? From whom am I withholding affection, care, reconciliation? Where can I live more honestly, with more integrity? How might I proactively change my own personal patterns of escape with patterns of care for others?

It is a time of grace when we can experience moments of "recognition," or self-understanding. But it is not a grace to beat up on ourselves or become self-absorbed in our own guilt. It is grace to feel grateful to the Lord for showing us obstacles to the life he is offering us. It is grace to feel our spirits lighten as we feel drawn to greater freedom and peace. It is incredible grace when we are drawn to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This week, let us give thanks to the Lord who deeply desires our greater freedom and joy. As we go to bed each night, let us thank the Lord for what we saw that day and renew our desires for the next day of grace.



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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 14

Fr. Nygaard Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Reconciliation Thursday, March 15

Communion Service Sacred Heart 7:00 pm

Friday, March 16

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 4:30 pm

Saturday, March 17

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

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

Sunday, March 18

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

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

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

Individual Confessions at Sacred Heart are on Wednesday, March 28 at 9:30 a.m.

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

Margaret Brooker

Marvin Johnson

Arlene Greenhagen

Gerald Mollberg

Jim Mitchell

Judie Peltier

Betty Erickson

Phyllis Swanson

Nick Cieminski

Betty Anderson

Ashley Thull-Rulfzen

Bob Wilbur

Kim Sarago

Jim Kirchberg

Ethel Thomas

Tom McKenzie

Sue Roth

Abby Larson

Cathy Gamache

Tom Solorz

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	3/6/18.
Envelopes	1551.00
Plate	231.00
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Funeral Fund	175.29
CCW.....	200.00
Fish Fry (two weeks).....	1704.00
Bldg. Maint	160.00
EFT money	324.00
Initial offering	10.00
Total	\$4426.56

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LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, March 17 at 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Rick Drevecky

Communion: Mary Stenger, Rick

Kosloski

Gifts: Stenger Family

Ushers: Derrick Murphy, Kevin Murphy

Servers: Alexis Murphy

Sunday, March 18 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Sue Roth, Dave Prickett

Communion: Jean Peno, Kristie

Frazier, Scott Tryon*

Gifts: Peno Family

Ushers: Rodney Swanson, Bill Peno, Joe Moore

Servers: Connor Frazier, Elena Herberg

NEWS



ENCOUNTER ANDRISE

We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community-and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. 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 Light came into the world" (John 3:19)

Please support efforts to shine the light of God's mercy and healing on those most in need. This outreach collection serves our brothers and sisters in Arica, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, and humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for your generosity. **Envelopes for your use are in the pews.**

MASS INTENTIONS



March 14th Fr. Mark Dosh†

March 17th Open

March 18th Sally & Dick Kemen †



SACRED HEART LENTEN FISH FRY

This coming Friday will be the final fish fry for this Lenten Season. Bring your family and friends to enjoy this scrumptious meal.

Serving from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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 scheduled confession time at Sacred Heart, there will be an opportunity for additional confessions on Wednesday, March 28th at 9:30 am. Regularly scheduled confessions at St. Gregory the Great are on Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. Additionally, individual confession will be heard on Thursday, March 15 at 9:30 a.m.



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