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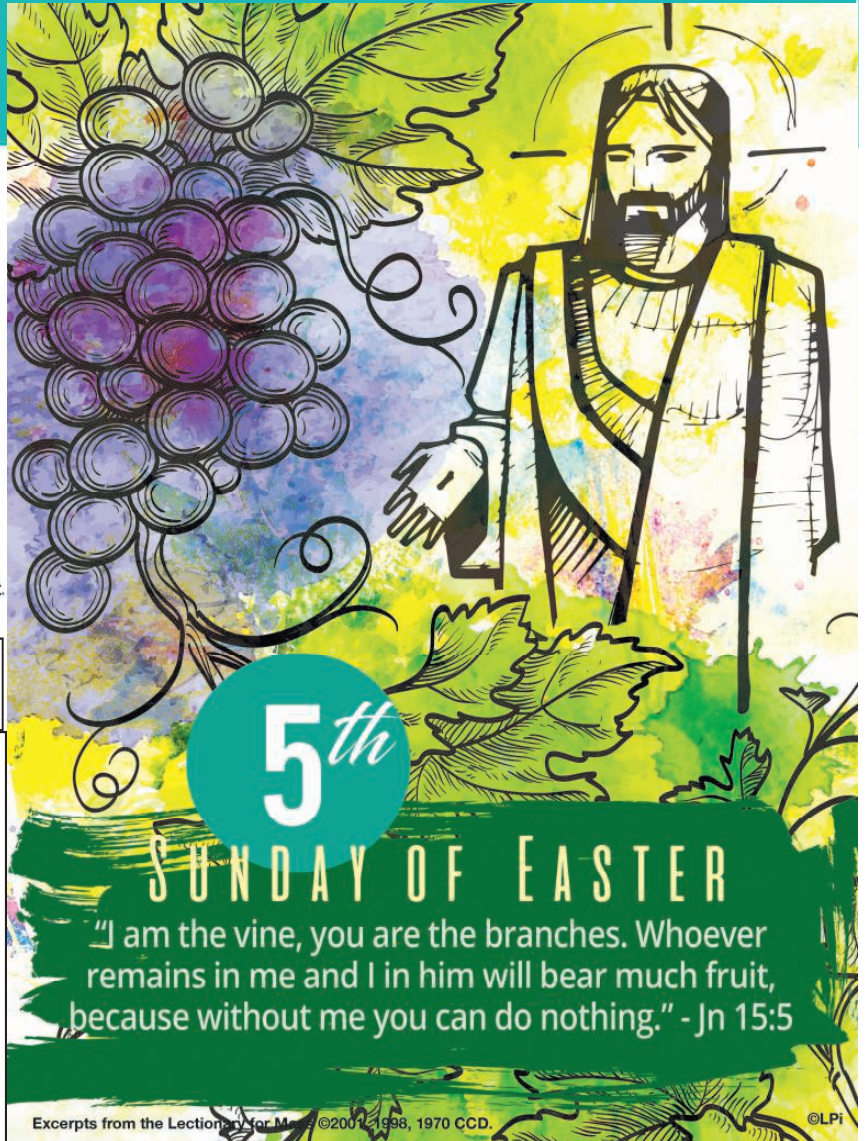
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Mission Statement

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.

April 29, 2018

On Peace and Fears

A few weeks ago, in our reading from the Gospel according to Luke, Jesus appeared to his disciples pronouncing, "Peace be with you". However, they "were startled and terrified and thought they were seeing a ghost." He gave a response that they were not to be troubled or afraid; for, "it is I myself". (See Lk 24:35-48) The message for us is that peace is ours if only we believe in the Risen Lord. Yet, I think I would have been fearful like the disciples of Jesus. I also think that you and I do believe in Resurrection of our Lord. The question then for each of us is: Since we believe in the Risen Lord what difference does it make in how you and I live out our lives?

First of all, we all have fears, for this is part of our human nature. However, we want peace too, which doesn't just come automatically; we must seek peace with action. Even in the center of fear, almost all the time we can feel a sense of peace, that is, when we have the peace of the Risen Lord in our lives. Let me explain!

Some phobias we will always have in our lives, regardless. These apprehensions include, the fear of flying; the fear of spiders, or fear of snakes, or fear of heights, of which the latter I happen to have. Once I climbed some open steps part way up the Cathedral of Saint Paul many years ago. I would only go about half way up due to my fear. On the other hand, going to the top of the once called Sears Tower in Chicago caused no fear in me. In any case, I will always have a fear of heights.

When we have other fears, even though they may still be in us, we can have a sense of calmness, freed from anxiety, with the peace of the Risen Lord in our hearts. For instance, during the middle of a close relative or friend's serious illness, our belief in Jesus Christ can give us a feeling of peace. Or when someone close to us dies, while we will certainly be sad, yet once again, when we believe in the Risen Christ, peace will permeate our grieving hearts.

We also can call upon the Holy Spirit when we are about to do something that may cause us uneasiness and worry. Here are a couple examples of calling on the peace of the Holy Spirit that flows from our Risen Lord. Each time that I am about to preach on the Scriptures during the homily time of Mass, I ask that the Holy Spirit guide and give me peace as I am preaching. It works! Then there are times there is that fear at the onset of a proposed change. Even though I also tell others that I don't mind change, my first reaction to someone when they suggest a change, which in many situations I must admit happens, I immediately say "no" to it and may throw up my hands. In spite of this, for those who know me as I know myself, once the initial fear of change passes by, I am much calmer and at peace with the suggested change. It is just how I tick; therefore, in most cases, I don't fear all change as my first reactions sometimes otherwise indicate.

In the end, I have faith in the Risen Christ who brings you and I peace in our lives. It makes a difference in my life. Does it for you?

Have a good week, Father Shane

Daily Prayer This Week

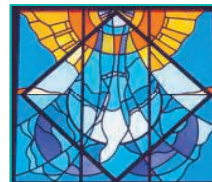
We can hold the words of Jesus in our hearts all week. As we do, we will discover their attractiveness and invitation. We will also encounter resistance in ourselves and in others.

It takes practice to stay focused in the background of our daily life. We all have years of habit to overcome. However, we can practice letting this consoling message of Jesus find a place in our conscious awareness at various points in our day, whether it is in the shower, while getting dressed, or simply whenever we are on our way from one place to another. Sometimes it will take a conscious effort to let these thoughts replace the thoughts that are there already. In the background of our day is where our worries reside. It's where we carry anxiety and stress. Sometimes it is where we carry on imaginary conversations with others or "replay" past conversations. Often a song or piece of music just replays over and over.

This is a great week to get in touch with our deepening desires and to let my conversations with Jesus grow in friendship. The easiest way to do this is to simply say simple ordinary things -- the very way I would say them to a close friend. Some examples might offer words that will inspire our own conversation with the Lord who loves us.

"Jesus, every time I hear you say I don't have to let my heart be troubled, I pause. I sense you are pointing to the 'troubles' I'm working through today. You're asking me to let go of them, aren't you? I'd like to, Jesus, but some of this is big stuff. It scares me. I know some of what I need to do, but I put it off. I know what I'm avoiding. It helps to focus on your love for me this week. I guess what I really need to ask you for today is that you let me trust you more completely. It is really nice these days to feel that you are so close to me, and that I'm not alone today."

"I haven't been very connected to you, Jesus. This conversation is difficult because it reminds me the embarrassing stuff I keep doing - even though right now, I'm ashamed to talk about it in your presence. Please forgive me. Some of this I want to bring to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so that I can be re-connected with you again. I need a 'turning point,' Jesus. Thank you for being there."



Baptized into the Family of God

Taylor Telander daughter of Eric and Tracy
Godparents: Jon Telander & Trisha Telander

Aurelia Saumer daughter of Alex and Laura
Godparents: Zac Saumer & Holly Gamache
May God's grace and blessings that you received on your Baptism, guide you throughout your life.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Anointing Mass, Tuesday, May 1

Fr. Shane St. Gregory's 11:00 am

Wednesday, May 2

Fr. Nygaard Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Friday, May 4

Fr. Nygaard Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, May 5

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

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

Sunday, May 6

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	Dick Stoks
David Gaul	Phyllis Swanson	Tom Solorz
Nick Cieminski	Colleen Najewski	Bob Wilbur
Joan Parkin	Betty Anderson	Lenny Anderson
Ashley Thull-Rulfzen	Jim Bartz	Jim Notsch
Riley Konlewski		

"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 4/22/18

Envelopes.....	1636.00
Plate.....	401.00
EFT money.....	470.00
Progressive Dinner.....	234.00
Total	\$2741.00

"Thank you for your continuing generosity"

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, May 5 at 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Broderick Larson
Communion: Chuck Debevec,
 Beth Churchsmith
Gifts: S. Larson
Ushers: Dick Ordner, Ted
 Stathes
Servers: TJ Roth

Sunday, May 6 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Al Walz, Dave Prickett
Communion: Ginny Thorn, Kris-
 tie Frazier, Jean Peno
Gifts: 1st Communicants
Ushers: Ron Peltier, Kevin Mur-
 phy, Rodney Swanson
Servers: Ava Wendorff, Connor
 Frazier

Cooks and bakers needed! Our annual Soup & Salad Luncheon is Thursday May 17, 2018. We are trying this year to do this with as little kitchen prep as possible, due to the number of volunteers available to work at this event. Therefore, we would like parishioners to contribute a homemade salad and/or bars. We will be providing the bowls and pans. The bowls and pans will be available after mass on April 28-29 and May 5-6 along with list of the types of salads needed. We need everyone's help with this to make this event a success. Please contact Sue Roth with any questions.

NEWS

The **Parish Council** is in need of two members, if you are interested please contact Father Shane for further details.



May 17th is Our Annual Soup & Salad Luncheon
 May 20th Confirmation Class will be Recognized
 June 3rd Graduate Mass and Breakfast
 June 6th Fall Festival Meeting at 7pm in Wey Hall

Church Safety and Security-UPDATE:

As of this date we have received a few responses as to who has a key(s) for the church, parish house, or townhome. If you have any key please contact the office so we can complete this project. In doing so we are saving over \$1000 in cost required to re-key all our locks. Office hours are Tues-Thurs from 8am to 1pm or you may leave a message at any other time. We look forward to your prompt responses.



CORRECTION: Previously reported Rice Bowl contributions of \$165.00 represented only contributions by check. There also were \$236.29 in cash contributions bringing the total to \$401.29. Thank you for your Lenten offerings.



FIRST COMMUNION

Please pray for the children who will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time on May 6th.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL

Confirmation rehearsal will be at Sacred Heart parish in Rush City on Sunday, May 13 beginning with Mass at 9:00 a.m. for all 10th grade Confirmation candidates.



Feels like we're finally turned the weather corner. Plans are in the works to have a clean up time around the grounds of our property. It will be on a Saturday morning in May. Details to follow. In a related matter, please call the office if you notice any maintenance items, indoors or outside, needing attention, Thanks for your cooperation.

ANointing MASS

Our Anointing of the Sick Mass and Luncheon will be held Tuesday, May 1 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Gregory's church. When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which a person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany illness or the frailty of old age.

MASS INTENTIONS



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 April 28
 April 29

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