

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART



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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

Wednesday 9:30 am - noon

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

May 1, 2016

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Weekly Reflections

This is an expert from "What's the Smoke For?" by Johan Van Parys, pp 2-3. A copy of the book may be purchased from Liturgical Press of Collegeville, MN

Dear Johan,

After Midnight Mass, my daughter asked me what the smoke was all about. Though I know incense is a very Catholic thing, I was unable to answer her question. Can you help me?

Gentle Reader-

First off, it's not just a Catholic thing, it is also an Orthodox thing, and even more so. But, thank you for asking as this seems to be a burning question for many.

Not too long ago I gave a talk on the sensory aspects of the liturgy. Naturally, I sang the praises of the olfactory sense and lauded the use of incense. No sooner was I done than a person sitting in the front row jumped up. Speaking louder than was necessary, she yelled out: "When will the Catholic Church stop smoking?" Then she grabbed her bag and stomped out. I was speechless.

It seems like people either really love incense or absolutely hate it. Very few people are opinion-less when it comes to incense. Admittedly, some individuals are incense-intolerant due to allergies or respiratory conditions. We need to be very considerate of this.

The use of incense is an important element in Catholic liturgy because of historical, theological, and liturgical reasons.

- Historically, we can trace our use of incense back to Jewish religious rites as well as Roman imperial ceremonies.

- Theologically, the use of incense is connected with Psalm 141, which compares our prayers rising up to God with the rising incense used during our prayers: "My prayers rise like incense."

- Liturgically, incense is used as an honorific gesture. In addition, incense is used because of its olfactory qualities.

In recent times we have become more aware of the importance of the senses. Remember, for example, how the slightest whiff of a certain perfume can whisk you off to a totally different place and time as it reminds you of a certain person or event. Similarly, incense is used as a reminder of the sacred so that every time we smell it we are reminded that we are at prayer. Taking it a step further, some churches use a different kind of incense for each season of the liturgical year, so as to create an olfactory connection between a liturgical sea-son and a liturgical scent. As soon as people smell a certain aroma, they are transported into a certain liturgical season. Thus, liturgical colors, liturgical music, liturgical texts, and liturgical scent mark the liturgical seasons.

Many churches have abandoned the use of incense out of consideration for people who are physically intolerant of it. This is especially the case in smaller churches where there is little or no airflow. Though this is, of course, very important in terms of creating a hospitable liturgical environment, it also results in the loss of an ancient visual and olfactory symbol. Some parishes have worked to improve their airflow systems so they can continue to use in-cense without irritating some parishioners. Other parishes have declared certain liturgies incense free while retaining the custom in others. Whatever we do we need to be sensitive both to the comfort of our parishioners as well as to the important legacy of our symbols.

May I ask you, did your daughter love it or hate it? It may give us an in-sight into the liturgical future of the use of incense.

PARISH NEWS

Good (and not so good) News

The Catholic Services Appeal Foundation has reported that at the end of the 11th week of the 2016 campaign, the overall results are slightly ahead of last year's at this point:

	2016	2015
Pledges made:	\$6,750,000	\$6,260,000
Total Received:	\$4,555,000	\$4,244,000

Their report also shows that Sacred Heart's goal remained the same at \$6,871 for both years and we surpassed that goal in 2015. However at the same point in the campaign for those two years, they are showing Sacred Heart's results as follows:

	2016	2015
Pledges made:	\$3615	\$6937
Total received:	\$2330	\$6742

As you can see, this year's results are well behind last year's. In an effort to make sure donations from Sacred Heart parishioners are being properly accounted for, the foundation is preparing a listing to show who has pledged/contributed this year, versus last year so we can follow up with my differences. These results will be reported in the coming weeks.

Inspire your Faith

All are welcome to join us in a DVD series on how to inspire and increase our faith. What a most appropriate time to seek assistance for any need as we celebrate our Risen Savior. Every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm here at Sacred Heart in the Wey Hall, come by yourself or, better yet, bring a friend or loved one as we continue this opportunity through May, the month of Mary.

Life Touch Photography

There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church to sign up for your photo session for the upcoming parish book. Please sign up after mass. You can also sign up on line through our new parish website. Online sign ups are available on week days only. sacredheartrcmn.org

ANointing OF THE SICK

Our 12th annual Anointing of the Sick Mass and Luncheon on or near the Feast Day of St. Peregrine will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 3 at St. Gregory's. Please note, there will not be a 6:00 p.m. Mass or Communion Service on this day at St. Gregory's.

FAITH FORMATION

Confirmation rehearsal / Receiving

All second year Confirmation candidates are to attend Confirmation rehearsal at St. Gregory's at 11:30 a.m. in the church right after Mass on Sunday, May 8. They will be receiving the **Sacrament of Confirmation** at the Cathedral on Thursday, May 12 at @ 7pm. **Receiving Ceremony** will be held during mass on May 15 at 9:00 am.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, May 7, 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Kevin Smith
 Communion: Rick Koslosky, Ginny Thorn
 Gifts: Stenger Family
 Ushers: Dick Ordner, Al Petschl
 Server: Alexis Murphy

Sunday, May 8, 9:00 a.m.

Lectors: Diana Granlund, Al Walz
 Communion: Beth Churchsmith, Dave Prickett,
 Kristie Frazier
 Gifts: Moore Family
 Ushers: Don Belland, Ron Peltier, Joe Moore,
 Craig Peterson
 Servers: Connor Frazier



May 4	Open	May 7	Ronald Skow
May 8	Open	May 11	Open

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

Marjorie King	Margarette Brooker	Kim Sarago
Jean Amunson	Marvin Johnson	Adam Schlangen
Jim Kirchberg	Bill Sempel	Ethel Thomas
Mary Knack	Bev Hurley	Tom McKenzie
Wayne King	Jim Mitchell	Sue Roth
Robby Murry	Judie Peltier	Abby Larson
Heidi Blatz	Mary Ann Lunseth	Eileen Kost
David Gaul	Jim Noon	Jeff Carlson
Gary Weiden	Rose Peloquin	Colleen Najews
Arlene Greenhagen		

Please advise the office if any of these names can be removed.
 Thank you.

VBS 2016 is "farm-tastic!" In Barnyard Roundup VBS, your children learn that Jesus gathers us together! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible ac-counts where Jesus graciously gathers us together to be with Him with His abundant provision and saving protection, now and forever. Registration is open for PK through 6th grade who will attend VBS from August 21st to August 25th, 5:30 to 8 pm. Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy supper, play awesome games, and more. Plus, you'll learn all about Jesus our Savior and how He gathers us together! Can't wait to see you there! To register, form available online at stgregorynb.org or in the Sacred Heart office. Register now for Barnyard Roundup Vacation Bible School! Questions call (651) 674-7382.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

4/24/2016

Plate	191.00
Supplements	6.10
Building maint.	25.00
Envelopes	1305.00
Stipends/Stole	28.00
CCW	20.00
Food Shelf	100.00
EFT money	440.00
Catholic Home Mission	62.00

Total 2307.11

Thank you for your generosity.



Friday, May 6

Fr. Nygaard Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, May 7

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 4:00 pm
 Fr. Jerry St. Gregory's 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 8

Fr. Shane St. Gregory's 8:30 am
 Fr. Jerry Sacred Heart 9:00 am
 Fr. Shane St. Gregory's 10:30 am

Wednesday, May 11

Fr. Nygaard Sacred Heart 9:00 am
 Fr. Shane St. Gregory's 8:30 am



The next Financial Council meeting will be on
 May 10th at 7:00 pm.



Call for Lectors: Is the Holy Spirit calling you to proclaim the word of God as a lector? If you feel His urging, please contact the parish office 320-358-4370 or Al Walz @ 320-358-3219. Training is provided.