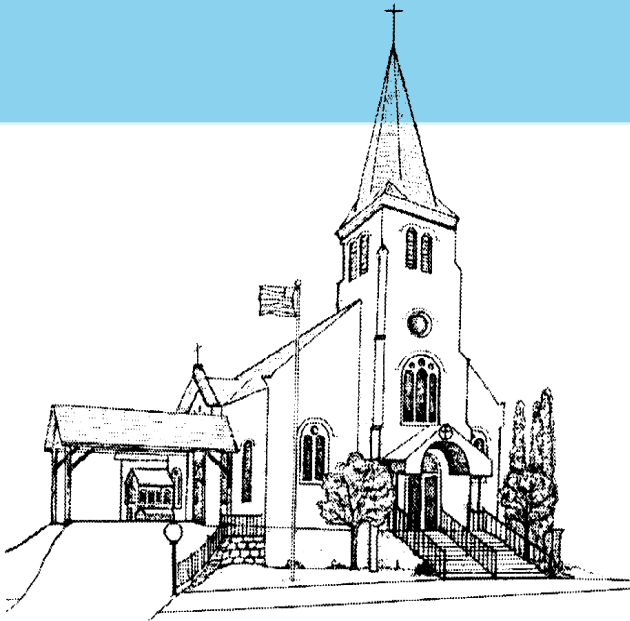


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Mission Statement

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.

June 3, 2018

On Our Past Easter Season

Although for the past two weeks of our church's liturgical year we have been in Ordinary Time, last Sunday we celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity and today the Body and Blood of Our Lord or Corpus Christi Sunday as it was previously known. Next Sunday is the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time; we remain in this season until November 29, which is the day before the 1st Sunday of Advent. It makes sense that the longest season of the Church's liturgical year is a time of ordinariness. As in the rest of our lives, our daily routines can be dull and monotonous at times. Nevertheless, we can encounter God's love and grace in our ordinary lives as much as in other Church seasons; we only need to search, often not far, for His presence.

Of course, during the past Easter Season, it was easier to experience God's love and presence when we celebrated the Sacraments of Initiations: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. Between Sacred Heart and St. Gregory the Great, we witnessed six baptisms (with two more scheduled), seventeen First Communions took place, and twenty-seven were confirmed. We have had more baptisms in the past six weeks than I think we've had in the previous two years at either Rush City or North Branch, which is a good indication our faith is very much alive.

What a joy to have so many baptisms recently. Not included in the number of baptisms above, was the baptism of Landon Leo, whose sister I also poured water over, whose parents' marriage I witnessed, and for whose father (Pete) I was a confirmation sponsor. This baptism was celebrated in Saint Paul at Pete's grandma's home, who is my friend Agnes Wind. She was incapable of leaving her home; thus, permission was granted for me to have the baptism there. About twenty close relatives were present as well.

Then, two weeks ago during the baptism of Adeline Ava at Saint Gregory the Great, I was filled with emotion when a significant insight came upon me. A few minutes into the baptism it occurred to me that my altar server Jacob Robillard, who was holding the ritual book, had also been baptized at that exact baptismal font eleven and a half years ago. That moment was memorable as I thought about Jacob's faith journey, that like Adeline, began at that spot. One of the blessings I have as a priest are encounters like this.

Another joyful situation transpired the previous Tuesday before our Confirmation Mass at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis. I arrived slightly earlier than Sue Roth and Joan Hetherington, our Confirmation coordinators at Sacred Heart and Saint Gregory the Great respectively. When I approached our section to sit during Mass, the Hermanson twins, Anthony and Hunter, with big smiles enthusiastically told me that one them had been asked to carry up the offertory gifts; each parish has a representative for this assignment. I said we needed to wait till Sue and Joan arrived and see if they had already asked another student. No one had been chosen. The sacristan at the Basilica, upon learning they were twins, invited both of them to bring up the gifts. Hunter and Anthony brought up the gifts with respect, looking proud and happy. This too was treasured, and like the Baptism and Jacob, initiated a joyful moment.

Ah, what a wonderful Easter Season I had. Now it is time to celebrate numerous high school graduates' achievements and open houses.

Have a good week, Father Shane



Daily Prayer This Week

The pastoral letters set the tone. Writing to Timothy, for example, Paul is eloquent in urging him to be faithful - even to fan what he has learned into a flame. This is a good context for us to return to this season, fresh from the graces of Pentecost. The gifts of the Spirit have been given us. We can ignore them, bury them, or use them with very little life and energy. We can also fan them into a fire that gives courage and hope to others.

As we wake each morning this week, and prepare to be focused when we go about our daily tasks, we can ask the Spirit of Jesus to "enkindle within us the fire of your love." Each day, we can be more and more concrete about where we need help, grace, "fire" to heal and gather others together and be a source of unity and peace which simply aren't a part of the "world's way" of doing things.

Jesus faced terrible conflict in his final days on this earth. That's consoling for us who experience conflict in our day to day experience. This week, let's ask the Spirit to be with us in the difficult times we face. Let's ask that we might not surrender our peace. Let's ask that we be able to trust our Lord when we are asked to love others and give up "my way" of doing things, loving God and our neighbor equally.



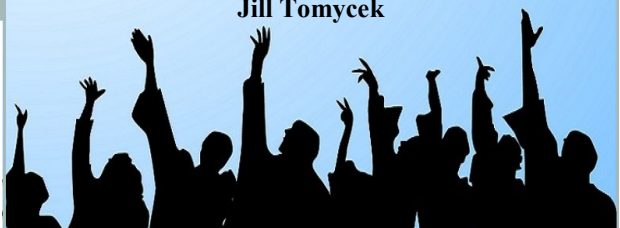
Graduation Prayer

Dear God,
those whom you called to do great things for you
were often tested first.
You did so, not to frustrate them,
but to bring out what you saw as the best in them.
Joseph was raised from slavery to royalty,
and you gave him grace to forgive when he'd been wronged.
Solomon was raised from prince to king,
and you granted him wisdom to govern his people.
Jeremiah was raised from youth to prophet,
and you gave him courage to proclaim your truth.
Today begins a new chapter in the lives of these graduates.
Give them the wisdom to make wise decisions,
just as you gave your servants guidance in ages past.
Amen.

May your Success and Happiness Exceed all Expectations!



Reagan Daas
Connor Frasier
DeLanie O'Berg
TJ Roth
Shane Semple
Jacob Sherer
Jill Tomycek



June 3, 2018

WEEKEND CELEBRANTS

Wednesday, June 6

Fr. Nygaard Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Friday, June 8

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 0:00 am

Saturday, June 9

Fr. Fitzgerald Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

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

Sunday, June 10

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

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekend of	5/27/18
Envelopes	1376.00
Plate	333.00
Aluminum Cans	153.00
Cemetery	160.00
Total	\$2022.00

"Thank you for your continuing generosity"

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, June 9 at 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Rick Drevecky

Communion: Mary Stenger, Ginny Thorn

Gifts: Drevecky Family

Ushers: Ted Stathes, Dick Ordner

Servers: Alexis Ertz

Sunday, June 10 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Wayne Herberg, Brodrick Larson

Communion: Liz Herberg, Kristi Frazier, Scott Tryon

Gifts: Herberg Family

Ushers: Dennis Kaufmann, Rodney Swanson, Don Belland

Servers: Elena Herberg, Connor Frazier

MASS INTENTIONS



June 8th	Parishioner
June 9th	Clara Deutsch †
June 10th	Dick & Sally Kemen †
June 13th	Kaleb Lofboom †

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

Sue Roth Jim Bartz Nick Cimenski
Shirley Kirchberg James Kirchberg



Forget to call us? We have begun the new process for putting/keeping people on the prayer list. Check last weeks bulletin (online) or give the office a call for the details.

"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."

NEWS

Celebrate: This Sunday's mass is honoring our graduates. Please join us for breakfast in Wey Hall to greet and congratulate our graduates.

June 8th we will Celebrate the Feast of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with music and mass at 9:00 am.

Reminder: June 5th at 7 pm is the Parish Council Meeting. And the Fall Festival meeting is at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 6th.

Daily Reflection

Today's solemn feast helps us to celebrate the Holy Communion between us and God as well as God's Holy spirit and the person of Jesus the Christ. This celebration reminds us of perhaps the most basic of the blessings in the relationship between us and our God. The most holy Body and Blood of Christ is our primary entrance into the love that God has for us. Our blessing needs to be a blessing for others, as Jesus' life, death and resurrection is our original blessing.

The feast we enjoy today, formerly known as Corpus Christi, provides the opportunity to discover at a deeper level the reality of our faith in Jesus. The gospel reading is one of several texts that recount the institution of the eucharist, Christ coming to us under the form of bread and wine. Our belief is that these forms become for us the very Body and the Blood of Christ. Receiving this divine gift becomes a profound entrance into the person of Jesus the Christ, an entrance that continues the profound reality of baptism: we enter into the body of Christ and are challenged to live our lives continually growing even more into that reality.

We celebrate each day Jesus' words of consecration "This is. . . my Body. . . my Blood." These words are followed by "do this in memory of me". Formerly, I understood the meaning of doing this in memory of Jesus, as an invitation to celebrate Jesus' sacrifice on the cross in daily and Sunday masses.

Clearly it does mean that, but it means so much more as well. An article I read some years ago helped me to find a deeper understanding of the biblical "institution" narrative of the eucharist. In an article on the subject, Fr. Eugene Laverdiere, SSS, speaks of these familiar words as he examines the word this in the words, "do this in remembrance of me." He claims that the this here refers to the action of Jesus, that he is engaged in as he speaks to the disciples gathered in the upper room.

Jesus refers to his body being "given up" and his blood being "poured out" for his disciples. We are invited to enter into these very actions of Jesus: to give up and to pour out our love and compassion for others; all in imitation of Jesus' words and actions at the last supper.

What an incredible challenge that is. We do the "giving" and the "pouring" of ourselves primarily in response to God's gift in the person of Jesus who accomplishes these actions by his death and resurrection. As we are nourished by Our Lord's actions of giving himself over for the salvation of all, we are challenged to respond similarly to others: that we be nourishment for them as Jesus nourishes us with his life, death and resurrection.

Gracious God, be with us as we give ourselves to those in need. You are the source of our readiness to serve by modeling ourselves Jesus' own service. Help us to attend to your people with joy knowing that your peace and joy comes back to us in the abundance of your love and grace extended so abundantly to us.

Do This in Memory of Me