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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.



10th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand; that is the end of him.” - Mk 3:26

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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.

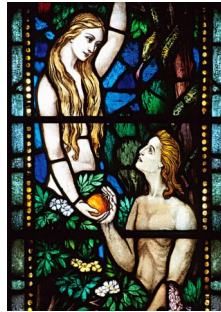
June 10, 2018

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's First Reading from the Book of Genesis we hear the story of Adam and Eve and their sins, defying God. However, when God was present in the garden, the man and woman hid themselves. Adam responds to God's question why in part by saying "I was afraid... so I hid myself." Did he, do any of us really think he could hide from God?

As children many of us may have hidden from a parent when we did something wrong and it was in violation of some specific order we had received. Our efforts to hide what we did and to hide ourselves were probably no more effective than Adam's.

As humans we know the temptation of following our own plans, even if they are contrary to God's. We think we know better and we may try to still have it our way. If what we have done is particularly shameful, we may try to hide our sins from God.



The sincere truth is that we cannot hide from God any more than Adam and Eve could. Psalm 139 declares, "Where can I hide from your spirit (God's)? From your presence where can I flee? If I ascend to the heavens, you are there; if I lie down in Sheol (the place of the dead) you are there, too. If I say 'Surely darkness will hide me'... Darkness is not dark for you."

What are we hiding from? In recent weeks we have learned over and over how much God loves us. It is time for us to accept that and not hide.

Daily Reflections

Pope Francis has often noted that the first words of God to the human family are from this passage where God asks Adam, "Where are you?" Francis suggests that it is a good question for us today. Where do we find ourselves today? What is the situation around us? What is our purpose? What is our relationship with others? What is it we are being called to be and to do?

Paul reminds the Corinthians that we are not discouraged because the resurrection of Jesus has already given us new life and "our inner self is being renewed day by day." The good news is what gives us hope and courage. Our faith is what allows us to be bold and to live our lives for others without holding back.

In the gospel, Jesus is being accused of driving out demons because he's in league with evil. It is outrageous, but it does show how some religious people rebelled against him. When his relatives come to be with him, Jesus makes it clear that the deepest bond he has with his brothers and sisters is that we are faithful. Religious practice or authority, and certainly not only a relationship with him, makes us holy. Mark makes the point clearly: "And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. [For] whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'" Real intimacy with Jesus is about communion with him, in fidelity, in following his example. Intimacy happens when our heart becomes more like his and we are drawn to a fidelity to the Father and the Father's way.

We can ask for the grace, "Make my heart like yours, dear Jesus."

Daily Prayer This Week

Having celebrated God's love for us through the Eucharist on Sunday, we are ready to enter this week to explore the depth of that love and the powerful call each of us is given to love one another. The Sermon on the Mount can help us be contemplatives in action this week. The Beatitudes are not eight new commandments. Rather, Jesus saw those following him and saw their weakness and their need, their goodness and their desire, even the cost they pay to follow him. He looked at them and called them "Blessed."

Let us all begin this week letting Jesus look at us and call us blessed. Each morning we can practice choosing to focus our attention on some way we are spiritually poor or desiring justice, some way we are merciful or a peace maker, some way we might be experiencing the cost of being a believer, and simply asking our Lord to convince us of our blessedness there. It is likely that each of us, every day, can be attentive to some aspect of our daily lives, some part of our relationships or responsibilities, that place us right there in a place for Jesus to tell us that we will be comforted, satisfied, blessed beyond our imagining.

Some day this week, each of us will have the opportunity to be the salt that makes relationships, faithful living, have its flavor. We will have our chances to be light in the midst of the darkness that crosses our paths. We can ask Jesus those days - whether in the morning, or in brief background moments during the day - to have us not lose our flavor or to cover our light. And, all of us will face the greater responsibility of a disciple of Jesus, to avoid anger and find the path to reconciliation, to turn from lust and greed and to love genuinely and honestly.

Catholic Service Appeal Update

Sacred Heart's goal for this year is \$6871, the same as last year. As of the last reporting date, May 19th, our parish has pledged just over 64% of our goal or \$4,405. We are well off last year's pace which saw us having exceeded our goal by now. If you have yet to make a contribution or pledge, please do so now. Envelopes are in the back of church. They can be dropped in the collection baskets or mailed directly to the Catholic Service Appeal Foundation. Contributions dropped in the baskets are not opened but forwarded directly to the CSAF. Meeting or exceeding our parish goal means 25% of all collections are returned to Sacred Heart. If 90-99.9% of goal is reached, 10% is returned; less than 90% returns 0. Help us maximize the budget to Sacred Heart.

For perspective, the Archdiocese-wide goal is \$9.2 million of which \$ 7.4 million has been pledged representing 80% of goal. So far, the average pledge in 2018 has been \$258 compared to last year's \$232. But overall, the number of donors is down 4,000 from last years at this time.

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WEEKEND CELEBRANTS

Wednesday, June 13

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, June 16

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

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

Sunday, June 17

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

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekend of 6/4/18 .

Envelopes1531.00

Plate323.00

Bldg. Maint.150.00

Cemetery65.00

Total\$2069.00

**** The next Finance Council meeting will be on Thursday, June 14th. ****

"Thank you for your continuing generosity"

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, June 16 at 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Sue Roth

Communion: Chuck Debevec,

Mary Petschl

Gifts: Petschl Family

Ushers: Derrick Murphy, Kevin Murphy

Servers: Maggie Roth

Sunday, June 17 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Jeremy Albright, Brodrick Larson

Communion: David Prickett, Jean Peno*, Mary Pat Hestbeck

Gifts: Peno Family

Ushers: Craig Peterson, Ron Pel-tier, Bill Peno

Servers: Isabelle Harer, Devon Larson

MASS INTENTIONS



June 13th

Kaleb Lofboom †

June 16th

Open

June 17th

Dorothy Tomczyk †

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

Sue Roth

Jim Bartz

Nick Cimenski

Shirley Kirchberg

James Kirchberg



"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."



**We Wish you a Happy Birthday
on June 12th
Father Shane!**

NEWS



BIG Thank you to those who helped clean and take inventory in the church kitchen. The help was appreciated. Those that helped; Audrey Larson, Bernie Winter, Mary Jo Stathes, Pat Mihm and Jan Walz. A special thank you to Don Kirchberg for doing the ovens and stove tops.



Rush City Regional Airport Fly In/ Drive In is from 8 am to 1 pm, Sunday, June 10th. Also, join the Lions Club for a Pancake breakfast from 8 am until noon.

Take Pope Francis' Advice and Stop Complaining

Let's face it, we live in a world of complainers. The neighbours are too noisy. The weather is lousy. The roads are too busy. The raccoons are a nuisance. There's nothing to watch on summer TV. The Blue Jays can't hit anymore. There are too many weeds. The homily was too long. And the politicians, where to begin? You get the picture.

So you have to admire the sign that now hangs on the door of the Pope's Vatican residence: "Complaining Not Allowed." Some people ask you to leave your shoes at the door. Pope Francis wants you to leave behind your gripes.

Who can blame him? It's probably a safe bet that the Pope has few meetings during his busy days that don't include someone grumbling about one thing or another. When you lead a huge, international institution that rarely seems to run smoothly on all cylinders, dealing with complaints probably goes with the job, one supposes.

It may not have been complainers, per se, that caused Pope Benedict XVI to step down. He certainly never made that claim. But you have to wonder if dealing with too many moaners played at least some small part in his conclusion that, at age 85, he was no longer able to exercise his papal ministry. Maybe he'd just had enough.

But this isn't just a Vatican problem. The Pope's new sign should be copied and pasted on doors beyond the Vatican corridors. His prudent suggestion deserves to be studied by all would-be complainers. It offers sound advice for everyone.

Complaining is detrimental to one's health and well-being, the sign says, echoing studies that indicate complaining, and the stress that often accompanies it, can contribute to depression, headaches, fatigue and coronary issues. Further, says the sign, complainers are prone to exhibiting a "victim complex" that dulls their sense of humour and problem-solving ability. It is particularly wrong to complain in the presence of children, it concludes.

It's easy to picture Pope Francis wearing a smile while hanging his notice. This is a pope, after all, who has lamented that the Church has too many doom-and-gloomers with faces resembling pickled peppers. Designating his suite as a no-complaint zone, complete with a large, red notice, would appeal to his obvious sense of fun.

But as usual with Francis, the humour has a deeper message. He's right, of course, people complain too much. He seeks a Church of people who are joyful and optimistic. So if he's tired of the naysayers, who are we to complain?

His sign concludes with some sound advice. "Stop complaining and act to make your life better."

So let's enjoy the summer, stop complaining, and start acting.

~ Catholic Register Editorial