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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.



11th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God? It is like a mustard seed ... once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." - Mk 4:30a, 31a, 32

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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.

June 17, 2018

On Cell Phones and God

Several days ago, I had an exterminator come to get rid of small ants crawling around the kitchen sink and nearby counter; this had been going on for about a month. As the pest control guy was spraying for the ants, I asked him what he suggested about my sighting of a few carpenter ants. He asked if I had any leaks or wet spots in the rectory in which I replied that I wasn't aware of any. The gentleman then said that I need not worry; they would return back outside unless they had found a wet location. He went on to tell me that having carpenter ants in the house is typically a symptom of an underlying matter. That caused me to think about God and cell phone usage.

Before I share with you about what triggered me to start pondering God and cell phone use, there is some background about how I feel about this form of technology. While I consider there are many great aspects in the invention of cell phones, at the same time, I believe they not only affect our human interactions, but also our relationship with God. My thinking about cellular phones came about the other day when I was eating lunch at a Forest Lake restaurant with a friend, as well as at a Mass recently when an individual's phone rang during the middle of our sacred service.

If I may protest for a moment, it is terrible enough when a phone rings in church, but it is mindboggling that an individual would answer the call and start talking noisily as they walk out of church, which happened a couple weeks ago in one of my parishes. It is hard to fathom that a person has, at that time, little respect for the holy ground they are in. Then, a short time after the church episode, a person seated about fifteen feet from our table in the restaurant answered his phone as he crammed food into his mouth and began a conversation. To make matters more outrageous, he chatted loudly with his mouth open while eating and holding his phone with the speaker only a few inches from his face; therefore, we could hear the discussion taking place. Thankfully, five to seven minutes later he left the restaurant.

As stated above, this is a symptom to today's topic, which is the use of a cell phone without regard to others, which points to an underlying concern: both our need for instantaneous gratification and our inability to be present with someone or God. By immediate gratification, I mean that we fail to delay phone conversations (except in rare emergencies), and they can wait until after visiting with the person you are talking with, or after Mass. Ninety-nine percent of the time, waiting and calling a person back will not do any harm. This is the same for church and Mass as well.

Ultimately the point is this, if we can't give our full attention to another human being while having a conversation with them, how can we expect to be able to give God, who needs and requires our whole attention and respect when we are in prayer with Him either outside or inside church and at Mass!

Please turn your phone off while attending Mass or better yet, leave it in your car or at home.

Have a great summer week, Father Shane

Daily Prayer This Week

There is nothing like the Sermon on the Mount to help us hear the message of Jesus, and to let ourselves be addressed by those words. All of us can ask for these graces with real specificity, that is, with real people and real daily circumstances in mind. We know with whom we need to "turn the other cheek" and to love more. We know the circumstances in which we are tempted to "be religious" in the right circumstances only. Upon reflection, each of us can take the time to "locate" our hearts, by discovering what we tend to "treasure." We can do a simple check on ourselves: we make a list of the five most important things in my life. Then we can make a list of the five things I spend most of my time on. Comparing the lists will help us get concrete about asking the Lord for the grace we need to put our lives back in balance. All of us can name what we worry about. And so we can all ask for the graces to "seek first" the Kingdom of God.

All of this reflection can happen throughout the week in the background of our daily life, if we get into the habit of focusing for a few moments each morning. If we take just 30 seconds, at the edge of our bed each morning, it will begin to establish a habit of living more reflectively.

Thank you for this day, Lord. Help me to be focused today on not getting so hooked by Ann's ways or Bob's harsh words. I need your grace to place my trust in you. Help me especially before I have to talk with Ann on the phone and let me stay focused before Bill comes home from work.

Our version of a brief moment with the Lord - friend to friend - can be repeated and made more specific, while we are going about our day. Some days, we might have 20 such moments of prayerful conversation with our Lord - guided by the Word, the desires that are surfacing, and the events of our daily lives. And, each night, we can give thanks for this deeper relationship with the Lord that is developing in my heart.

Father's Day Prayer

God our Father, through the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks and praise for all the fathers in the world.

We pray for them so that they may find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!**

June 17, 2018

WEEKEND CELEBRANTS

Wednesday, June 20

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, June 23

Fr. Fitzgerald Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

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

Sunday, June 24

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

Fr. Fitzgerald Sacred Heart 9:00 am

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekend of	6/10/18
Envelopes	1382.00
Plate	363.00
Bldg. Maint.	10.00
Food Shelf.....	10.00
Cemetery	65.00
EFT Money	324.00
Grave Sales	1500.00
Archdiocese CSA Rebate	1244.00
Total	\$ 4898.00

"Thank you for your continuing generosity"

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, June 23 at 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Al Walz

Communion: Mary Stenger, Rick Kosloski

Gifts: Walz Family

Ushers: Al Petschl, Dick Ordner

Servers: TJ Roth

Sunday, June 24 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Kevin Smith, Diana Granlund

Communion: Audrey Larson, Clarence Larson*, Scott Tryon

Gifts: Moore Family

Ushers: Joe Moore, Don Belland, Rodney Swanson

Servers: Alexis Ertz, Brayden Ertz

MASS INTENTIONS

June 20th	Open
June 23rd	Tony Debevec †
June 24th	Douglas Duwyne Hanson†

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."

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you or someone you know is in need of a prayer shawl please contact the Parish office at 320.358.4370.

Shawls are provided by the CCW of Sacred Heart.



NEWS



Sunday, Sept. 16th from 10am-2pm is the Annual Fall Festival. YES, we will be serving Brass Rail chicken! We will be needing volunteers to help with the kitchen, games, silent auction, donations, and baking for the Country Store. **Also, we are in need of a chair person for the kitchen, if you are interested please contact the office.** The next meeting is scheduled for July 19th at 7pm.

JUNE 30/ July 1 SECOND COLLECTION

We will have our annual collection for Peter's Pence which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression and natural disasters. Through your generosity we can cast the peace of Christ upon the world.

FATHER SHANE AWAY

Fr Shane will be away on the Youth Mission Trip from June 25 to July 3. For any emergencies, please call the parish office or after hours, call 612.269.3064. During Father's absence, Communion Services will take place Tuesday and Thursday June 26 & 27; and Mass on Wednesday with Fr. Nygaard. No Mass or Communion Service will be held on Friday, June 26.

Spread God's love with works of mercy, Pope says By Catholic News Service

June 8, 2018

VATICAN – God shows his love, not with great speeches, but with simple, tender acts of charity, Pope Francis said. "When Jesus wants to teach us how a Christian should be, he tells us very little," the Pope said, but he shows people by feeding the hungry and welcoming the stranger. Celebrating Mass in the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae June 8, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Pope spoke about the boundless love of Christ, "which surpasses knowledge." It is not easy to understand, he said, but God expresses his infinite love in small, tender ways.

In the day's first reading, the prophet Hosea says the Lord loved his people like a child, taking them into his arms, drawing them in, "close, like a dad" would, the Pope said. "How does God show his love? With great things? No, he becomes small with gestures of tenderness, goodness," he said. God stoops low and gets close.

In Christ, God then became flesh, lowering himself even unto death, the Pope said, which helps teach Christians the right path they should take.

"What does (Jesus) say? He doesn't say, 'I think God is like this. I have understood God's love.' No, no. I made God's love small," the Pope said, that is, he expressed God's love concretely on a small scale by feeding someone who was hungry, giving the thirsty something to drink, visiting a prisoner or someone who is ill.

"The works of mercy are precisely the path of love that Jesus teaches us in continuity with this great love of God," he said. Therefore, there is no need for grand speeches about love, he said, but there is a need for men and women "who know how to do these little things for Jesus, for the Father."

Works of mercy continues that love, which is made small so it can "reach us and we carry it forward," Pope Francis said.