

Church Of The Sacred Heart



415 West 5th Street
Rush City, MN 55069

Parish Office

Mailing Address:

PO Box 45

Rush City, MN 55069

Phone: 320.358.4370

Fax: 866.779.1580

Wey Hall: 320.358.3145

Email: sacredheart@q.com

Website: sacredheartrcmn.org

Parish Staff Contacts

Pastor

Fr. Shane Stoppel-Wasinger 651.674.4056 Ext. 111

Weekend Assistants

Fr. Chuck Brambilla

Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

Secretary/Bulletin Editor

Marsha Marcussen 320.358.4370

Bookkeeper

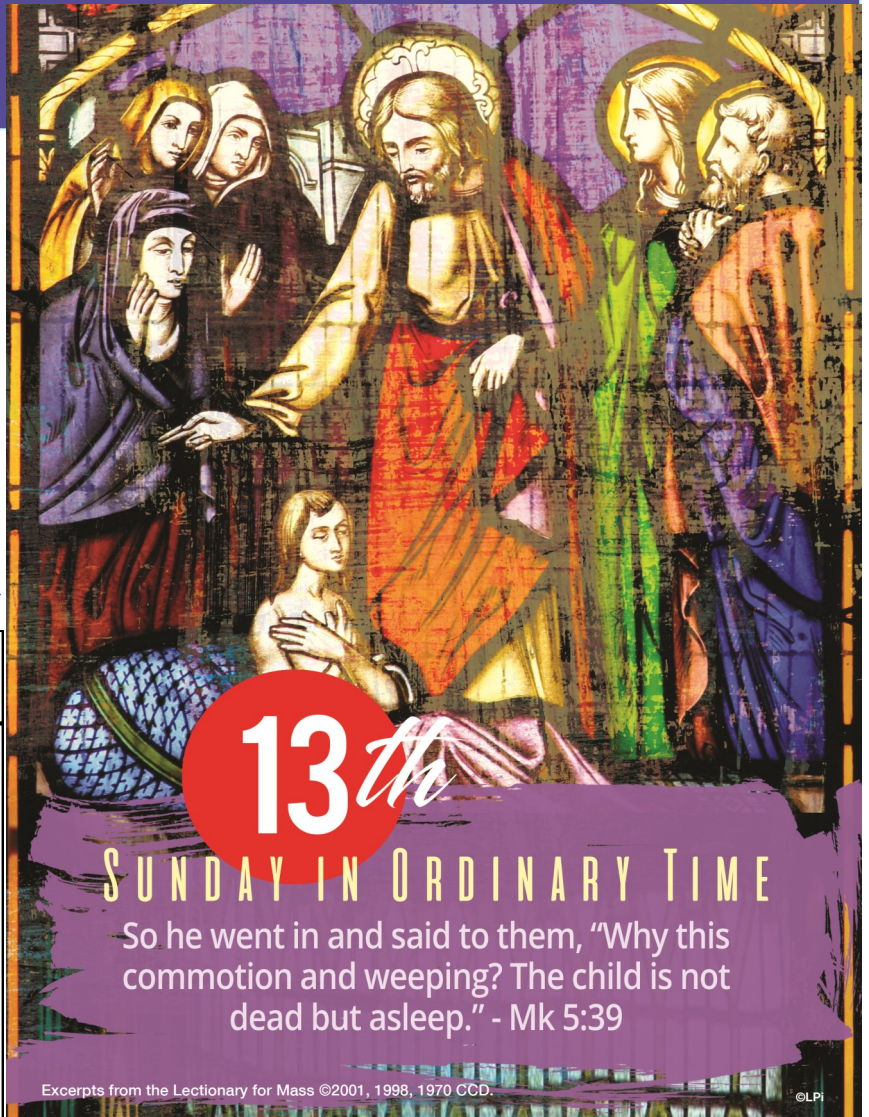
Steve Yurick 320.358.4370

Faith Formation Coordinator

Sue Roth

651.238.1797

sroth6183@hotmail.com



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.



July 1, 2018

Fourth of July Ruminations

In the midst of the heat and damp of midsummer, here in the midwest of North America, and as we approach the annual observance of the Founding of the United States of America as a Nation, I find it exceedingly comforting that we are reminded that our God is a God of life, not death. If any single "message" comes through the readings for this Sunday it is that we must believe that God creates all life and desires the life of the created order. Further, God values the life and full dignity of each and every human person with infinite tenderness and passionate insistence.

I am reminded of an experience I had many years ago when I was teaching a group of young women in the full throes of their early adolescence. These sixteen-year-olds were full of exuberance, questions, and confusions as they darted from one taste of life to another. I was asked to give a talk for the older students at a neighboring "private academy in the Episcopal Tradition," defending the Catholic Church's position supporting human life at every stage, as part of a speaker-series on "important political topics." At the end of my talk I could feel the wall of disagreement and annoyance in the assembly of some 200 high school juniors and seniors. One young woman stood and told me that if she would get pregnant at this stage of her life she would be ruined. She was aiming toward a long and illustrious career as a lawyer and a judge she proudly announced, and wouldn't it be better to rid herself (and her embarrassed family, as well) of the "inconvenience" of a child who might impede that opportunity for making a contribution of great worth to the human family. "After all," she asserted confidently, "this would not be a full human person, just a mass of tissue, albeit well organized tissue." (Yes, "albeit" was her very word of the day.)

I was both saddened by the argument she posed as well as amused by the confidence displayed in the well-organized grammar, but utterly flawed theological anthropology she espoused. I asked her if she wasn't also making a good argument for ridding the world of teenage humans. I suggested that she herself, might pose an inconvenience, in her own inept incompleteness, for her parents on any number of occasions. Weren't they justified in getting rid of her since she wasn't a full-grown human person, but rather an impediment to their plans for success and contribution to the human race? She protested, and rightly, that such an act on anyone's part would be murder. I agreed with her on the point about murder, and suggested that she might reconsider her thoughts about pre-born life as a "mass of tissue." Considering that the little human being asking to be born - that she was positing as a possibility - would not be far removed from her own very real requests to her parents to love her and sustain her into the fullness of her life even when she was behaving most inconveniently.

The first reading today insists that humans are made imperishable for God. We enter death because of sin - and to bring about the death of others engages in sin. The Gospel for today discloses Jesus, at the height of his missionary work, raising the dead and healing the sick. The reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians asserts that humans have been given the gifts we need to care for and supply for one another's needs as well as our own. Our God lavishly pours out the bounty of creation and we must be willing to share that bounty so that all may have life to the full. Taken together, this rich bounty at the table of the word would be enough to feast on throughout the whole summer, even in the face of all the dilemmas of sin and selfishness that seem to surround us and sap our energies. If we fail to love and respect our lives, the lives of the littlest and most vulnerable in the wombs of their mothers or in the arms of their fathers, in hospital beds, detention centers or nursing homes; if we neglect the dignity of those who have been deprived of their share of the bounty of the harvest by the devastation of wars, the molestation of gangs, government tariffs, or the pure greed of land and water rights locked away for the wealthy and politically powerful, we are engaging in "the dirty work of death," as Pope Francis challenges us.

Continue above.....

Today is a good day to express thanks, to enjoy the full gift of eucharistic life - that is a life of thanksgiving and sharing with others - so that they also might have life. Only when each of us is grateful for our own lives can we fully appreciate the wonders of God's gift of life to us and to our beautiful, if suffering, world as we enter the second half of this swiftly moving year. God's grace of gratitude will spill out and overflow with life and healing for others if we but open our hearts to that gift. No greater hope can the Church have for us than to challenge us to "lift up our hearts" as we celebrate God's totally generous self-donation.

by Eileen Burke-Sullivan

Daily Prayer This Week

One of the blessings of reading passages that describe Jesus' ministry is that they can help us become more and more attracted to him. We can become fascinated by his pastoral care for those on the margins of Society or his courage in the face of opposition. The more we watch Jesus, the easier it is for us to fall in love with him. Being drawn to Jesus with growing affection will ultimately lead us to want to be with him and like him.

So each morning this week we can begin our day with a very brief prayer. "Lord, let me see you, love you and desire to follow you more closely today." We might say, "Drive away the demons that tempt my spirit today" on one day and repeat that prayer at various times, especially when we are tempted to look good, or to escape into over-indulgence with food or drink or fantasies, or when we are tempted to let anger get the better of us. On another day, we might pray, "Dear Lord, I get paralyzed sometimes - just stuck and unable to move. Free me today, by reminding me of your love and mercy." Still another day, we might ask, "Let me respond to your call with the freedom Matthew had." We might turn to the Lord some day and simply say, "Lord, I know you desire mercy and not sacrifice, please free me from the judgments I will be tempted to make today." Finally, I might pray, "Lord, pour your new wine into me. Let me be a new wineskin to receive it. Give me the freedom today to let your word transform how I act and how I choose today."

The key to finding intimacy with our God in the midst of our busy lives is to let God's Word interact with the real events and people who are there. No matter what our responsibilities are today, no matter how unrelated they seem to be to faith or devotion, and no matter how busy we might be, we can all let God's Word into the background, in brief moments of connection, conversation and intimacy. All it takes is desire and focus.

As we practice using the background moments of our days, we will grow in experiencing that this intimacy is possible. And, when we sense it and enjoy it, and see what a difference it makes, let's not forget to give thanks each evening for the gifts we have received.

July 1, 2018

Weekend Celebrants

Wednesday, July 4th

No Mass or Service

Saturday, July 7

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

Sunday, July 8

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

Financial Update

Weekend of	6/26/18
Envelopes	1290.00
Plate	196.00
Anniversary Bldg. Improvements.....	100.00
Stipends/Stole	21.00
EFT Money	470.00
Fall Festival.....	250.00
Cemetery	10.00
Grave Sales	700.00
Total	\$ 3090.75

"Thank you for your continuing generosity"

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, July 7 at 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Rick Drevecky

Communion: Mary Stenger, Bev Mollberg

Gifts: Drevecky Family

Ushers: Ted Stathes, Dick Ordner

Servers: Ava Wendorff

Sunday, July 8 at 9:00 am

Lectors: David Prickett, Mary Petschl

Communion: Liz Herberg, Kristi Frazier, Scott Tryon*

Gifts: Herberg Family

Ushers: Don Belland, Joe Moore, Dennis Kaufmann

Servers: TJ Roth, Maggie Roth

Mass Intentions

July 7th

Nick Cieminski †

July 8th

Fr. Marty Fleming †



Needing our Prayers

Sue Roth	Jim Bartz	Bill Peno
Shirley Kirchberg	James Kirchberg	Arlene Greenhagen



"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 11th** at 7pm. ******Please take note that the meeting date has changed.******

Two Sunday's ago an umbrella was mistakenly taken off the table in the south Church entryway, please return it to the office or the back of the church. Thank you.

New Gravesite Prices:

Effective immediately , the cost of a gravesite in our cemetery is \$500 per site for parishioners and \$700 per site for non-parishioners.

DON'T FORGET YOUR PARISH

The summer months are truly a time for us to enjoy the wonders of God's creation. When you are away on vacation, please remember how important your weekly offering is to your parish. As you are planning your vacation, remember to add "mail in offertory envelopes" to your "to do list" or drop them off to the Church office. Thank you for your continued support.

ENVELOPE EXCHANGE

We want to make all parishioners aware that if they visit Sacred Heart in Rush City or St. Gregory the Great Parish in North Branch, and want to include your envelope in the visiting collection basket, it will get back to your home parish weekly.

Finance Council Member

A resignation from the finance council has created a need for a new member. We meet 4 to 6 times a year. Please contact the office if interested.

