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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.



14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." - Mk 6:4

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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.

July 8, 2018

ON TWO LAKES AND CHURCH SERVICE

As many of you may know, there are two lakes in present day Israel that are known throughout the world. Those lakes are the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee, or Sea of Tiberias as it is sometimes called in the New Testament. While both are below sea level and located in Israel, they are as different as apples and oranges; one is known for death and the other for life, respectively. The only thing they have in common besides being in the same country is that the Jordan River connects the two of them. Now, allow me to explain further!

The Dead Sea lays 1,412 feet below sea level, and at its deepest depth is 997 making it the lowest salt-water lake in the world. The amount of salt in the water is 34.2%, which is 9.6 times more than in any ocean. Nothing can live in this lake for this reason; it once was called "Sea of Death" in Hebrew. Since it has no outlets, the salty water is always stagnant. It is true that one can float in the Dead Sea, which is something I experienced first-hand in 1992.

During the same year I visited the Dead Sea, I also saw, while sailing in a boat, the Sea of Galilee. This lake has 64.4 square miles with the deepest spot at 141 below the surface. Not only are underground springs fed into the lake, but also the Jordan River flows north to south. As a result, the water always flows creating a healthy, clear, blue lake filled with abundant life.

As mentioned, the Jordan River aids the Sea of Galilee by helping it support all kinds of marine life and fish as it moves through the water. When the Jordan River leaves the Sea of Galilee, the rushing waters travel south running by Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus' disciples realized his identity as the Son of God. Further down is where Our Savior was baptized, and also where it ends in the Dead Sea. Throughout its journey, the Jordan River's waters give life to those who use it for drinking and irrigating.

Do you and I have a faith life like the Dead Sea with no outlet, or is it like the Sea of Galilee with an outlet? Our spiritual life in prayer, which takes on many forms, such as Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary,

Novenas, and most significantly in attending the Sunday Eucharist is essential in our Catholic faith lives and are central to our growth in our relationship with God. Nonetheless, prayer and attending weekly Sunday Eucharistic celebration is not enough!!! Let me reinforce that prayer is not sufficient in allowing us to grow in faith. When we only pray or attend Mass, and do nothing more for others, we are like the Dead Sea, remaining stagnant. We must, in fact, need to do more if we want to continue to have a rich, meaningful spiritual life. How do we accomplish that?

We grow in our faith by a life of service. At the end of the Mass we are sent forth by one of three responses: "Go and announce the Gospel." We are not to walk out of Mass and do nothing more; no, we are called to proclaim the Gospel through our words and more importantly by our actions of service. Getting out of ourselves by serving others and our faith community give us the fullness of life as the Sea of Galilee is full of life.

To be continued... Father Shane

Daily Prayer This Week

Last week we reflected about images of Jesus beginning his ministry and letting ourselves grow in admiration and attraction to him. This week we take the next step by watching him call and send his Apostles. As we go through each day this week, in the background of our consciousness, we can make an ongoing reflection on our call and mission.

For a few days, we can pray each morning, for just 30 seconds or so -- when we first stand up beside our bed or when we are in the shower or while dressing -- "Dear Jesus, I sometimes forget that I am called by you to be your disciple. I forget that you call me each day to live the mission you give me. Help me be more aware of your call and more faithful in living it today."

For a few days, we might begin the day talking to Jesus, with our own words: "Lord, I have some challenges to face today. Help me enter those challenges with faith and trust in you. Calm my fears and heal my resistance to placing my trust in you. Then, let me bring your healing to the conflicts and wounds I encounter today."



And, for a few days, I can be more focused on what Jesus said about sending us like sheep among wolves. "Lord, there are so many ways that I have become a part of the values of the world around me. Give me the freedom to hear your call today and to live it counter culturally. With your grace, I resolve to live more simply and to try to hear the cry of the poor. With your grace, I desire to be freed from the attachments that blind me, so that I might be guided by your Spirit in dismantling unjust social structures. Today, Jesus, I place my trust in you."

In these simple prayers we find ourselves having a new focus each day. While continuing to be busy and doing what we are committed to doing, our days are transformed. In brief conversations with Jesus, our hearts and desires become more closely aligned with his. Practicing this kind of prayer is very fulfilling and soon becomes a habit. We become more reflective as we grow in intimacy with our Lord, in the midst of our daily lives.

As we review our day each evening before going to bed, we recognize God's presence with us that day. Expressing our gratitude each night claims the graces we have received and helps us trust God's presence in our lives more and more.

Weekend Celebrants

Wednesday, July 11th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, July 14

Fr. Fitzgerald Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

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

Sunday, July 15

Fr. Shane St. Gregory's 9:30 am

Fr. Fitzgerald Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Financial Update

Weekend of	7/2/18
Envelopes	1507.00
Plate	202.50
Funeral fund	165.00
Bldg. Maint.	150.00
Stipends/Stole	48.00
CCW funeral proceeds	100.00
Memorials.....	100.00
Prison Ministry.....	80.00
Ascension	5.00
Total	\$ 2357.50

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, July 14 at 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Wayne Herberg

Communion: Chuck Debevec,

Mary Petschl

Gifts: Petschl Family

Ushers: Al Petschl

Servers: Elena Herberg

Sunday, July 15 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Jeremy Albright, Diana

Granlund

Communion: David Prickett, Jean

Peno*, Kristi Frazier

Gifts: Peno Family

Ushers: Craig Peterson, Bill Pe-

no, Ron Peltier

Servers: Alexis Ertz, Brayden Ertz

Mass Intentions

July 11th Carol Freid

July 14th Dorothy Tomczyk †

July 15th Open



Needing our Prayers

Sue Roth Jim Bartz Bill Peno
Shirley Kirchberg Jim 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.******

New Gravesite Prices:

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

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.



Chisago Co. American Cancer Relay for Life will be held this year on Saturday, July 14th, 4-10pm at the south end of the No. Branch Mall. Come and enjoy supper with us and help us celebrate cancer survivors, caregivers, and remember those who have lost their battle to this horrible disease. If you or a loved one are a survivor, please come at 4pm, register, and give us time to honor you at a Survivor Reception. Luminara can be purchased at the event. More information can be found at www.RelayforLife.org/ChisagoMN or call Amy Sundberg, Community Development Manager, Am. Cancer Society, 651.255.8113.

If you borrowed roasting pans from the Church please contact the church office. Thanks.

I am not
my own;
I have given
myself to Jesus.
He must be my
only love.

—St. Kateri Tekakwitha