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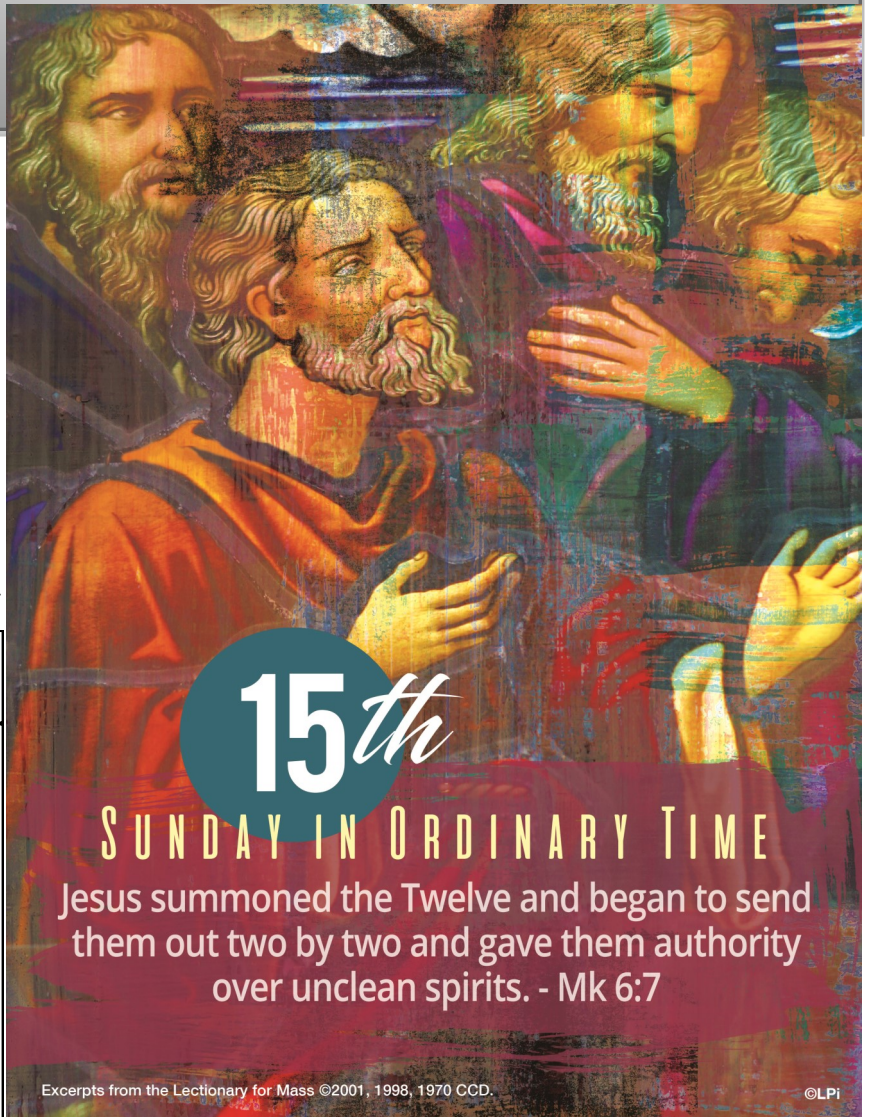
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Mission Statement

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.

July 15, 2018

ON TWO LAKES AND CHURCH SERVICE- PART 2

In part 1 of this article, I wrote about the difference between the Dead Sea, which is stagnant and lifeless, and the Sea of Galilee, which is always flowing and full of life. Toward the end of the article, I asked if you and I have a faith life like the Dead Sea with no outlet, or like the Sea of Galilee with an outlet. Furthermore, the article concluded explaining the importance of proclaiming the Gospel of the Lord, not so much with words, but through our actions and service in the Church and in the larger community.

A call to service in the Church is not the only place we can find this invitation; it can be found in other organizations, for example, one such as Alcoholics Anonymous. In their Twelve-step program, in the heart of their 12th Step reads, "...we tried to carry this message...". In other words, once a person has achieved his/her sobriety, they are to serve (carry this message) to other alcoholics. By their giving of themselves through this kind of service, they receive back far more than they give. This is also true when we are of service to our church community. By our sharing of ourselves and our gifts that God has blessed us with, we grow in our faith, receive satisfaction by helping out our faith community, and find life more meaningful. Now, how many of you believe you have enough faith thus don't need to grow in your spiritual life? How many of you find life to be completely satisfying and at peace? How many of you have an utterly meaningful and purpose filled life? If this is the situation you find yourself in, there is no need to read further; however, if not, please read on.

Now that you are still reading this article, this means that you feel something is missing in your life and/or also you want more from life. What excuse or fear is stopping you? Perhaps you fear that you're not good or know enough or are unworthy to be a catechist in our faith formation program or serve as a Eucharistic Minister. No one starts out teaching, mentoring, leading others fully prepared. Even new bishops need to learn how to be a bishop. For instance, a priest friend in another diocese told me that it took a few years before his bishop learned how to be one, this was in the Diocese of Roseau, Dominica. Or you may think you are unworthy to be a Eucharistic Minister. We are all unworthy, but what an honor if you offer the Body and Blood of Christ to your fellow parishioners. Even I, a priest, also am unworthy, yet God has called me to this kind of service.

Another explanation for not wanting to serve is that you have no time, are too busy, do not want to commit to something, or simply don't want to have a more meaningful life and deeper spiritual one as well. Excuses, excuses...

All I can say from my personal experience is that when I am of service to others, I feel happier, better about myself, and enjoy life far more than I ever imagined. I am not joshing or deceiving you- it really is the truth! A list of current needs that each parish has are on the flyer inside the bulletin. Please read and then call the office, or me, to tell me how you want to serve and go on feeling happier and good about yourself.

***Have a good week. I will be waiting to hear from you,
Father Shane***

Daily Prayer This Week

This week, we are invited to place our trust in God as we respond more and more deeply to the invitation of Jesus to be his disciples. Being his disciple means being connected with him in a bond stronger than any other bond in our life - one which may set us at odds with others. Seeking self-fulfillment will always be frustrating and unattainable. Letting go of ourselves for Jesus' sake brings a fulfillment beyond our imagining.

It is not enough to be part of a wonderful family or outstanding parish community. We need to make our own commitment. Being smart or clever is not what is required of us. Jesus asks us to be childlike: trusting, dependent, open to learning and receiving. Being his disciples means that we come to Jesus with all our needs, especially for the resources we need to serve him. It is as companions of Jesus' own mission that the burden of our mission will become lighter and quite easy. Coming to Jesus will bring refreshment and peace. A sign of our discipleship will never be self righteousness or judging others. What he desires is that our hearts become like his: full of mercy and love. His own heart is moved with pity for those who are wandering, without direction, as though shepherd-less.

How can we find intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives, while reflecting on our discipleship? By letting these precious messages of Jesus to us settle into our hearts. If we really hear them, they will become a part of us this week. It doesn't take much time; just more focus. Each day, we can let these words of Jesus' interact with what is going on in our daily lives. The call to be bonded with him might strike a chord in our hearts: I might recognize that my bond with Jesus is weak, and I have a desire for a deeper intimacy. Or, I might hear the invitation to let go of my need for self fulfillment in order to find real meaning in life and the true self within me. Perhaps I might feel the call to repent or to be more trusting and childlike -- or to be less judgmental and more merciful.

All we need to do is to begin each day simply naming these desires that the readings reveal in us. Then, throughout the day, in the in-between times - dressing, showering, walking from one place to another, finding myself alone here or there - I can have brief conversations with Jesus asking for these graces. In particularly difficult times, or in times when my weaknesses reveal themselves to me, I can recognize that desire more deeply and express that to the Lord, growing in gratitude for the intimacy and grace I am experiencing each day.



Weekend Celebrants

Wednesday, July 18th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, July 21st

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

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

Sunday, July 22nd

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

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

Financial Update

Weekend of	7/10/18
Envelopes	1716.00
Plate	225.00
Food Shelf	10.00
Bldg. Maint.	30.00
EFT money	324.00
Peter's Pence	429.10
Memorials	365.00
Prison Ministry	18.00
Total	\$ 3117.10

"Thank you for your continuing generosity"

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, July 21 at 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Rick Drevecky

Communion: Mary Stenger, Rick Kosloski

Gifts: Wendorff Family

Ushers: Dick Ordner

Servers: Ava Wendorff

Sunday, July 22 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Kevin Smith, David Prickett

Communion: Audrey Larson, Clarence Larson, Mary Pat Hestbeck

Gifts: Moore Family

Ushers: Derrick Murphy, Kevin Murphy, Joe Moore

Servers: Alexis Murphy, Isabelle Harer

Mass Intentions

July 18th

Fr. Marty Fleming †

July 21st

Tony Debevec †

July 22nd

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.



Sign up sheets are in the back of church for volunteers for the Fall Festival. Donation envelopes are in the pews for monetary donations, we are also accepting donations for auction items.

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.

I recently got into an Uber car ride. I like talking with drivers if I sense they are open to it. On this particular day, the driver was very talkative and told me about how he was an inventor. He had several patents and was about to sell one of his inventions for a ton of money. We had a wonderful conversation. I asked him why, with his good fortune with inventions, he was still driving. He smiled and said, "There are still some people I haven't met yet. I never know who is going to get into my car next."

What an amazing answer! Too often we live our lives in semi-solitude, walking around with blinders on so we don't make eye contact. We have our family and friends, but we don't get up each day wondering with excitement who we will meet.

God puts people into our path all the time. Maybe we need them or they need us. But we do not walk through this world alone. If we choose to not be mindful of who is in our midst, we miss the chance to receive whatever gifts they may have to give. In the same vein, they miss out on what we have to share with them if we stay closed and quiet. Pay attention to those around you. God may come to you in the words of a friend, the request of a homeless man, or in the wisdom of an Uber driver.

Article courtesy of Liturgical Publications

†Mark Ellingson

Husband of Joanie Ellingson
Father of Amanda Ellingson

May his soul and the souls
of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen.

