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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.



16th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. - Mk 6:31b-32

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.

July 22, 2018

Weekly Reflections

A few years ago one of my younger nephews was traveling with his siblings and their mother. While pulling out of a drive-in restaurant, with French fries on his lap, a hamburger in one hand and a malt in the other, he asked his mother, "Mom, where are we going to eat after we eat next." He seemed not to worry about what they were going to eat next, but where after that. The "Good Shepherd" at the steering wheel assured her little lamb that he need not fear, just finish what he had in hand and lap. My sister was feeling less of compassion and more of enjoyable patience.

In our First Reading for today, Jeremiah is feeling neither patience nor compassion, but a certain anger with the religious leaders of Israel at that time. They have been perverting authority into power and self-serving rather than servant-caring. They have been accumulating rather than dispensing. They have been driving their flock away while establishing their little kingdoms.

Jeremiah makes two profound and hopeful statements. God will appoint true shepherds, true leaders for the remnant and will feed them in their own meadows.

The second statement or prophecy concerns the descendent or offspring of the line of David who will guide God's flock and whose name will be "The Lord Our Justice." He will be the Pastor Shepherd who will reveal the tender tending of the faithful God.

In our Gospel for today, Jesus takes His tired, little flock for a restful picnic across the lake. When they arrived at the deserted place, they found that it was not deserted any longer. The crowds from around and about were in need of being fed after they had eaten recently. They were hungry for food of all kinds, but especially for healings and teachings. There's always room for a little more. They may not have even known what they were looking for; they were just looking.

When Jesus and His crew disembarked, He look at the crowd gathered like a hungry flock and He received them with "pity"? Not exactly "pity", but the original Greek word was "Moved to His guts". He was deeply touched, because they were gazing at Him as would a large flock of sheep, looking for food. Immediately after these verses from Mark's Gospel, Jesus has them assume postures of receptivity and feeds them as would any good shepherd. I can imagine that this huge crowd has gathered into one, but for different reasons, having different hungers.

As they individually arrived, certain self-appointed ushers asked each of the seekers questions about what each was looking for. The ushers seated persons according to their responses.

Nearest the shore to the left was the group who had replied that they had not much to do that day and everybody seemed to be excitedly heading toward this place. They just went along with the crowd.

Next to that group, seated more toward the center, were those who wanted to get up close and impersonal with Jesus. They intended to question Him about His authority, his obscure family roots and why He seemed sometimes to violate His own religious traditions. They were hungry for a good argument.

To the right of this group were arranged younger folks who had brought their own picnic baskets and were enjoying their own self-sufficiency and smugly ate what they had brought while keeping their provisions for themselves. They came to see, hear and check out whether or not Jesus could provide even better stuff. They intended not to be moved in any way.

The ushers had done a good job arranging groups according to their intentions and desires. Jesus finally arrives with His mates and does not begin questioning each person as did the ushers. He seems to understand deeply that, no matter why they all came, He will receive them personally with deep-down humanly-felt openness. Jesus accepted them all. His heart extended arms around each and all, without separating, excluding, judging.

The human condition in all its forms was united in the one basic hunger. Each was hungry for completion. They represent "longing." They had not found satisfaction in fulfilling themselves. Jesus will miraculously feed their bodies. He knows that this food will not totally satisfy, that they will want more. He taught them before breeding them. He spoke to them about the sacredness of their deeper longings, their truer hungers, their fascination with answers which result in further questions. Continued above~

Jesus knew that each would return to their lives again, but just maybe each was comforted in the awareness that this Person Who could teach and do wonderful things, loved them personally and collectively. Perhaps the sceptics, the arguers, the self-isolators were moved to be a little more tender and accepting of their own human insufficiency of all kinds. Perhaps they were able to live more honestly with their doubts, fears, questions and self-poverty.

As they were leaving, trailing near the end, there was a young fellow who kept saying to no one in particular, "Ya, but what is He going to do for us after the next feeding?" We always want more!

by **Larry Gillick, S.J.**
Creighton University Online Ministries

Daily Prayer This Week

It is helpful to be reminded by Jesus this week that to be his disciple is not about comparing ourselves with each other. It is not about a competition to be greater than another. It is about being servants of each other and being like him, who came to give his life away. As we pray this week, in the background of our daily lives, we can reflect upon all the relationships in our lives and ask for the grace to come to know the needs of each person in my life and for the grace to be servant as Jesus is servant.

The parable of the sower can be a wonderful source of reflection this week. We can do it in a variety of ways, but it might be helpful to just take one kind of soil to reflect on each day. Each day we can begin -- as we first get out of bed, in the shower, while dressing, eating, driving, walking from one place to another, shopping -- by asking for the grace to understand how parts of me are like this soil.

Seed sown on the hard path: I can ask to know how the Word is simply stolen away from my heart. What is hard-hearted in me? What hardens me? How am I not open? What saps my spirits, my hope, my faith?

Seed sown on rocky ground: I can ask to know how I sometimes initially receive the Word readily, even with joy, but my lack of deep roots leads to my losing heart when troubles come. When do I lose courage? How do I believe the Word but fail to pay to price for living it? How can I develop deeper roots?

Seed sown among thorns: I can ask for the grace to know how I initially welcome the Word, but then let anxieties and the lure of riches choke the Word so it can't bear fruit. What kind of worldly anxieties trouble me? What kind of attractions, possessions, addictions affect my freedom and peace? What grace in me isn't bearing fruit? How can I be freer, live more simply, with more surrender?

Seed sown on rich soil. I can ask for the grace to hear the Word and understand it and to bear much fruit. What will help me, prepare me to be more receptive? What environment, activities, service will help?

Each night, we can give thanks for these reflections that help us examine our daily live and grow in love, in freedom and in fruitfulness.

July 22, 2018

Weekend Celebrants

Wednesday, July 25th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, July 28th

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

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

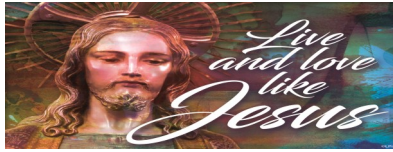
Sunday, July 29th

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 am

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

Friday, August 3rd

Fr. Nygaard Sacred Heart 9:00 am



Financial Update

Weekend of	7/17/18
Envelopes	1605.00
Plate	405.80
Prison Ministry	10.00
Peters Pence	20.00
Fall Festival	55.00
Murphy Eagle Scout	55.45
Assumption	10.00
Total	\$ 2161.25

"Thank you for your continuing generosity"

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, July 28 at 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Al Walz

Communion: Ginny Thorn, Mary Petschl

Gifts: Thorn Family

Ushers: Al Petschl

Servers: Elena Herberg

Sunday, July 29 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Sue Roth, David Prickett

Communion: Scott Tryon*, Jean Peno, Beth Churchsmith

Gifts: Prickett Family

Ushers: Bill Peno, Rodney Swanson, Dennis Kaufmann

Servers: TJ Roth, Brodrick Larson

Mass Intentions

July 25th

Rev. Monsignor Richard Moudry

July 28th

Open

July 29th

Arlene Greenhagen †



Needing our Prayers

Sue Roth

Jim Bartz

Bill Peno

Shirley Kirchberg

Jim 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."

News



Crafters and Bakers: Your homemade items will be needed for the Country Store during the Fall Festival. We know that we have a lot of talented parishioners, and items donated in the past have been very popular. So please consider making items to be sold at the Country Store, including baked and canned goods.

Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church for volunteers for the Fall Festival. Donation envelopes are in the pews for monetary donations.

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.



Our hearts have been touched and forever changed by your kind support in our time of grief. Thank you for remembering.

Father Shane, family and friends- Thank you all for the support - I miss Nick so much. ~Carol

Bread of wisdom, blood of peace. These are the gifts of Jesus put before us today, an offer to all who hunger and thirst for what truly satisfies. The pre-requisite is to seek; the consequence is to follow. Those whom Jesus fed with his teaching first hurried on foot to seek him out in the lonely place to which he had gone. Those whom Jesus reconciled by the blood of his cross are to live as one in him. The bread that is Jesus' word yields its wisdom only when chewed over; drinking the blood of his cross is a commitment to self-sacrifice, for the life of the world.



JULY
Month of the
Precious Blood

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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.