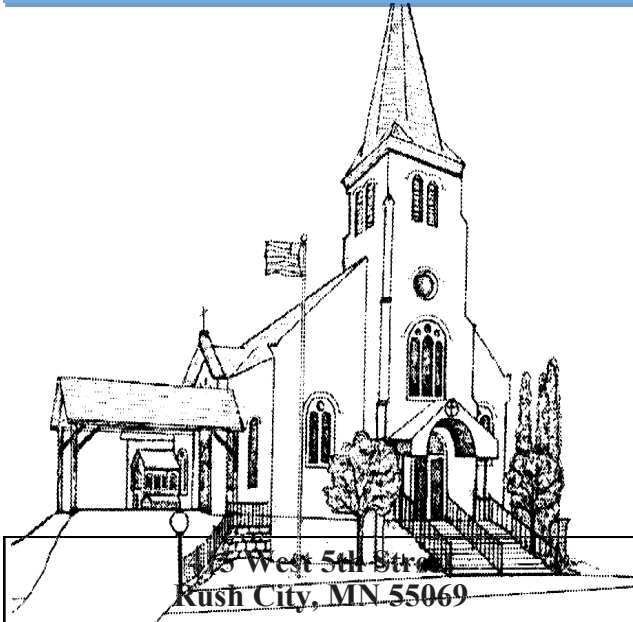


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Mission Statement

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.



19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die." - Jn 6:48-50

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.

August 12, 2018

Weekly Reflections

The Place For Reconciliation

Before the Second Vatican Council, the sacrament of reconciliation was known as the sacrament of confession. The difference between the two is that the former emphasizes the act of confessing sins, while the latter emphasizes the experience of healing and reconciliation with God and with the Church.

Before the revision of the sacrament, the confessional was the place where we went to confess our sins for confession.

The confessional was set up in such a way that it protected the identity of the confessor and quickly moves the sacrament along. In many churches, the confessional accommodated one person kneeling on either side of the priest so that when he finished praying with one person, the next in line could confess as another got ready on the other side to do the same.

Many churches still have their confessionals constructed in just this way, often because the architectural form has historical or artistic value; however, most of them are no longer used.

Today the place for reconciliation is known as the reconciliation chapel rather than a confessional. These chapels are less intimidating than confessionals and emphasize that the sacrament is to be a positive experience, highlighting healing rather than a punitive experience dwelling on our sinfulness. Reconciliation rooms are to be set up so the sacrament can be celebrated in

direct conversation with the priest or anonymously behind a screen. A Bible is often present in the reconciliation chapel so that reading from Scripture can be part of the celebration, as is suggested in the rite. A crucifix and candles may also be present to enhance the celebration and experience of prayer. As a whole, the chapels are to be a place of renewal that will offer refreshment for the penitent and revive them on their journey of faith so

they may live the life that God offers them more fully. The architecture of the reconciliation space and all that is contained in the chapel should support this experience of freedom from sin and reclaimed oneness with God.

Excerpt taken from the Book:
"SYMBOLS That Surround Us" by Johan Van Parys.

Please Note:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated at Sacred Heart on the First Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m. and the First Saturday of the month from 3:15—3:45 p.m. and at St. Gregory the Great from 4:00—4:30 p.m. every Saturday. You can also call either Parish Office to make an appointment to meet with Fr. Shane.



Daily Prayer This Week

Finding intimacy with our God is not limited to people who can go away on a retreat. We can all be contemplatives in action, if only we can focus on our relationship with the Lord in the background, every day. This week we can feed on the words of life which Jesus gives us. And, we can ask for the graces we need, in the midst of our busy lives.

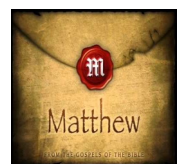
Throughout this week, we can wake up and go through our morning routine asking for the grace that God's mercy might flow through us this day. One day, I might take notice of those in my life who need my forgiveness. I might pay attention to the one who frustrates me or has hurt me or has hurt those I love - real people I know (living or dead) or the anonymous people who represent the systems, institutions and structures that seem unjust or sinful. There are people who benefit from war, the poverty or slavery of others, the sacrilege against the dignity of life itself, the drug trade and the destruction of the environment. I can actually take the grace filled moments of brief intimacy with Jesus this week to forgive! This week of mercy can be a powerful blessing for our whole lives.

This can be a wonderful week for us to remember how many times we are called to forgive. And, we might want to take a few extra moments to reinforce this by re-reading the parable of the servant who has been forgiven himself but refuses to forgive. If we are really stuck in our struggle to forgive, we can find times to beg for the grace: "Dear Lord, you keep forgiving me, please let me experience the intimacy of forgiving as you have forgiven me."

Throughout this week, we'll be embracing little children and other "little ones" because we will be delighting in being one with him and his being one with us. And, we'll give thanks and praise.



In Matthew's Gospel this week we reflect upon God's mercy and our call to imitate God's love. Jesus predicts his passion and miraculously resolves a conflict over temple tax. It is not the temple tax for which he will be executed, but for what he reveals about God's love and mercy to sinners. Jesus tells us we should "become like children": innocent, loving, trusting, humble. Jesus tells us the hard work we should go through to reconcile with a sinner. He says that whenever we are gathered together, in his name, he is with us. He tells us to forgive - over and over again - and tells the parable of the servant who is forgiven but won't forgive a fellow servant. Jesus speaks about the permanence of the marriage commitment. Children were not regarded very highly and the disciples tried to bar them from bothering Jesus. Jesus welcomes them - and all the powerless they represent: "for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."



August 12, 2018

Celebrants



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Wednesday, August 15th

Fr. Shane	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
Fr. Fitzgerald	Sacred Heart	5:00 pm

Saturday, August 18th

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

Sunday, August 19th

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

"Forgiveness is a gift you give yourself"

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Aug. 18 at 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Diana Granlund
Communion: Chuck Debevec,
Jeanne Kay

Gifts: **Murphy Family**

Ushers: Derrick Murphy, Kevin
Murphy

Servers: Alexis Murphy

Sunday, Aug. 19 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Jeremy Albright, Brodrick
Larson

Communion: David Prickett, Jean
Peno*, Mary Pat Hestbeck

Gifts: **Peno Family**

Ushers: Craig Peterson, Ron Pel-
tier, Bill Peno

Servers: Isabelle Harer, Devon
Larson

Financial Update

Weekend of :	8/5/18
Envelopes	1366.00
Plate.....	269.00
Bldg. Maint Env.	118.00
Stipends/Stole	10.00

Total \$1763.00

"Thank you for your continuing generosity"

Mass Intentions

August 15	Carol Freid†
August 18	Tony Debevec †
August 19	Arlene Greenhagen†



Needing our Prayers

Sue Roth	Jim Bartz	Bill Peno
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



Volunteers are needed for the Fall Festival. Please sign up on sheets in back of church. We will also need bakers to make Apple Crisp. Pans and recipes will be provided. Please sign up and pick up pans and recipes in back of

church. Baked and canned goods, handcrafted items, and new and gently used items needed for Country Store. Please price your items for Country Store. 2 liter bottles and prizes for kids' games are needed. These items can be dropped off in boxes in back of church. If you would rather just make a monetary donation, envelopes are available in pews and can be placed in the offertory.

If you have any questions, please talk to committee members, Mary Petschl (Saturday) Elaine Schneider (Sunday), who will be available after masses this weekend.

Food Shelf: Attention Gardeners – if you would like to share your harvest with the Rush City Food Shelf, we will have a basket in the back of church to put your fresh produce. This will be in the back of church throughout the harvest season. You can also drop off your produce at the RC Community Center on Tuesdays between 1-2pm. Thank you!



AUGUST SECOND COLLECTION

Our August second collection will be for Mary, Queen of Heaven Missionaries. Donations will be used for the completion and expansion of the Home of Love, a shelter for women and children victims of human trafficking and prostitution who are willing to change their lives. Sr. Irene Baquiran, MQHM will be here at Sacred Heart to speak on this mission appeal on August 18 & 19 at all the Masses.



2018-2019 FAITH FORMATION

September 12th is the first day of FF, also registration and parent meeting at 6:30 pm.

Finance Council Member

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



†Richard (Francis) Gibson
Father of Mary Stenger

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

Funeral Service will be at Sacred Heart on
Friday, August 17th at 11:30am. See Obi-
tuary for details.