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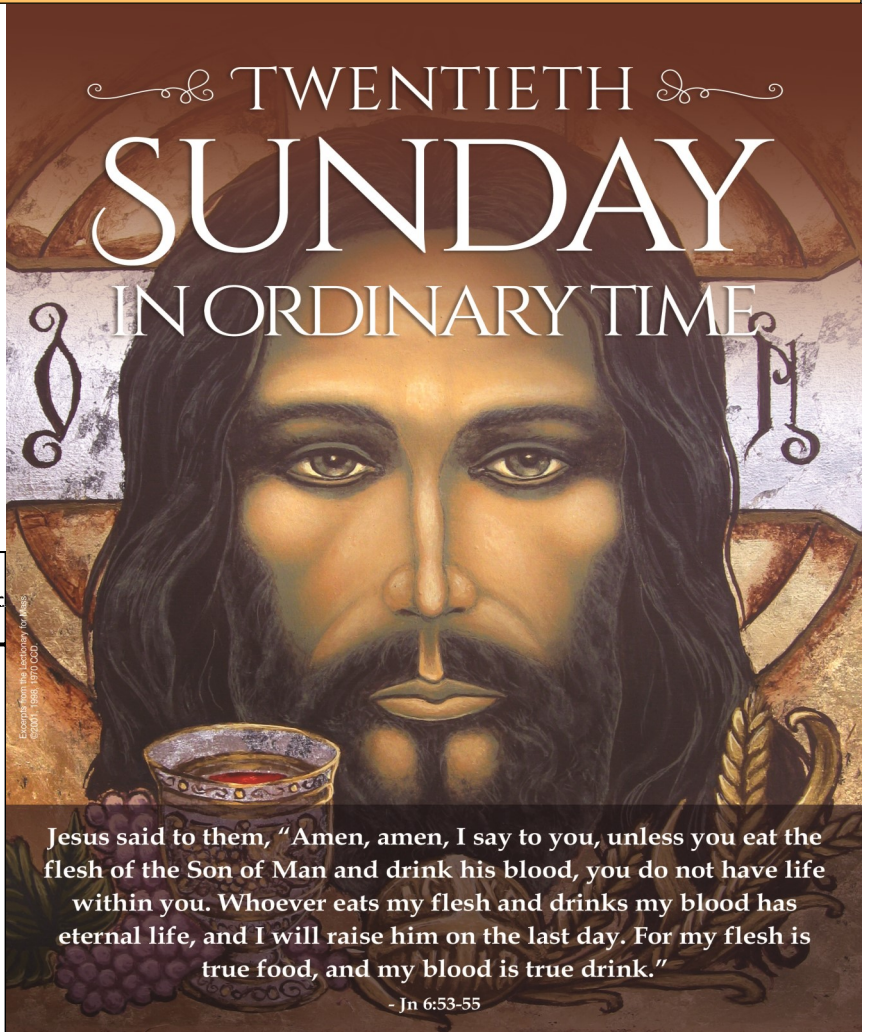
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Mission Statement

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.



Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink."

- Jn 6:53-55

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 19, 2018



The Book of Proverbs, or the wise sayings of King Solomon, son of King David, begins the section of Hebrew Scripture known as Wisdom Literature. These are a compilation of thoughts expressed in a more memorable manner to guide the lives of the faithful. The first six verses of the first Chapter describe the reasons for keeping these aphorisms alive. Basically,

they are for instruction leading to awareness and discernment. They do not necessarily follow a predictable pattern. They call the reader to stop, look into their meaning and reflect on their deeper meaning for being lived. Wisdom is personified in our First Reading for today's liturgy. Wisdom has set a table and invites the "simple" and those lacking "understanding" to "turn in here". The "wine and "food" are the wise sayings, the spirit of the relationship with God which will result in deeper understanding and liveliness.

The "food", the "wine" are meant to resist the normal manners by which the foolish feed themselves. The verses immediately following our reading nourish the invited guests to the "table of Wisdom" so are urged not to mock those who mock us. Rather rebuke the wise and they will grow wiser. These sayings are meant for those who find the natural inclinations flowing from vengeance, greed, and other base energies, unsatisfying. The "table" is set for those who want to eat more of the goodness of life. They reverse the reader and turn her or his mind towards heartfelt rather than headful lunches.

The Second Reading continues this theme in two long sentences. There is a wisdom found in Jesus which if digested, will produce a resistance to the "wine" of selfishness and its effects in foolish living. Rather, the "cup" which Jesus offers renders a peaceful interior which brings life to the full. We hear the continuation of the Gospel's account of Jesus' trying to explain to his Jewish kinsmen that he is more than they know. He is more than the bread which fed their ancestors in the desert. He continues to make "I am" statements about his true identity and his listeners continue their struggling with this new concept.

Jesus, who set the table with six loaves and two fish in order to feed thousands, now sets the table of faith containing a new wine. He invites the "simple" to turn in and eat. He is inviting those who lack understanding to slide their knees under his board and drink more deeply. "Where our feeble senses fail" to convince our hungry minds, Jesus invites us to not be impatient and judge the meal by the first course or even the table setting.

Jesus' listeners see his flesh and know there is real blood keeping the flesh alive. This is the first course; it is what they see. Jesus is inviting them to wait for the next servings, but they keep clinging to their plates and demanding second helpings, more of the same, keeping everything on the sense level.

The Jews here are hungry for wisdom; they are people of good hearts and minds. They resist their being fooled. They continue to shake their heads as Jesus continues nodding his, insisting that he can give them eternal life through their taking him interiorly, as one does when eating. As long as they argue and grumble, their mouths are filled with that which they are serving; they demand immediate proof and understanding.

With Jesus, everything is an invitation to "come and see." The murmurers have followed Jesus across the lake after seeing the miraculous distribution. He is urging them into the sacred desert of belief where their ancestors grew deeper in their trust of the One God. They keep tripping over their "feeble senses" and their limited abilities to eat.

"With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption." Ps. 130

Daily Prayer This Week

We pray through our everyday life this week, with the image in the background of our consciousness: Jesus offers us intimacy with him and gives us life, as shown in our relationship with him in the gospels.

Each day, we begin our day with the practice of briefly pausing, at our bedside to focus the day with a 15-30 second prayer. It is so helpful to develop this habit by simply doing it three or four days in a row. Even if we say that we are half-awake at this time, we can discover what a difference this way of beginning the day can be. With practice, it gets easier to say, "Thank you for this day, Lord. Please, be with me today, especially when I do _____ this morning and this afternoon as I _____. Give me more patience, love and trust in you." While washing up and dressing, we can expand this prayer, in a simple friend-to-friend conversation with our Lord. This kind of connecting or checking-in with our Lord at the beginning of the day lets a background connection with our Lord develop and grow, while I'm doing many things. It changes our consciousness and connects and integrates this fundamental relationship I desire with the things I'm doing, whether they are pleasant, routine or quite difficult.

Throughout the week I might be thinking of what it would mean for me to sell what I have, give it to the poor, and really follow Jesus. What is preventing me from following the Lord more completely? Are there "riches" that I know are barriers to my surrendering to God's will more freely? What seems to possess me? Recognizing our lack of freedom in this area or that is the first step in being able to ask our Lord for the grace of freedom in that area.

We might also ask the Lord to show us what he desires that we be "free for." "Freedom from" is the first part of our relationship. Then, we are free to be sent. What am I being freed for? What loving am I being freed for? What new generosity, what type of self-giving? What neighbor, in my family, or the poor of the world, am I being called to notice and serve? We might ask the Lord to reveal to us this week how we are called to be servant.

We will still do what is on our schedule, respond to all our commitments. The difference will be that we will do it more in touch with the Lord. Staying focused and connecting with our Lord throughout the day is at the heart of prayer, "Raising our minds and hearts to God." And, at the end of each day, we give thanks for this gifted presence that day.



Celebrants

Wednesday, August 22nd

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, August 25th

Fr. Fitzgerald Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

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

Sunday, August 26th

Fr. Fitzgerald Sacred Heart 9:00 am

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



Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Aug. 25th at 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Al Walz

Communion: Melanie Wendorff,

Rick Kosloski

Gifts: Wendorff Family

Ushers: Al Petschl, Dick Ordner

Servers: Ava Wendorff

Sunday, Aug. 26th at 9:00 am

Lectors: Kevin Smith, David Prickett

Communion: Audrey Larson,

Clarence Larson, Krisit Frazier

Gifts: Moore Family

Ushers: Derrick Murphy, Kevin

Murphy, Rodney Swanson

Servers: Alexis Ertz, Brayden

Ertz

Financial Update

Weekend of : 8/14/18

Envelopes 1490.00

Plate.....378.00

Bldg. Maint Env. 75.00

Stipends/Stole 45.00

Candle Money 8.00

Food Shelf 10.00

EFT money 324.00

CCW Donations 5.00

Fall Festival 2117.88

Assumption.....105.00

Total \$ 4557.88

Mass Intentions



August 22

† Tony Debevec

August 25

† Open

August 26

† Douglas DuWayne Hanson

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 the back of the 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.

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.

