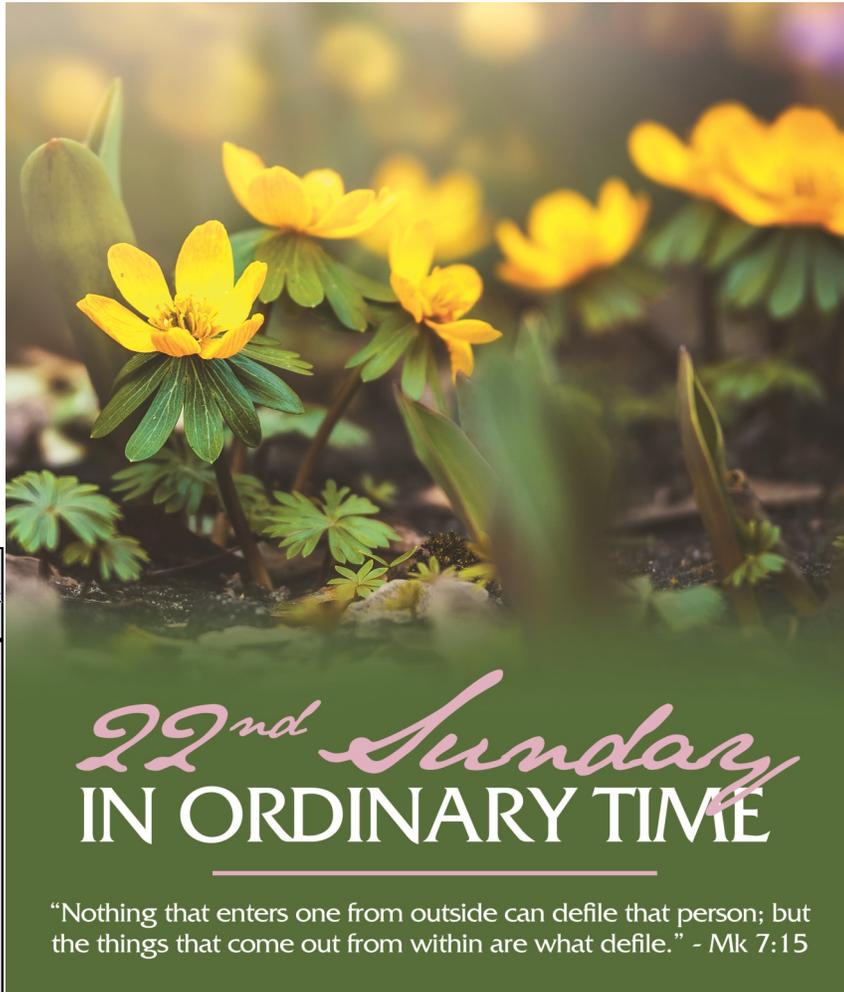
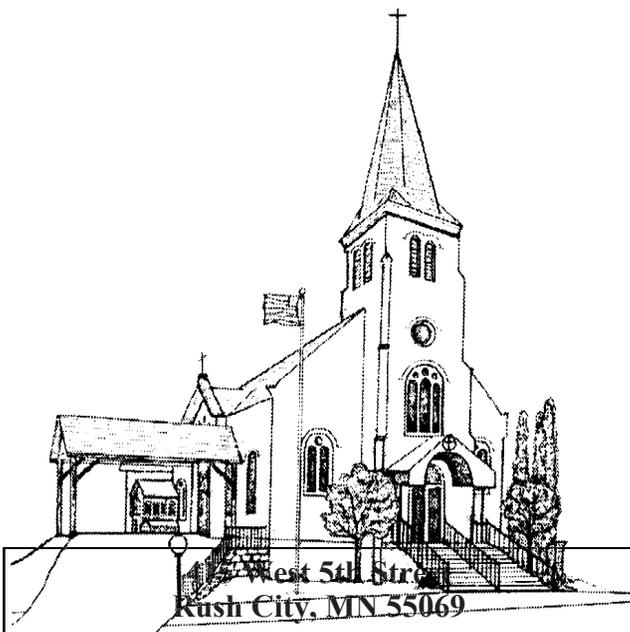


Church of the Sacred Heart



22nd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.” - Mk 7:15

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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

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Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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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.

September 2, 2018

Weekly Reflections

In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus instructs us in the best way we can honor Him, teaching us the meaning of true worship. Jesus reveals that the way we truly worship Him is by giving Him our hearts. The heart is the deepest part of us, the very core of our being. He wants our heart connected to His heart. He wants a strong, real, and intimate relationship with us.

Stewardship is all about giving our hearts over to the Lord, giving Him first priority so that we can have this profound relationship with Him — a relationship that affects every area of our lives.

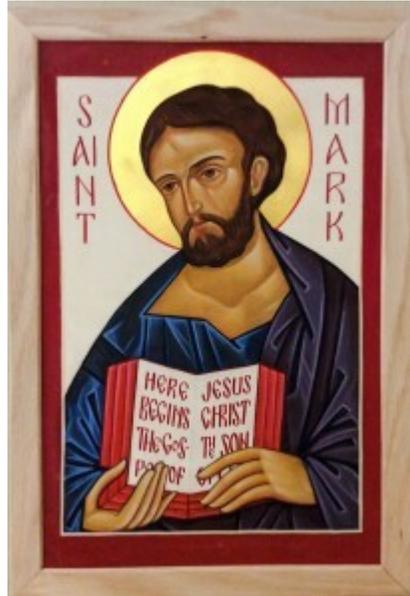
We also learn in this Gospel passage what our Lord does not want — the pious lip service that the scribes and Pharisees offer. In fact, recalling the words of the prophet Isaiah, Jesus laments, "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me." The scribes and Pharisees were observing the religious rituals of their day and time, but they were simply going through the motions. They were not allowing God to change them and so their worship was in vain. Our Lord is not looking for the number of prayers we can rattle off or our great knowledge of Church teaching.

The second reading, from St. James, reinforces Jesus' teaching on true worship. St. James tells us to "be doers of the Word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves." In other words, talk is cheap, and actions speak louder than words. It is not enough to show up at Mass on Sunday as a passive observer. That is vain worship; it is not giving our hearts over to God.

St. James then gives two examples of worship that is pleasing to God. "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world." Reaching out to the most vulnerable members of society, maintaining a moral lifestyle in our increasingly immoral world, this is true worship.

But how can we determine if we really are giving our hearts over to the Lord and not just paying Him lip service? We must commit to the Lord day by day and not just for an hour on Sunday, important as our Sunday Mass commitment is. We must examine our lives to see if they reflect a life lived out for Him.

Stewardship gives us a concrete means to examine our lives in three fundamental areas — the use of our time, our talents, and our material gifts. A stewardship way of life invites and challenges us to make specific commitments in each of these areas on a regular basis, giving us a practical means to commit to the Lord. How well we are keeping these commitments can give us a kind of measuring stick to see if we are growing closer to Him, or perhaps need to put a little more effort into a particular area of our lives.



Daily Prayer This Week

Among the many healing stories in this week's gospels is the story of the call of Peter. It is powerful for us because we see the very human moment of Peter's self-doubt: he realizes the power of Jesus, falls down in an awareness of his own sinfulness and wants Jesus to turn away from him because he is too sinful.

All of us can have moments of feeling we are unworthy — and the truth is that we can never be worthy of the unending love Jesus offers us. But how blessed we are if we realize that we are loved without limits even though we have done nothing to deserve that kind of love.

Knowing in a balanced humility that we are sinful is not a bad thing — but if we get stuck there, and are tempted to turn away from Jesus as Peter did, then we have become more focused on ourselves than on the love we are being offered. This week is a week to rejoice in that love and healing Jesus wants to give us. It is a prayer we can carry throughout our days.

Each morning as we awake, we can ask the Lord to open our hearts in gratitude for what we will be offered this day. We might pause to imagine ourselves being healed and touched by Jesus. For just a moment, we might see Jesus in front of us, his eyes filled with such love, reaching out to give our ears and tongue a healing touch; to lift us from an invalid's bed or to drive the unclean spirits from us.

Throughout the day we can remember that gentle touch from Jesus and ask him to continue drive out any of those unclean spirits we may be carrying today. What is Jesus calling me to? Who am I being invited to listen to and speak on behalf of today? Who will come across my path today that needs Jesus' healing through my own care and kind words?



Dearest Jesus, be with me in this day. I can feel how much I long for a deeper connection with you, and yet I am ashamed of my weaknesses. Touch my heart so that I might be open to your healing love.

Let me be open to all of those you put in my life today and let me be aware of their needs and care for them before I worry about my own. Give me awareness of the love that is already there for me and a generosity of heart that allows me to share it with others.

September 2, 2018

Celebrants

Wednesday, September 5

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Friday, September 7

Fr. Nygaard Sacred Heart 9:00am

Saturday, September 8

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

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

Sunday, September 9

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

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

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Sept.8th at 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Rick Drevecky

Communion: Mary Stenger, Paul Wendorff

Gifts: Drevecky Family

Ushers: Ted Stathes, Dick Ordner

Servers: Alexis Ertz

Sunday, Sept 9th at 9:00 am

Lectors: Diana Granlund, Wayne Herberg

Communion: Liz Herberg, Kristi Frazier*, Scott Tryon

Gifts: Tryon/Swanson Family

Ushers: Dennis Kaufmann, Ron Peltier, Rodney Swanson

Servers: Elena Herberg, Devan Larson

Financial Update

Weekend of :	8/25/18
Envelopes	1116.00
Plate	381.00
Bldg. Maint.....	100.00
Stipends/Stole.....	21.00
Candle Money.....	70.50
CCW Donations.....	45.00
Queen of Mary Missions	50.00
Assumption	5.00
Fall Festival.....	505.00
EFT money	470.00
Total	\$2763.50

Mass Intentions



September 5 † Rev. Richard P. Maudry

September 8 † Aileen Olson

September 9 † Open

Needing our Prayers

Sue Roth Jim Bartz Bill Peno Jim Kirchberg
Dina Scandinato

"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

The Fall Festival is only 2 weeks away! It is time to get those donations in. We are in need of 2 liter bottles of pop, prizes for kids' games, and country store



items. 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. Thank you for your support of our Fall Festival!

2018-2019 FAITH FORMATION –Starting Soon!

September 12th is the first day of Faith Formation and also registration with a parent meeting at 6:30 pm. There will be mandatory training for Catechists, Wednesday, September 5th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in **Sacred Heart Parish house.**

Finance Council Member

Still in need of a volunteer to serve on the Finance Council. Minimal time requirements, 5-6 meetings per year. Come and learn more about the operations of our church and contribute your thoughts and ideas.

* One more money counter needed on a Tuesday morning once a month to help count the weekend's contributions.



You are invited to join Sacred Heart Youth Choir

If you're a student aged 8 -18, like to sing or play an instrument, and would like to share your gifts to praise God during the Youth Mass each month, then come join us!

We will begin our new choir season Wednesday, September 5, 2018 with our first rehearsal in church from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. After that, rehearsals will follow last year's format:
Faith Formation Wednesdays 6:00– 6:30p.m. and
Youth Mass Sundays 8:00– 8:45 A.M.

We sing at the 9:00 A.M. Youth Mass which is scheduled for the second Sunday of each month.

We would love to have you join us "make a joyful noise to the Lord"! (Psalm 98:4)

For more information and to sign up, please contact:
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