

Church of the Sacred Heart



25th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,
receives me.” - Mk 9:37a

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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

Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

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

September 23, 2018

Weekly Reflections

ON THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE DEVIL, AND SEXUAL ABUSE

When I was in the US Virgin Island eleven years ago, Satan or the Devil was mentioned several times during my stay. I learned during my six-month stay on Saint Thomas and Saint John Island that Satan or the Devil were very real to many of the parishioners. For them, as taught by our Catholic faith, Satan is a pure spirit, meaning that he doesn't possess a physical body, although he can dwell in a human body. He is then called a "Demon." Satan is the name used for an evil spirit that is an adversary or opponent. Sometimes the evil spirit is called, Lucifer," referring to a fallen angel who was a "light bearer" or "morning star."

When the evil spirit is called the devil, one is referring to him as one who throws apart or separates. In Luke 8:12, Jesus is quoted saying, "The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word of God from their hearts, so that they not believe and be saved." Here Jesus is revealing that some of the faithful followers of him have understood his teachings; however, before they put the Words of God into action, the devil separates them from God. I feel that one of the greatest effects the devil has on us who are followers of Christ and are Catholic, is to not only separate us from God but also to separate us from one another. He uses sins, i.e. sexual abuse of children by some of our priests and religious, to keep us away from His Church, from wanting to learn about our faith in Jesus Christ, and most radically to destroy the Church.

As I wrote in my article two weeks ago, it angers and pains me that we have the sexual abuse scandal in the Church, most of which occurred fifteen years ago and further back. I honestly believe that no priest, religious, or even the laity will ever, ever, get away with abusing children and furthermore, the crime will not ever, ever be covered up. The church, at least here in the United States, has learned from the graveness of the sin committed by priests and religious and the pain of covering up the crimes. The question we are struggling with now is how do we continue to listen and assist those who have been injured by sexual abuse, while at the same time begin to move forward so that there can be healing, and enable the Church to once again focus on spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ? The devil would answer by having the faithful leave the Church, no longer place trust in her bishops and priests, and stop supporting the work of the Church locally and beyond. Satan has been somewhat successful in his evil works.

We need to show to others in the Church and to the world that we are aware of our bygone sins by caring for those individuals injured sexually while showing the power of extraordinary love and self-sacrifice and by never allowing this form of sin to ever exist again. We need to challenge one another to live up to the high standard of being a Catholic Christian. We, the Church of priests, religious, and laity, must rise-up; leading by extraordinary love and self-sacrifice. We must not allow the devil to put an end to our Church.

May we pray for each other in this difficult and painful time in our Church.

With prayers, Father Shane



Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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Celebrants

Wednesday, September 26

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, September 29

Fr. Fitzgerald Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

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

Sunday, September 30

Fr. Fitzgerald Sacred Heart 9:00 am

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

Saints
MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL,
ARCHANGELS

Liturgical Roles

Sat., Sept. 29 at 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Rick Drevecky

Communion: Mary Petschl, Bev Molberg

Gifts: Petschl Family

Ushers: Al Petschl, Ted Stathes

Servers: Alexis Murphy

Sunday, Sept 30 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Sue Roth, Wayne Herberg

Communion: Clarence Larson*, Audrey Larson, Liz Herberg

Gifts: Herberg Family

Ushers: Ron Peltier, Bill Peno, Dennis Kaufmann

Servers: Devon Larson, Elena Herberg

BOOYA—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Seating & Serving begins at 10:30 AM

Take-out begins at 10:30 AM

The Variety Booth is BACK!!!

Donations Needed! New items only, please.
From pencils to TV's & Bicycles.

Bring items to the Church starting Saturday,
September 22 through 4 PM Friday, September 28.

Please label your donations

"Variety Booth"

Thank you!

Mass Intentions



September 26 † Earl & Betty Girard

September 29 † Open

September 30 † Open

Needing our Prayers

"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."

Sue Roth
Jim Bartz
Bill Peno
Jim Kirchberg
Dina Scandinato



News

Thank you

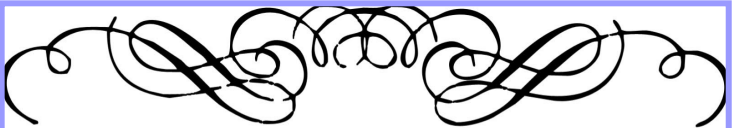
To all who helped by donating their time, talents and \$ to make our Fall Festival last Sunday a success. Financial results will be in next week's bulletin.

Prayer Partners Needed:

We are looking for committed prayer partners for our 1st year confirmation candidates. Your commitment will be to pray for them until confirmed in the spring of 2020. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the back of the church. Thank you.



Faith Formation classes have started, if you have not registered your child, please contact the church office.



Happy 60th Anniversary
Joe and Elsie Moore
Your Love for one another reflects God's love for us!
Blessings Today & Always



"Fishers of Men"

The new banner in church above the piano returns to the theme of discipleship. When Jesus called Simon Peter and his brother Andrew to become his disciples, he said that he would make them "fishers of men". This post-resurrection story is when several apostles spend an unsuccessful night fishing. About to give up, someone from the shore tells them to try one more time. They do, and this time, their catch is enormous. They realize that the man waiting for them on the shore with a breakfast of fish and bread is the Lord. This is the precise moment which the banner represents.

Note that the net on the banner contains both fresh- and saltwater fish; this is a pictorial way of saying that the call to discipleship – both the apostles' and our own – is a call to go "to all the nations." The catch also includes lobsters, considered unclean according to Jewish dietary laws. Their inclusion prefigures the vision of St. Peter in Acts of the Apostles, when God rebukes St. Peter for refusing to eat some of the creatures which God is offering him, because they are unclean. God tells him not to call anything which God has created unclean. They remind us that, as disciples, we are not to consider ourselves superior to others or others inferior to us - unclean - for they are God's creatures, just as we are.