

Church of the Sacred Heart



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.” - Mk 9:39b

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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 30, 2018

Weekly Reflections

ON MY SABBATICAL

"And on the seventh day God finished the work he had done, and rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work he had done" (Genesis: 2, 2-3). Taking a sabbatical has Biblical roots. Thus, it is ordinary for vocations in life such as college professors and priests to take sabbatical every seven years, although most do not go on one every seven years.

Within the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, a priest can take a sabbatical every seven years. What are sabbaticals? According to the Archdiocesan guidelines, they are "used for spiritual, pastoral, educational, theological, and ministerial enrichment, as well as a chance to be renewed through rest and a change of pace." They can vary in length depending on the shape of a sabbatical leave.

Although I wrote in my February 4, 2018 article about this time away, I did not know of the full details. I would like to share with you exactly how my time away is shaping up. All my arrangements are finalized, at least for the time being. I really do not anticipate any major deviations from my plans, since a lot of time has been given to organizing them.

Next weekend, October 6/7 will be my last time celebrating Sunday Masses at Sacred Heart. My last working day in Rush City is on October 17, a Wednesday. The following weekend, October 13/14 will be my last time for Sundays with my final day on October 19, a Friday at Saint Gregory the Great. My flight to Edinburgh, Scotland leaves on Sunday night October 21. I will be at the St. Mary's Redemptorist Monastery until December 6. The seven week sabbatical program is filled with educational days and also time for relaxing and, should I chose, to travel a little around Scotland. However, for one weekend, I will be going to Iona, an island where Saint Columba first brought Celtic Christianity in 563. Before flying back to Minnesota, I will tour Edinburgh for four days.

After four more days here, I drive to Cocoa Beach, Florida arriving December 17. I will be there until April 12, the day before Palm Sunday, with some exceptions. During my stay at Cocoa Beach, I will make three trips. First, I will spend a week with some of my family around Christmas. Next, at the end of January, ten days will be spent at Fernandina Beach, Florida, northeast of Jacksonville. Finally, in late March, I fly to Tucson, Arizona for a weeklong retreat, which will be followed by three days of touring the area, a location I have never been to.

My stay in Florida, as most of you previously know, will be spent writing a second book on my near-death experience with acute pancreatitis. Also I will share, up to that time, some personal stories and write how my sickness affected me mentally, physically, and spiritually. In addition to my writing, I plan to participate in an exercise program, and just relax by taking many walks on the beach. My goal by the time I return is to be renewed and reinvigorated for many more years of priestly ministry.

Happy October, Father Shane

Daily Prayer This Week

A regular way of reporting some important news today is to cite the source: "according to a highly placed government official," even when the source is anonymous. We give the story credibility if it seems to come from an authoritative source, deserving credibility. Jesus tells us clearly that the source of his message and his power is God, the Father, himself.

This week we can experience intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives if we take brief moments throughout our day, every day, to let the connection between ourselves and God become conscious. We forget who we are. We get distracted by the world around us, even with things that are our duty, or commitment. To become more conscious of the presence of God with us in our busy days takes some practice. It is a matter of desire and choice. If we desire it, we will choose it. And, it takes a "method."

This week we can wake each morning and let our first thoughts turn to our Lord and our relationship. "Good morning, Lord. Thank you for letting me be your disciple today. Help me to be connected with you throughout this day. With your love, help me to be freer and more grateful, in the midst of the anxiety and tension I experience today." That takes less than 30 seconds to say. We might object, saying "I am just barely awake when I wake up. How am I supposed to think this clearly immediately?" It just takes practice. The point isn't to focus on the words, but on the relationship that frames our day. Then, in the shower, while getting dressed, getting to work, and at a dozen in between times throughout the day and evening, we can re-connect consciously, in and ongoing conversation - 20 or 30 seconds at a time.

"Be with me in this next challenge, Lord. I often lose my temper here. I can get fairly impatient at this time. I get hooked and slip into judgment and anger. Stay with me and I will rely on your grace to be more patient, gentle and loving." Or, walking down the hall to the restroom, I might say, in my heart, "Lord, it really helps me to remember that beyond my job description, I'm your disciple. Help me to listen to you. Help me sense I'm here to let your Kingdom enter the world here. Give me the help to bring healing and love in this place today."

Try to take a brief few moments while getting ready for bed to recall the moments of connection and grace this day and give thanks.

September 30, 2018

Celebrants

Wednesday, October 3rd

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Friday, October 5th

Fr. Nygaard Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, October 6th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

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

Sunday, October 7th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

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

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Oct. 6 at 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Al Walz

Communion: Rick Kosloski,
Melanie Wendorff

Gifts: Wendorff Family

Ushers: Ted Stathes

Servers: Ava Wendorff

Sunday, Oct. 7 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Wayne Herberg, Kevin
Smith

Communion: Beth Churchsmith,
Liz Herberg*, Scott Tryon

Gifts: Herberg Family

Ushers: Don Belland, Joe Moore,
Rodney Swanson

Servers: Elena Herberg, Maggie
Roth

Financial Update

Week of 9/18

Plate	503.00
Envelopes	1510.00
Bldg. Main. Env	25.00
CCW-Donations	35.00
Fall Festival	8756.53
Faith Formation	1230.00
Total	\$12,059.53

Week of 9/23

Plate	322.00
Envelopes	1515.00
Bldg. Main Env	10.00
Fall Festival	353.00
Cemetery	100.00
Faith Formation	270.00
Total	\$2570.00

Mass Intentions



October 5

† Douglas DuWayne Hanson

October 6

† Open

October 7

† 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

Prayer Partners Needed:

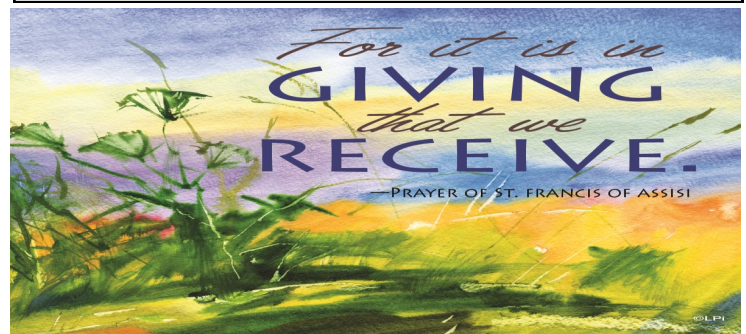
We are looking for committed prayer partners for our 1st year confirmation candidates. Your commitment will be to pray for them until confirmed in the spring of 2020. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the back of the church. Thank you.



First Reconciliation Work shop will be held at Sacred Heart from 10 am—noon in Church.

Parish Council Meeting will be held on October 9th at 7:00 pm.

Fall Festival Results: Some final expenses are not yet in. Complete results will be in next weeks bulletin.



Our Gospel passage and the Second Reading from the letter of St. James urge us to examine our lives for anything that is keeping us from loving God above all else.

Jesus says, "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off... If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out."

St. James warns, "Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you."

The urgency of our need to detach from all that is not God is clear. When we hold onto possessions too tightly, they come to possess us. The "stuff" can easily become the focus of our energy and attention. Attachment to material things slowly and steadily corrupts.

The spiritual discipline of tithing — or stewardship of treasure — can help us with this. Tithing leads us to let go of unhealthy attachment to material things and leads us to attach instead to God, relying on Him as our true source of security and happiness. We come to understand that all that we have is a gift from our loving Father and we use it to bless others and glorify Him.

Amazingly, we actually enjoy material gifts, and all other gifts, more as a result because we realize where they really came from and are using them as God intended. What wonderful freedom there is in living this way!

