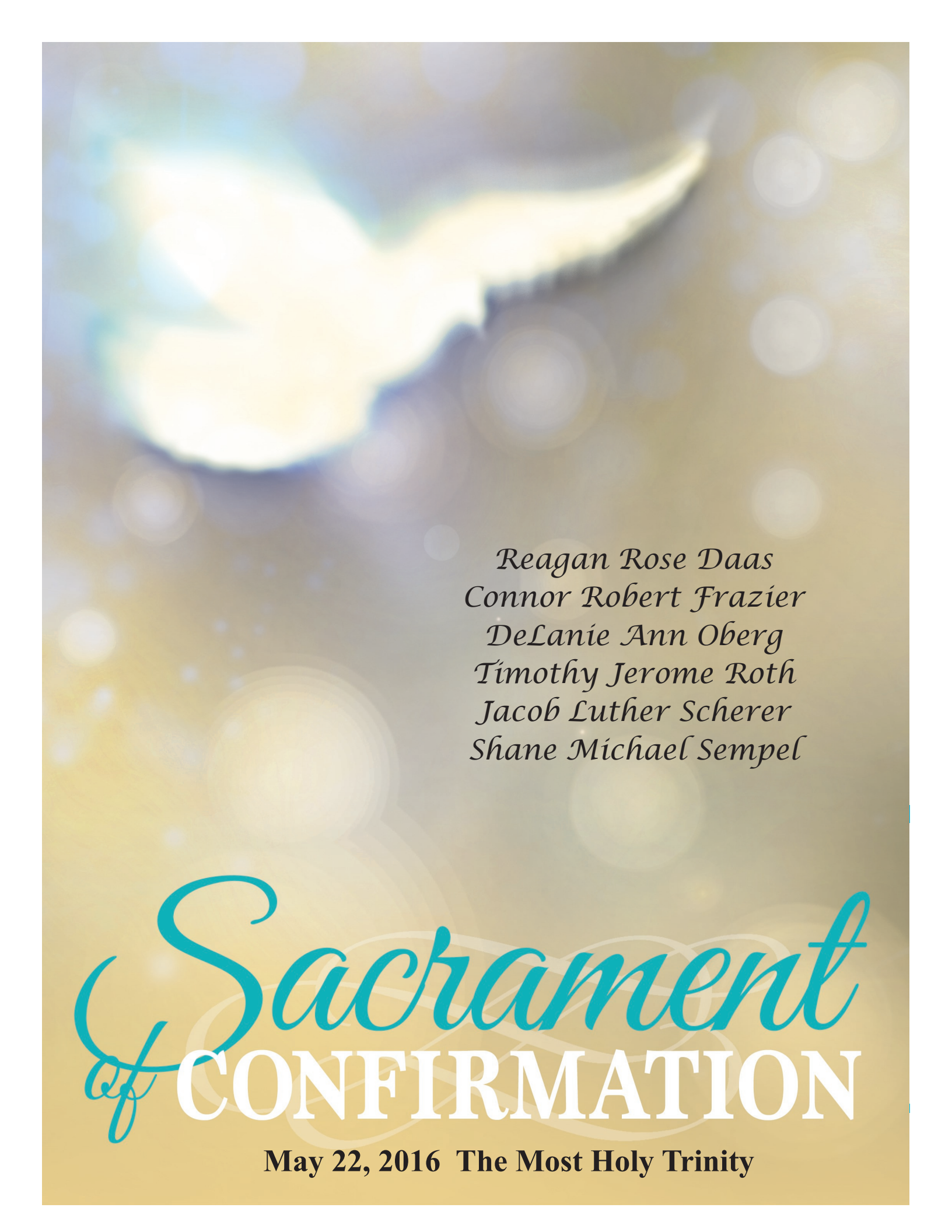




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Sacrament **of CONFIRMATION**

May 22, 2016 The Most Holy Trinity

Weekly Reflections

On Journeys to Saint Paul

During the week of May 9, I found myself traveling to Saint Paul on four different days for various activities: a meeting, a luncheon, and two Masses. Three of the four reconnected me with the local church, that is the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis as well as the larger church community, (well was to be). I shall explain!

On Monday, I went to Saint Paul for my spiritual direction meeting, which I do every six weeks. All of us, especially priests, can find having a spiritual companion, (someone who can walk along our side in our faith lives) quite helpful. Spiritual directors do not necessarily have to be a priest or religious brother or sister, but someone who has worked on their own spiritual journey. As a matter of fact, my spiritual director, who is very good, is a layperson.

Two days later, I drove to the University of Saint Thomas for a luncheon with priests from our Archdiocese in honor of His Excellency Blase Cupich, an alumnus of Saint Thomas and Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago. A short speech was to be given. However, fifteen minutes after the start time of the luncheon, we were informed that Archbishop Cupich's flight from Chicago was delayed, and would arrive around the time our luncheon was to end. Therefore, I proceeded to enjoy a delicious meal and good conversation with five priests who I knew, in absence of the guest of honor.

Then, the following day, thirty-nine confirmands between our two parishes, Sacred Heart and Saint Gregory the Great, celebrated Confirmation along with several other parishes in our Archdiocese. Father Tim Wozniak, the senior pastor at the ceremony, confirmed some of our students while Bishop Cozzens confirmed others. This Confirmation Mass was particularly unique for me because Fr. Tim served as the Pastor of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Saint Paul Park where I was a deacon. Standing next to him brought back memories from the days when I was with him in the early 1990s.

After looking forward with hope for months, Friday, May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, arrived. Finally, with the installation of Archbishop Bernard Hebda, the Archdiocese has a shepherd. As anticipated, the Cathedral of Saint Paul filled up. In attendance was one Cardinal, forty bishops, two-hundred twenty priests, and 2700 other worshippers from around the state and country. Of the many things that occurred at the installation, two items and one sentence from the homily inspired me. First, the Archbishops knock on the doors of the Cathedral with a mallet made from the wood of the original Cathedral built in 1841; this is an ancient tradition symbolizing the bishop taking possession of the Cathedral. Then Archbishop Hebda used the Crosier that belonged to Archbishop John Ireland who served in Saint Paul from 1884-1918, one of the greatest churchmen in the history of the United States Catholic Church. Concluding, at the end of his homily while referring to the faith of the early pilgrims to Saint Paul and the importance our Archdiocese once knew, he said, "If they, by God's grace, could build, I am confident that we, by the same grace, can rebuild." Amen!

Have a good week, Father Shane

PARISH NEWS

Inspire your Faith

The DVD series has come to a halt until Sept. 8th.

CCW

The Circle of Catholic Women would like to thank all those who assisted with the Soup and Salad luncheon & Quilt Show this past week. A special thanks to our local Piecemakers Guild Barb Hjelm & Nancy Scierka for the beautiful display of quilted items shown, to our decorators Margarette Brooker and Pat Mihm who brought spring to our luncheon, and to the circle members, parishioners and non members who donated food, money and hours of work for this event. Our profit will be posted in an upcoming bulletin.

Life Touch Photography

There is still time to sign-up for your portrait to be taken on June 2-4. Sign up sheet is located in the back of the church.

Graduating Class of 2016

Let us honor your graduation during Mass on Sunday, June 5. Please bring your gap and gown and come for preparation at 8:30 am.



Sacred Heart Confirmation Class

THANK YOU

The Faith Formation staff would like to express our appreciation to all who assisted with our Faith Formation classes during the past year. It takes many people who help in various ways to make our program a success! No matter what your role, know that your gift of time and talent are truly appreciated. Together as a parish community we are able to help our young people to grow in their faith.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, May 28, 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Al Walz
 Communion: Jeanne Kay, Bev Mollberg
 Gifts: Opatz Family
 Ushers: Dick Ordner, Ken Optaz
 Server: Maggie Roth

Sunday, May 29, 9:00 a.m.

Lectors: Samantha Herberg, Wayne Herberg
 Communion: Kristie Frazier, Dave Prickett, Beth Churchsmith
 Gifts: Peterson Family
 Ushers: Rodney Swanson, Don Belland, Joe Moore, Bill Peno
 Servers: Alexis Murphy



May 25	Mary Scierka Hodges	May 28	Open
May 29	Open	June 4	Clara Deutsch

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

Marjorie King	Margarette Brooker	Kim Sarago
Jean Amunson	Marvin Johnson	Arlene Greenhagen
Jim Kirchberg	Bill Sempel	Ethel Thomas
Mary Knack	Bev Hurley	Tom McKenzie
Wayne King	Jim Mitchell	Sue Roth
Robby Murry	Judie Peltier	Abby Larson
Heidi Blatz	Mary Ann Lunseth	Eileen Kost
David Gaul	Jim Noon	Jeff Carlson
Gary Weiden	Rose Peloquin	Colleen Najews
Cecilia Shinler	Nick Cieminski	

Please advise the office if any of these names can be removed.
 Thank you.

May 29 Masses

Next Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, formerly known as Corpus Christi Sunday.

Friday, June 3

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart is on June 3. Fr. Shane will celebrate Mass here at 9:00 am with music and Fr. Nygaard will celebrate mass at St. Gregory's at 9:00 am.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

5/17/2016

Plate	304.75
Ascension.....	46.00
Envelopes	1751.50
CCW	265.00
Food Shelf.....	10.00

Total 2377.25

Thank you for your generosity.



Saturday, May 28

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

Sunday, May 29

Fr. Fitzgerald	St. Gregory's	8:30 am
Fr. Shane	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
Fr. Shane	St. Gregory's	10:30 am

Wednesday, June 1

Fr. Nygaard	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
Fr. Shane	St. Gregory's	8:30 am

Friday, June 3

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

PRIESTHOOD ANNIVERSARY

Fr. Shane celebrates his 22nd priesthood anniversary this Saturday, May 28. He was ordained by the late Archbishop Roach at the Cathedral of St. Paul and celebrated his 1st Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Osseo (Brooklyn Park.)

