

**GIVE THANKS
TO THE
LORD
FOR HE IS
GOOD**

Church of the Sacred Heart
415 West 5th Street, Rush City, MN 55069
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November 18, 2018

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 am. - 1:00 pm.

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Daily Reflection Of Creighton University's Online Ministries ~ Andy Alexander

We are in the part of Mark's gospel where we hear Jesus consoling his disciples about the trouble to come for them. Of course, this is important for Mark's disciples - the first to read this gospel - for the troubles they are facing. And, it is important for us, as we face the troubles of our time.

When Jesus said that no one knows when the end of time would be, he sure was right. For us today, while we might be deeply concerned about the growing critical condition of our planet, the real issue of our concern is about the end of our lives. Who among us hasn't had a relative or friend die recently. I'm most affected by it when the death involves someone who is younger than me - something that happens more and more frequently.

Every other trouble we face is some kind of mini-death, which is difficult to face. The common effect of these experiences is that they can shake us. They can disturb our confidence and upset our sense of security.

What Jesus wants to do for us today is what he did for his first disciples. He wants us to not let our hearts be troubled. Jesus knows he will be with us during everything. He wants us to have confidence that we are never alone. And, he wants us to trust that he has won the victory over sin and death - over every sin; over every death.

The way we can let our faith be deepened is to express our gratitude to our Lord each day. We can thank the Lord for being with us - in whatever situation in which we might find ourselves. And, the more we place our trust in the promise of eternal life, the more fearless we can become. To be without fear is so empowering. It is so liberating. It can allow us to face any challenge - even death itself. Death is just a scarecrow. It isn't frightening for us at all. Therefore, we can be bold. We can be courageous. We can face great difficulties, knowing that we will fall into the hands of a loving Savior. This lack of fear, this freedom, makes selfless love so much easier. I don't have to "calculate" what this or that act of love will "cost" me. In fact, Jesus has assured us that the secret to happiness is that we will really find ourselves when we lose ourselves in love.

We can practice this faith - really exercise it and strengthen it, perhaps like a muscle we haven't used much - by simply practicing surrender. Not being so cautious becomes less scary and helps us to be more confident in loving. We can say, "Lord, I know that nothing can separate me from your care for me. Help me love this person with your own type of love, thinking less of myself, and more for the other person. Let me be bold and free."

Let us be confident before the trials and tribulations of our day, placing our lives in His hands.

Daily Prayer This Week

Making changes in our lives and the fear of making those changes are both themes in this week's gospels. Zacchaeus boldly reforms his life after he allows Jesus into it. The servant who is given a gold coin hides it in a handkerchief because he is afraid of his master. He has a chance to be given responsibilities, but his fear keeps him from doing anything.

We are often afraid when we consider making a change in our lives. We can see habits that are not healthy, a benign neglect of those we love and patterns that are deeply set in our lives. We may know deep down that we want to change them, but we don't have the confidence to believe we can do it. This week we are invited by Jesus to know that while we can't make those changes alone, we can if we allow Jesus to be with us in them.

Where do we start? With a small prayer. In those tiny pockets of time during our week, when we travel, ride to work, do dishes or even in the shower, we can take these reflective moments to ask for help. Just as Jesus asked the blind man, "What do you want me to do for you?" he is asking us the same question.

What do we want Jesus to do for us? Where do we want to make changes in the patterns of our lives? What changes are we afraid to make?

Dear Jesus, I ask for your help. Heal my fears. You have asked how you can help me, and I am afraid to answer. I know what changes need to be made in my life, but it seems overwhelming. Help me to open my heart to what you are asking - and to what I know I need. Be with me when I don't always know how to live in these new patterns and give me the humility to keep asking you for help over and over.

Let me feel your presence in my life and that will give me the strength and courage I need to live my life more faithfully.

Celebrants

Wednesday, Nov. 21st

Communion Service Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Thursday, Nov. 22nd Thanksgiving Mass

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, Nov. 24th

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

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

Sunday, Nov. 25th

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 am

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

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Nov. 24th at 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Kevin Smith

Communion: Mary Stenger, Rick Kosloski

Gifts: Kosloski Family

Ushers: Dick Ordner

Servers: Ava Wendorff

Sunday, Nov. 25th at 9:00 am

Lectors: Wayne Herberg, Brodrick Larson

Communion: Kristie Frazier*, Liz Herberg, Beth Churchsmith

Gifts: Prickett Family

Ushers: Joe Moore, Don Belland, Dennis Kaufmann

Servers: Alexis Ertz, Brayden Ertz

Financial Update

Weekend of 11/13/2018

Plate 238.77

Envelopes 1376.00

Bldg. Maint. Env. 85.00

Food Shelf 20.00

Religious Ed. Rebate 45.00

All Saints/Souls 35.00

Total..... \$1799.77

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass Intentions



November 21st Open

November 24th Becky Rowland

November 25th †Nick Cieminski

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."

Ron & Judie Peltier

Carole Swanson

Alison Duffy

Sue Roth

Jim Kirchberg



News



Rush City Community Thanksgiving Dinner:

The Rush City churches are again sponsoring a free community Thanksgiving dinner at the Rushseba Town Hall on Thursday, November 22, from 11 am– 1 pm. Carry-out meals and home delivery will also be available. If anyone from Sacred Heart would like to help plan or serve, please contact Ilene Olson, ileneoh@gmail.com or call 320.358.4406.

Women of the parish are invited and encouraged to get involved in CCW. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 27, at 6:30pm in Wey Hall.

The CCW will hold their **annual Christmas Cookie Sale** at the RC Library **Saturday, December 1, from 9-12**. Reminder to all women of the Parish to please donate cookies for the sale.



Annual Evangelical Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday November 21, 2018 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

915 west 8th st Rush City, MN. 55069

The Multi Church Thanksgiving will be held at Living Water Fellowship this year. Feel free to bring friends and family for a fun night of speakers and choirs and lots of snacks. The Thanksgiving Service is when multiple churches come together to celebrate Thanksgiving with reflections and singing. There are refreshments after the service.

There will be no Faith Formation classes on November 21st.

New Bulletin Listing

Amy Prickett is the Scheduling Coordinator for the Liturgical Roles that appear weekly in the Bulletin and are prepared on a monthly basis for the volunteers in these roles. Every effort is made to accommodate volunteers' scheduling preferences. However, vacations, seasonal absences and other conflicts occasionally arise. This may cause scheduling someone at a time not preferred. If that happens, volunteers are expected to find a substitute. If they can't fulfill the schedules a phone number lists for volunteers are available in the sacristy. In the event a substitute cannot be found, please call Amy at the number appearing in our Bulletins or on our website. If you are one of the volunteers and know of an upcoming time you will not be available to serve in your role, let Amy know and she will schedule accordingly. If you would like to be a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Server or Usher, contact the office at 320.358.4370 and you will be directed to the appropriate person. Needs in these areas are ongoing. Thanks to all the volunteers who help to make our celebrations so meaningful.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 18, 2018