

The Church of Sacred Heart



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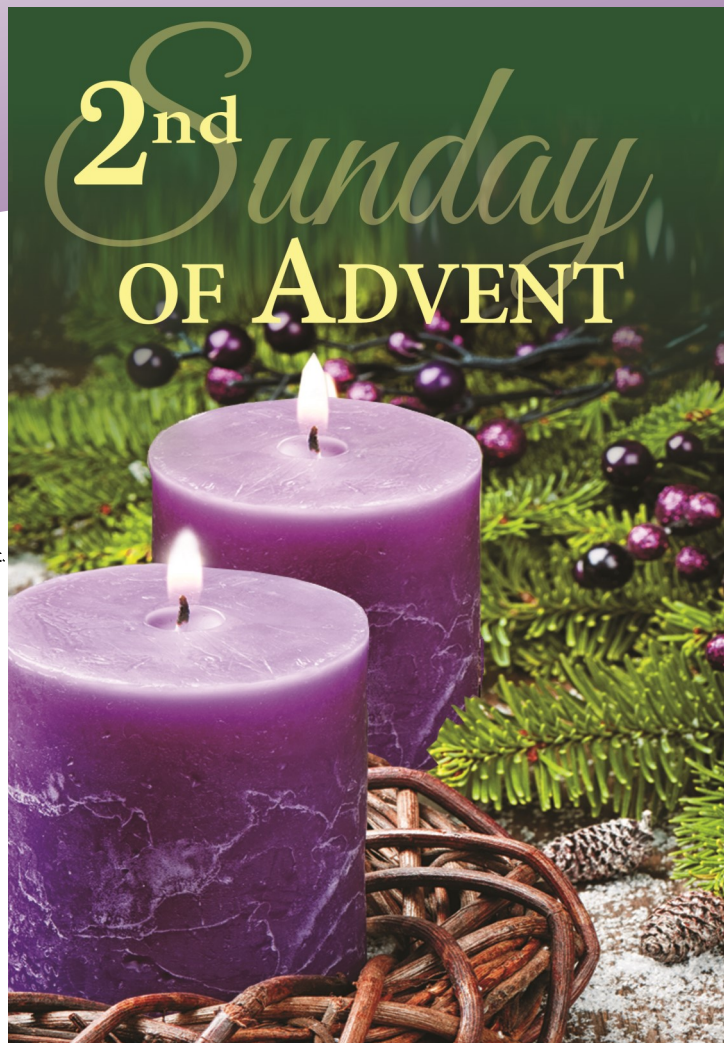
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Mission Statement

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.



Pastor:

Fr. Shane Stoppel-Wasinger

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Fr. Chuck Brambilla &

Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

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

Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 9, 2018

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Reflections

Second Sunday of Advent

The readings for the Second Week of Advent offer both encouragement and challenge as we reflect and prepare for the two “comings” of Christ — His coming as a baby on the great feast of Christmas, and the anticipation of His second coming at the end of time.

Our First Reading, from Baruch, is a wonderful reminder that God has triumphed over sin and death and that we — His faithful disciples — will live in the light of His glory one day. Until He comes again, we must remain faithful to Him as true disciples and good stewards of all the gifts He has given us.

While it can be tempting to give in to the materialism and calls for self-indulgence that surround us, (ironically more than ever at this time of year), this reading calls us back to the spiritual reality that this life is passing and that we are made for eternal life with God. We are called to prepare for eternal life by the way that we use our time, our talents and our treasure now.

The Gospel reading from Luke shows us how personal and detailed is God’s love for humanity as He prepared the way for Christ’s coming among us. We are told the precise time, place and person, John the Baptist, He appointed to announce the arrival of our Savior.

John tells us how to celebrate to the fullest this first “coming” on the feast of Christmas and how to prepare for the second coming — through repentance.

This Advent let’s turn away from any bad habits or sin that may have crept in to our lives and turn our hearts and minds back to Christ. This is what the stewardship way of life is all about —moving closer ever closer in relationship with Christ and imitation of Him, ready to celebrate His birth, with eyes fixed on eternal life with Him.

My time at St. Mary's Monastery Kinnoull came to an end this past Thursday, December 6. I went to Edinburgh for a few days before flying back. The experience was very educational and relaxing. I could not have

asked for a better 7 week sabbatical program, the community, the talks, the free time to see other parts of Scotland were incredible. The extra prayer time wasn't too bad either!!! Five of the seven weekends, I was able to travel around to Aberdeen, Isle of Iona (pilgrimage with my group), Glasgow, Stirling, and even Dublin, Ireland. The only part that I have not enjoyed is not being present for the funerals of four parishioners: Maile, Nancy, Judie, and Ron.

After briefly returning to Minnesota for a short time, to unpack and repack, I am then off to Cocoa Beach, FL. I am excited about starting and writing my book while enjoying the Atlantic Ocean. Have a very Blessed and Merry Christmas. In my prayers,



Father at the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum in Glasgow, Scotland



"Death of Joseph" in Saint Xavier's Jesuit Church in Dublin, Ireland.

Preparing our Hearts and asking for the Grace

We prepare this week by stepping up the longing. We move through this week by naming deeper and more specific desires.

Each morning this week, if even for that brief moment at the side of our beds, we want to light a second inner candle. We want to let it represent “a bit more hope.” Perhaps we can pause, breathe deeply and say,

“Lord, I place my trust in you.”

Each day this week, as we encounter times that are rushed, even crazy, we can take that deep breath, and make that profound prayer. Each time we face some darkness, some experience of “parched land” or desert, some place where we feel “defeated” or “trapped,” we hear the words, “Our God will come to save us!”

The grace we desire for this week is to be able to hear the promise and to invite our God to come into those real places of our lives that dearly need God's coming. We want to be able to say:

“Lord, I place my trust in your promise. Please, Lord, rouse your power and come into this place in my life, this relationship, into this deep self-defeating pattern. Please come and save me.”

Each night this week we can look back over the day and give thanks for the moments of deep breath, that opened a space for more trust and confidence in God's fidelity to us. No matter how difficult the challenges we are facing - from the growing realization of our personal sinfulness, to any experience of emptiness or powerlessness, even in the face of death itself - we can give thanks for the two candles that faithfully push back the darkness. And, we can give thanks for the graces given us to believe that “Our God will come to save us” because we were given the courageous faith to desire and ask boldly.

Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people.

We await your coming. Come, O Lord.

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Celebrants

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Wednesday, Dec. 12th

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, Dec. 15th

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

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

Sunday, Dec. 16th

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 am

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

Pastors,

*God bless you for the time you give,
the work you do, and the care you offer.*

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Dec. 15th at 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Sue Roth

Communion: Chuck Debevec,
Annette Storm

Gifts: Chuck Debevec

Ushers: Dick Ordner

Servers: Maggie Roth

Sunday, Dec. 16th at 9:00 am

Lectors: Jeremy Albright, Al Walz

Communion: David Prickett, Jean
Peno*, Mary Pat Hestbeck

Gifts: Peno Family

Ushers: Craig Peterson, Bill Peno

Servers: Broderick Larson, Isabella Harer

Financial Update

Weekend of 12/2/2018

Plate	203.00
Envelopes	1796.00
Bldg. Main.	148.00
Stipends/Stole	35.00
Liturgical Environment	110.00
CCW Cookie Sale	20.00
Christmas Flowers	120.00
Total	\$2432.00

*Thank you for your generosity!
May you enjoy the peace and blessings of the Christmas season!*

Mass Intentions



December 12th Open

December 15th † Dick Gibson

December 16th † Douglas DuWayne Hanson

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
Mary Pierce



News

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Aging religious need our help. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. The Second Collection will be next weekend.



Prayer shawls are now available in the back of church. If you know of someone that would benefit from a prayer shawl, please take one and present it to them. You can also contact the parish office with their address and we will gladly mail one to them.

Advent Diaper Drive is now going on now. There is a bin in the back of church for packages of diapers. These will be donated to Options for Women in North Branch. They have a great need of sizes 4, 5, and 6.

Faith Formation: To celebrate The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Wednesday, December 12, the Faith Formation youth will be praying The Rosary at 6:45 in church. All are welcome to join us.

Parish Rosary Project: Tally sheets are on the back table in church. Please enter the number of Rosaries you have said every week and place the tally sheet in the offertory basket, so that they can be counted. Thank you.

Christmas Schedule

December 25

The Nativity of The Lord

Vigil Mass: Monday, December 24
at 5:00 PM

Christmas Day Mass:

Tuesday, December 25 At 9:00 AM

January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Mass: Tuesday, January 1
At 9:00 AM

Week 2 Advent Prayer,
Peace

*Dear Jesus, you entered our world on
Christmas as the Prince of Peace.
This Advent, as we strive to become the
best version of ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding
peace. Help us share that
peace with everyone we encounter,
especially those who need it most.
Amen.*



**Join us at the
Annual Christmas Eve Dinner
Starts at 6:00 PM
Dessert donations are
appreciated.**