

The Church of Sacred Heart



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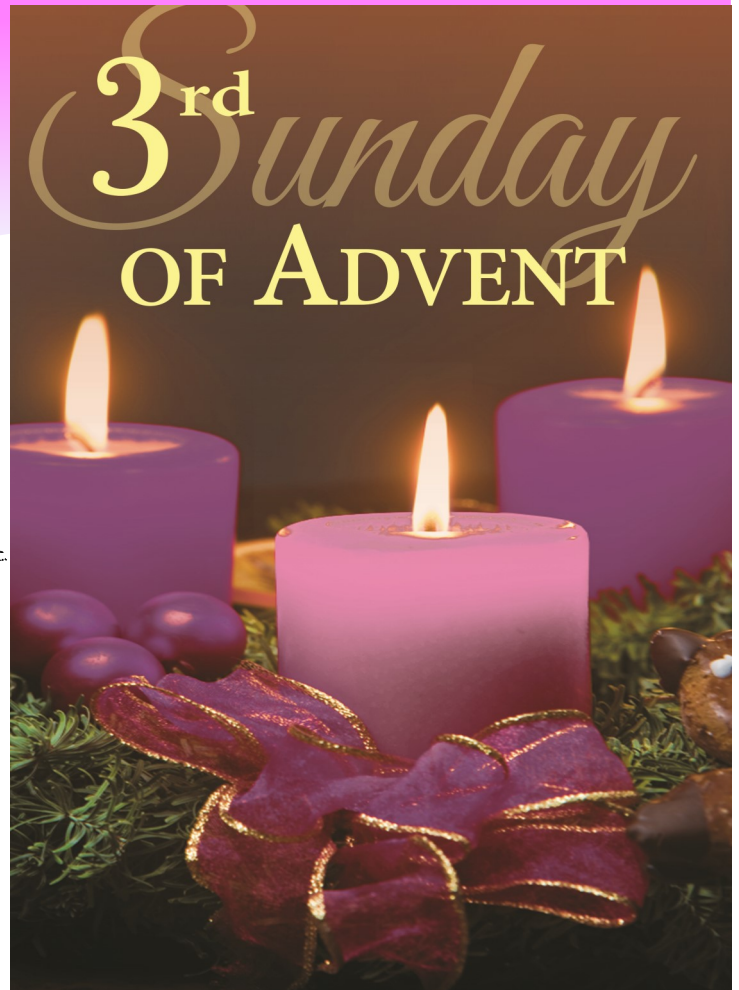
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Mission Statement

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

Weekend Assistants:

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

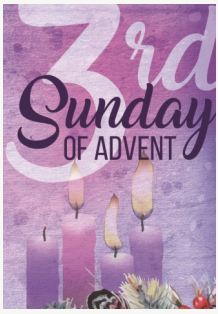
Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday @ 8:00 am. - 1:00 pm.

Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 16, 2018

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Reflections



Our week begins with "Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* means "rejoice" in Latin. It comes from the first word of the Entrance antiphon on Sunday. The spirit of joy that begins this week comes from the words of Paul, "The Lord is near." This joyful spirit is marked by the third rose colored candle of our Advent wreath.

The second part of Advent begins on December 17th each year. For the last eight days before Christmas, the plan of the readings changes. The gospels are from the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke. We read the stories of faithful women and men who prepared the way for our salvation. We enter into the story of how Jesus' life began. These stories are filled with hints of what his life will mean for us. Faith and generosity overcome impossibility. Poverty and persecution reveal glory.

We move through this week feeling a part of the waiting world that rejoices because our longing has prepared us to believe the reign of God is close at hand. And so we consciously ask:

Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestow.

Each morning this week, in that brief moment we are becoming accustomed to, we light a *third* inner candle. Three candles, going from expectation, to longing, to joy. They represent our inner preparation, or inner *perspective*. In this world of "conflict and division," "greed and lust for power," we begin each day this week with a sense of liberating joy. We can pause, breathe deeply and say,

*"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my savior."*

We will continue to go through our everyday life, but we will experience the difference our faith can bring to it. We are confident that the grace we ask for will be given us. We will encounter sin - in our own hearts and in our experience of the sin of the world. We can pause in those moments, and feel the joy of the words,

"You are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." *Matthew 1:21*

We may experience the Light shining into dark places of our lives and showing us patterns of sinfulness, and inviting us to experience God's mercy and healing. Perhaps we wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We may want to make gestures of reconciliation with a loved one, relative, friend or associate. With more light and joy, it is easier to say, "I'm sorry; let's begin again."

Each night we want to pause in gratitude. Whatever the day has brought, no matter how busy it has been, we can give thanks for a little more light, a little more freedom to walk by that light, in joy.

***Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people.
We await your coming. Come, O Lord.***

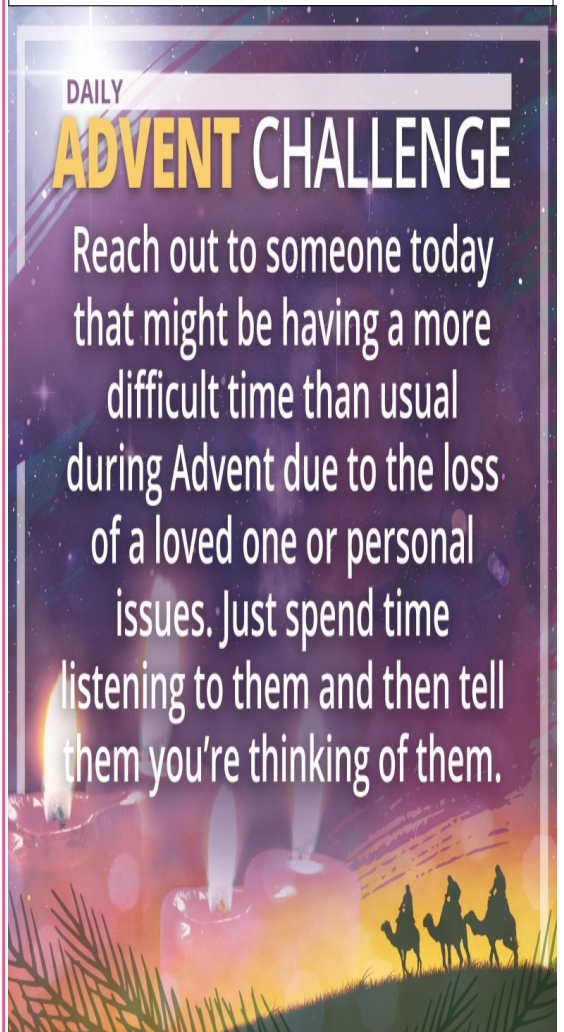
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WORDS OF WISDOM

"I desire that you know more profoundly the love that burns in My Heart for souls, and you will understand this when you meditate upon My Passion. Call upon My mercy on behalf of sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give him the grace of conversion. This is the prayer: 'O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You.' "— St. Faustina Kowalska, p. 186-7

AN EXCERPT FROM
Diary of St. Faustina

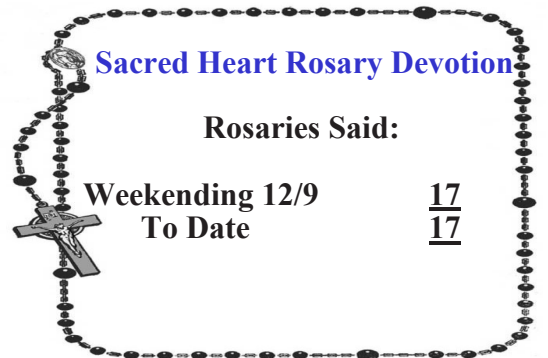


Sacred Heart Rosary Devotion

Rosaries Said:

Weekending 12/9
To Date

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Celebrants

Wednesday, Dec. 19th

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, Dec. 22nd

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

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

Sunday, Dec. 23rd

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 am

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

Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24th

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 5:00 pm

Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25th

Fr. Nygaard Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Dec. 22 at 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Rick Drevecky

Communion: Mary Stenger, Rick Kosloski

Gifts: Stenger Family

Ushers: Ted Stathes

Servers: Ava Wendorff

Sunday, Dec. 23 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Kevin Smith, David Prickett

Communion: Audrey Larson, Clarence Larson, Kristi Frazier

Gifts: Frazier Family

Ushers: Joe Moore, Don Belland, Dennis Kaufmann

Servers: Alexis Ertz, Brayden Ertz

Financial Update

Weekend of 12/9/2018

Plate	412.25
Envelopes	1581.00
Candle money	49.00
Stipends/Stole	14.00
Liturgical Environment	30.00
Food Shelf	60.00
Immaculate Conception	333.00
EFT money	224.00
Religious Retirement fund	10.00
Christmas flowers	215.00
Total	\$2928.25

Mass Intentions



December 19th Open

December 22nd †Ron & Judie Peltier

December 23rd †Orrin Olson

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."

Marvin Johnson
Carole Swanson
Alison Duffy
Sue Roth
Jim Kirchberg
Mary Pierce



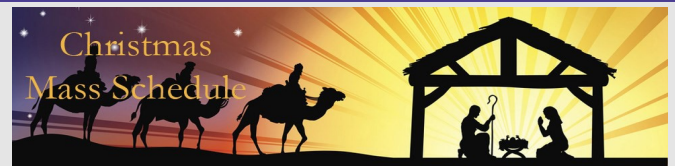
News

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. If your interested in making a prayer shawl please contact Sue Roth at 651-238-1797.

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.

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

The locks on the church property will be changed Thursday, December 20th. Please read our key policy inserted in this weeks bulletin.



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 3 Advent Prayer, Joy

Dear Jesus,

help us focus on you during this
busy season.

May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives.
We want to find you in the everyday moments and
come with hearts of
gratitude to your manger on Christmas.
Amen.

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

