

The Church of the Sacred Heart



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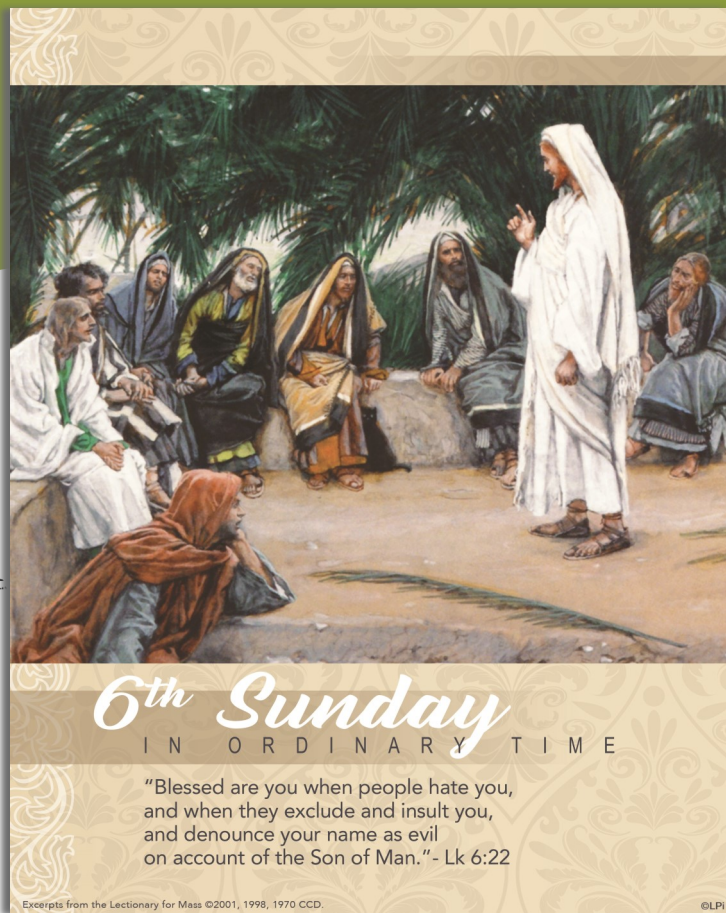
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Mission Statement

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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary February 17, 2019

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St. Valentine, the Real Story

Flowers, candy, red hearts and romance. That's what Valentine's day is all about, right? Well, maybe not.

The origin of this holiday for the expression of love really isn't romantic at all—at least not in the traditional sense. Father Frank O'Gara of Whitefriars Street Church in Dublin, Ireland tells the real story of the man behind the holiday—St. Valentine.

"He was a Roman Priest at a time when there was an emperor called Claudia who persecuted the church at the particular time," Father O'Gara explains. "He also had an edict that prohibited the marriage of young people. This was based on the hypothesis that unmarried soldiers fought better than married soldiers because married soldiers might be afraid of what might happen to them or their wives or families if they died."

"I think we must bear in mind that it was a very permissive society in which Valentine lived," says Father O'Gara. "Polygamy would have been much more popular than just one woman and one man living together. And yet some of them seemed to be attracted to Christian faith. But obviously the church thought that marriage was very sacred between one man and one woman for their life and that it was to be encouraged. And so it immediately presented the problem to the Christian church of what to do about this."

"So on the day of the marriage they have to take that into context," Father O'Gara says. "Love—human love and sexuality is wonderful, and blessed by God—but also the shadow of the cross. That's what Valentine meant to me."

March Food & Fund Drive

This March, we join Family Pathways' food shelves, faith communities, businesses, and organizations across Minnesota in acting to end hunger and food insecurity. Please bring nonperishable items for our local Family Pathways food shelf and/or monetary donations throughout March.



When you pick the food of your land at gathering time, do not pick all the way to the corners of your field. And do not gather the food left on the ground there after you have picked. Do not gather what is left among your vines, or gather the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for those in need and for the stranger.

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

Feast day February 22

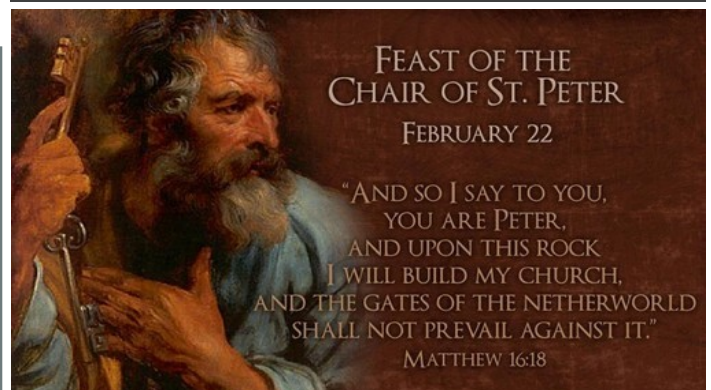
When the pope cautions world leaders, pleads for peace, or condemns social injustice, people listen and respond. What makes the world listen to this man? The answer lies in Scripture and in Tradition. Peter is named first among the apostles of Jesus; he was often their spokesman and leader; he was the first to preach after Pentecost; and he was the leader in defending Christ and his message. Peter was at the Transfiguration and in the garden.

He proclaimed to Jesus, "You are the Christ," and Christ singled him out:

"So I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:18–19)

Jesus prayed for Peter that he might strengthen his brothers. (Luke 22:32) And Jesus gave Peter a three-fold commission to "feed my sheep." (John 21:15–17)

From the beginning, the specialness, or primacy, of Peter has been recognized. On the feast of the Chair of Peter, we celebrate our unity as a Church. We celebrate the love, presence, and protection of Christ for us, the Church. The title Chair of Peter refers to the chair from which a bishop presided, a symbol of his authority. When the title refers to Saint Peter, it recalls the supreme teaching power of Peter and his successors. It is from the chair, from the pastoral power given him, that the pope shepherds Christ's flock.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you or someone you know is in need of a prayer shawl please contact the Parish office at 320.358.4370.

Shawls are provided by the CCW of Sacred Heart.

Celebrants

Wednesday, February 20th

Communion Service Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

Saturday, February 23rd

Fr. Fitzgerald Sacred Heart 4:00 PM

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

Sunday, February 24th

Fr. Fitzgerald Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

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

Have a Beautiful Sunday in the Lord.

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Feb. 23 at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Kevin Smith

Communion: Frank & Annette Storm

Gifts: Wendorff Family

Ushers: Dick Ordner

Servers: Don Kirchberg

Sunday, Feb. 24 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Al Walz, Sue Roth

Communion: David Prickett*, Kristie Frazier, Liz Herberg

Gifts: C. Larson Family

Ushers: Dennis Kaufmann, Craig Peterson

Servers: Broderick Larson, Maggie Roth

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."

Hunter Hermanson

Don Andersen

Mary Pierce

Sue Roth

Alison Duffy

Jim Kirchberg

Erika Matzke-Stoltz



Mass Intentions



February 20th † Ralph Anderson

February 23rd Parishioners

February 24th † Mary Jo Stathes

Financial Update

Totals for the weekend of: 2/10

Plate 215.65

Envelopes 1251.00

Food Shelf 150.00

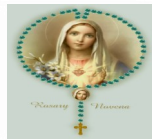
Bldg. Maint. Env. 15.00

Phone Credit 19.50

EFT Money 224.00

Energy needs 15.00

Received for the week : 1890.15



S.H Rosary Devotion

Rosaries Said:

2/10: 52

To Date: 704

Update from Father Shane

UPDATE FROM PASTOR:

Greetings from Cocoa Beach. My time is quickly passing by; I have nine weeks left of my sabbatical.

I continue to experience relaxation and believe I will be completely refreshed by the time I return to Sacred Heart and Saint Gregory the Great in April.

I am happy to report that my spiritual memoir is half way completed.

At this point, it will consist of three parts and twenty-one chapters.

I am on chapter thirteen.

Please continue to pray for me as I do for you.

Blessings, Father Shane

In response to the Gospel call to serve the poor and spread the Good News, the Catholic Services Appeal

Foundation of

the Saint Paul and Minneapolis Area (CSAF) works as Christ's hands and feet throughout the 12-county area. An independent non-profit foundation, the CSAF focuses solely on supporting 20 designated outreach ministries and nothing else. Partnering with these ministries, you help those in need: the hungry, the orphan, the sick, suffering, dying and grieving. You assist in ministering to the imprisoned, evangelizing Catholic youth and college students, and strengthening families. You enable the sacraments to be provided to Catholics young and old alike. Newly added ministry partners this year include Abria Pregnancy Resources and The Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Twin Cities. We invite you to learn more about each of the vital ministries supported by the Foundation, and to join us in transforming lives through the Gospel! Visit www.csafspm.org to learn more, and please prayerfully consider how you might give back via the CSAF.

20 Ministries. One Faith.

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