

The Church of the Sacred Heart



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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.



FIFTH SUNDAY *In Lent*

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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent April 7, 2019

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The Hope of Lent



We might think that the hope of Lent has to do with our hope that we will get through it, that we will come to the end of it. We see Lent as an obstacle course we need to navigate in order to get to the great feast of Easter. But while the Lenten season is indeed preparation for our Easter celebration, the hope of this season is that we will find our lives transformed by the many ways we encounter God's Word, by the richness of the Scripture readings chosen to encourage, to challenge, to confront, to comfort. Focusing only on the end goal would cause us to miss so much along the way.

The greatest hope of Lent is the discovery that it's not only about penance, deprivation, spiritual struggles, and rooting out sin in our lives. Those are often the things we do during Lent. But the hope of Lent lies in what God does. From the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Francis has made mercy his hallmark. It's no surprise that he declared a special year dedicated to the contemplation of mercy.

Pope Francis wants us to realize that God's mercy and grace surround us not just in special times and places but always and everywhere. Lent is a time to discover the extraordinary in the ordinary, to be surprised by God's mercy when we least expect it. As the season begins, think about the hopes you have for Lent this year. Think about what changes you want to see in your life, in the world. Let the words of Pope Francis guide you on a journey of bringing those hopes to fulfillment.

A Word from Pope Francis

With its invitations to conversion, Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to rouse us from torpor, from the risk of moving forward by inertia. The exhortation which the Lord addresses to us through the prophet Joel is strong and clear: "Return to me with all your heart" (Joel 2:12). Why must we return to God? Because something is not right in us, not right in society, in the Church and we need to change, to give it a new direction. And this is called needing to convert! Once again Lent comes to make its prophetic appeal, to remind us that it is possible to create something new within ourselves and around us, simply because God is faithful, always faithful, for he cannot deny himself, he continues to be rich in goodness and mercy, and he is always ready to forgive and start afresh.

Taking the Word to Heart

People often remark on the way our churches are filled on Ash Wednesday. It's not a holy day of obligation. No one is required to attend Mass or receive blessed ashes. But there's something about the beginning of this season of Lent that draws us in, calls us to return to sanity, to a bit of austerity, to a change of heart and mind. It's a second chance at our new year's resolutions, long since broken and forgotten. It's a second chance at making changes in our lives. For some people, it's no less than a second chance at life. That something that draws us is God's grace. And it's drawing us back to God's merciful embrace.

There's something attractive about Lent beginning in the middle of an ordinary week, catching us in the midst of our daily occupations and asking us to take time out to find God there. Lent doesn't take us away from our ordinary lives, but rather it invites us to bring a new and holy attention to those activities. This should be the way with all of our spiritual practices. We take time apart in order to return to our daily activities with new inspiration. God will always surprise us with possibilities when we least expect them. Let this Lent be one of those surprises.

Bringing the Word to Life

The prophet Joel calls for a public ritual of repentance. Jesus reminds his followers that our deepest need is between ourselves and the Father. Both are necessary. Which do you need this Lent?

How might your Lenten observances contain a healthy balance of public and private prayer? Choose something this Lent that will enhance your day-to-day interactions with the people in your life.

Pope Francis Pray

In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could harden our hearts, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of God's boundless love, to taste his tenderness.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will pray the Stations of the cross on Friday nights during Lent,
beginning at 7:00 pm.
April 12th.
April 19th at 3 pm (Good Friday)

Palm Sunday—April 14

Regularly scheduled Masses.

Holy Thursday—April 18

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM.

Good Friday—April 19

Stations of the Cross at 3:00 PM

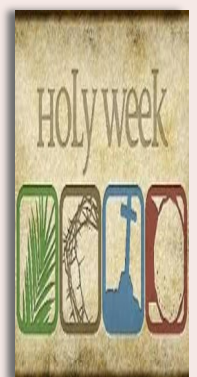
The Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross at 7:00pm

Holy Saturday—April 20

Easter Vigil at 7:30 PM.

Easter Sunday—April 21

Mass at 9:00 AM with Renewal of Baptismal Vows.



Celebrants

Wednesday, April 10th

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

Saturday, April 13th

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 4:00 PM

Fr. Sebastien Bakatu St. Gregory's 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 14th

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

Fr. Sebastien Bakatu St. Gregory's 9:30 AM

Have a beautiful day in the Lord.

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, April 13 at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Rick Drevecky

Communion: Mary Stenger, Melanie Wendorff

Gifts: Drevecky Family

Ushers: Ted Stathes, Dick Ordner

Servers: Don Kirchberg

Sunday, April 14 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Youth

Communion: Liz Herberg, Frank Storm*, Annette Storm

Gifts: Youth

Ushers: Youth

Servers: Maggie Roth, Devon Larson

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."

Tony Lenneman

Mary Pierce

Erika Matzke-Stoltz

Jim Kirchberg

Sue Roth

Jane Scherer

Evan Romano



Mass Intentions



April 10th

† Colleen Mjowski

April 13th

† Michelle Stenger-Fisk

Financial Update

Totals for the weekend of: 3/31/19

Plate	424.00
Envelops	1626.00
Bldg. Maint.	20.00
Global Solidarity	362.70
Fish Fry	932.00
Easter Flowers	115.00
Total:	\$ 3479.70

Thank you for your generosity !



S.H Rosary Devotion

Rosaries Said:

3/31: 54
To Date: 1033

News



Prayer Shawls: We are desperately in need of more Prayer Shawls. If you are interested in knitting or crocheting them, please contact Sue Roth. Also there are patterns and prayers in the back of church.

CCW Salad Luncheon. We need someone to chair the kitchen for this event. If someone does not come forward in the next two weeks, we will likely have to cancel this. Please contact Sue Roth or Brenda Dahl if you can do this. Detailed information will be provided from previous years.

Fall Festival. We are still in need for a Co-Chair for this event and a Chairperson for our kitchen. Please contact the parish office if you are interested.



Mama Mia!

Enjoy an Italian Dinner

April 26, 2019 at 5:00pm -7:00pm

At First Lutheran Church

1000 Jay Ave S, Rush City

Tickets—\$13 (in advance) or \$15 (at the door)

Tickets can be purchased at St. John's (320-358-3623), First Lutheran (320-358-4076) and Sacred Heart (320-358-4370) Churches (best to contact mornings)

Table reservations for groups available - call 763-227-0056

All Proceeds go to A Place for You

A Place for You is a transitional shelter located in Pine City serving as a safe place for people in distress. The nonprofit shelter was established in 2012. It provides temporary shelter, personal plan development, support and encouragement. A Place for You serves individual men and women facing homelessness in Pine, Kanabec, Carlton, Chisago, Isanti and Mille Lacs counties.

Dinner Sponsored by St. John's Lutheran, Sacred Heart Catholic and First Lutheran Churches of Rush City with supplementary funds from Thrivent Financial

Friday's during Lent Fish Fry's 5-7 PM



Join us on Friday's in Lent for our Scrumptious Fish Fry at Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Frandsen Ave & 4th St. Rush City 320.358-4370

MARCH 8TH THROUGH APRIL 12TH

ADULTS \$11 • KIDS 5-12 \$5 • KIDS 4 & UNDER FREE