

# The Church of the Sacred Heart

## The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota



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Saturday @ 4:00 pm

Sunday @ 9:00 am

### Weekdays:

Wednesday@ 9:00 am

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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.

### 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.

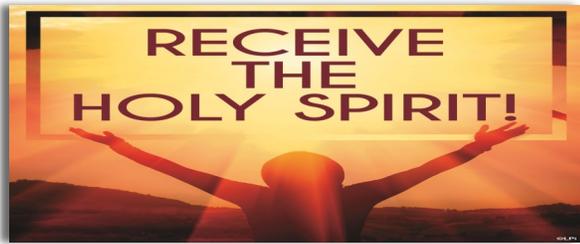
Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019

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## LIVE THE LITURGY

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When faced with a decision or a dilemma, where do we turn? Whenever we have to discern the proper course of action, the Holy Spirit is available as our advocate and guide. As Christians, we look not to our world for direction but to God. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to help us find our path to proper thought and conduct. Wisdom, right judgment, knowledge, understanding, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord are all perfect tools for discernment. These gifts allow us to keep our relationships and perspective in proper order. It is the Holy Spirit who opens our eyes to see that which we would otherwise overlook and opens our hearts to receive those people who would otherwise be ignored. Ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten you today.



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage deeper understanding of Scripture

"God is always more." Have you ever heard that? If we truly believe that He is infinite, then this statement is worth exploring. Today, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit in power upon the early Church. But Pentecost wasn't the first time the disciples received the Holy Spirit. The Gospel actually occurs chronologically before Pentecost. Soon after the Resurrection, Jesus already "came and stood in their [the disciples'] midst... he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

God is always more. Sometimes we might think the grace of God as one and done. God might break through in people's lives, but it's a one-time event on a retreat or preceding a dramatic conversion of life. But there's always more to come. Even today's Gospel isn't the first time the breath of God stirred. In Genesis, it's God's breath that stirs life into Adam in the garden. Jesus breathes on the Apostles, giving them the Holy Spirit in the quiet and silence. Later, that breath will stir into a "driving wind", and the Spirit will descend with flame? not unlike Moses on Mount Sinai.

God is always more. He has spoken throughout salvation history, and continues to speak into our lives through His Church and through the Holy Spirit alive in our hearts. This Pentecost Sunday, let us come before Him with expectant hearts! Like the disciples in the Gospel and first reading, let us await what "more" God will do.

## ON EVANGELIZATION AND FORGIVENESS

Over the past twenty-five years as a priest, I have learned a lot of things about what is important in the priesthood and also things that have disillusioned me as a priest. With the space that I have to compose in for this article, there is no way I can write about all the significant learnings and disillusionments that I have encounter throughout the years. Thus, I will focus on one positive aspect of my learnings, that is evangelization and a solo characteristic on a negative, that is being unforgiving.

When Jesus ascended from this earth, he instructed his disciples then as today, to carry forth his mission of love and forgiveness. To help us in our witness to Our Lord, he sent the Holy Spirit or Ghost to us on Pentecost. I have understood that by receiving the Holy Ghost, I need to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ; this task is conveyed by being an evangelist. While everybody who has been baptized is called to evangelization, I feel as a Catholic priest, it is required of me to make a great effort in revealing that Jesus is still present in this world through my words and actions. I have realized over the years; the paramount means that I can evangelize is better accomplished more so by actions than by words. How is this achieved?

One method of being a witness for Jesus Christ as an ordained minister is by being in the presence of others, especially my parishioners. While in the early years as a priest I didn't see this quality being essential in my ministry, now it is one of the priorities in my life. I attempt to be present in people's lives, such as attending receptions, graduation parties, and even a sporting event. Even with my endeavors, since there is plenty of room for improvement; I turn to the Holy Spirit for guidance time after time to help me with this undertaking.

Another way of evangelization that I have come to appreciate even more, and one just as significant, is to practice the attributes of being a follower of Jesus. We can bring non-Christians and other Christians into the Catholic faith by our kindness, love, concern for the poor, and reveal in our faces the joy of our discipleship in Our Savior. I can't emphasize enough how a key act of kindness and compassion can transform another individual. You and I need to always make a conscious effort of being kind and charitable to others.

Jesus preached that Our Father is one that gives us unconditional love, complete acceptance, and forgiveness. We are to likewise demonstrate these same qualities. Yet, how difficult it is in our sinfulness, woundedness, and brokenness, to forgive others and even ourselves. Forgiveness was a central purpose of Jesus' ministry. As a matter of fact, when asked how we are to pray, Jesus gave us the Our Father. Some of these words are, "***And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.***" Why is it so important to forgive? We only come to understand and receive the love and forgiveness of God when we forgive others who have trespassed against us. Yet, some hold on to hurt feelings or hold grudges which deprive them of the peace they would receive by offering their forgiveness.

What is disheartening in my priestly ministry is when I see other Christians disregard what Jesus taught us when he came down to us as a human to show how God forgives us and how we are to forgive as well. Can we call ourselves a Christian when we don't practice forgiveness in our lives? Let's remember to love one another the way Our Saviour showed us, and our gift will be unconditional love from Our Father.

Have a good week, Father Shane

## Celebrants

### Wednesday, June 12th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

### Saturday, June 15th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 4:00 PM  
Fr. Fitzgerald St. Gregory's 5:00 PM

### Sunday, June 16th

Fr. Fitzgerald Sacred Heart 9:00 AM  
Fr. Shane St. Gregory's 9:30 AM

**"Being in love with God is never boring."  
~Fr. Thomas Dubay**

## Liturgical Roles

### Saturday, June 15 at 4:00 pm

**Lectors:** Sue Roth  
**Communion:** Mary Stenger, Mary Petschl  
**Gifts:** **Murphy Family**  
**Ushers:** Kevin & Derrick Murphy  
**Servers:** Alexis Murphy, Brayden Ertz

### Sunday, June 16 at 9:00 am

**Lectors:** Jeremy Albright, Broderick Larson  
**Communion:** David Prickett, Jean Peno\*, Danielle Peter  
**Gifts:** **Peterson Family**  
**Ushers:** Craig Peterson, David Peter  
**Servers:** Isabelle Harer

## Needing our Prayers

*When you Pray, God Listens. When you Listen, God Talks. When you Believe, God Works. ~Unknown*

Tony Lenneman Sue Roth  
Erika Matzke-Stoltz Evan Romano  
Jim Kirchberg



## Mass Intentions



June 15th † Douglas DuWayne Hanson  
June 16th † Bill Peno

## Financial Update

Totals for the weekend of: 6/2/19	
Plate	432.80
Envelopes	3526.00
Bldg. Maint. Env.	151.00
Funeral Fund	350.00
Food Shelf	1.10
CCW -Funeral proc.	100.00
Receivable	42.39
Cemetery Care	140.00
Flag Donations	98.00
Catholic Home Mission	4.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 4845.29</b>



### S.H Rosary Devotion

Rosaries Said:  
6/2: 78  
To Date: 1387

**Thank you for your generosity !**

## News

The next **Parish Council meeting** will be held on Tuesday, June 11th at 7:15pm.

### FATHER SHANE'S EXTENSION

Father Shane received an official letter from Archbishop last week informing him that his appointment as pastor of St Gregory the Great has been extended until June 2021.

**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.

Sacred Heart has a new Facebook page, please go online to like and share it. Thank you.



**Adoration:** There is a need for parishioners to help out at Adoration after Wednesday mass. Please sign up on the sheets in the back of the church for either a regular 1 hour segment or volunteer as a sub. Thank you.

First Lutheran's W/ELCA invites you to their Annual Salad Luncheon on Wednesday, June 12th from 11 am to 1 pm. There will be a variety of salads with a free will offering.

**Kids' Bulletin:** There are weekly kid bulletin's available in the back of the church.

**Prayer shawls** are 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.

## Father Shane's Birthday!

Please join Fr. Shane for mass on Wednesday, June 12th at 9:00 am as he celebrates his birthday here at Sacred Heart.



## Pentecost Sunday

