

The Church of the Sacred Heart

The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota



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Liturgy of the Eucharist:

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.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 21, 2019

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We all have a tremendous amount of responsibility. Every day presents more challenges and lists of things we need to accomplish. Life, however, is more than just to do lists. Life is more about who we are and how present we are to what is happening around us. Our relationship with God is the same. It is not just about doing the right things or showing up in the right places, even though these are certainly important. What is more important is the quality of our presence in God's presence. How attentive are we to His revelations of presence to us? If life's demands, however noble

they be, overly consume us, we will miss being surprised by God's presence: in creation, in sacrament, in our brothers and sisters, and in ourselves. Listen carefully to Martha and Mary's story today.



Grandparents



They're there when we need them, and if we're honest, we need them for a lot of things! This week, many Spanish-speaking countries celebrate Día de los Abuelos. The celebration is held on the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus. In our mobile society, many grandparents may be geographically disconnected to their children. Other grandparents have even more opportunities to be close to their grandchildren, as their children continue working and are in need of nearby childcare support. Whatever the

situation, grandparents are essential to the growth and development of children. They provide a warm, forgiving presence. Rarely the disciplinarian, grandparents are another reminder of the gentle mercy of God. As children age, they begin to appreciate grandparents as people with stories to tell and wisdom to impart. How can you show gratitude for the grandparents in your life today?

ON WREATHS IN A CHRISTIAN'S LIFE

During the past few months I have been pondering about what Saint Paul tells the Corinthians in his first letter to them: "Every athlete exercises self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we, an imperishable one". (1 Cor 9:25). What does this mean? The athletes compete to perform to their best ability. When they win, they receive a perishable wreath, placed around their necks, symbolizing their momentary win in life; the wreath will eventually die leaving nothing behind to show the world all their hard work and effort. But we as Catholic Christians, should strive to be imperishable.

We must ask ourselves, are we seeking worldly things in life or are we seeking things that will bring us our salvation?

Today, we all know how busy life can be. Society as a whole is competitive. Nations compete with other nations as we strive to be thought of as the best. We are competitive within the workplace, our schools, our neighborhoods and sometimes even within our churches.

When living in a competitive world, we need to realize what the true goal is, everlasting life! This salvation cannot be found in purchasing the latest furnishings, cars or clothing. We can't take these things with us when we die! Where is that enthusiasm when it comes to your faith? We can rearrange our schedules several times in order to make the basketball game, dance recital or trip to the cabin, but do we arrange our schedules to make it to church?



Taking time once a week to celebrate the Holy Eucharist and give thanks to God should be our priority! Volunteering within your church to make it grow, evangelize your faith and be a role model to our youth to show how important God is... This must be our priority! Yet all too often, I hear a familiar excuse, "I'm too busy". I pray when we reach heaven, God isn't too busy to let us in. Will you be giving him excuses too? These thoughts are not meant to make any of us feel guilty, instead hopefully awaken our souls.

Jesus spent his life on earth, teaching us about love, about forgiveness, about giving our lives to serve God. He gave his life so that we may have eternal salvation. He showed us how to love by helping others in need, shared his love of God with those who didn't know how much God loves us, and he cared for others less fortunate.

In John 3:18, he states "Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action". We need to live our lives of faith, not just talk about it. Maybe it is time to reflect on our own individual lives. How are we helping others in need, sharing God's word or caring for others? Are we building the house of the Lord, or finding contentment with our material lives thus slowly pulling away from church?

We have free will. Many of us are choosing to follow Jesus, won't you join us?

Have a terrific summer week, Father Shane

Celebrants

Wednesday, July 24th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

Saturday, July 27th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 4:00 PM

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

Sunday, July 28th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

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

"Never miss an opportunity to do good." | St. Francis de Sales

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, July 27 at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Rick Drevecky

Communion: Rick Kosloski, Chuck

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Gifts: Debeveck Family

Ushers: Dick Ordner

Servers: Ava Wendorff

Sunday, July 28 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Wayne Herberg, Broderick Larson

Communion: Liz Herberg, Annette Storm*, Kristie Frazier

Gifts: Herberg Family

Ushers: Craig Peterson, Ron Faber

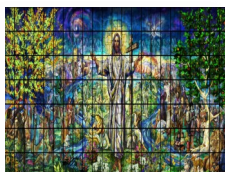
Servers: Elena Herberg, Zoe Wendorff

Needing our Prayers

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

Tony Lenneman
Erika Matzke-Stoltz
Danielle Peter
Joe Jensen

Sue Roth
Jim Kirchberg
Bill Wolff



Mass Intentions



July 27th † Gary Anderson

July 28th † Jane Scherer

Financial Update

Totals for the weekend of: 7/14/19

Plate 603.00

Envelopes 1861.00

Food Shelf 10.00

Bldg. Maint Env. 5.00

Prison Ministry 35.00

Total: \$ 2514.00

Thank you for your generosity!



S.H Rosary Devotion

Rosaries Said:

7/14: 36

To Date: 1626

Letter from Sister Lynore Girmscheid



"Your generous parish-contribution of \$687.70 will enable hundreds of religious communities to meet their pressing retirement needs, while continuing to serve the People of God."

Your generosity also contributes to financial planning opportunities for younger men and women's communities (directed by the National Religious Retirement Office); this enables them to better prepare for their future retirement needs now.

Thank you for your support of this important annual appeal; I am inspired by the generosity of your parish community. Thank you on behalf of all retired women religious, priests and brothers-your financial gift witnesses to the blessing it is to support those who have given a lifetime!"

With sincere gratitude,

Sister Lynore Girmscheid, SSND
Coordinator, Retirement Fund for Religious

Parish News

At the meeting this past Monday, it was decided that we will downsize the Fall Festival and replace it this year with a Chicken Dinner and Raffle. This will be held Sunday, September 15. The Brass Rail will be preparing their famous chicken, and the CCW will be overseeing the kitchen.

We will still be having the Country Store but will be eliminating the Silent Auction. If you donated items in the past and would still like to do so, these items can be incorporated into the raffle or the Country Store. Please contact the parish office by August 1, if you have something you would like to donate to the raffle. Please look for more information in future bulletins on how you can donate baked goods, jams, preserves, crafts, and new and gently used items to the County Store.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to offset the cost of the dinner, envelopes are available in the pews, and these can be put in the offertory collection.

While this event is a very important fundraiser for our parish, it is also a great way for all to get involved and to strengthen our parish community. We ask that all parishioners volunteer in some way. Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Look for more information in the future, and please be ready to say YES when asked to help.

The next CCW meeting will be Tuesday, July 23, at 6:30pm in Wey Hall. Circle of Catholic Women is a group in which all women of our parish are members, you are most welcome to be active participants. As we will be planning for the Chicken Dinner kitchen needs, your involvement is encouraged.

