

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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 28, 2019

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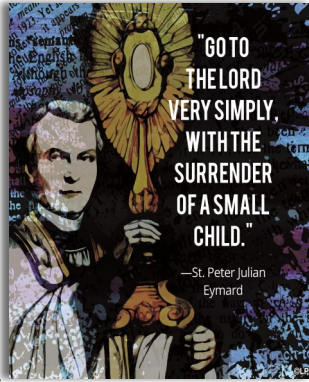
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We do not need to use a lot of words in order to pray well.

Keeping things simple often works best, and it appears to be the form of prayer most preferred by Jesus. The simplicity of the

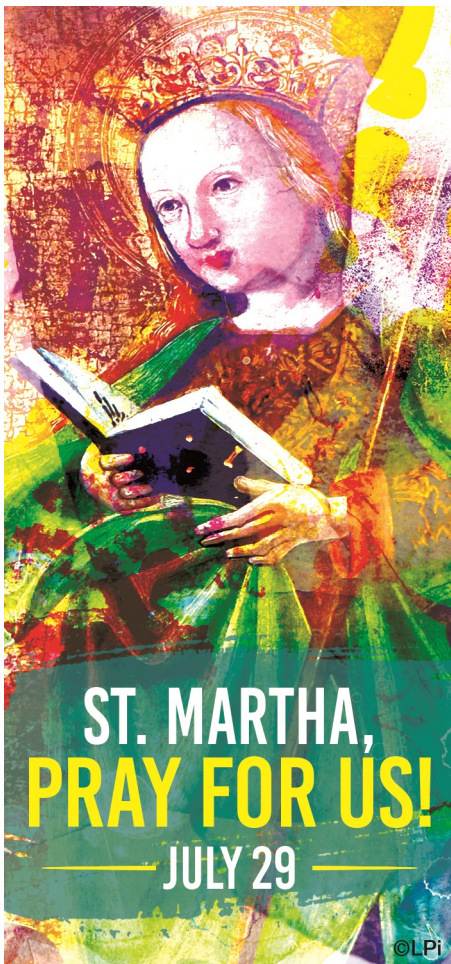
Lord's Prayer, the Our Father, gets quickly to the heart of all of our important relationships in life and sets us straight. Praying simply provides proper focus and helps us develop greater trust in God's providential care. We never

know how each day will unfold and cannot control a good measure of what happens to us. What we can control is the disposition we bring to life and how much we trust and hope in God's desire to make all things new and right. Pray simply and listen deeply. Our Father is calling.



Feast of St. Martha

What's on your calendar this week? On July 29th, we celebrate the feast of St.



Martha, unofficial patron of workaholics and busybodies everywhere. Martha appears several times in Scripture.

One passage we heard in our recent Sunday Gospel. Jesus has visited the home of Martha and Mary. Mary sits at the feet of our Lord, soaking in his teaching. In the meantime, Martha is

washing dishes, preparing hors d'oeuvres, and playing the hostess. Sound familiar? John's Gospel doesn't shy away from Martha's active nature either.

After the death of their brother Lazarus, Martha is the first to greet Jesus, and while she's quite confident in

Jesus' power to heal, she's the first to warn him of the possible smell should the tomb be opened. While Mary often gets the credit for contemplative holiness, we can't forget that pragmatic is a saint, too! As we strive to place Jesus in the right perspective, making him king of our hearts and over all our daily tasks, we can know that we're in good company. St. Martha, pray for us!



GOSPEL MEDITATION -

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Are you guilty of spiritual stockpiling? Spiritual stockpiling isn't an endless rotation of rosaries and novenas. It's accumulating emotional "goods" to meet your needs. Perhaps it's a collection of material objects you treasure. Maybe it's a preoccupation with money. It could also be relationships, making sure there's always enough friends and connections to never really feel alone. It's our tendency to let things add up so that we won't quite need God to fulfill our inner life. Yet in this Sunday's Gospel, we have that inescapable petition from the Our Father. "Give us each day our daily bread."

This life isn't an immediate arrival. And as much as we might try to shore up possessions and pleasures, we know the journey is unpredictable. Give us this day our daily bread implies enough for the next set of steps, but not enough to stockpile. So here's the big question: Do we trust God to give us what we need? After all, "What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?... how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" At the Last Supper, Jesus said he would never leave us orphaned. God will not abandon us. And surely He wouldn't ask us to pray for what He does not intend to give.

Of course, sometimes our prayers for daily help can seem to go unanswered. Today's Gospel has advice for that, too. "I tell you... he will give up to him whatever he needs because of his persistence." Our spiritual stockpiling increases our self-reliance and decreases our openness to God's possibilities. Be persistent in your pursuit of God! Trust that He will keep His promises to provide for us, today and always.

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- JULY 28, 2019

Sunday's Readings: Excerpts to place in your communications

First Reading:

[Abraham] persisted:

"Please, do not let my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time." (Gn 18:32)

Psalm:

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

Brothers and sisters:

You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him? (Col 2:12a)

Gospel:

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Lk 11:9)



Celebrants

Wednesday, July 31st

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

Saturday, August 3rd

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 4:00 PM

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

Sunday, August 4th

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

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

"The past does not belong to me; the future is not mine; with all my soul I try to make use of the present moment." | St. Faustina

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, August 3 at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Diana Granlund

Communion: Rick Kosloski, Ginny Thorn

Gifts: Kosloski Family

Ushers: Dick Ordner

Servers: Don Kirchberg

Sunday, August 4 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Al Walz, Jeremy Albright

Communion: David Prickett, Clarence

Larson, Audrey Larson*

Gifts: Peterson Family

Ushers: Rodney Larson, Craig Peterson,

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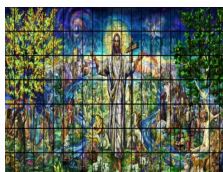
Servers: Mikayla Ertz, Alexis Ertz

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
Elaine Schneider



Mass Intentions



August 3rd

Dick Gibson Family

August 4th

† Douglas DuWayne Hanson

Financial Update

Totals for the weekend of: 7/21/19

Plate 279.98

Envelopes 1326.00

EFT money 420.00

Bldg. Maint Env. 100.00

Festival contributions 4.00

Prison Ministry 15.00

Total: \$ 2144.98

Thank you for your generosity !



S.H Rosary Devotion

Rosaries Said:

7/21: 40

To Date: 1666

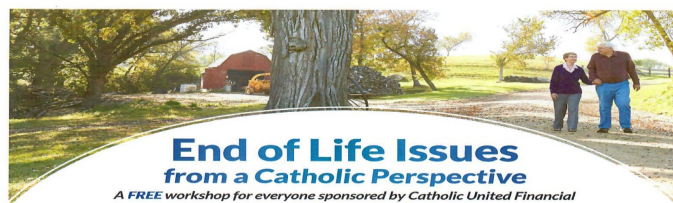
Parish News

Karr Tuckpointing and Prefer Paying Have Begun:

Prefer Paving has installed some concrete bordering around the west end of our church building.

Karr Tuckpointing arrived this past Thursday and have started their efforts on the church building. They estimate about 3-4 weeks to complete their work. After that, Prefer Paving will return to finish the parking lot.

PLEASE NOTE: During these next 5-6 weeks, parking in our lot will be at a premium. Both contractors will make every effort to make as much space available for parking as possible. But parking will be very limited, especially when the lot itself is being refinished. Thank you in advanced for your patience. Sorry for any inconvenience that is caused. The end results will prove worthwhile.



End of Life Issues from a Catholic Perspective

A FREE workshop for everyone sponsored by Catholic United Financial

August 17th at 7 pm after a 6:30 pm potluck
St. Joseph Parish
in Taylors Falls

Do you have a smart phone? Text "workshop" to 77453 or call 651-465-7345 to save your seat.

SPEAKERS

Fr. Drees

will address end-of-life questions during this workshop such as cremation, living wills, medical treatments, and will provide advice for putting together a Catholic Health Care Directive

Bob Heuerman

will speak about the financial aspects of end of life decisions, including final expenses, estate plans, farm and business preservation, power of attorney and more.

Join us for this important discussion for seniors and their family members



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Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

After more than two decades in parish ministry, my life changed course when LPi reached out to me with an offer to do something different with my life. I hadn't been looking for a new job, but I had been working for some time to grow a ministry of speaking, writing, and consulting outside of my parish. It occurred to me I just might be throwing away a long career of stability and certainty for a situation that was new and anything but certain. My family was relying on me. I was moving from a comfort zone into a place where I was going to have to trust in God. There was the question on the surface of whether this move would work out in the end. However, the real question was whether I had the ability to put all my trust in God.

The fact that you are reading this reflection is a testament that it all worked out for the best. I did place my faith and trust in God, and He came through as always. When I look back over my life and identify those times of greatest struggle, I can honestly say those were times when I trusted more in myself or let fear take over.

We all are faced with decisions in life where we are met with uncertainty or fear. Often, our stewardship is limited by our inability to trust fully in God. Our comfort zones really become prisons of fear we never leave. If you find yourself unable to face the future or to make the big decisions in life, where does your trust lie?

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS