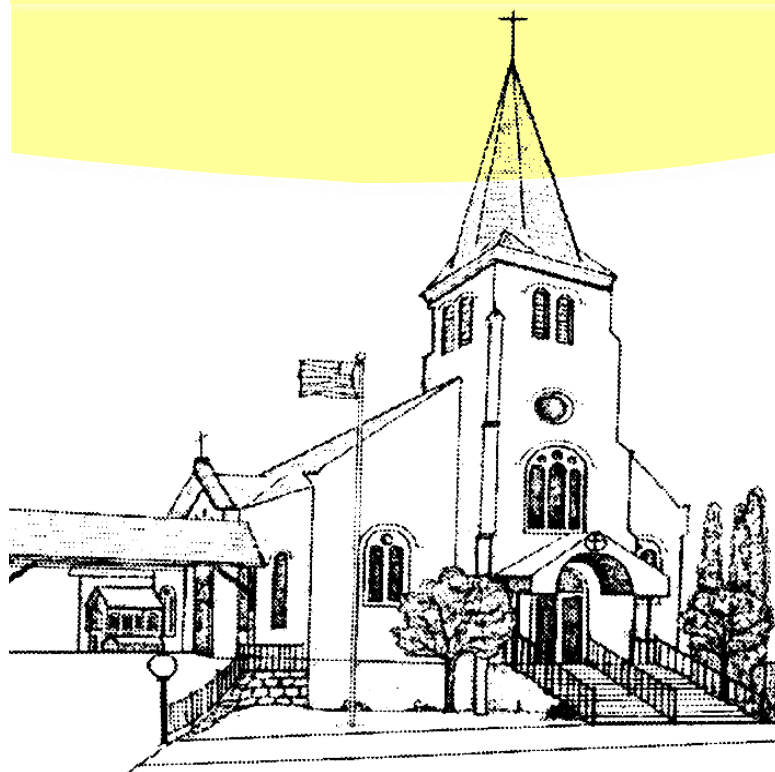


The Church of the Sacred Heart

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.

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 25, 2019

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LIVE THE LITURGY

Developing healthy relationships with others requires discipline. This is also true of our relationship with God. As Christians, we are called to be like Christ. This does not just happen randomly or when it is convenient for us. It happens when we spend time with Christ every day and strive to be and think like him. This is no small task. It entails a willingness to see things, people, and God differently. Abandoning our self-focused needs and desires and putting on Christ is a challenging discipline to follow. However, if we choose to enter through the narrow gate of discipleship, we will find peace, live virtuous lives, and understand what it means to be saved. Resting and being cradled in God's lap and enjoying His presence is where we really desire to be, even though we have to give up some things in order to do so.

St. John the Baptist spoke the truth with great courage in calling



Celebrating St John the Baptist

others to a true change of heart, and to embrace the ways of God. He did this not only by preaching, but also by example. He fasted in the desert, and prepared the way for Jesus. He had such a great courage, that he wasn't fearful of speaking out about the immoral activities of his day. This was the reasoning that led to his death, but he continued. We can learn a lot from his life. We too, can embrace the ways of God and speak out of the immorality of our day, and with the help of St. John the Baptist, we can prepare the way for Jesus to those around us.



GOSPEL MEDITATION -

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Have you ever seen a celebrity? Have you ever met a political representative? Did the encounter leave you with newfound acting or musical abilities? Did it give you a grasp of the intricacies of the latest city ordinance or controversial law? Talents, expertise, and skill are hard-won traits, not rewards that spread by contact. Our life of faith is also not so easy.

"We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets!" In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus notes that it requires moral strength to enter the kingdom of God. It's not mere proximity to righteousness that saves. Rubbing elbows with the righteous is not the same as being truly holy ourselves. Unfortunately, we can have this attitude in many areas.

It's easy to see who may seem "first" in the eyes of the world. This occurs in our workplaces and among our public figures. It can also happen in our schools, local parishes, and the larger Church. For some of us, the temptation to have the popularity and prestige rub off on us can be fairly strong. If only we are in the right place with the right people, surely others will associate us with what they possess!

But salvation is worked out in each individual life. It is our task not merely to show up, but to be transformed. And the truly transformed may not be everyone we expect. "People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south... some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." Some who seem first in reputation now may be last in the kingdom of God. Others who appear now on the furthest fringes of society - but better imitate the lowly holiness of Jesus - will be first in his kingdom. What are your concerns? Proximity and reputation? Or prayerful righteousness?

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Christians need to recover the value of meekness, particularly when they are tempted to speak ill of one another or gossip about each other, Pope Francis said April 9 during his early morning Mass.

Complaining behind each other's backs is a temptation that comes "from the Evil One who does not want the Spirit to dwell among us and give peace, meekness to the Christian community," the pope said.

The pope's brief homily focused on the first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, which describes the members of the earliest Christian community as being "of one heart and mind."

Catholics today must strive to model their relationships on those of the earliest Christians, who truly lived the experience of having received a new life through baptism, Pope Francis said.

The new life offered through the grace of baptism is something that Christians must work on developing; even though it "principally depends on the Spirit," he said, it also takes effort on the part of each individual to cooperate with that grace.

The new life of the early Christians was expressed in "that unity, unanimity, that harmony of feelings in mutual love," he said, according to Vatican Radio.

He said the virtue of meekness, which is a key to harmony, has been "a bit forgotten."

Meekness, he said, has "many enemies" and the first is gossip. "When one prefers gossiping, gossiping about another, it's like clobbering another. This is normal, it happens to everyone, including me -- it is a temptation of the Evil One."

The struggle against such harmful chatter, he said, is something that continually sows tensions in parishes, families, neighborhoods and among friends.

"But this is not the new life" promised by baptism, because when the Holy Spirit descends, "it gives birth to a new life within us, it makes us meek, charitable," the pope said.

Christians, he said, "must not judge anyone" because the Lord is the only judge. They should "keep quiet," but if they must say something they must speak only to the person who could remedy the situation -- "not the whole neighborhood."

"If, with the grace of the Spirit, we were able to stop gossiping, it would be a huge step forward," Pope Francis said, and "it would do everyone good."

Celebrants

Wednesday, August 28th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

Saturday, August 31st

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 4:00 PM

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

Sunday, September 1st

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

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

We must come to God together... what would God say to us if some of us were to return without the others? ~Charles Peguy

Parish News

Chicken Dinner & Raffle is set for **Sept. 15th** and a letter has gone out to all parishioners. Please see the sign up sheets in the back of church to volunteer to help with this event. We need help Friday– Saturday with prep, set up, serving, clean-up and etc. We are also asking for donations of bars or cookies for desserts. In order to make this event successful we need everyone's help. Also, please find the envelopes in the pews for donations to help defray the cost of the dinner. **The next meeting will be held on August 26th at 6pm.** Please contact the Parish house if you have questions. Thank you.



Liturgical Roles

Saturday, August 31 at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Rick Drevecky

Communion: Annette Storm, Jeanne Kay

Gifts: Kay Family

Ushers: Ron Faber, Don Belland

Servers: Don Kirchberg

Sunday, September 1 at 9:00 am

Lectors:

Communion: Audrey Larson, Clarence

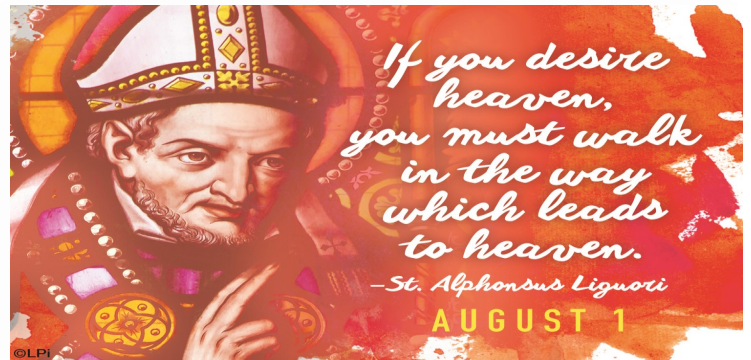
Larson*, Kristi Frazier

Gifts: C. Larson Family

Ushers: Derrick Murphy, Kevin Murphy,

Rodney Swanson

Servers: Alexis Ertz, Brayden Ertz



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

Jim Kirchberg

Danielle Peter

Bill Wolff

Joe Jensen

Elaine Schneider

Judy Strandmark



Mass Intentions



August 31st † Gary Anderson

September 1st † Jane Scherer

September 4th Open

Financial Update

The Financial update will be posted in next weeks bulletin. Thank you.



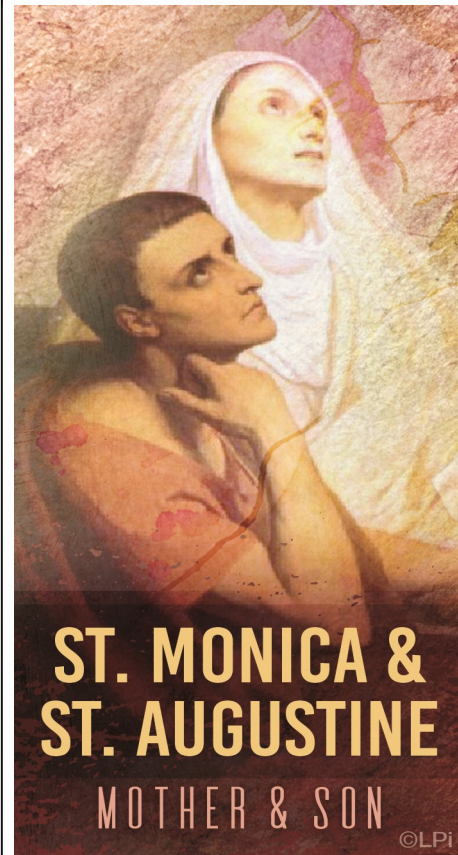
S.H Rosary Devotion

Rosaries Said:

8/18: 46

To Date: 1778

Holiness Runs in the Family



Raising faithful children is no easy task.

For St. Monica, it seemed nearly impossible. Her husband wasn't Christian and often mocked her faith. Their son, Augustine, fell quickly into wild ways. He and his friends drank, stole, and caroused throughout town.

Monica never stopped praying for Augustine, no matter how far he strayed. Augustine became swept up in heresy, a false form of Christianity. He lived with a mistress and had a child out of wedlock. All the while, Monica kept praying. Conversion came slowly to Augustine, but at age 32, he was finally baptized. Augustine would go on to be-

come a priest, then bishop, then world-renowned theologian whose works have stood the test of time. May St. Monica and St. Augustine inspire us to never stop praying for our loved ones.