

The Church of the Sacred Heart

The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

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A Service for a National Holiday

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 1, 2019
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LIVE THE LITURGY

Humility is often misunderstood as feeling inferior about ourselves and carrying around feelings of unworthiness. For many, humility is not considered a strength of character but a negative attribute and sign of weakness. Conversely, in fact, authentic humility is found in the person who is firmly grounded in reality, able to be honest with him or herself, and in right relationship with others and God. A humble person understands his or her place in life and who they are. While placing themselves at the service of others, they are comfortable in their own skin and able to step aside and let others go first. Knowing our proper place in life, offering appropriate respect, and looking to the needs of others are things that will enhance our lives and the lives of our brothers and sisters. Are you humble?



Back to School Prayer for Students

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for the gift of learning!
I want to grow closer to you
in everything I do at school.
In math and science, help me to see
your beautiful plan in the world.
Help me to discover new stories
and values as I read and write.
In arts and music, help me to be creative.
In sports, help me to treat my teammates
and my opponents fairly.
Help me to learn new skills
in technology.
Jesus, you are the perfect teacher.
Help me to listen with open ears,
an open heart, and an open mind
to all my teachers at school.
Help me to treat my classmates
with care, kindness, and respect.
Thank you, Jesus, for school!
Amen.

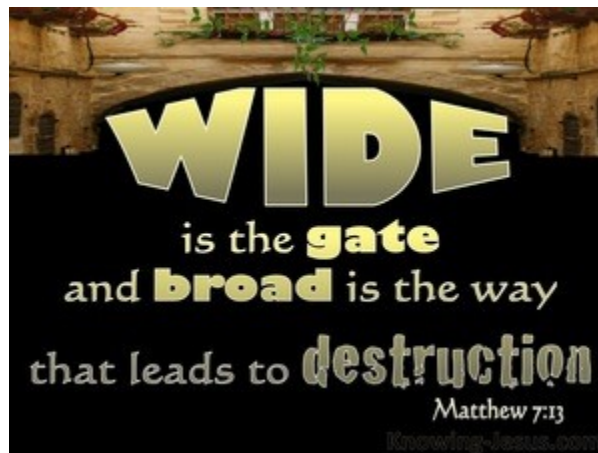
HOW GREAT IS YOUR FAITH! AND...?

Let me ask you a question? Do you believe you will be spending eternity in Heaven, or Hell?

My prayers are for all of us to reach heaven and experience God's love for us, however, your help is also required.

Matthew 7:13 states "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few that find it". God gave us the ten commandments, a guideline, to separate good from evil. By keeping these commandments, we are not only reminded of God's love for us, but of the eternal salvation we are granted through his forgiveness of our sins. Through our own free will, we have the ability to choose which path we will follow. There are other ways we can follow the narrow path towards heaven. By choosing to treat others the way Jesus would, with kindness and love. Many times we place ourselves first, ignoring the needs of others. Random acts of kindness are a sure way to get yourself back on track! Praying often, receiving the holy Eucharist and participating in the growth of the church will also help us become closer to God, thus walking the narrow path. Only doing a portion of these things will only get you a portion of the way. As Catholic Christians, we need to see the whole picture. We must ask ourselves each and every day, "Am I choosing the narrow path with my thoughts and deeds?"

It is easy to talk ourselves out of doing what is right



sometimes, because it gives us self-satisfaction. Our society has more excuses than there are grains of sand. When we make those excuses, not to attend Mass, not to volunteer or not to give willingly, our paths become wider and wider, soon separating us from God. This wider path, is the path towards Hell. Hell is the eternal separation from God. The world today is far different than when Jesus walked among us. We have things to constantly entertain us, distracting us from what is truly important at times.

Fast forward to the present time. It is the day of our church festival or chicken dinner. Jesus is a member of our church and he has received many fun invitations for the day.

Do you think he would choose relaxing at a lake or partaking in a delicious meal at a restaurant, or would he be attending the chicken dinner or church festival to show his support? Would he be nodding his head in agreement listening to others gossip or would he be telling them to stop because this behavior is not kind? It is not easy to step up to the plate and do what we know is right sometimes because of peer pressure. Peer pressure is not present only with teens, it is present with us as adults. What better way to teach our kids, than to be good examples to them!

We have to remember, the time we walk on earth is short in comparison to everlasting eternal life. Are you preparing your soul for the right path?

Have a great Labor Day, Father Shane

Celebrants

Wednesday, September 4th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

Saturday, September 7th

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 4:00 PM

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

Sunday, September 8th

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

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

Love is the Beauty of the Soul !

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Sept. 7 at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Annette Storm

Communion: Mary Stenger, Paul Wendorff

Gifts: Stenger Family

Ushers: Al Petschl, Dick Ordner

Servers: Frank Storm

Sunday, September 8 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Kevin Smith, Wayne Herberg

Communion: Liz Herberg, Kristi Frazier*, David Prickett

Gifts: Frazier Family

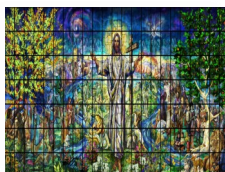
Ushers: Dennis Kaufmann, Rodney Swanson

Servers: Ava Wendorff, Mikayla 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	Margarette Brooker



Mass Intentions



September 7th † Douglas DuWayne Hanson

September 8th † Annetta Buenconsejo

September 10th Open

Financial Update

Totals for weekends	8/18	&	8/25
Plate	481.00		457.35
Envelopes	1196.00		1580.00
Funeral Fund	273.21		
Candle Money	65.57		
Bldg. Maint.	5.00		
Stipends/Stole			10.00
CCW-Funeral Pro.	100.00		
Food Shelf	15.00		
Assumption	265.00		
EFT money	420.00		
CCW-Donations	20.00		90.00
Music Donations	50.00		
Chix Dinner Con.	262.00		439.00
Chix Dinner Tix	288.00		334.00
Raffle Tx	385.00		490.00
Total	3825.78		3400.35



S.H Rosary Devotion
Rosaries Said:

8/25: 92
To Date: 1870



Parish News



We will be selling dinner and raffle tickets after masses on 8/31, 9/1, 9/7, and 9/8. Tickets will also be available at the Fall Dinner.

We are in urgent need of volunteers to sign-up for shifts for the Fall Dinner. Sign-up sheets are in the back of church. Please sign up now so that we can plan accordingly.

We still need volunteers to sign up to make bars for the Fall Dinner. Sign-up sheets are in the back of church.

Country Store: Bakers, Crafters, Cooks: Please donate items to be sold at the Country Store during the Fall Dinner. Items can be dropped off in the back of church or in the Parish House during office hours. Baked Goods should be brought to the Country Store prior to mass on the day of the Fall Dinner, September 15. Please have all items priced.

We are currently in need for Ushers and money counters, if you would like to help with either please contact the office for more details. Thank you.

Faith Formation

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Faith Formation will begin on Wednesday-, September 11 at 6:30 pm. Parents, children, and Catechists are to meet in Wey Hall for registration and meeting. Youth will be introduced to Catechists and class will follow meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Roth at 651-238-1797.

St. Gregory the Great's Booya/Fall Festival

Pick Up Raffle Tickets!
8 Tickets in a Pack
for \$24.00
Or \$3.00 per ticket.

Sign Up to donate
food items and to
volunteer your time!
See the Sheet in the
vestibule.

Attend the Booya/Fall Festival
with your family and friends!
Sunday, September 29
from 10:30 AM—1:30 PM

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you or someone you know is in need of a prayer shawl please contact the Parish office at 320.358.4370.

Shawls are provided by the CCW of Sacred Heart.

