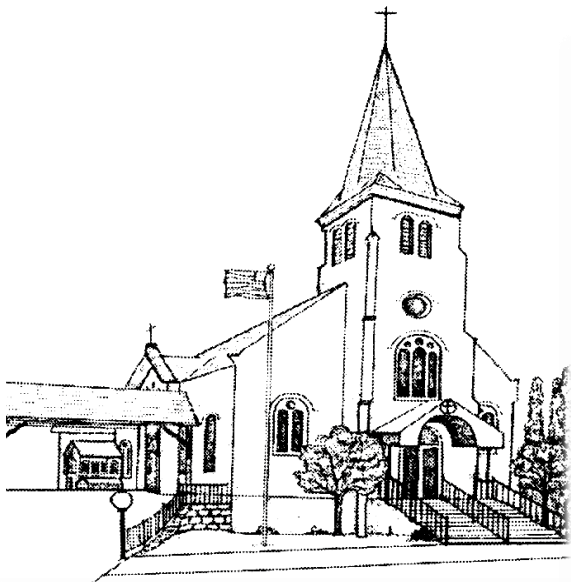




The Church of the Sacred Heart

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.

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23rd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own
cross and come after me cannot be
my disciple." - Lk 14:27

LIVE THE LITURGY

Hearing and listening are two different things. Even in our human relationships, people can hear what we are saying, but are they really listening? This is true with God as well. We hear God's word as it comes to us through Sacred Scripture, but are we really listening to it? Listening requires a good dose of humility and openness to the one who is speaking. It requires that we free up some of our personal space so that we can be available and receptive to another person and to God. Listening does not require the use of words. We can listen to God through art, creation, the unfolding of life, and the human story. Truly listening to God provides us with the direction of where we need to go, how we are to live, what we are to choose, and what we must avoid. Listening prepares and anchors us. Are you listening?

Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

Reach Out in Love

We are all called to be accountable to one another. As brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, we have a responsibility to reach out in love when we see someone lost and to offer support when the need is the greatest. In that same regard, we must never stand between a loved one and him. Our goal when it comes to those we love is to lead them toward heaven and eternal life with the source of all love, Jesus Christ.

This is the "why" of our stewardship. Our generosity and our giving of very selves back to God need to bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus. It is easy to fall into the trap of loving someone so much that we place them before God. We make our human relationships the main thing and ultimately make decisions that keep our loved ones away from that which they need the most. If we truly love another, we will offer them the example of how we love God even more than them.

We live in a world where romantic and parental love are seen as the highest forms of affection. Stories are often told in books and on the screen of how nothing will keep someone from his or her beloved. Although we are called to love one another, we must never be trapped into the portrayal of love that comes from the world. We are gifts from God to one another, and like all other gifts given to us, we are accountable to God for that which He has given. If you can give a loved one back to God completely, then you are worthy of their love in the first place.

DISCIPLESHIP
IS A PROCESS

GOSPEL MEDITATION -

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

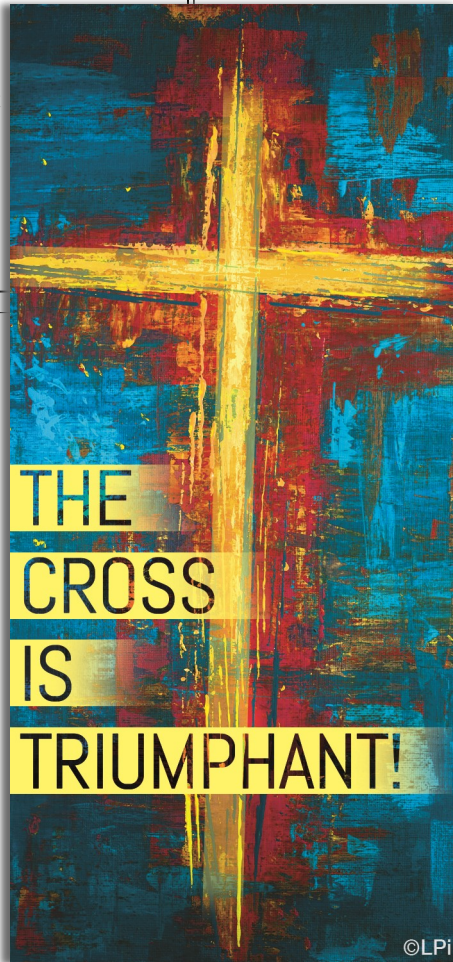
It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, really following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel.

He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device - "his own cross" - and for the need even to "hate" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments - our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. "This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!"

For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship.

What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week? Let God lay another brick on the tower.



Grandparents Day Blessing

God our Father,
you create all things in this world
as gifts for your created beings.

This day is made holy
by the presence of new life,
made real by the love of spouses
and their collaboration with you.

On this day bless all grandparents
and their grandchildren.

May they both praise you
for their place in the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Celebrants

Wednesday, September 11th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

Saturday, September 14th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 4:00 PM

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

Sunday, September 15th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

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

Nothing is so strong as gentleness; nothing is so gentle as real strength. | St. Francis de Sales

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Sept. 14 at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Sue Roth

Communion: Rick Kosloski, Jeanne Kay

Gifts: Kay Family

Ushers: Justin Murphy, Kevin Murphy

Servers: Alexis Murphy

Sunday, September 15 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Jeremy Albright, Diana Granlund

Communion: Clarence & Audrey Larson,

Mary Pat Hestbeck

Gifts: C. Larson Family

Ushers: Craig Peterson, Ron Faber

Servers: Isabelle Harer, Broderick Larson

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 14th † Jane Scherer

September 15th Parishioners

September 18th † Ralph Anderson

Financial Update

Totals for weekends	9/1
Plate	472.00
Envelopes	1431.00
Candle Money	36.00
Bldg. Maint.	10.00
CCW-Donations	80.00
Chix Dinner Donations	156.00
Chix Dinner Tix	576.00
Raffle Tx	420.00
Total	\$3271.00



S.H Rosary Devotion
Rosaries Said:

9/1: 37



Parish News



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

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.

Celebrating St. Peter Claver

"Who is my neighbor?" Jesus' answer to this question was the parable of the Good Samaritan. In short, the person you least expect. Peter Claver was born in 16th century Spain. Peter became a Jesuit and was deeply influenced by the missionary call. At age 30, he set out for modern-day Colombia. At the time, Cartagena was one of the largest slave markets in the New World. As a priest, Peter knew his role was spiritual service. He quickly dedicated his ministry to these "neighbors" whom the world rejected. When a slave ship entered the harbor, Peter would rush on board with food, water, and a human touch. He introduced some slaves to Christ in a more formal way. As these new converts were moved to plantations, he would visit them, stay in their quarters, and advocate with the masters to act humanely. St. Peter Claver called himself "the slave of the slaves forever." May we, too, have a powerful sense of our neighbor.

