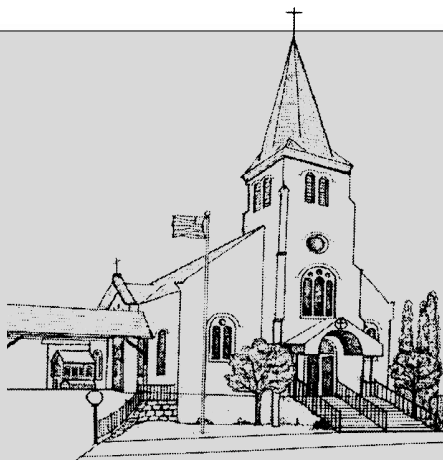




The Church of the Sacred Heart

The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9/15/2019

"I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." - Lk 15:10

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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

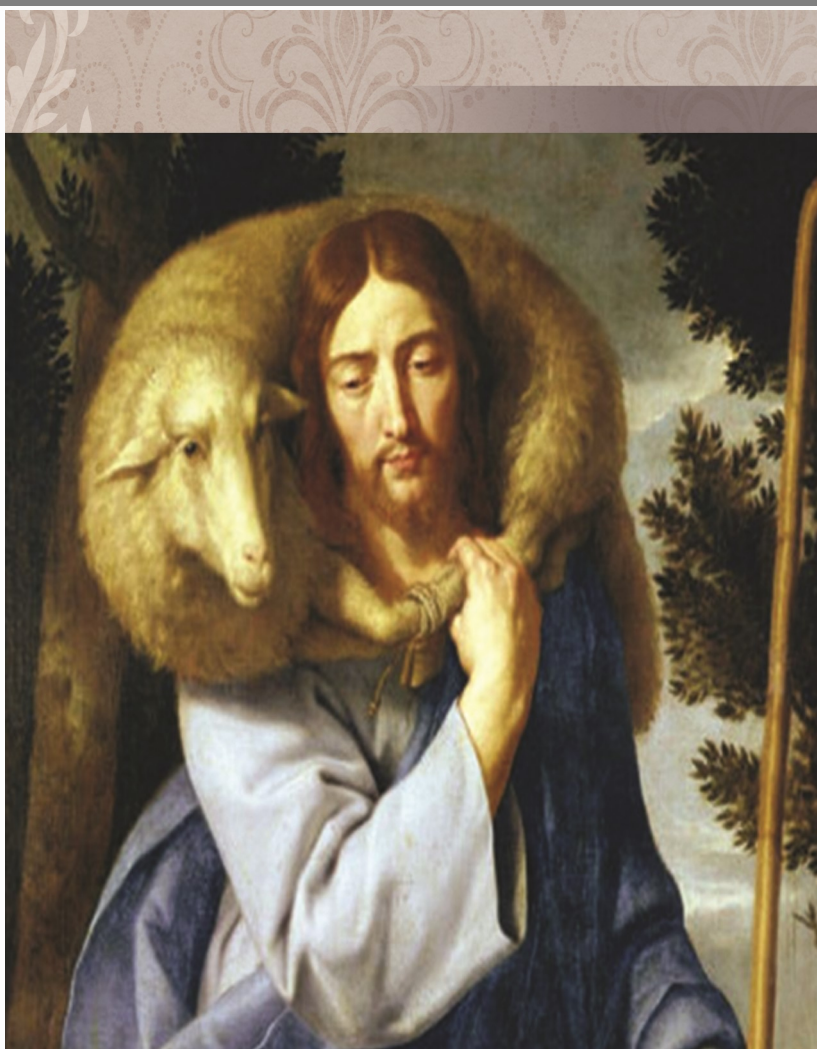
Or by appointment

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday @

8:00 am. - 1:00 pm.

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24th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance." - Lk 15:7b

ON BEING A DISCIPLE OF JESUS

In last week's Gospel from Saint Luke (14:25-33) Jesus told his audience, in order to be his disciple, we must put Him first in our lives, pickup and carry our cross, and renounce all of our possessions. In those days, people spent time calculating the cost of becoming a disciple, as it very well could cost them their earthly lives. Now, most of us are born into our Catholic faith through baptism. Either way, we must strive to live out our faith by being a faithful disciple of Christ.

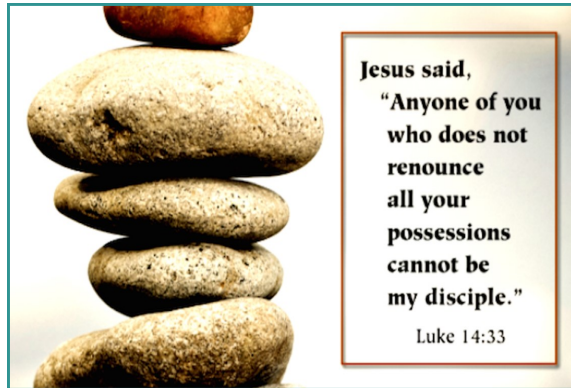
How can we do this?

We need to listen to the words of Jesus. He is the wisdom of God, who came to us in flesh and bone. Therefore, listening to Our Saviour through the Gospels will help guide us in what it takes to become a true disciple.

Attending Mass is a great way to hear his words through the Gospel and reflect on the meaning as it is presented by a priest or deacon. Keeping our priorities is an important aspect of being a disciple. Often times, many Catholics miss attending Mass for various reasons. Sometimes, it cannot be helped. Other times, they have justified the reason they have missed and are able to carry on as usual. Only Jesus truly knows when you were not present, and in the end, those justifications or changes in priorities, are between you and him. As he has stated, the path to him is narrow.

Another way we can become a good disciple, is to accept suffering. Do we want to suffer? Absolutely not, however God allows and uses suffering in order to strengthen in faith and experience little resurrections. Over time, this suffering will bring us to feel a new life with him, meaning we have drawn closer through our

turmoil. He gives us our crosses to bear and knows exactly what we need to deepen our love with him.



Jesus said,
"Anyone of you
who does not
renounce
all your
possessions
cannot be
my disciple."

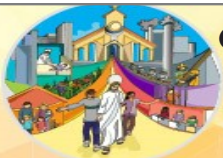
Luke 14:33

One of my many crosses to bear, is my speech impediment and another is being introverted. These are both two qualities most people do not want with their pastor. It is difficult to live with my crosses, often leading to misunderstandings and making it hard to form friendships. Yet, I am a priest, and still need to convey God's messages as best as I can with others.

Jesus also states, to become a disciple, we must detach ourselves from material possessions, including our egos! This is tough to do, considering we live in a society based on things more than relationships. We have become gatherers, desiring the latest and greatest items, and through social media, we are becoming more and more narcissistic by posting all the details of our lives with others. We need to ask ourselves, are we doing things for the right reasons? Are we expecting something in return other than our Savior's love and promise of eternity with him? All too often, hurt feelings or bruised egos make rifts within the church. We need to remember what is truly at stake; our eternity. Becoming a disciple is not easy; there will be many bumps in the road.

The disciples accepted all the challenges placed before them because they knew how great God's love was for them. Each day, I challenge myself to become a better disciple...won't you accept the same challenge?

Have a good week, Father Shane



CATECHIST COMMISSIONING
STAY WITH US
A PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

O God, our Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of these catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family. We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs. May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles. We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ's prophetic mission as catechists. May we too be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all of his disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**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.

Attend the Booya/Fall Festival
with your family and friends!



Sunday, September 29
from 10:30 AM—1:30 PM
Take out Booya available until it is gone!

Celebrants

Wednesday, September 18th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

Saturday, September 21st

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 4:00 PM

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

Sunday, September 22nd

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

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

God creates out of nothing. Wonderful you say. Yes, to be sure, but He does what is still more wonderful: He makes saints out of sinners. | Soren Kierkegaard

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Sept. 21 at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Al Walz

Communion: Mary Stenger, Chuck Debevec

Gifts: Murphy Family

Ushers: Al Petschl, Don Belland

Servers: Mikayla Ertz

Sunday, September 22 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Kevin Smith, David Prickett

Communion: Beth Churchsmith, Jean Peno*, Mary Pat Hestback

Gifts: Prickett Family

Ushers: Joe Moore, Don Belland, Rodney Swanson

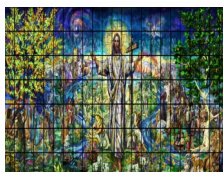
Servers: Alexis Ertz, Brayden Ertz

Needing our Prayers

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

Tony Lenneman
Erika Matzke-Stoltz
Danielle Peter
Elaine Schneider
Margarette Brooker

Sue Roth
Jim Kirchberg
Bill Wolff
Judy Strandmark



Mass Intentions



Sept. 18th † Ralph Anderson

Sept. 21st † Thomas Strandmark & George Strandmark

Sept. 22nd Open

Financial Update

Totals for weekends	9/8
Plate	322.08
Envelopes	1611.00
Bldg. Maint.	65.00
EFT money	224.00
Food Shelf	10.00
Chix Dinner Donations	63.00
Chix Dinner Tx.	324.00
Raffle Tx.	370.00
CCW-Donations	30.00
Total	\$ 3019.08



S.H Rosary Devotion
Rosaries Said:

9/8: 35
To Date: 1942



Parish News



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

Faith Formation for 1st through 10th grade began on September 11th. If you still need to register please contact Sue Roth at 651-238-1797.

Every year for the past three years our Faith Formation youth have been asked to be of service to others and to be Christ to others. We show what we are doing via our DO DROP PROJECT. We start each year with a blank bulletin board and ask the youth to



write on a DO DROP what they have done for others that week. This year these have ranged from "Decorating the church," "I helped the gym teacher pick up," "I helped a teacher bring his stuff into the school," "Tied blankets for Fostering Families," "helped with the fish fry," "Helped do the money thing in church,"

"Helped a kid with math," among many others. As you can see from the photo, our bulletin board was covered, and our youth were very busy DOing!

We will be DOing this again this year. Our theme will be "Know and believe the love God has for us" (1 John 4:16). By DOing these acts of kindness for one another, we are showing our love for God and growing in that love. We are also asking families if they have an opportunity to be or service to others, to please do this as a family and start a culture of kindness. We hope our bulletin board is even more covered this year.

"We know only too well that what we are doing is nothing more than a drop in the ocean. But if the drop were not there, the ocean would be missing something." — St. Teresa of Calcutta

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



PRAYER REQUESTS

If you or a loved one are ill in any way and would like to have your name included in the Sunday Prayers of the Faithful, contact the Parish office. Also, any prayer request or needs can be written in our Parish Intercessory Book in the back of church at any time.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

Are you or someone you know having surgery? Seriously ill or suffering in mind, body or spirit? Consider receiving the Sacrament of Anointing.

This rite is intended to convey God's grace to those who receive it, through the power of the Holy Spirit. To set a time that works for you, please contact the parish office.

