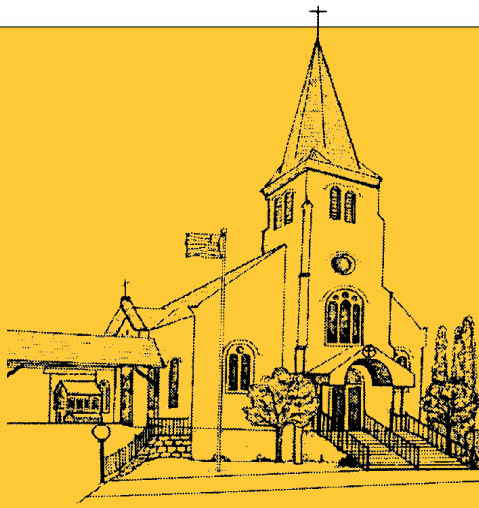




The Church of the Sacred Heart

The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10/27/2019

LORD, Teach me what I cannot see. JOB 34:32

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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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**All Saints Masses—November 1st
A Holy Day of Obligation
9:00 AM & 5:00 PM
All Souls' Prayer Service
November 2 @ 4:00 AM**

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.

ON PERSISTING IN PRAYER

What is our ultimate goal? To live eternal life in heaven with our Lord and savior. We need to stay focused on this goal and not get distracted with the material goals we set for ourselves on earth. Mother Teresa said, “*What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight...build anyway!*”

She never gave up on others because she was persistent! We must be persistent when it comes to building our faith.

When we are persistent, we set goals. We continue to try over and over again even when we feel broken or beat. If we never give up, we will eventually meet our goal! In our lives today, it is easy to get caught up in creating earthly goals. We may set goals to finish high school, go to college, find a job, start a family, or even run a marathon. We live in a competitive world. We are constantly keeping up with the latest fashions, electronic gadgets and always wanting to update our cars and homes. Are these the things that will get us to eternal salvation? Absolutely *NOT!*

We need to remember our biggest goal should be our persistence with our faith. Lately I have spoken about being generous with your time, talents and financial gifts. But there is another piece of the puzzle...prayer. Prayer is a way we can ask for things for ourselves and for others. It does not mean we will get everything we ask for, for as we know, God answers us on his time, not ours. But being persistent with our prayers does bring us closer to our Lord.

Ask yourself this, how many minutes within the 24 hours of each day you are given, do you pray? We all lead busy lives, yet we should never be too busy for prayer. There are many ways to find the time for persistent prayer in

our lives. When your alarm goes off, before you allow your feet to hit the floor, fold your hands and speak to God. Thank him for this day and ask him to help you through your day. When you turn off the light to go to sleep, fold

your hands and speak to God. Thank him, tell him about your day, pray for others you feel need his love the most. It's that simple!

Driving in traffic? That is a great way to add prayer, by reciting the “Our Father”. Saying the blessing before you eat breakfast, lunch and dinner... another form of prayer. When you say these prayers each day, you are being persistent. You have set your goal on heaven and are on the right path.

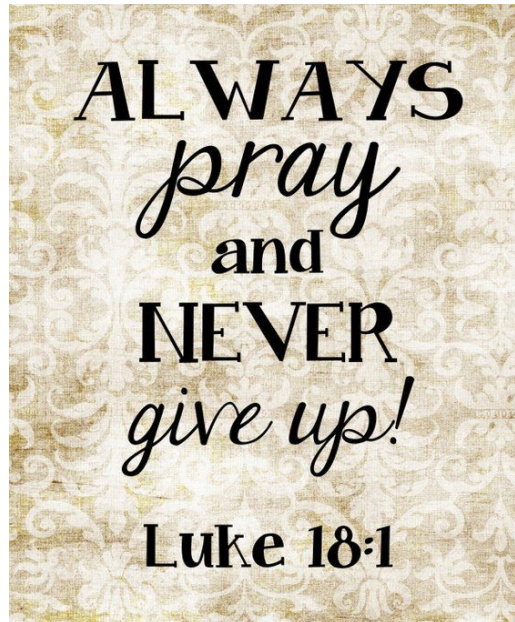
Remember, Jesus said “the path is narrow”, he did not say the path is wide, so choose your goals wisely my friends!

These prayers I just mentioned you try, do not interfere with your busy

earthly lives. Could you imagine if you actually gave up some time from your earthly goals and used some of that time for prayer instead? God speaks to us through difficulties, joy and even music. We need to speak to him too. He wants to hear about your trials and happiness. Express yourself through prayer each and every day! Be persistent in praying for your needs as well as the needs of others. Don't ever give up on God, *EVER!* He will *NEVER* give up on you.

What steps are you taking to increase your prayer life?

Blessings, Fr. Shane



This Sunday's Gospel contrasts two different religious attitudes. First, the self-righteous Pharisee. Here is a man who seems to impeccably follow the law. In some terms, he is the model citizen! Honest, fiscally generous, and faithful to his marriage vows. But something else lurks in his heart: pride. “O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity ... or even like this tax collector.” For the Pharisee, no fault can be admitted. The only way to stay on top is to preserve one's image — even to God, it seems! — and point out the flaws of others from the pedestal.

In the back of the temple, hidden and bowed down, is the tax collector. “O God, be merciful to me a sinner.” This man's prayer is one of supplication and petition. He isn't afraid to express his sinfulness and misery. This, Jesus says, is the one who “went home justified.” How many times have we heard the mission of Jesus to seek and save the lost? Jesus is the one who dines with sinners and invites every heart to repentance. But how can we return to him if we don't know we've left? How can we receive God's grace when we're adamant we don't need it?

We all have within us both the Pharisee and the tax collector. We want to be sure of ourselves and to be admired in the eyes of others. Yet we also know that we are not always what we wish to present to others. We can be preoccupied with our self-image and feel anxious about our flaws being exposed. Because we do have flaws, after all. We are the sinner in need of mercy. This Sunday, will we humble ourselves enough to ask for it?



“But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’ I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” — Lk 18:13-14

Celebrants

Wednesday, October 30th

Fr. Andy Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

Friday, Nov. 1st ALL SAINTS

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

Fr. Fitzgerald Sacred Heart 5:00 PM

Fr. Andy St. Gregory's 9:00 AM

Fr. Andy St. Gregory's 7:00 PM

Saturday, Nov. 2nd

Fr. Andy Sacred Heart 4:00 PM

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

Sunday, Nov. 3rd

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

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

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Nov. 2 at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Jeremy Albright

Communion: Melanie Wendorff, Ginny Thorn

Gifts: Wendorff Family

Ushers: Paul Wendorff, Dick Ordner

Servers: Ava Wendorff

Sunday, Nov. 3rd at 9:00 am

Lectors: Kevin Smith, Dave Prickett

Communion: Beth Churchsmith, Audrey & Clarence Larson

Gifts: Peterson Family

Ushers: Craig Peterson, Don Belland

Servers: Braden Ertz, Alexis Ertz

Ushers Needed
Are you willing to serve?

Needing our Prayers



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

Sue Roth
Jim Kirchberg
Bill Wolff
Judy Strandmark
Cinda Clark

Mass Intentions



Oct. 30th † Open

Nov. 2nd † Parishioners

Nov. 3rd † Douglas DuWayne Hanson

Bulletin Deadline!

Just a reminder that our bulletins are submitted every Wednesday by 11:00 am. If you need anything put in the bulletin please contact the office before then.

Thank you.

Faith Formation

If you are interested in being a Prayer partner for one of the 1st year confirmation candidates, please sign up in the back of church. The commitment is to pray for them until they are confirmed in the spring of 2021.

"Capital Campaign Corner"

Financial Update:

Project Estimate \$ 100,000.00

Pledges Received \$ 44,910.00

Paid to Date (42) \$ 27,112.00

If you have not returned your pledge card please do so soon.

Thank you for supporting Capital Improvement Campaign— A Call to Restore and Preserve.



Financial Update

Totals for weekends 10/20

Plate	236.00
Envelopes	1061.00
Fr. Xavier History Book	20.00
World Mission Sunday	10.00
EFT money	420.00
Anniversary Bldg. Improv.	207.00
Total	\$ 2924.25



S.H.
Rosary
Devotion

Rosaries Said:
10/20: 84
To Date: 2117

Parish News

FATHER SHANE AWAY

Father Shane has left for Cocoa Beach, FL, he will be returning on the afternoon of November 5. Please contact the parish office for any emergencies.

FATHER ANDY VISITING

Father Andy will be visiting us from Zambia, Africa this coming Tuesday, October 22 through Friday, November 8. He will be covering many of the daily and weekend Masses for Father Shane. Father Andy is scheduled to celebrate a few Masses here at Sacred Heart. Please welcome him to Sacred Heart. If you would like to make a meal for him please note that Fr. Andy is a vegetarian when deciding on menu choices.

ALL SOUL'S DAY encourages us to remember and to pray both with and for the vast numbers unsung Christians who were once the Church on earth, just as we are now. We invite you to bring pictures of your departed family and friends to church on All Saint's day or on the weekend of Nov. 2/3. Beginning on the feast day of All Souls', we not only remember the dead, but we apply our efforts, through prayer, almsgiving and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for their purification. Praying for our beloved dead is a Christian obligation. The church devotes the month of November to prayer for all those who have died in Christ, and we invite you to join us on November 2 at 4:00 pm for a Prayer Service to commemorate all the faithful departed and especially those who have had a funeral at Sacred Heart and St. Gregory the Great in the last twelve months.



EFFECTIVE Monday, November 18th we will no longer be collecting pop cans as a result of the continuing decrease in the price paid for them. In addition, would like to dispose of the trailer used to collect the cans. If you have any interest, please leave your best offer at the office. The best offer will be selected on Nov. 18th. Thank you.