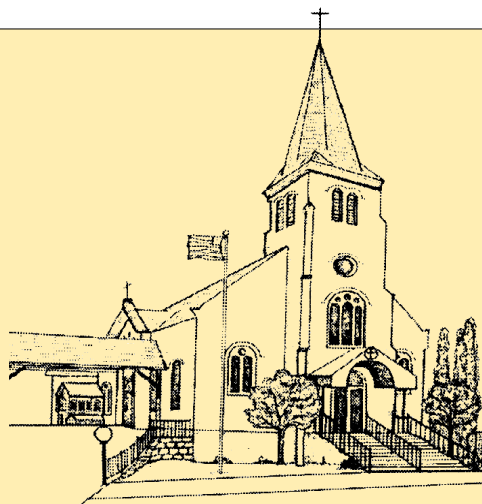




The Church of the Sacred Heart

The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 11/24/2019

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine, they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." – LK 23:35-37

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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

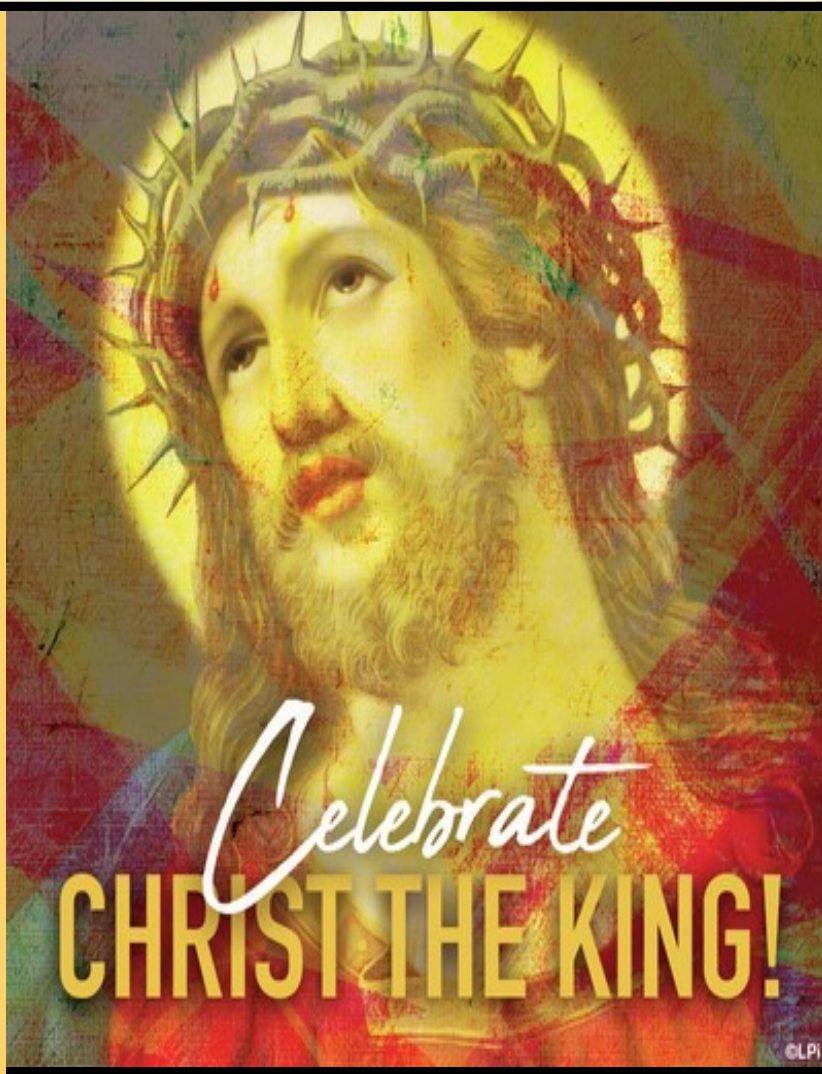
Or by appointment

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday @

8:00 am. - 1:00 pm.

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Mission Statement

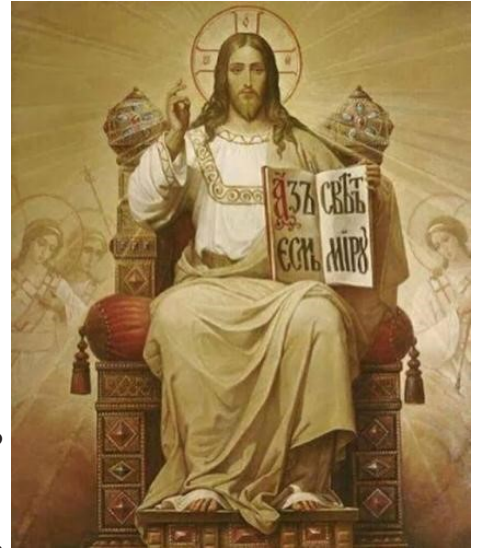
Sacred Heart parish is a community of Catholic Christian believers, established by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. We strive to grow in holiness through prayer, celebration of the Eucharist and other sacraments, and reflection on the scriptures. We work hard to build the kingdom of God through evangelization, catechesis and service for all.

SOLEMNITY OF JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE!

Happy Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe! This is the last Sunday of the Church year which means we focus on the final and glorious things to come! It also means that next Sunday is already the First Sunday of Advent.

When we say Jesus is a king, we mean a few things. First, He is our Shepherd. As our Shepherd He desires to lead us personally as a loving father would. He wants to enter our lives personally, intimately and carefully, never imposing Himself but always offering Himself as our guide. The difficulty with this is that it's very easy for us to reject this kind of kingship. As King, Jesus desires to lead every aspect of our lives and lead us in all things. He desires to become the absolute ruler and monarch of our souls. He wants us to come to Him for everything and to become dependent upon Him always. But He will not impose this sort of kingship upon us. We must accept it freely and without reservation. Jesus will only govern our lives if we freely surrender ourselves over. When that happens, though, His Kingdom begins to become established within us! And through us in the world.

Additionally, Jesus does wish for His Kingdom to begin to be established in our world. First and foremost this takes place when we become His sheep and thus become His instruments to help convert the world. However, as King, He also calls us to establish His Kingdom by seeing to it that His truth and law is respected within civil society. It's Christ's authority as King that gives us the authority and duty as Christians to do all we can to fight civil injustices and bring about a respect for every human person. All civil law ultimately gains its authority from Christ alone since He is the one and only Universal King.



But many do not recognize Him as King, so what about them? Should we “impose” God’s law upon those who do not believe? The answer is both yes and no. First, there are some things we cannot impose. For example, we cannot force people to go to Mass each Sunday. This would hinder one’s freedom to enter into this precious gift. We know Jesus requires it of us for the good of our souls, but it must still be embraced freely. However, there are some things that we must “impose” upon others. The protection of the unborn, poor and vulnerable must be “imposed.” The freedom of conscience must be written into our laws. The freedom to practice our faith openly (religious liberty) within any institution must be “imposed” also. And there are many other things we could list here. What’s important to point out is that, at the end of all time, Jesus will be returning to Earth in all His glory and He will then establish His permanent and unending Kingdom. At that time, all people will see God as He is. And His law will become one with “civil” law. Every knee will bend before the great King and all will know the truth. At that time, true justice will reign and every evil will be corrected. What a glorious day that will be!

Reflect, today, upon your own embrace of Christ as King. Does He truly govern your life in every way? Do you allow Him to have complete control over your life? When this is done freely and completely, the Kingdom of God is established in your life. Let Him reign so that you can be converted and, through you, others can come to know Him as Lord of all!

Lord, You are the sovereign King of the Universe. You are Lord of all. Come reign in my life and make my soul Your holy dwelling place. Lord, come transform our world and make it a place of true peace and justice. May Your Kingdom come! Jesus, I trust in You.

Daily Prayer This Week

The old and the new come together this week as we bring this liturgical year to a close and look ahead to Advent, which begins Sunday. We reflect that Jesus is our Savior and King. This means we are called to help build up the kingdom by loving Jesus in our poorest brothers and sisters. We will encounter readings about the generosity of a poor widow and the warning of the approaching end of time. This is meant to help us begin our preparations for Advent. The actual end of the world may not be at hand, but the Kingdom of God is always at hand for us. It takes focus and paying attention to notice the signs, the ways the Lord makes himself available to us in the midst of our busy days.

We prepare for Advent this week when we can begin a small, but honest prayer, “Come, Lord, Jesus. Come into this place and into the conflict in my life. Let me be attentive and open to see the places where I am restless, distracted and too busy. Come into my real situation - not the way I present myself to others. Come to me - the real me that needs you.” We need this kind of preparation. These are challenging times. Holidays stretch us and test us. Sometimes, under the stress of it all, we regress into behaviors that are bad and destructive, because they are familiar and what so many others are doing. Relationships get strained. Alcohol rarely brings cheer without at times risking bad patterns. So, praying these days - while very busy - praying out of our needs and even our pain - roots us in relationship with the One who always comes to save us.

For those of us in the U.S., we shouldn’t miss reflecting on the meaning of Thanksgiving Day. It is an important time to be grateful for what we have received and to accept our responsibility for being good stewards of what we have, sharing God’s gifts to us in loving service to others.

For all of us, this is a week to be grateful and to experience the beginning of Advent on Sunday. We can prepare to walk into Church more alert, more ready to explore our longing. We can take advantage of the many resources offered on the “Praying Advent” pages. As we grow in our practice of connecting with our Lord and friend in brief moments throughout each day, we can develop the habit of giving thanks each night for what we have received.

Celebrants

Wednesday, November 27th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 28th

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

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

Saturday, November 30th

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 4:00 PM

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

First Sunday of Advent, December 1

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

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



S.H.
Rosary
Devotion

Rosaries Said:

11/10: 31
To Date: 2214

"Capital Campaign Corner"

Financial Update:

Project Goal	\$ 100,000.00
Pledges Received (49)	\$ 53,410.00
Paid to Date	\$ 31,987.00

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

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



faith + love + generosity

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Nov. 30th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Jeremy Albright

Communion: Melanie Wendorff, Ginny Thorn

Gifts: Ushers

Ushers: Paul Wendorff, Dick Ordner

Servers: Ava Wendorff

Sunday, Dec. 1 at 9:00 am

Lectors: Al Walz, Annette Storm

Communion: Beth Churchsmith, Audrey & Clarence Larson

Gifts: C. Larson Family

Ushers: Craig Peterson, Don Belland

Servers: Broderick Larson, Frank Storm

**WE LOVE
BECAUSE
HE FIRST
LOVED US.**
1JN 4:19

NEW ENVELOPES FOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Envelopes are now in the back of church for use in remitting installment donations for the Capital Campaign.

They are green in color and should be used as follows:

1. Be sure to put your name (s) where indicated.
2. Write in the amount for a check or cash placed in it.
3. Write in your envelope number if you have one. If not, circle the N/A.
4. On the left, mark the type of donation, monthly, quarterly, etc.
5. When complete, drop in the collection basket.

If you have already made a one-time donation, these envelopes need not be used (unless you would like to add to your previous one, in which case check the "Special Donation" category).

Mass Intentions

God Hears
Prayer

Nov. 20th Open

Nov. 23rd Gibson Family

Nov. 24th Parishioners

Financial Update

Due to early submission of the bulletin the Financial update will be posted in the upcoming bulletins.

Thanks you.

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT!

Faith Formation

There will not be any gathering on November 27th.

Parish News

Wednesday, Nov. 20th Father Shane will be having an Anointing of the Sick during mass.

Santa Day!

It's that time of the year again! Santa Day is Saturday, December 14, which means its cookie sale time...Time to break out the cookie's sheets and recipes of your favorite Christmas cookies. Ladies, kids, even you guys who like to bake can bring a double recipe of your cookies to the RC library at 9:00 am on Santa Day, Saturday, December 14. Thank you in advance.



Needing our Prayers



Tony Lenneman
Erika Matzke-Stoltz
Danielle Peter
Elaine Schneider
Margarette Brooker
Matt Yurick
Jean Isackson

Sue Roth
Jim Kirchberg
Bill Wolff
Judy Strandmark
Cinda Clark
John Hatcher

Evangelical Service

Come to the Evangelical Service on this **Thanksgiving Eve** being held at **Rush City Baptist Church at 7:00 pm**. Bring family and friends to join with our Rush City neighbors of other denominations to give thanks for all our blessings. Refreshments will be served.