



The Church of the Sacred Heart

The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

Fourth Sunday of Advent/ Nativity of the Lord,
12/22/19

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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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God is with us!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon the manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Shane, Fr. Fitzgerald, Fr. Chuck, Fr. Nygaard
and the Sacred Heart Parish Staff



THE CHRISTMAS GUEST

I'm so excited! He's coming! This is truly my favorite time of the year, when my heart and hopefully all of our hearts allow room for our Lord, Jesus Christ, to enter fully!

First, we need to prepare a place for him. But how do we do this? We need to remove all the clutter from our lives. It's more than cleaning our homes...we need to clean out our hearts! Saint Augustine said, "Two works of mercy, set a person free: Forgive and you will be forgiven, and give and you will receive." By forgiving all those we feel have hurt us, we let go of the pain, anguish, anger and bitterness. This, along with giving to others, frees up room to allow Jesus to enter deep within our hearts.

Jesus was a giver, not a taker. The corporal works of mercy are designed to help us become true disciples of Christ, based on the teachings of Jesus himself. He taught us to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, and give to the poor. We tend to do these things more so during the Christmas season; however, we need to remember this throughout the year! Remove that "extra clutter" from your homes. Clean out some of the clothes in your closet or some of the items in your kitchen pantry. When you can truly see the needs of others, feel their pain and then do something to increase the quality of their lives, you will find the love of Jesus.

Next, we need to slow down and remember the reason of this season, which is the coming of our saviour! This time of year, we have many things on our minds. One thing

which enables me to slow down my mind, is to sit quietly and stare at my Christmas tree. The lights remind me of the light of Christ and the ornaments bring fond memories and occasional smiles to my face. A feeling of peace fills my heart allowing me to feel God's unconditional love. Writing Christmas cards enables me to slow down as well. It allows me to concentrate on giving kind thoughts and wishes to someone other than myself. I pray you can all find ways to quiet your minds this Advent. Performing the spiritual works of mercy, such as comforting and being patient with others along with praying for the living and the dead are a few more ways to bring Christ closer to you.

This time of year, children make their wish lists, filled with toys and the latest electronic gadgets. As adults, we too can make our grownup wish list. This year, I have two wishes. The first is for each and every one of us to make room for Jesus in our hearts. My second Christmas wish is for more kindness in this world. As Saint Mother Teresa said, "Everyone you meet, is Jesus in disguise". Wouldn't it be wonderful, to treat everyone as if you were speaking directly to Jesus?

Christmas Blessings, Fr. Shane

Celebrants

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 5:00 PM
Fr. Shane St. Gregory's 10:00 PM

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 AM
Fr. Nygaard St. Gregory's 10:00 AM

Saturday, December 28th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 4:00 PM
Fr. Fitzgerald St. Gregory's 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 29th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 AM
Fr. Fitzgerald St. Gregory's 9:30 AM



S.H.
Rosary
Devotion

Rosaries Said:

12/15: 20
To Date: 2302

"Capital Campaign Corner"

Financial Update:

Project Goal	\$ 100,000.00
Pledges Received (50)	\$ 56,679.00
Paid to Date	\$ 35,860.00

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, Dec. 28th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Al Walz
Communion: Ginny Thorn, Jeanne Kay
Gifts: Wendorff Family
Ushers: Dick Ordner, Paul Wendorff
Servers: Don Kirchberg

Sunday, Dec. 29th at 9:00 am

Lectors: Broderick Larson, David Prickett
Communion: Jean Pena, David Prickett, Mary Pat Hestbeck *
Gifts: S. Larson Family
Ushers: Craig Peterson, Don Belland
Servers: Isabelle Harer, Ava Wendorff

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



Dec. 25th	Parishioners
Dec. 28th	Karen Steen
Dec. 29th	Parishioners

Needing our Prayers



PRAYERS

Needed For...

Jim Thorn
Gerald Mollberg
Danielle Peter
Judy Strandmark
Matt Yurick
Jean Isackson
Ann Roth

Sue Roth
Jim Kirchberg
Elaine Schneider
Margarette Brooke
John Hatcher
Savannah Yurick

Financial Update

Totals for weekend	12/15/2019
Plate	296.00
Envelopes (41)	1361.00
EFT Money	440.00
Anniversary Bldg. Improv.	1169.00
CCW-funeral proceeds	100.00
Funeral Fund	214.87
Liturgical Enviro.	25.00
Immaculate Conception	15.00
Christmas Flowers	215.00
Religious Fund	35.00
Total	\$3870.87

JOY
NOEL
ANGEL
JESUS
PEACE HOPE
WISEMEN
CHRISTMAS
BELIEVE FAITH
PRINCE OF PEACE
THANK YOU

Free Community
Christmas Eve Dinner
Sacred Heart Church
In the Wey Hall
Tuesday, December 24th
At 6:00 pm

Donations of any desserts
would be greatly
appreciated.
Thank you!

Christmas Schedule

The Nativity of The Lord

Tuesday, December 24

Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM (with incense)
Wednesday, December 25 (no incense)
Christmas Day Mass at 9:00 AM

January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
Wednesday, January 1 At 9:00 AM