



Welcome to The Church of the Sacred Heart

The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

Live Out Your Baptism!

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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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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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ON PRIEST, PROPHET, AND KING IN BAPTISM

Right after an individual has been baptized in the waters of baptism, they are immediately anointed with the Oil of Chrism, which has a sweet aroma. As the priest or deacon places the oil on the crown of the head, he recites a prayer that includes in part, "He (Christ) now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king, so may you live always as a member of his body..." Exactly what does being anointed as a priest, prophet, and king signify?

The role of a priest is to reestablish the division between God and humans caused by original sin. A prophet proclaims the truth of God. A king leads one on the right path. When our ancestors in faith, in the Old Testament, took upon the role of their office as a priest, prophet, or king, they were anointed with oil. Therefore, when we become members of Christ's mystical body through baptism, we, like Jesus are anointed.

What does being a priest, prophet, and king look like for the ordinary believer? One could consider a priest as a bridge-builder, who brings unity and harmony between God and themselves. As a bridge-builder, a baptized Christian constructs the bridge by praying, by celebrating the sacraments, and by participating in Mass. We can look at it in the following way: The foundation of a bridge can be symbolized by our prayer. Just as you can't build a bridge without a firm footing, so too, one can't have a relationship with God without a prayer life. The road of a bridge is represented by our receiving and participating in the sacraments, including Holy Eucharist. If we stop praying, stop going to Mass, and stop frequenting the sacraments, then we become like old bread that dries out and is hard. What does it mean for an average Catholic Christian to be a prophet? One can look at a prophet as one who is standing on their head in order to see in a new way. For instance, the late Father Dean Brackley, S.J., once said in a lecture that the cross turns our world upside down and gives us the truth. The truth being that the suffering and death of Christ was not the end but brings all who are baptized in Our Saviour to new life and resurrection. If baptized prophets stop studying and speaking about the truth, then we are like a full moon that is covered by clouds.

Lastly, what does it imply for the common Catholic to be a king? A king as a baptized Christian is similar to the conductor of an orchestra who coordinates the efforts and talents of a group of instrumentals to help them achieve a common purpose- to play a particular piece of music. Parents act like kings when they guide their children in prayer and attend Mass with them, and do not just drop them off and return only to pick them up. Spiritual leaders and writers that share their own religious conviction with others are also fulfilling their role as a king. A king refusing to reign is like a closed gate that does not allow anyone into the pasture or yard. As a baptized Catholic Christian, are you fulfilling your role as a priest, prophet, and king?

Blessings to all as we return to Ordinary Time this week, Father Shane



Financial Update

Totals for weekend	12/22/19	12/29/19	1/5/2020
Plate	430.00	245.00	564.00
Envelopes (41)	1411.00	916.00	1376.00
Christmas Offering	25.00	3416.25	
Bldg. Maint. Env.		65.00	
Stipends/Stole	140.00		
Food Shelf	50.00	150.00	
EFT Money			224.00
Fr. Geo Vadekai	300.00		
CCW Cookie Sale	10.00		
Anniversary Bldg. Improv.	70.00		510.00
Solemnity of Mary			320.00
Cemetery Graves	500.00		
Initial Offering			105.00
Childrens Donations	10.00	10.00	
Christmas Flowers	440.00	25.00	
Religious Retirement Fund	516.20	20.00	
Total	\$3902.20	\$4737.25	\$3164.00

GRATEFUL FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY



**Twin Cities
Retrouvaille**
SAVING MARRIAGES FOR MORE THAN 25 YEARS

Option #1: Are you in a hurting marriage? Do you have trouble communicating, frequent arguments, distance between you and your spouse, or each going your own way? You are not alone. Retrouvaille, a peer couples marriage ministry provides help for troubled marriages. For more information on Twin Cities Retrouvaille and its program to help hurting couples, please call 651.464.5855 or visit www.trc-mn.org.

Located in Lino Lakes, MN. Twin Cities Retrouvaille weekends are usually the first full weekend of February, April, June, August, October, and December. A referral from you to a family member, relative or friend may be just the impetus to help save troubled marriage. Take a brochure or a tear-off from one of the posters in church.

Celebrants

Wednesday, January 15th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

Saturday, January 18th

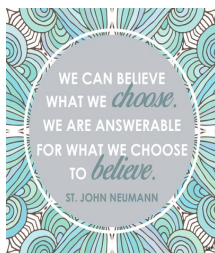
Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 4:00 PM

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

Sunday, January 19th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

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



Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Jan. 18th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Al Walz

Communion: Mary Stenger, Melanie Wendorff

Gifts: Stenger Family

Ushers: Paul Wendorff, Dick Ordner

Servers: Ava Wendorff

Youth Sunday, Jan. 19th at 9:00 am

Lectors: Kevin Smith, David Prickett

Communion: Clarence* & Audrey Larson,

Kristi Frazier

Gifts: Frazier Family

Ushers: Dennis Kaufmann, Craig Peterson

Servers: Alexis Ertz, Brayden Ertz

Mass Intentions



Jan. 15th † Tom & Sandy Danger

Jan. 18th † Open

Jan. 19th Parishioners

Needing our Prayers



Jim Thorn
Gerald Mollberg
Danielle Peter
Judy Strandmark
John Hatcher
Savannah Yurick

Sue Roth
Jim Kirchberg
Elaine Schneider
Margarette Brooker
Jean Isackso
Ann Roth

Faith Formation & Family

Please remember that the 2nd Sunday of the month, during the school calendar, is Youth Mass Sunday. All youth involved in Faith Formation are expected to attend mass with their families, and we love seeing all of you there!

The second Sunday of the month is also our collection for the food shelf. Please bring non-perishable items and put them in the food shelf bin, or make a monetary donation using the food shelf envelopes in the pews.

Hey Kids! - Please take a Children's bulletin every week. These are located on tables by both exits. The Children's Bulletin has a story and games that relate to the Gospel and readings each Sunday. It also includes a cartoon about a saint. These are great resources to share our faith with our children.

Upcoming Meetings

* Finance Council meeting will be held on January 30th at 7:00pm.

* Parish Council meeting will be held on February 11th at 7:00 pm.

"Capital Campaign Corner"

Financial Update:

Project Goal	\$ 100,000.00
Pledges Received (56)	\$ 61,460.00
Paid to Date	\$ 40,409.00

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

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



Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you or someone you know is in need of a prayer shawl please contact the office or feel free to take one from the rack in church. 320.358.4370



Shawls are provided by the CCW of Sacred Heart.

LIVE OUT YOUR BAPTISM

The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives four reasons for the Incarnation, why God became man in Jesus Christ. The third reason is "to be our model of holiness." All of Jesus' words and actions model for us what we ought to do. He also shows us how we're meant to be.

Jesus' baptism ought to remind us of our own baptism and of the importance of baptism in the Christian life.

The Baptism of the Lord reminds us of our Trinitarian identity. When we are baptized, we stand in solidarity with Christ, bathed in the waters he sanctified. There, the Father proclaims our adoption into the family of God. "This is my beloved son [this is my beloved daughter], with whom I am well pleased." And the Spirit, too, descends. We are filled with the Spirit's grace and power to continue Christ's mission on earth. We received these gifts in the sacrament, and they continue to dwell within us through sanctifying grace. We can — and should — invite God to stir up these graces of our baptism and consider them in our own lives.

Does Christ feel like a distant relative two thousand years in the past? Or do you see him as someone who can be encountered here and now? Ask yourself where you find your sense of dignity and worth. Do you still search for it in success, social status, and selfish pursuits? Or are you able to rest in being a beloved child of God?

Remember, baptism gives us a call and a charge to change the world. Do you pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you? Or are you so focused on your own life that you miss the mission? This week, let's do as Jesus did. Let's live in our baptism!

Elevator Update:

Our service provider, Arrow Lift, had advised us that the maker of the elevator's broken rollers was no longer in business and Arrow had been unable to locate a source for compatible rollers. Arrow called this past week to say they did locate compatible rollers and expect to have the elevator repaired within two weeks. Thanks to Arrow Lift for their diligence.