



Welcome to The Church of the Sacred Heart

The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

Walk in Faith!

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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

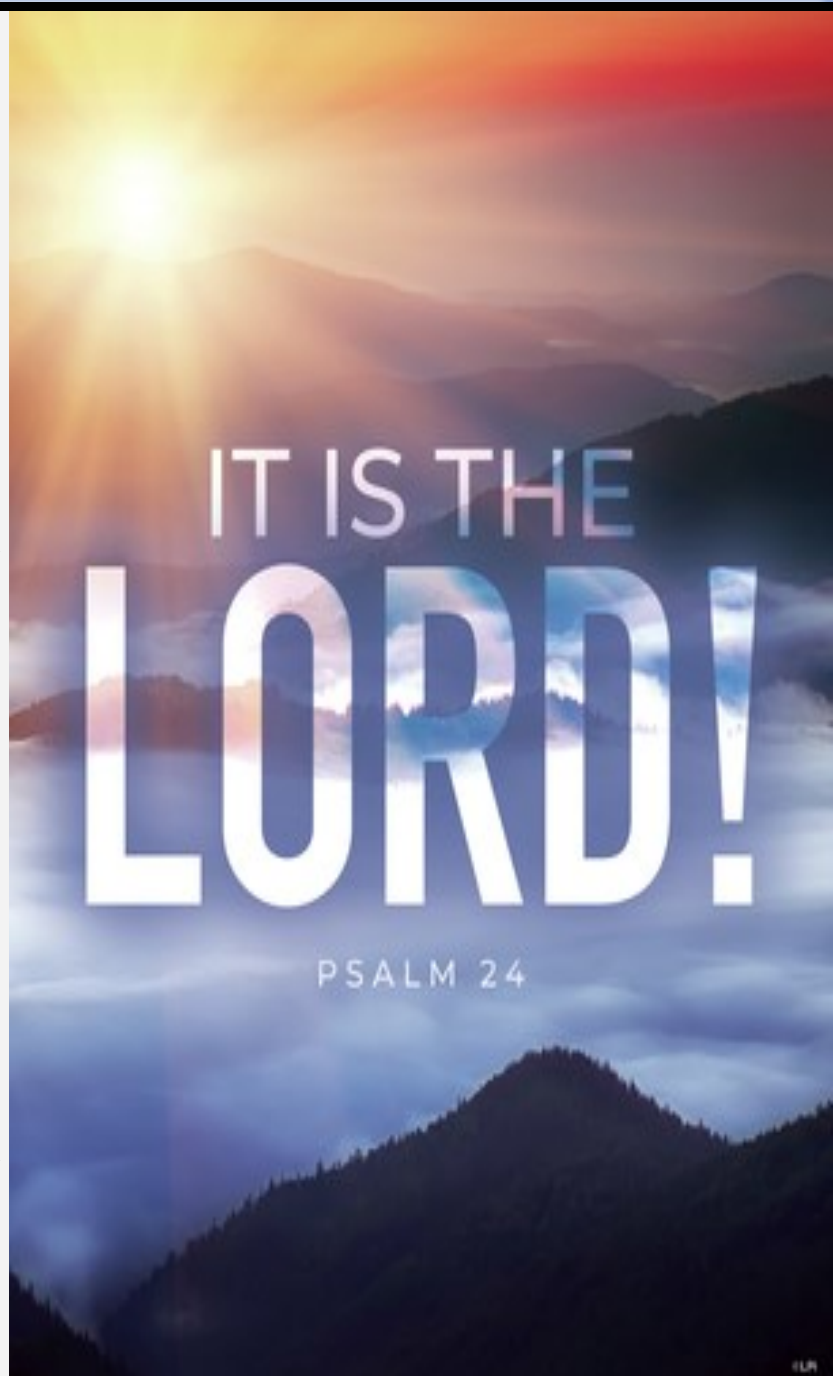
Or by appointment

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday @

8:00 am. - 1:00 pm.

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February 2, 2020

Celebrants

Wednesday, February 5th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

Saturday, February 8th

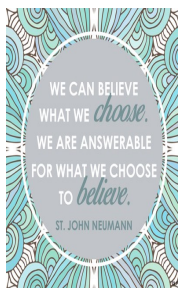
Fr. John Son Tran Sacred Heart 4:00 PM

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

Sunday, February 9th

Fr. John Son Tran Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

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



Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Feb. 8th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Kevin Smith

Communion: Ginny Thorn, Jeanne Kay

Gifts: Drevecky Family

Ushers: Paul Wendorff, Don Belland

Servers: Ava Wendorff

Youth Sunday, Feb. 9th at 9:00 am

Lectors: Youth

Communion: David Prickett, Scott Tryon,

Mary Pat Hestbeck*

Gifts: Youth

Ushers: Justin Murphy, Kevin Murphy,

Rodney Swanson

Servers: Alexis Murphy, Isabelle Harer

Mass Intentions



Feb. 5th f Open

Feb. 8th Matt Sylvester

Feb. 9th Hazel Grace Spencer- Baptism

Needing our Prayers



Janet Yurick

Sue Roth

Gerald Mollberg

Margarette Brookner

Jean Isackson

Jim Thorn

Ann Roth

Judy Strandmark

John Hatcher

Savannah Yurick

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

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

"Capital Campaign Corner"

Financial Update:

Project Goal	\$ 100,000.00
Pledges Received (56)	\$ 61,460.00
Paid to Date	\$ 40,904.00

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.

Parish-wide survey! Please Read!

The Discipleship Maker Index Survey opens this week and we need your help! Please help us by completing a 10-15 min. survey as soon as possible.

*Use your smart phone, tablet or computer to go to

www.disciplemakerindex.com.

*You may also complete a paper copy of the survey after daily or Sunday Mass or on your own. Paper copies are available in the vestibule or in the parish office.

The survey will only be available from February 1- March 1 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We want to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be valuable to Fr. Shane, our parish leadership and Archbishop Hebda. We will receive the results this spring at which time we will share what we have learned.

Thank you for your help!

Financial Update

Totals for weekend	1/26/2020
Plate	456.00
Envelopes (41)	1086.00
Stipends/Stole	28.00
Anniversary Bldg. Improv.	885.00
Energy needs	120.00
CCW Cookie Sales	10.00
Total	\$2585.00



ATTENTION MEMEBERS— If you are making monetary contributions to more than one fund, we need separate checks for each. It causes a lot of confusion on the bookkeeping end when we have to split up a check. Also, please use your envelopes whenever possible. Thank you.

OUR WEAKNESSES AND GROWING IN GOD'S GRACE

Have you ever met someone who seems to have less in their life? By less, I mean, as our society views it in today's standards. Maybe their clothing looks a little shabbier, maybe the car they drive is beat up, maybe their home is smaller than most? Does this define them as a human being? Of course not! What is truly important is what is within our hearts. Sometimes, looks can be deceiving. As a pastor, I know and see some wonderful things from those who have "less." They are not thinking of what they can achieve for themselves. They think of how they can make a difference in this world for others first. On the other hand, sometimes those who have more tend to feel they have "made it," they don't need to prove their worth and subsequently are less giving in their ways. As Christians, every one of us, rich or poor, has value and is a loving gift from God, we need only to remember our faith is based on God's love.

Jesus did not choose his disciples based on their riches, know-it-all attitude, or high status in society. He sought out those who were thought of "insignificant or weak." Why? Because these individuals showed many of the true qualities needed to be disciples. Fishermen, for example, need to be patient while they wait for the fish to take the bait. They need to have courage to face the ever-changing conditions of the sea. They need to know how to seek out the fish they wish to catch. Fisherman in those times were usually illiterate and not thought of very highly. Status was given to those who had nicer clothing, wealth, and had been born into a privileged family. In 2 Corinthians 10:12, it reads, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord. For it is not those who commend themselves that are approved, but those whom the Lord commends."

You may say to yourself, "I'm not smart enough," "I don't have any talents," or even "I'm too old." This is NOT true! You are perfect the way you are! God made you in his image, out of love! It is never too late to make a positive change in your life. God gives us our weaknesses so that we can completely depend on his grace and know how much we need God in our lives. All we need to be disciples is to base our words, actions and good deeds, on love! Be a disciple by showing this love through forgiveness, sharing and also by prayer.

Mother Teresa said, "Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in 'his love', than in your own weakness." When we put our faith in God's love for us, we can continue to grow our faith through the love of our actions towards others.

Jesus' true disciples are those who hear his calling and place their complete faith in him. Where is God calling you to make a difference? Won't you please listen and say "yes" when you are called? Once you do, just be patient and watch the miracles of God's love begin to happen.

Blessings, Fr. Shane



GOSPEL MEDITATION ~ Presentation of the Lord

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Very often, having more light is not something we desire as it forces us to confront something we really do not want to see. There can be comfort found in darkness. It has an eerie sense of security to it. We do not have to challenge ourselves or be challenged and can simply exist in some fabricated state of self-fabricated blissfulness. Jesus came to bring light, and it is a light that is resisted by many and hated by some. It is a light that causes us to see things as they really are and not as we would want or need them to be.

It is no wonder then that Simeon boldly and honestly proclaims to Mary, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." We have to take the Gospel message as it is and not just use those parts that are useful to us or more palatable. Taking Jesus at face value can and will lead to turmoil and dissension. Hearts will be pierced. Whether we like it, Jesus' proclamation of what the world God created really ought to look like has real and absolute social implications.

It has a lot to say about how we treat our brothers and sisters: spiritually, personally, economically, and globally. It has everything to do with the poor, the immigrant, the scared, the unborn, the vulnerable, the sick, and the broken. The light opens us to a challenging, table-turning experience that may not be something we want to see but shows us where we need to be.

