



Welcome to The Church of the Sacred Heart

The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

To Fall in Love with God is the Greatest Romance
~St. Augustine of Hippo

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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

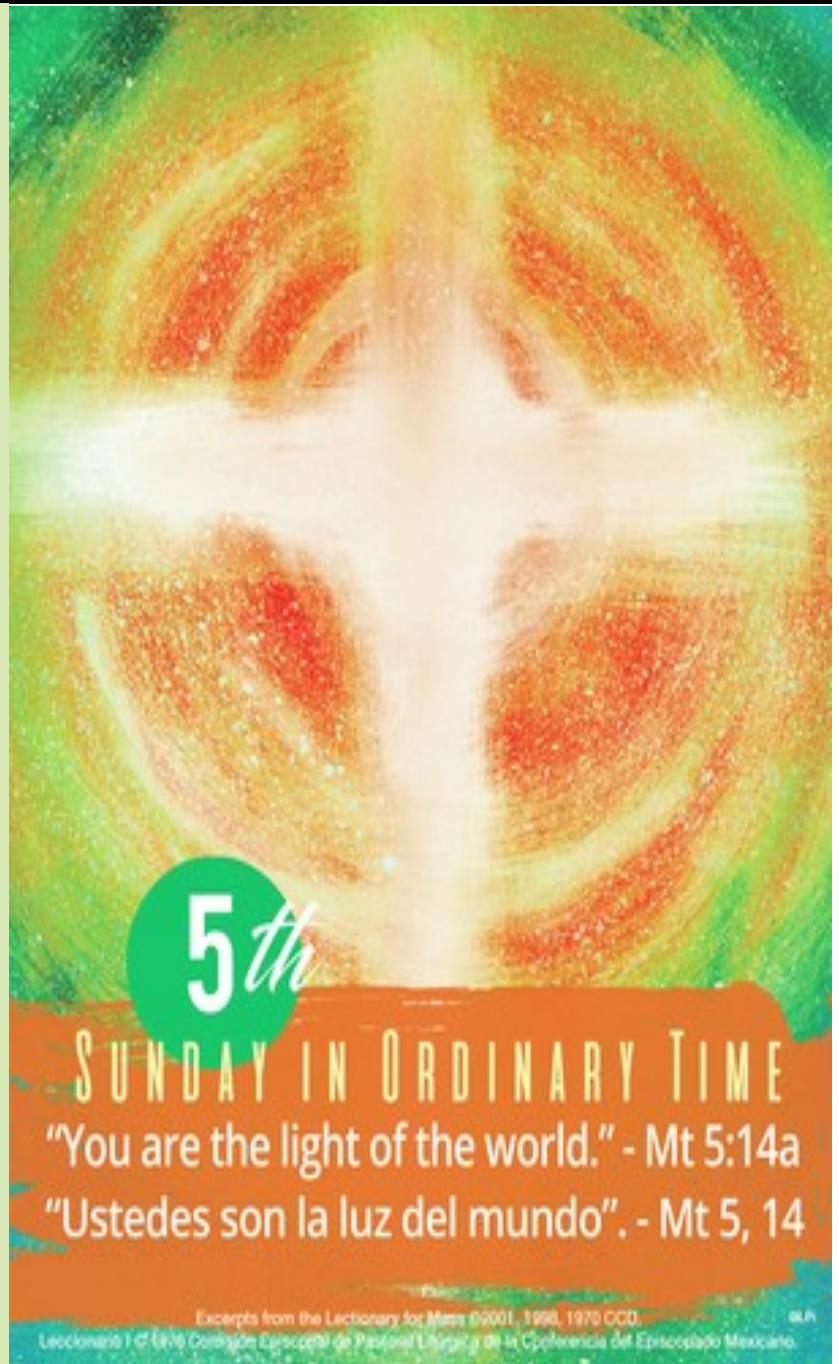
Or by appointment

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday @

8:00 am. - 1:00 pm.

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February 9, 2020

Celebrants

Wednesday, February 12th

Communion Service Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

Saturday, February 15th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 4:00 PM

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

Sunday, February 16th

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

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



"Capital Campaign Corner"

Financial Update:

Project Goal	\$ 100,000.00
Pledges Received (56)	\$ 63,430.00
Paid to Date	\$ 41,929.00

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, Feb. 15th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Annette Storm

Communion: Ginny Thorn, Melanie Wendorff

Gifts: Wendorff Family

Ushers: Dick Ordner, Dave Peter

Servers: Mikayla Ertz, Zoe Wendorff

Sunday, Feb. 16th at 9:00 am

Lectors: Wayne Herberg, Al Walz

Communion: Beth Churchsmith*, Kristie Frazier, Liz Herberg

Gifts: Walz Family

Ushers: Joe Moore, Craig Peterson

Servers: Broderick Larson

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!

Mass Intentions



Feb. 12th † Andy & Toni Kuba
Feb. 15th † Michelle Stenger-Fisk
Feb. 16th Heather Sylvester

Needing our Prayers



Janet Yurick Jim Thorn
Sue Roth Ann Roth
Gerald Mollberg Judy Strandmark
Margarette Brookner John Hatcher
Jean Isackson Savannah Yurick

Faith Formation & Family

NO GATHERING SESSION - FEB. 12

There is no GATHERING on Wednesday, February 12 for 2nd - 8th grade. GATHERING will resume on February 19.

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.

With the Cold and Flu season in full swing, you are encouraged to stay healthy and to use good judgement when deciding whether to shake hands at the Sign of Peace or receive the Blood of Christ from the common cup at the Communion time. Let's help each other to stay healthy during these winter months.



Financial Update

Totals for weekend	2/2/2020
Plate	479.26
Envelopes (37)	1826.00
Bldg. maint. Env.	205.00
Anniversary Bldg. Improv.	160.00
Food Shelf	10.00
Energy needs	10.00
Children's donation	1.00
Total	\$2691.26



CONTENTMENT AND GODLINESS...PART 1



Aaahh...there's nothing like the taste of that first spoonful of a hot fudge sundae! It makes me feel satisfied, happy and content! The only problem is that feeling doesn't seem to stay with me, because a few weeks later, I find my car in the drive thru once again, in hopes to feel satisfied and happy again.

We all search out different things to bring us immediate enjoyment in life. Our materialistic society today is constantly changing. When you turn on the television, there are commercials trying to engage us to purchase the latest and greatest item. The need to feel satisfied drives us to be in search of some "thing," which in turn will bring us the contentment we desire. But what if the contentment we search for is something we have had all along? God's unconditional love for us!

Yes! We have this great gift, if only we can embrace it! God gives us the ability to feel contentment, however, he also gives us free will. When we choose to fill our needs with material things to gain contentment, it only lasts awhile before we have the

desire to seek out more things again. But, when we choose to fill our needs with God's love, we can find a contentment for all eternity. In 1 Timothy 6:7, it says "Of course, there is a great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it."

God has given us everything we need; water, food, shelter, clothing, and most of all his love for us! As humans, it is easy to want more than we really need, but we must remember what our lives are really about.

We can't take the things we keep on gathering with us when we leave this earth. What we can take, is a contentment in knowing we were satisfied with what we were given. We were given the love of Jesus in our hearts. It's a matter of how we choose to move through our earthly life by sharing that love for others, praising and thanking God for what we have, and giving more than we receive. For when we are truly content, we will find happiness and joy, and our souls will have found peace. Peace in knowing we lived our lives the way God intended them to be lived, and not by what we wanted to gain for our own feeling of self-importance.

Contentment is knowing your needs are already met, therefore, the desire for more is no longer present. Our lives today can get pretty chaotic. It is difficult to find contentment when we feel pulled in many different directions. This is when we need God the most! Lean on him! He is our rock! He will not forsake us! Give your concerns and pain to the Lord. Let go and let God handle this. When you give up the control and let God be in charge, you will find the peace you are looking for. His plans will be revealed on his timing. . . but they will be revealed. Trust in God. Your true needs will be met, and contentment will be yours for all eternity, not just moment to moment.

How does God intend us to live our lives? By becoming more like him! I would love to share my thoughts on "Godliness", so stay tuned for Part 2...



Serve the Poor Support Life Strengthen the Faith

Each year, the Catholic Services Appeal funds 20 Designated Ministries including:

Over 30 local food pantries that distribute nearly 4 million pounds of food.

Hospital chaplains serving over 100,000 Catholics.

Over \$2.5 million in Catholic school scholarships and support.

Serving 265,000 meals and snacks to those in need.

Providing hope and help to over 1,300 women and families with pro-life support, including outreach to the disabled.

Assisting with tuition, room and board for those studying for the priesthood for our Archdiocese.

Contributions go directly to the Designated Ministries. To learn more, go to www.csafspm.org.