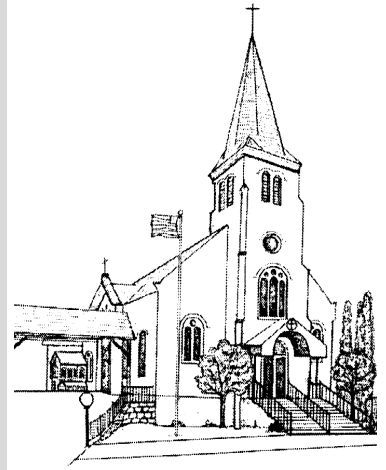


Welcome to The Church of the Sacred Heart

The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota



HONORING OUR Graduates

Be strong and courageous....

*The Lord your God
will be with you
wherever you go.*

JOSHUA 1:9 (NIV)



Congratulations Class of 2020!

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Saturday @ 4:00 pm

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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 @

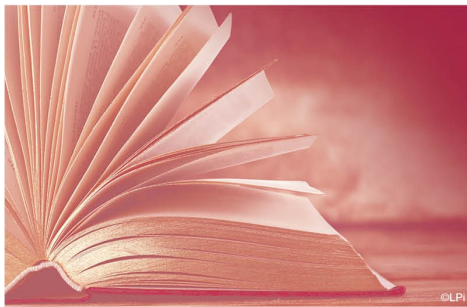
8:00 am. - 1:00 pm.

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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.

June 14, 2020



FIRST READING

"Not by bread alone does one live,
but by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of the LORD." (Dt 8:3b)



PSALM

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.
(Ps 147) or Alleluia



SECOND READING

Because the loaf of bread is one,
we, though many, are one body,
for we all partake of the one loaf.
(1 Cor 10:17)



GOSPEL

"For my flesh is true food,
and my blood is true drink.
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks
my blood remains in me
and I in him." (Jn 6:55-56)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It is no wonder that followers of Christ are called the Body of Christ. After all, sharing in the same spiritual food and sacred meal, they become what they eat and reveal the Divine Image. There is so much power for healing in the community of believers. Through the Eucharist, Christ becomes as present in those who have partaken of his Body and Blood as he has the elements themselves. The very presence of God touches the depths of the human soul and visits a part of us that no human being can ever hope to explore. We are God's. The sacred Eucharistic meal is a celebration of intimacy, the reunion of two loves in constant search of and longing for the other.

The community of believers receives the power and the presence to touch and heal in the name of the One they have welcomed within. It is now within their grasp to change the way life is lived and to more intentionally put into practice the Beatitudes that the Divine Guest has revealed. We are asked to be like Christ and work to create a world of sufficiency, where the greed of some no longer creates the want of others but where all of God's children can find a home and a place at the table of life. The One who makes a home within calls us to live a life that transforms. We are changed ourselves and now become agents of change for others. We are the Body of Christ. God is with us. We have been nourished.

Sadly, many are afraid to try. We know what we are called to do, but we struggle with feelings of doubt as to whether God really is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Do our systems have to change? Is it possible that we somehow missed the mark when we put all of our social networks in place and established the business of our lives? Perhaps we have to radically rethink our approach and that can scare us. We might have to give something up or change, and we don't want to. As long as want, injustice, division, prejudice, and scarcity still exist, there is tremendous work for the Body of Christ.

Pastor 's Corner

When I wrote my last article back in the first part of March, I never imagined that our world would be in such a different place. It has been a slow process for me to accept and realize we now live in a time that is unprecedented, filled with so many daily changes. One of the most noticeable changes in my life, like so many of us, is time. Time has taken on a whole new meaning, as days seem to run together and planning for anything is almost obsolete. Like many of my brother priests, we find ourselves keeping busy with the day to day changes and emails from the Archdiocese about how to guide our parish communities. Then, there is the need to be creative on how to carry forth these changes, as well as meeting the spiritual needs of all our parishioners. During all of this, our young people also have dealt with many changes in their lives.

Bishop Paul Sirba, rest his soul, once told me how he had every single Confirmation candidate from his Diocese in Duluth, write him a letter as to why they wanted to be confirmed. I decided to have our tenth-grade candidates from Saint Gregory the Great and will also have our students from Sacred Heart, write a letter to me about why they want to be confirmed. These candidates were also asked to share how they have experienced the fruits of the Holy Spirit as they live through this pandemic. I have been amazed, and at times drawn to tears, as I read the letters I have received so far.

**PATIENCE
IS NOT THE
ABILITY TO WAIT
BUT HOW YOU
ACT WHILE YOU'RE
WAITING**
—JOYCE MEYER

The first change they felt was the most difficult for them, was handling their “boredom”, caused by too much time on their hands. However, as time went on, they have learned to make the best of it and reconnected with their families again. Every single letter has indicated how much they enjoyed being with their families as well as not being so busy with all the activities usually happening within their lives. They have shared how their faith has deepened, learned patience, and witnessed acts of kindness and goodness by seeing strangers helping other strangers. All of these are shaping them to become true disciples of Christ!

Every day there are new changes concerning Covid-19, our economy, and communities. These changes can be scary and make us feel anxious, but it is at these times, we need to draw on our relationship with God. Lean on him and place your trust in his hands. Ask God for more peace, patience, and joy. Pray for healing both for our good health and for our souls. Look around for the goodness and love, or better yet, create more goodness and love yourself! Now is the time not only for our confirmation candidates to sharpen their discipleship skills, but for all of us to become better disciples by being the role model we were made to be.

Please contact one of our parish offices if you or someone you know needs assistance.

Stay hopeful and know I am praying for you all,

Father Shane

MASS+ INTENTIONS

April 11th † Ann Roth

April 18th † Richard & Marcella Kemen

May 17th † Douglas DuWayne Hanson

May 23rd † Michelle Stenger-Fisk

June 6th † Douglas DuWayne Hanson

June 7th † Clara Deutsch

June 14th 2020 Graduates!!

Good and faithful God,
you have given us so many people in our lives
that have given us joy and solace.
On this day we ask you to remember
our dearly departed, especially N.
Keep them close to you as we all wait
for that day when we all will come
and worship in your presence.
We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We Thank Sue Roth, who is stepping down as our Faith Formation Coordinator. Thank you again Sue!

We are in need of a Faith Formation Coordinator in order to continue our F.F. program. Please call Fr. Shane at 651.402.9005 for more information.



Father Shane will hear confessions after Mass this Wednesday. This Friday, June 19, is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and our Feast Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am that morning.

