

Welcome to The Church of the Sacred Heart

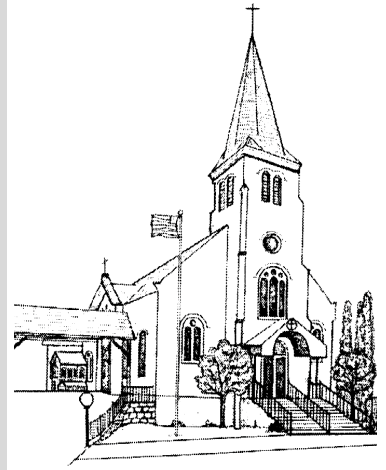
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We give our thanks, Creator God, for the **fathers** in our lives. ... For those who are **fathers**, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You. In Your Holy name, O God, we **pray**.

June 21, 2020

Weekend & Weekday Masses

Saturday-Temporarily Suspended
Sunday 9:00 am
Wednesday 9:00 am

Private Prayers:

Thursdays and Sundays-8:30-12noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Confessions will be heard by request
after mass on Wednesdays or
by appointment.

Clergy

Pastor:

Fr. Shane Stoppel-Wasinger

Assisting Priest:

Fr. Chuck Brambilla
Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
8:00 am. - 12:00 pm.

Parish Staff Contacts

Admin Asst: Marsha Marcussen
Bookkeeper/ Music: Steve Yurick
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Minister Scheduling: Amy Prickett

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

"Sing to the LORD,
praise the LORD,
For he has rescued the life of the poor
from the power of the wicked!" (Jer 20:13)

PSALM:

Lord, in your great love, answer me. (Ps 69)

SECOND READING:

But the gift is not like the transgression.
For if by that one person's transgression the many died,
how much more did the grace of God
and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ
overflow for the many. (Rom 5:12-15)

GOSPEL:

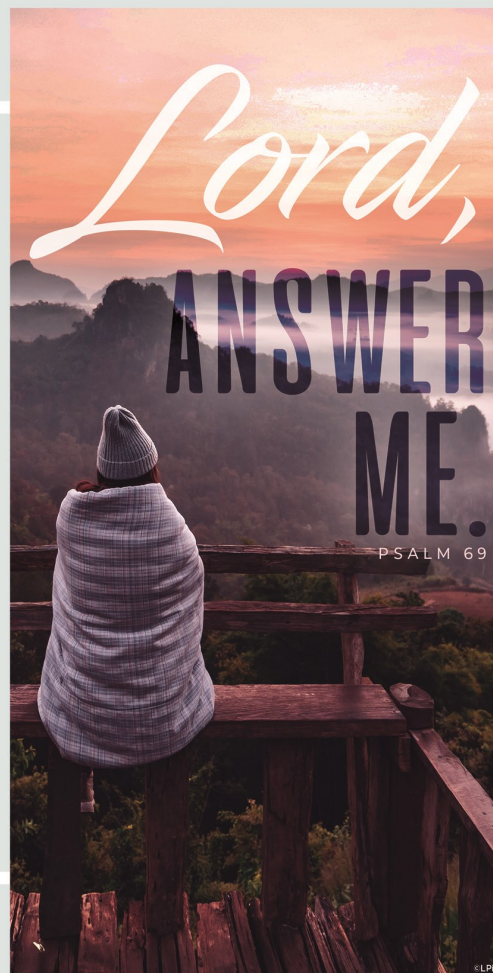
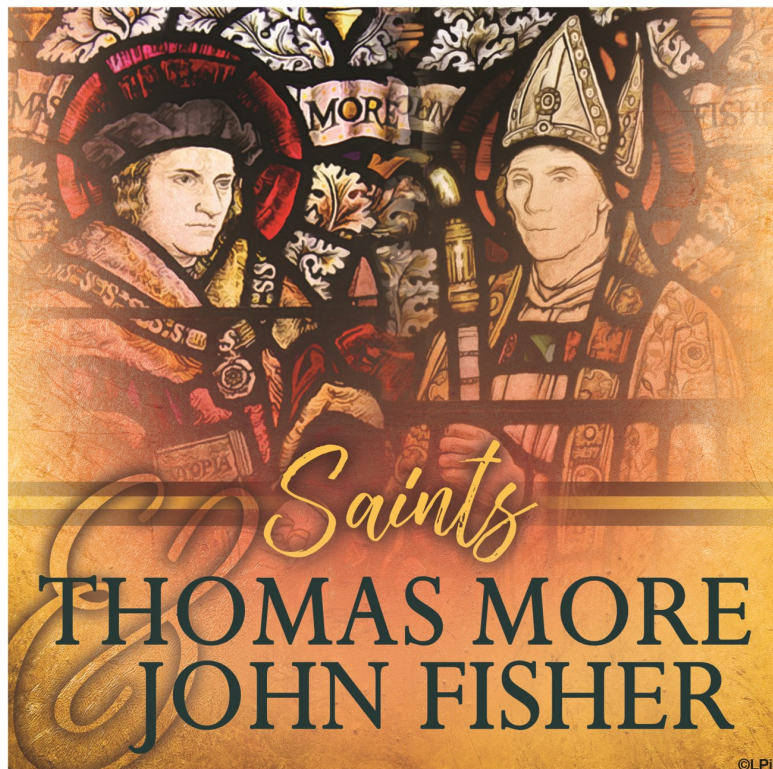
"Everyone who acknowledges me before others
I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." (Mt 10:32)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 21, 2020

Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day
Monday: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop,
and Thomas More, Martyrs
Wednesday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Saturday: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

We hear how the prophet Jeremiah turned to God as he struggled mentally and emotionally to remain faithful to his call. When do you find yourself turning to God in prayer?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of Adam and Christ to describe God's gift of salvation to all who believe. What do you find compelling in Paul's argument?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus forewarns his disciples that following him will involve risks and even persecution. Where do you experience risk and/or ridicule as a person of faith?

CORPUS CHRISTI REFLECTIONS

Last weekend we celebrated the Solemnity of Corpus Christi or the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. One of the greatest theologians in the history of the Catholic Church, Saint Thomas Aquinas, proposed to Pope Urban IV in the mid thirteenth century to create a feast day solely to giving emphasis to the joy of the Eucharist being the real Body and Blood of Jesus. After the Holy Father's firm belief in the authenticity in the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena, Italy, he established in 1264, a feast day of Corpus Christi to be observed in the whole church. This Miracle remembered at Bolsena comes from the occurrence of the wine turning into blood bleeding onto the corporal or cloth placed on the altar.



The Eucharist or as we often call it "Mass" is not only to give thanks to God for the gift of his Son, but also to remember how important it is to keep the memory of Jesus alive as he asked us to do at the Last Supper. The only way to keep anyone's memory alive is to think about what did in their life-time as well as our relationship with them. Last Sunday, I spoke about the importance of remembering God and how we, as a community, should gather in the name of Jesus each week. We gather as a way of celebrating his gift to us, that is, his giving of his Body and Blood so that we may receive real spiritual food.

Throughout history, we have learned how the Israelites remembered God and the promises He made to them, and then at other times, how they forgot about their God. When they encountered trials, sufferings, and oppression, they held onto God's promise that he would save them.

However, at other times when the Israelites had prosperity and riches, they became poor in their memory of God's covenant which was to always remain faithful to Him. Their wealth made them thankless people. Sound familiar with our modern times?

Our God then increased his promise to all of us, by sending his only Son into the world, a real human with flesh and blood. As we know, on the night before his passion and death, Jesus offered his Body and Blood for all. The only requirement he made of us was to recall his memory by sharing in the eating of his Body and Blood. Our purpose of gathering at each Mass is to keep this memory alive and to show our thanks for what he has done for us.

In the receiving his body and blood, furthermore, we become his body in the world. Then, we can go out into the world, becoming Christlike to others by showing our forgiveness, kindness, peacefulness, and most importantly by our love given to others. Are you honoring his only request each week?

May God bless you and keep you safe, Father Shane

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



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.



MaryAnn Drevecky has stepped down as the leader of our Funeral Luncheons. We appreciate her service to our parish community. This presents an opportunity for someone who would like to step up to the plate and fill this position. Please contact the office for further details. Thank you.

Jesus Calling

WAIT PATIENTLY WITH ME while I bless you. Don't rush into My Presence with time-consciousness gnawing at your mind I dwell in timelessness: I am, I was, I will always be. For you, time is protection; you're a frail creature who can handle only twenty-four-hour segments of life. Time can also be tyrant, ticking away relentlessly in your mind. Learn to master time, or it will be your master.

Though you are a time-bound creature, seek to meet Me in timelessness. As you focus on My Presence, the demands of time and tasks will diminish. I will bless you and keep you, making My Face shine upon you graciously, giving you Peace.



MICAH 7:7;
REVELATION 1:8;
NUMBERS 6:24-26



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.