

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART



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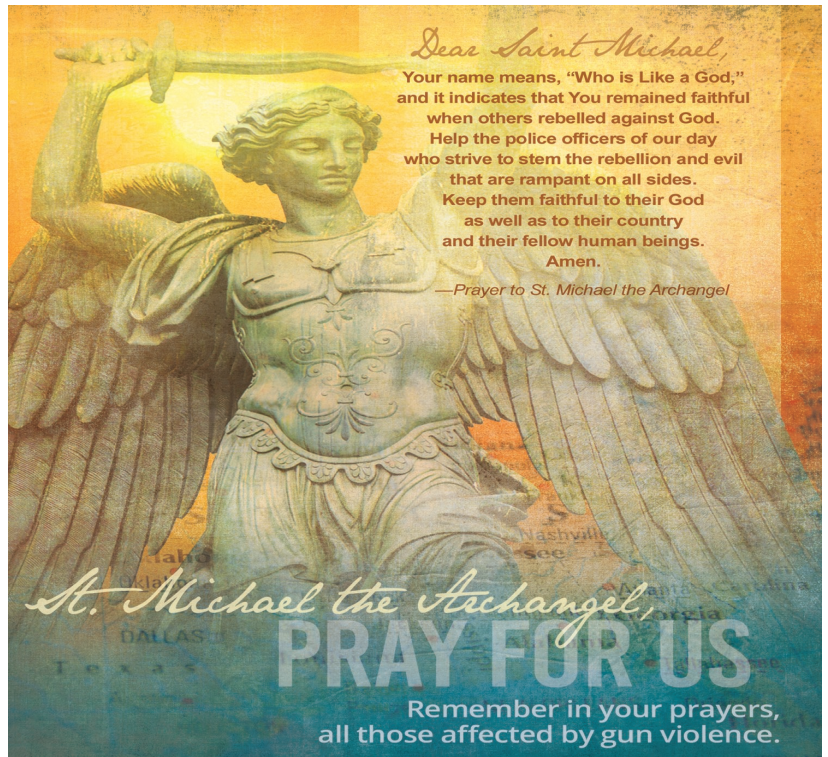
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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

Weekdays

Wednesday 9:00 am

First Friday of each month 9:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 9:30 am - noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Friday of each month 8:30 am

First Saturday of each month 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Or by appointment

July 17, 2016

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Of Guns and Pacifism

The Gospels tell us that after King Herod died, an angel appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, telling him: "Get up! Take the Child and His Mother and go to the land of Israel, for those seeking the Child's life are now dead." (Matthew 2, 19-20). The angel, it would seem, spoke prematurely, the Child, the Infant-Christ, was still in danger, is still in danger, is still mortally threatened, and is still being tracked down, right to this day.

God still lies vulnerable and helpless in our world and is forever under attack. All forms of violence, of aggression, of intimidation, of bullying, of ego-parading, of seeking advantage, are still trying to kill the child. And the Child is threatened too in less-overt ways, namely, whenever we turn a blind eye on those who lie helpless and exposed in war, poverty, and economic injustice, we are still killing the Child. Herod may be dead, but he has many friends. The child is forever threatened.

Trappist monks in Algeria were martyred by terrorists in 1996. Living under the threat of death, they refused to arm themselves or accept military protection. Their Abbott, introduced a special mantra into his daily prayer: *Disarm me! Lord, disarm me!* Living under the threat of arms, he prayed daily to remain disarmed, physically helpless against potential attack, to be like a newborn child, like the newborn Jesus, exposed and helpless before the threat of violence.

But that's not an easy thing to imitate, especially since most everything in our world today beckons us towards its opposite, namely, to arm ourselves, to counter every threat, gun for gun, to meet all potential threat with armed resistance. It's the times: Like that community of monks, we too live under the threat of terrorism and widespread violence. And our paranoia is heightened as, daily, our news reports give us images of terrorist shootings, bombings, beheadings, mass-shooting, street violence, and domestic violence. We live in violent times. Understandably there's an itch to arm ourselves.

So how realistic is it to refuse to arm ourselves? How realistic is it to pray to be disarmed?

Christianity has always defended both justified self-defense and just war. It's not too much of a stretch to say that, except for the guns and weapons that protect us, we all stand helpless before the criminals and psychopaths of this world.

But, among other things, there's still a powerful case to be made for remaining personally disarmed.. We need gospel-inspired persons to give a particular, sometimes-singular, witness to what the Gospels ultimately point to, namely, to a place beyond our present imagination, a heaven within which we will relate to each other in an intimacy which we cannot yet imagine and where there will be no arms or weapons. This reality is already imaged in the newborn Christ, helpless and vulnerable and already so threatened.

It is also imaged in our own modern-day pacifists, from Dorothy Day to Martin Luther King, from Mother Teresa to , from Daniel Berrigan to we have been gifted by the witness of Gospel-inspired persons who, in the face of physical threat and violence, chose to risk their lives rather than pick up a gun. The times are forcing us too to choose: Do we arm ourselves or not?

Because those seeking the life of the child are still around, paranoid folks, like King Herod, killing indiscriminately for fear that a helpless child might soon threaten their throne and their privilege.

~Ron Rolheiser

PARISH NEWS

Catholic Service Appeal

Thank you for putting Sacred Heart over the top! This week's update from the Catholic Service Appeal Foundation shows our goal of \$6,871 has been exceeded by contributions and pledges totaling \$7,060 of which, \$5,580 has already been received. You have helped to serve the many ministries that benefit from this effort and make possible over \$1700 that stands to be returned to Sacred Heart once all pledges to date have been received. The drive continues into September. So there is still time to contribute if you have not yet done so. Envelopes can be found in the back of the church and may be dropped in the collection baskets at mass. Thanks again and may God bless you for your generosity.

2016 Fall Festival

The Fall Festival is now in the planning stages, you can start donating items for the bottle blast and other kid games, the boxes for all donations are in the back vestibule. Also, a chair person for the kids' games is needed. There will be envelopes in the pews for you to donate dollars in lieu of items if you prefer. Just put them in the collection baskets at mass. Thank you for helping make this event a success.

Money Counters Needed

We are in need of money counters , the commitment would be for one time a month. If interested, please contact the Parish office at 320.358.4370, Thank you.

Hiring Staff

St. Gregory's is needing to hire a person to take the place of Kyle Yerges when he goes off to college in August. This is an ideal position for someone who is retired, has a good back, and can work flexible hours of 15-20 hours per week. Please contact Fr. Shane or Kyle for more information. We hope to have someone hired who can begin August 1st.

Stockholder's Meeting

The youth who are on this year's Mission Trip to New Orleans, Louisiana, will hold a stockholder's meeting on Sunday, July 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall at St. Gregory's. They will share their experiences & a power point presentation will be shown. All parishioners who purchased stock for the Mission Trip are invited to attend this informative meeting.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, July 23, 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Rick Drevecky
 Communion: Bev Mollberg, Mary Stenger
 Gifts: Drevecky Family
 Ushers: Dick Ordner, Al Petschl
 Server: Brodrick Larson

Sunday, July 24, 9:00 a.m.

Lectors: Al Walz, Sue Roth
 Communion: Scott Tryon, Elsie Moore, Jean Peno
 Gifts: Moore Family
 Ushers: Ron Peltier, Don Belland, Joe Moore,
 Dennis Kaufmann
 Servers: Alexis Ertz

MASS INTENTIONS

July 20	Open	July 23	Open
July 24	Open	July 27	Open

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

Marjorie King	Margarette Brooker	Kim Sarago
Jean Amunson	Marvin Johnson	Arlene Greenhagen
Jim Kirchberg	Bill Sempel	Ethel Thomas
Mary Knack	Bev Hurley	Tom McKenzie
Wayne King	Jim Mitchell	Sue Roth
Robby Murry	Judie Peltier	Abby Larson
Heidi Blatz	Mary Ann Lunseth	Eileen Kost
David Gaul	Jim Noon	Jeff Carlson
Rose Peloquin	Colleen Najews	Cecilia Shinler
Nick Cieminski	Joan Parkin	

Please advise the office if any of these names can be removed.
 Thank you.

DIVINE MERCY CANDLE

Throughout the coming year, a Divine Mercy candle will be lit weekly by the prodigal son print and Divine Mercy box. Each week, a parishioner may make an offering for their intention of asking for and giving mercy and forgiveness to another. A suggested offering is \$5.00 or more for each week. If you would like your name or intention listed in the bulletin during this time, please let the office know when you drop off your donation.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

7/12/2016

Plate	249.50
Envelopes	1631.00
CCW	185.00
Building Maint.....	33.00
Stipends/Stole.....	100.00
EFT Money	322.00
Peters Pence.....	10.00
Prison Ministry	16.00
Total	\$2546.50

Summer office hours: Hours are from 8:00am to noon Tuesday through Thursdays until Sept. 1st when regular office hours will resume.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 23

Fr. Shane	Sacred Heart	4:00 pm
Fr. Fitzgerald	St. Gregory's	5:00 pm

Sunday, July 24

Fr. Fitzgerald	St. Gregory's	8:30 am
Fr. Shane	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
Fr. Fitzgerald	St. Gregory's	10:30 am

Wednesday, July 27

Fr. Shane	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
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Save the Date
 The Knights of Columbus
 Bingo
 August 12th, 2016
 At 7:00 PM

Funeral Volunteers needed

The Funeral Committee would like more volunteers to be available to help serve funeral luncheons. We provide care & support at a difficult time for those in our parish; it allows them to focus on their families and friend. We provide set-up, food preparation and clean-up. We are looking for anyone (Men & Women) to assist as need arises. Volunteers are not committed to every funeral, we need help to provide for more rotation in the volunteers. For further information please contact the office @ 320.358.4370 or Mary Ann Drevecky @ 320.358.3424. Thank you.