

Welcome to The Church of the Sacred Heart

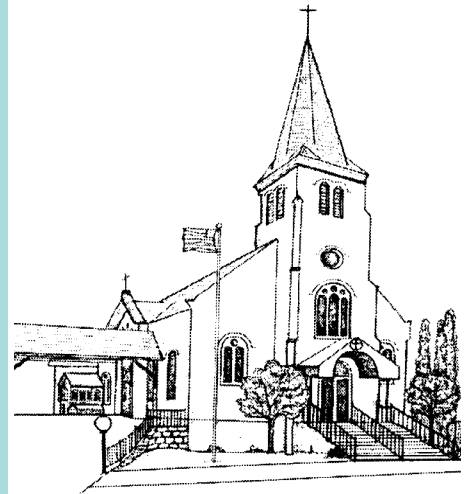
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Weekend & Weekday Masses

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

Private Prayers:

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays-
8:30-Noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass
until Noon

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

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**SING THE
GOODNESS
OF THE LORD.**

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June 28, 2020

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ's death. Take a moment to ponder these profound words. We were baptized into death. In every sense of the word, we are asked to die. This is not just about our final death but about daily deaths due to inconvenience, discomfort, pain, loss, or others' needs. This is an incredible epiphany given the way we very often approach our lives. We do everything to avoid death, let alone encounter it! Many avoid pain, discomfort, inconvenience, uneasiness, change, interference, and suffering of any kind. We put a lot of energy into finding the easiest and least inconvenient way through many things. Even holding the door open for a stranger or saying hello to someone in the store can be major undertakings.

We are called to die. One of the biggest wake-up calls we can have is realizing that life is not about us! There are millions of other people sharing life on this planet with whom I have a relationship. Does my life celebrate those relationships? The most distracting question we can ask is, "What do I want to do?" The more focused, faith-filled question is, "What do I need to do?" What I need to do



may not be what I want to do. However, asking this question more frequently will teach us how to more purposefully and intentionally live so we can be a life giving vessel for others. When we learn to live more sacrificially, to put the needs of others before our own, and to not always seek our own self-interest, we become aware of what baptism into Christ's death is really all about. These are the roots of virtue and the seedbed for justice, tolerance, solidarity, love, and peace.

Learning how to accept all the "small deaths" and sacrifices life calls us to teaches us how

to approach our final death. All deaths ask us to empty ourselves into something or someone else. Whether we empty ourselves into the heart and soul of another human being or empty ourselves into God at the moment of our final death, new life is always received and nurtured. A heart that exclusively seeks its own interest is a heart that is closed to love. A heart that pours itself out to others and is content with being emptied is a heart that has been touched by and open to mercy. It is a heart that overflows with joy.

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." - Mt 10:37-38

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Priest Corner

Reflections from the Pastor

Ten years ago, when staying for a retreat at the New Camaldoli Hermitage in Big Sur, California, I was put up in one of the “cells” of the monastery. “Cells” are small buildings with a living room/study area, bedroom, and bathroom which house one priest or brother. They also had an enclosed yard often hosting a garden as well. Since there are more “cells” than members living in the community, and since I was a relative of one of the monks, Brother Emmanuel Wasinger, I was granted permission to stay in one of these unique dwellings.

Located in a couple of places within my cell were signs stating there was no internet and at all times one needed to maintain a silent atmosphere. Because the Hermitage’s location in the middle of nowhere and two miles up a road from the Pacific Ocean, even cell phones were of no use. Nonetheless, I am comfortable with silence, so having to keep silent wasn’t a concern for me.

Sustaining a noiseless environment is more than refraining from uttering words or listening to music. It is also keeping away from a frenzied, fast pace life, filled with all kinds of activity. Our lives have become so “noisy” that we can often fail to be grateful and enjoy what we have. We alone can create so much noise, we fail to appreciate those who are part of our lives. During these past three months, I have had time to reflect how my own hectic lifestyle has to some extent kept me from enjoying many things and the people in my life. Things have changed though!

Surprisingly, I have noticed some changes in myself during this pandemic. I tend to be calmer and more patient in situations that I can’t control. I have enjoyed just “being”, instead of “doing”. I find myself not getting so upset about the little things such as a gardening hose becoming all tied up around a rock or bush when watering. Admittedly, in previous years when a hose got tangled, I would become upset and say a few unpleasant words. Now, well most of the time, I patiently go over to the hose and fix it without my blood pressure rising. Even more astonishing, when I have to wait for twenty or thirty minutes to make a doctor’s appointment, I find ways to do something constructive while I wait with the speaker phone on. I have not waited once, but three times this past week on the phone for this reason alone, all of which at the end of each call, I have remained calm.

It’s odd, these times we are living in are making me busier in a new way, that is, reconnecting with family and friends. I am so grateful for this new kind of busyness, as it is far more meaningful and rewarding. I can really just be with the people I love and care about instead of doing. There are certainly some good things coming out of this coronavirus outbreak such as the above, but I will be glad when it all ends as long as these new changes stay an integral part in my life.

What meaningful life changes will you carry with you when this all ends?

Have a blessed week, 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.



Father God, Your Word says the prayer of faith shall heal the sick. We come to You today in Faith asking that you heal us from every sickness, disease, and illness. We receive our healing by faith. In Jesus name AMEN.

Continued prayers for:

Al Walz, Greg Walz, Sue Roth, Janet Yurick, Gerald Mollberg, Margarette Brooker, Jim Thorn, Judy Strandmark

July 4 & 5 Celebrants

Fr. Chuck	St. Gregory	5:00 p.m.
Fr. Chuck	Sacred Heart	9:00 a.m.

July 11 & 12 Celebrants

Fr. Shane	St. Gregory	5:00 p.m.
Fr. Shane	Sacred Heart	9:00 a.m.

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.