

Welcome to The Church of the Sacred Heart

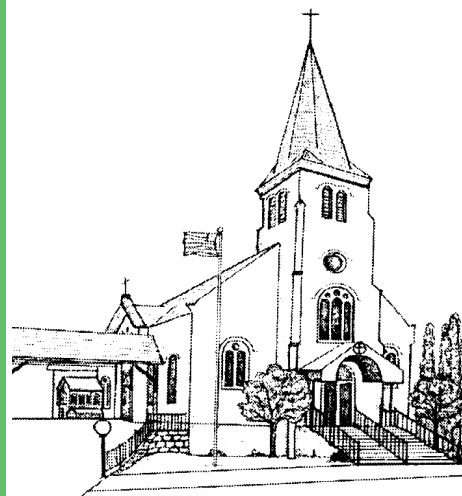
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Weekend & Weekday Masses

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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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24-25

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 30, 2020



(I was honored to perform a baptism last weekend. The father was unable to attend as he is currently serving our country as a member of the Army. I thought you may enjoy the following story, and please, let us remember to pray for those brave souls who protect our freedom. Have a good week, Father Shane.)

"Chaplain had set up a church service. The men were asked to take out their Bibles or Prayer Books. The Chaplain noticed one soldier looking at a deck of cards. After the service, he was taken by the Chaplain to see the Major. The Chaplain explained to the Major what he had seen. The Major told the young soldier he would be punished if he could not explain himself.

The young soldier told the Major that during the battle, he had neither a Bible or a Prayer Book, so he would use his deck of cards and explained: "You see, Sir, when I look at the ACE, it tells me that there is one GOD and no other.

When I see the "2," it reminds me that there are two parts to the Bible, the OLD TESTAMENT, and the NEW TESTAMENT.

The "3" tells me of the TRINITY OF GOD THE FATHER, GOD THE SON and GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The "4" reminds me of the FOUR GOSPELS, MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE, and JOHN.

When I see the "5," it tells me of the FIVE UNWISE VIRGINS who were lost and that five were saved. The "6" makes me mindful that GOD CREATED THE EARTH IN JUST SIX DAYS, and GOD said that it was good.

When I see the "7," it reminds me that GOD RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY.

As I look at the "8," it reminds me that GOD DESTROYED ALL HUMAN LIFE BY WATER EXCEPT FOR EIGHT PEOPLE, Noah, his wife, their three sons, and their three son's wives.

When I see the "9," I think of the NINE LEPERS that GOD healed. There were ten lepers in all, but only one stopped to thank him. The "10" reminds me of the TEN COMMANDMENTS carved in stone by the hand of GOD.

The "JACK" makes me remember the Prince of Darkness. Like a roaring lion, he devours those that he can. When I look at the "QUEEN," I see THE CHURCH, THE BRIDE OF JESUS.

As I look at the last card, "THE KING," it reminds me that JESUS IS LORD OF LORDS and KING OF KINGS.

There are 365 spots on a deck of cards, and that is the number of days in each year. There are 52 cards to a deck and that is the number of weeks in a year. There are 12 picture cards and that is the number of months in a year. There are 4 different suits in a deck and that is the number of seasons in a year..."

And so, the young soldier then said to the Major, "You see, Sir, my intentions were honorable. My deck of cards serves as my BIBLE, my PRAYER BOOK, and my ALMANAC.

Most importantly, my deck of cards reminds me that I need JESUS... 365 days, 52 weeks and 12 months a year and that I should always PRAY 4 others."

May you never look at a deck of cards in the same way ever again.

Sacred Heart Church is in need of three parishioners to oversee the administration, maintenance, planning and funding of the parish cemetery (known as Calvary Cemetery).

The scope of duties includes:

1. Overseeing the maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery.
2. Sales of cemetery budget.
3. Reviewing the cemetery budget.
4. Following the procedures for a perpetual fund.
5. Recommending cemetery improvements to the Parish Council.
6. Maintaining or overseeing the cemetery records.
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This need is immediate and is estimated to take approximately 12-20 hours per year (Dependent upon the number of funerals, 2 so far in 2020, 6 in 2019). Please contact the office for more information.



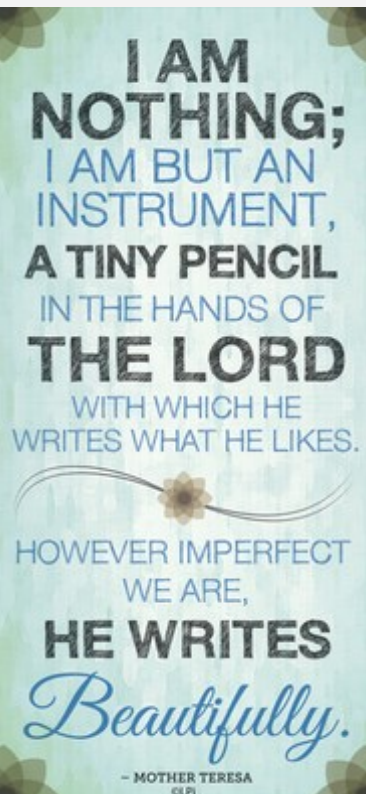
GOSPEL MEDITATION

Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple.



Reflection

First Reading

In a prayer of lamentation, Jeremiah speaks of the loneliness and isolation of answering his prophetic call. What words of comfort would you offer Jeremiah?

Second Reading

Paul urges fellow believers in Rome to remain focused on pleasing God. What do you find most challenging in this spiritual discipline?

Gospel Reading

Peter and Jesus have an intense exchange of words over Jesus' revelation that as the Messiah, he will suffer and die. How often do you think there was tension between Jesus and his 12 apostles?



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:

Sue Roth, Janet Yurick, Gerald Mollberg,
Margarette Brooker, Jim Thorn,
Judy Strandmark, Jim Kirchberg, Shirley Kirchberg
Traci Bartz, Joseph Schwaab, Grace Schwaab

FOOD SHELF DONATIONS

Get more value for your donations by giving cash! Please note "Food Shelf" on your envelope. If you do donate food, please no produce that can spoil. Thank you.

September 5 & 6 Celebrants

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

September 12 & 13 Celebrants

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

Mark your calendars: In lieu of no mass on Wednesday's, September 9th & 16th, we will be having mass on Friday, September 4th at 9:00 am.

Fall Chicken Dinner & Raffle Save the date! Sunday, September 20, 2020!

If you can volunteer to serve and run food out as they orders come please contact the church office. Also, if you can donate an Apple crisp please contact Sue Roth at 651-238-1797, the recipe is on our website for downloading. Thank you!

September 5/6 Collection for Lebanon suffering from August 4 Explosion The ammonium nitrate explosion at the Beirut sea port on August 4, killed over 200, injured more than 6,000 and displaced over 350,000. "Lebanon is bleeding," says, Chorbishop Maroun. Many neighborhoods are flattened at a time when the nation is dealing with the COVID pandemic and political unrest. They need our help with even the basics for survival, including shelter, food, medicine, and hygiene kits. Archbishop Hebda has requested that parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis take up an emergency collection for Catholic Relief Services – the U.S. Bishops international humanitarian aid organization for poor and most vulnerable - and their life-saving support in Lebanon. On the weekend of September 5 and 6, we will take up this much needed emergency collection for those suffering in Lebanon. The Center for Mission will forward financial donations to Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as you are able: many are counting on our help. Please give at your parish if you are able to, or send your check donation to: Center for Mission, 777 Forest Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55106: Add "Lebanon Emergency Collection" on memo line. Or go to www.centerformission.org/contribute. For questions, contact Deacon Mickey Friesen, friesenm@archspm.org, 651.291.4445.