

Welcome to The Church of the Sacred Heart

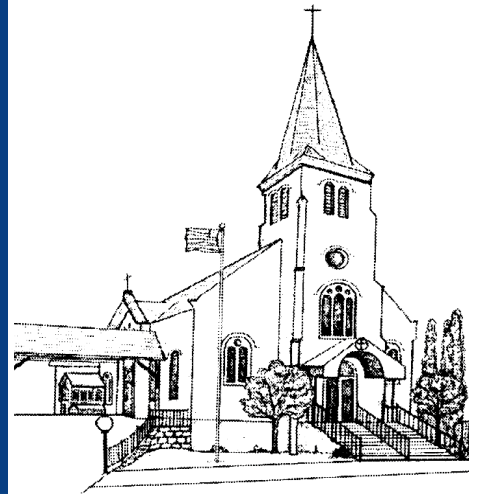
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Weekend & Weekday Masses

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

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Fr. Shane Stoppel-Wasinger

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Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
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PRAYER OF HOPE

God of our present and our future, as we gather here today, we look for hope.
The future is uncertain, we wonder what it will bring.

Fill us with a vision for what we could be.

Give us hope for our congregation and our community.

Help us find the choices that lead to life in abundance.

God of hope, in a time of uncertainty we so often fall into fear and worry.

Show us the opportunities in our chaotic world,

remind us to consider seriously where our priorities and loyalties lie,
push us to see how our choices matter, and then fill us with hope for heaven and
a renewed earth.

God of our future, may we walk boldly into what may come, as people, not only
of faith, but of hope.

May we share your hope and promise with the world in which we live.

Amen.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 25, 2020

Live the Liturgy– Inspiration for the week.

Do we really understand how important our relationships with our brothers and sisters throughout the world truly are? Many give God's commandment to love your neighbor as yourself a congenial glance of approval and agreement without really thinking about the implications. Sometimes it is easier to kneel in reverence before the tabernacle in a church than to kneel in reverence before the tabernacle of another person's soul. Witnessing and being consumed by the Divine Power alive in the heart of every living being transforms not only how we see our brothers and sisters but how we see God Himself. The cries of the poor and those who are hurting must echo in our hearts. We can no longer be deaf to the world's pain. It is no longer acceptable to judge others, unduly criticize, or marginalize, neglect, abuse, manipulate, or participate in the exploitation of anyone! We are asked to become hypersensitive to not only what we are doing, but why we are doing it. This holds true, not only with regard to the daily conduct of our lives, but our economic and corporate relationships and policies as well.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of our past, we gather today to give thanks for the past. We think back to those who first had a vision of a church in this place, to those who put their names on a loan so it could come to happen, to those who gave of their labour, their treasure, their time to make it happen.

And as we remember the efforts of the founders and builders, we offer words of thanks and praise.

God of growth, we remember too those who helped the new church to grow in wisdom and in faith.

And so, we think of study group leaders, clergy, choir directors, Sunday School teachers, and many others who provided leadership.

We remember Elders, Stewards, Board and Committee members, men and women who stepped forward to provide governance and leadership.

And for all these varied forms of leadership we are grateful.

God of community, we remember events that brought us together.

Chow Mein Dinners, Fall Festivals, Luncheon's, Fish Fries, potlucks, picnics and many more.

And for the gifts of friendship and fellowship we say thanks.

We think also of the many groups that have met in this space: CCW, Men's Club, Faith Formation, and Youth Groups.

Groups that provided times of fellowship and times of growth in community.

God of Creation, we give great thanks and praise for leaders young and old, for all who worked behind the scenes planning and preparing, for the wonder that is church we are awesomely grateful.

God of our present, we remember all that led this congregation to this day.

For 150 years of ministry to and with this community, for 150 years of growing together in love, for all that has made us what we are now, we give you thanks, we give you praise.

Amen.



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, Gerald Mollberg, Jim Thorn,
Judy Strandmark, Shirley Kirchberg Traci Bartz,
Joseph Schwaab, Grace Schwaab, David Gamache,
Erin Hestbeck Mielke

October 24 & 25 Celebrants

Fr. Fitzgerald	St. Gregory	5:00 p.m.
Arch. B. Hebda	Sacred Heart	9:00 a.m.

October 31 & November 1 Celebrants

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



Calculating Love

Have you ever Googled the word “love”? If you did you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife’s. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn’t read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: “Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever.” Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Saint Antônio de Sant'Anna Galvão's Story

God’s plan in a person’s life often takes unexpected turns which become life-giving through cooperation with God’s grace.

Born in Guaratingueta near São Paulo, Antônio attended the Jesuit seminary in Belem, but later decided to become a Franciscan friar. Invested in 1760, he made final profession the following year and was ordained in 1762.

In São Paulo, he served as preacher, confessor, and porter. Within a few years, Antônio was appointed confessor to the Recollects of Saint Teresa, a group of nuns in that city. He and Sister Helena Maria of the Holy Spirit founded a new community of sisters under the patronage of Our Lady of the Conception of Divine Providence. Sister Helena Maria’s premature death the next year left Father Antônio responsible for the new congregation, especially for building a convent and church adequate for their growing numbers.

He served as novice master for the friars in Macacu and as guardian of St. Francis Friary in São Paulo. He founded St. Clare Friary in Sorocaba. With the permission of his provincial and the bishop, Antônio spent his last days at the Recolhimento de Nossa Senhora da Luz, the convent of the sisters’ congregation he had helped establish.

Antônio de Sant’Anna Galvão was beatified in Rome on October 25, 1998, and canonized in 2007.