

Welcome to The Church of the Sacred Heart

The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

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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
Deacon Kevin Downie

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Fr. Chuck Brambilla
Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

Office Hours:

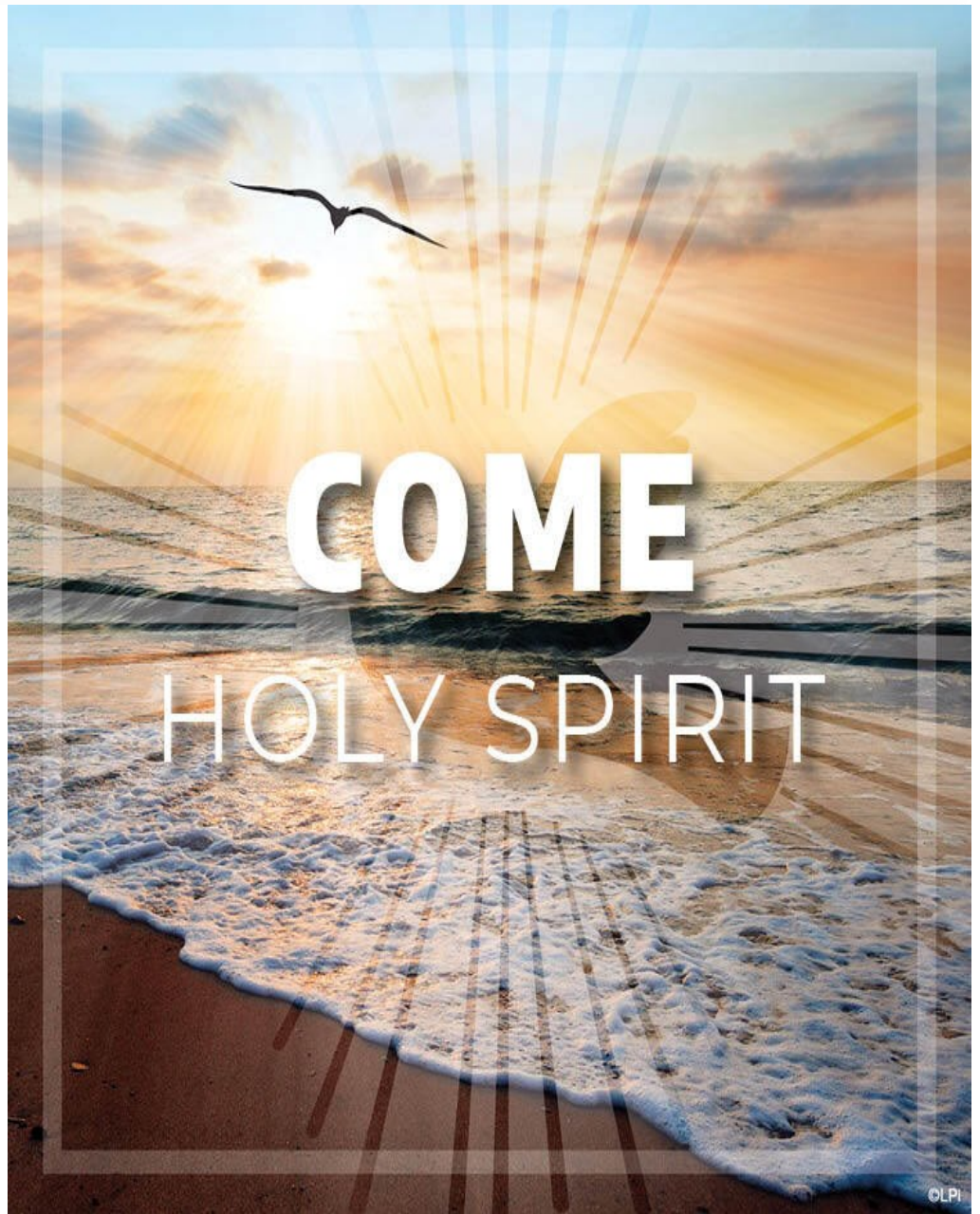
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
8:00 am. - 12:00 pm.

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May 23 | Pentecost Sunday
May 30 | The Most Holy Trinity



CHRISTIAN LOVE

(This article is an abridged version of my homily from the Sixth Sunday of Easter.)

"I have said these things to you so that *my* joy may be in you, and that *your* joy may be completed... No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends". (John 15: 11, 13.)

Christian love is more than kind words, thoughtful actions, or even affection for one's family and friends. Christian love reveals itself when one is willing to go so far as to surrender one's life for another. This does not necessarily mean to give one's life through death, but it does involve the giving of ourselves to our family, friends, and neighbors. The five ways Christians should show love are: sacrificial, universal, unconditional, contagious and the desiring of good for another.

Sacrificial love is when we place someone else's needs before our own. My Uncle Terry showed sacrificial love by being at my Aunt's side as she suffered illness over the past four years, committing to her every need until eventually succumbing to her death a little over a month ago. His faithfulness, devotion and caring ways were a blessing to his wife during their fifty-three years of marriage. Sacrificial love is also the ability to love another regardless of the cost. My good friend, Fr. Neil, will be ordained a bishop for the Diocese of Bridgetown, Barbados, on June 11th. It was especially important to him that I be there for this momentous occasion, yet the planning has been difficult with many flight changes, Covid-19 restrictions, and the requirements to enter Barbados, not to mention the expense and that I will be away on my birthday. But our friendship was more important than any difficulties I have been or might experience during my upcoming trip.

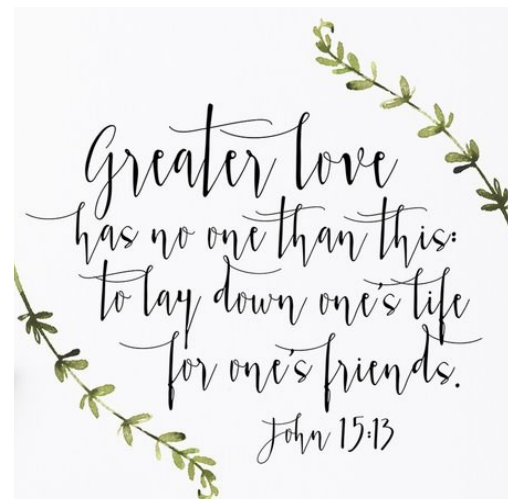
The second style of Christian love is a universal love, or a love for all people. God loves all of us no matter our nationality or the color of our skin. God even loves our enemies and encourages us to pray for our enemies. This teaches us the ability to love those who may annoy, hurt or anger us.

Next, unconditional love. Our God loves us no matter what; when we are good and kind, as well as when we turn away from Him by sinning or not caring for one of our brothers or sisters. God completely loves us without strings attached, even though He knows that He might not receive as much love as He has for all His children. We are to show unconditional love to others therefore, unconditional love is the ability to love with complete acceptance. The churches today, which are growing, show love through being genuinely welcoming, caring, and accepting of others no matter where they come from or how they talk or look.

Then, there is contagious love. When we love from the heart, it inspires others to do the same.

After witnessing someone do something kind, our hearts feel joy in a way that makes us want to spread that joy, or "pay it forward". Yes, random acts of kindness fill the soul and makes the recipient want to give this same love to another. This is another reason Christianity has grown and continues to grow.

Lastly, there is a Christian love when we desire the good for one another. God does everything for our good, even in our suffering, he can still bring about something good. This type of love shows itself best when we need to speak the hard truth to another or saying "no" to our children in order to do what we know to be best for them. We should be responsible for our actions and accept the consequences instead of blaming others. This type of love teaches us to do the right thing even if we may be judged or rejected.



Each and every one of us are called by our baptism to be loving to everyone we meet. When we do, we will encounter the joy that Our Saviour spoke so clearly about in the Gospel. . . "and that your joy maybe completed."

Have a blessed week, Father Shane

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

June 17th will be the next drive up food distribution from 10:00 am until 11:30 am here at Sacred Heart for 60 and older. Further questions please contact the Parish office.

SATURDAY NIGHT MASS Father Shane would like to eventually bring back the Saturday Night Mass. However, in order to do so, we will need additional ushers, lectors, and a cantor. Please contact the parish office or Father Shane if you are willing to take on this ministry. Once the Archbishop reinstates the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday, we will reevaluate the return of the Saturday night Mass. Updates will be provided in the bulletin as they are determined.

BRINGING UP GIFTS AT MASS:

Starting in the near future, we will resume bringing up the gifts of bread and wine at our weekend Masses. We are able to now do this safely since a parishioner has custom-made a cover for the ciborium. A ciborium is the name of the plate we use to distribute the Body of Christ during Holy Communion.

END OF SOCIAL DISTANCING:

Beginning Sunday, May 30, as social distancing will no longer be required, parishioners may sit anywhere in the church space.

MASK REQUIREMENTS:

Effective May 28th masks are only required for those who have not been fully vaccinated. However, regardless if one has been vaccinated, all Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers will still be required to wear a mask while giving out Holy Communion.



Baptized into the Family of God

Ronan Hayes Yurick
Son of Curtis & Sara

*May God's grace and blessings
that you receive on your*

Baptism, guide you throughout your life.

**OUR HEARTS
WERE MADE FOR
YOU, O LORD,
AND THEY ARE
RESTLESS UNTIL
THEY REST IN YOU.**



ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

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May 29 & 30 Celebrants

Fr. Shane / Dea. Kevin	St. Gregory	5:00 p.m.
Fr. Chuck	Sacred Heart	9:00 a.m.
Fr. Shane	St. Gregory	9:30 a.m.

June 5 & 6 Celebrants

Fr. Chuck	St. Gregory	5:00 p.m.
Fr. Chuck	Sacred Heart	9:00 a.m.
Fr. Nygaard/Dea. Kevin	St. Gregory	9:30 a.m.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, May 26

9:00 a.m. † Open

Sunday, May 30

The Most Holy Trinity

9:00 a.m. † Margarette Brooker

Sunday, June 6

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

9:00 a.m. † Geoff Day

A note of Gratitude...

This note of gratitude is from the Retirement Fund for Religious coordinator, who thanks us for our parish-contribution of \$571.20. Our donation will enable many religious communities to meet their pressing retirement needs and also support the retirement planning for newer religious communities.

"On behalf of all retired men and women religious, brothers and religious order priests, I thank you for your support of the annual Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal. Your generosity, especially during these unprecedented times, is a real blessing in support of all those who have witnessed to a lifetime of dedicated service!"

~Sister Lynore Girmscheid, SSND

Coordinator, Retirement Fund for Religious

If you or a loved one are ill in any way and would like to have your name included on the Prayer Chain, the Sunday Prayers of the Faithful and/or the bulletin contact the Parish office. Permission from the individual must be given before we can list their name in the Prayers of the Faithful or the bulletin.

Prayer, at its heart, is an act of faith, asking God to step in and believing that He is both willing and able to listen to us. There is no prayer intention too large or too small – you can ask for God's help with every need.

Almighty God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that you would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. Amen.

Continued prayers for:

Sue Roth, Gerald Mollberg, Jim Thorn,
Judy Strandmark, Shirley Kirchberg,
Joseph & Grace Schwaab, Erin Hestbeck Mielke,
Cecilia Shinler, Bret Van Tassel, Ron Schleicher, Janet
Yurick, Dave Prickett, Diane Anderson, Dale Oscarson