

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART



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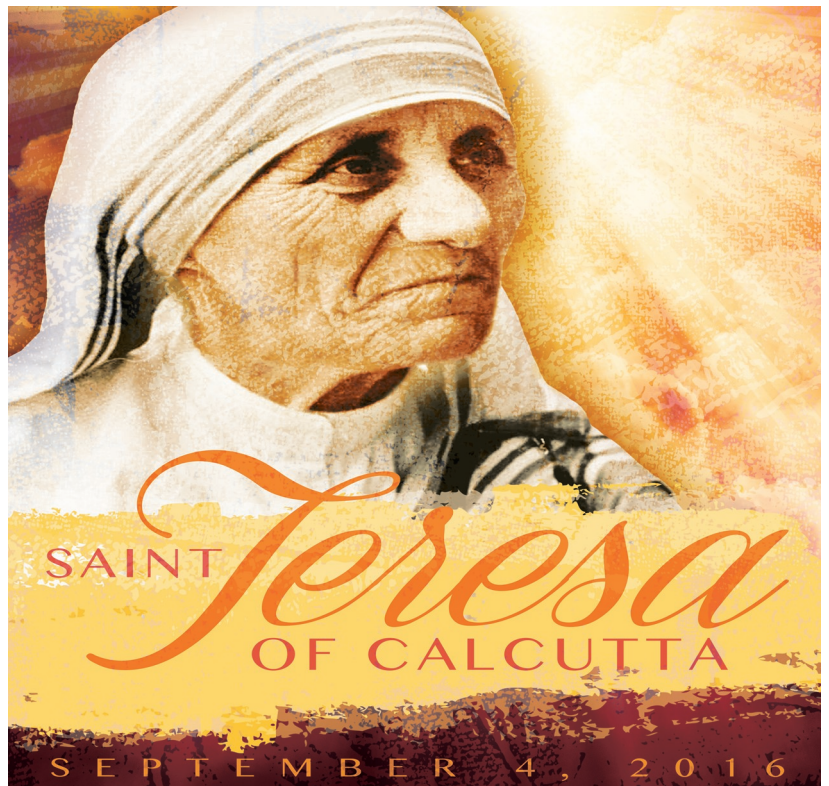
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Liturgy of the Eucharist

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

September 4, 2016

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

On the Narrow Confessional

Before the renovation of the worship space and confessional at Saint Gregory the Great, when a penitent wanted to go face to face with the priest for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the opening to the chair where a penitent would sit down was narrow. It was not always easy to get through this narrow passageway. Sometimes, I was required to help someone get through this narrow opening. This is not the case now, the confessional room has been enlarged and widened. A change was needed which took work, effort, and time.

A couple Sundays ago, in Luke's Gospel, Jesus said to the crowd, "Strive to enter the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt but will not be strong enough." (Lk.13:24). Our Lord was speaking about who will enter the Kingdom of God and be saved. Just as it took work and effort to increase the size of the confessional opening, we too need to work with others (i.e., our faith and church family) to increase our faith, and be saved. Furthermore, as Jesus said above, some "will attempt but not be strong enough." This means that we need to work on our faith, which will hopefully lead us to our salvation. I believe that we can't automatically presume that going to Mass on Sunday or praying to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is enough. By its very nature, our faith Jesus Christ is communal; it comes to us through the Catholic Church, which we call our faith, church community.

Since we belong to a faith community, in our circumstance to the Sacred Heart and Saint Gregory the Great church families, we need to be involved and support one another, as a family would do for each other. The gate is narrow, yet we can widen our own gate by fully participating in the life of our local faith family. Non-active contribution is not an option if we want to be saved; being a completely Catholic Christian takes effort, work and time. Each of us needs to be more active in living out our faith amidst our church family. I am serious!

Do you want to be saved? Then keep reading. Not interested? Then you may stop reading as I am now going to give you ways to help you widen the narrow gates to your own salvation. (If you have served our faith families, and now are advanced in age and wisdom, and passed the torch so to speak, you may keep on reading for your enjoyment). Anyhow, as I mentioned above, while one would typically support and care for family members, thus too we need to do the same for our faith, church family. Besides going to Mass on Sunday and praying, I ask what are you doing for your faith family? Are you supporting your church family through your treasure? Are you supporting your faith family through your talents and time? If not, it is not too late to start sharing your gifts from God!

Our salvation is at stake, make no doubt about it. Are you doing your part to open wide the gates to your salvation? You do want to be saved, right? If you're not already, please support your faith family through the gifts God has given to you, to help us work on being saved, for the gate is truly narrow. We have the ability to widen it-if only we would choose to do so. Amen!

Have a great week, Father Shane

PS: Inserted in this bulletin are ways you can widen the door to your salvation by supporting your faith, church family.

Fall Festival

The Fall Festival has been successful in the past due to the generosity of our parish family. Please consider donating your time to the festival. We are in need of kitchen help as well as help with bingo and children's games. We are also in need of donations to our country store, prizes for children's games, items for bottle blast, two liter pop and items for our silent auction. Please contact Bev Mollberg@ 358-4501 for kitchen and apple crisp donations. For all other questions contact Brenda Dahl @ 320.267.0369. Thank you.

If you prefer there are envelopes in the church pews in which you can make a cash contribution for the festival.

New Cemetery Board

Upon the recommendation of the Pastoral Council, we would like to start a Cemetery board for the Calvary Cemetery. Plans are to meet four times a year. Duties include; cemetery up keep and selling of plots. If interested contact either one of the Pastoral council members or Father Shane by calling or emailing him at shaneow02@aol.com.

Church Sacristan Needed

We need a Sacristan for the 4pm Saturday masses if your interested please call the office for further details.

Women's Evening Retreat

The CCW invites you to join them for a free evening retreat to celebrate the Special Jubilee Year of Mercy on Oct.4th from 6:00pm-9:00pm here at Sacred Heart. To register call the Church office 320.358.4370 or email sacredheart@q.com. For additional information contact Sheila Opatz at 320.358.3155.

Know Your Faith

Join our Bible study group every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm Starting Sept. 8th in the Wey Hall. This is an opportunity to learn more about your Catholic Faith. All are welcome.



Out Run Homelessness Long Underwear 5k/8k Run. If you or anyone you know likes to run or walk please consider this event. Register at noonelefthungryrun.org or zapevent.com. All proceeds go to clothe the feet of the homeless here in Minnesota.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL

Saturday, September 10, 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Sue Roth
 Communion: Chuck Debevec, Mary Stenger
 Gifts: Drevecky Family
 Ushers: Ken Opatz, Dick Ordner
 Server: TJ Roth

Sunday, September 11, 9:00 a.m.

Lectors: Al Walz, Wayne Herberg
 Communion: Elsie Moore, Beth Churchsmith, Liz Herberg
 Gifts: Peno Family
 Ushers: Joe Moore, Dennis Kaufmann, Ron Peltier, Craig Peterson
 Servers: Elena Herberg



Sept. 7	Open	Sept. 10	Madeline Bier+
Sept. 11	Open	Sept. 14	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	Betty Anderson
Lenny Oswald	Kathy Gamache	

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

8/30/2016

Plate	338.50
Envelopes	1236.25
Faith Formation.....	
Building Maint.....	
Cemetery Lot Sales.....	
CCW	105.00
Beise Memorials	100.00
Assumption	
Fall Festival	357.00

Total
 \$ 2136.75

Thank you for your generosity.



Wednesday, September 7

Fr. Fitzgerald	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
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Saturday, September 10

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

Sunday, September 11

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

FAITH FORMATION

Registration

Faith Formation classes for the children of Sacred Heart will begin on Wednesday, September 14 @ 6:30 pm. If you have a child in grades 1-10, please make sure to check your mail for your registration materials. Please get your registration forms in immediately, so that we may adequately plan for this upcoming year. If you have any questions please contact Sue Roth at **651.238.1797** or **sroth6183@hotmail.com**.

Faith Formation Teachers training will be held on Wednesday, September 7, at 6:00 pm at St. Gregory's.

