

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 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

Assisting Priest:

Fr. Chuck Brambilla

Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

8:00 am. - 12:00 pm.

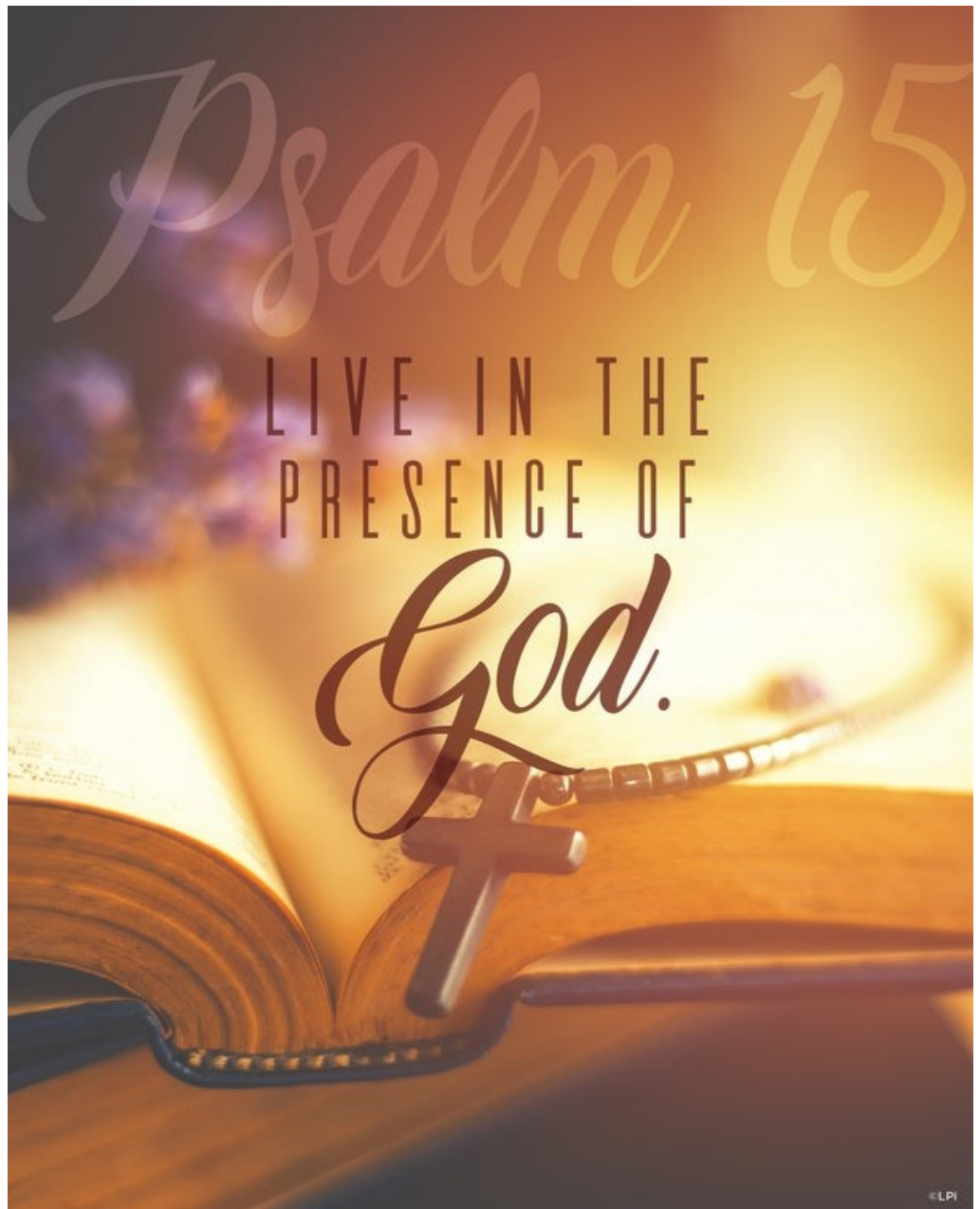
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August 29 | Twenty-Second Sunday in OT
September 5 | Twenty-Third Sunday in OT

Head to Heart

In my homily last weekend, I focused on the first reading from the book of Joshua. Everyone here is on their own personal faith Journey, including Joshua. Like him, everyone has a story to share. Even though each of us arrives to our faith journey at different points in our lives, I believe we all can reach this faith using three very important things... Persistence, patience, and positivity.

In light of these 3 "P"s, we can look at Joshua whose name means Salvation. Moses appointed Joshua to be his commander of the Israelites and lead them into the promised land. I find his story very interesting. It's about choices. Not only for Joshua, but for the people as well. Everyone eventually had to make their own personal choice...would they follow the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? Or would they follow the other pagan Gods.

Joshua showed persistence as he never turned back and was determined to conquer and occupy the Land of Canaan. The Book of Joshua is about his battles, victories, ups and downs. He persevered with his trust and obedience to God. Joshua also showed patience as he courageously waited for the right moments to advance and complete his efforts to win battles, which in turn revealed his faithfulness and belief that God would always be at his side. Finally,



Joshua had a positive outlook. He believed if you have confidence and keep God center in your life, with God, all things are possible!

These three characteristics not only brought Joshua a deeper faith, but they deepened my faith as well.

I have been fairly persistent in my life. For example, I was asked to leave the seminary not once but twice. Then just before I was about to be ordained, one formation member of Saint Paul Seminary questioned my readiness. However the rector of the seminary, Father Charlie Froehle felt that I was ready to become a priest, and I was therefore ordained one. I wouldn't give up. I was patient as I waited for the right time in my life where I was able to surrender myself completely over to God.

Moreover, since my illness seven years ago, I have even become more patient. For example, when waiting in traffic or at a doctor's office, I welcome quiet moments. Lastly, I have a more positive outlook on life as I have slowly gained my confidence by realizing God loves me despite my brokenness and weaknesses.

You see, if we are *persistent* and never give up, if we are *patient* and give God the opportunity to work in our lives at precisely the right moment, and if we maintain a *positive* attitude.... we will reach a deeper FAITH! For me, these three things have allowed me to discover something wonderful, something eye-opening...my FAITH!

I never found it in books...I found it in my heart. My prayer for each and every one of you today, is to allow God to work through you, so that your faith can be transformed from your head to your heart as well.

Blessings on your week,
Father Shane

Albert Einstein said that the "true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God's children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God's compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God's word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn't just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That's why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It's risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That's why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.





Archdiocese Synod Small Group Meetings Church of the Sacred Heart

Please plan to attend the Fall Synod Small Group Meetings. Pre-registration will begin in mid-September after Masses. This is an opportunity for every parishioner to provide input for

Archbishop Hebda that will help shape the future of our local Church through the ongoing Archdiocesan Synod process. For six consecutive weeks beginning in October, Small Groups will meet in the Parish Hall on Tuesday evening (6:30pm-8:30pm). Dates/times are listed below.

Tuesday 6:30pm-8:30pm
October 5, 12, 19, 26 and November 2, 9

All voices, young and old, are needed in the Small Groups to discuss how we, as a Church, can better pass on our beautiful Catholic Faith whether in our homes or in the broader world. Please plan to join us for all or as many of the small group meetings as you can!

Contact Linda Downie (507-202-5018) with questions about the Small Groups or to volunteer to be a facilitator at the meetings.



†Michael J. Fitzgerald
Brother of Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

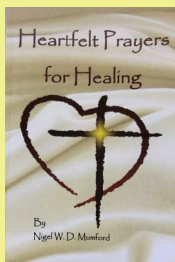
†Ellen Rothenbacher

May their souls and the souls
of all the faithful departed, through the
mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen.

Father God, we pray for all those who are facing sickness in their bodies. We ask that you would restore their health, soothe their pain, and ease their worry. Give them your peace and comfort as they wait. In Jesus' name, AMEN!

Continued prayers for:

Elaine Robinson, 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, Maxim Hurwicz



Father Shane

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Mpls. has decided to extend Father Shane's contract at both Sacred Heart and St. Gregory the Great into next year

Chicken Dinner Planning Meeting

For us to have our annual Chicken Dinner we **NEED** your **HELP**. Please sign-up in back of church for volunteering to make this a successful parish gathering. Thank you!

The next Chicken dinner planning meeting will be on Wednesday, Sept. 1st at 9:30 am in the Parish house.

Catechists needed

We are still in need of catechists for grades 3rd - 8th for the upcoming Faith Formation program year on Wednesday evenings. We need the presence and gifts of those who feel called to share their faith with our youth. If you can help, please contact the Faith Formation office at 651.674.7382. If we do not get catechists, we will not be able to provide classes at Sacred Heart. Registration forms have been mailed to families and are also online at www.stgregorynb.org

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

September 16th 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

Consideration is still being given to reinstating Saturday mass at 4 pm. But more parishioners are needed to support adding a Saturday mass. At a minimum, each Saturday mass needs a cantor, a lector, eucharistic minister, 1 server and 4 ushers.

We are really short of servers. Adults, youth and children (age 8 and above) are to encourage to become servers. Complete training is provided. True joy and satisfaction results from serving our Lord on the Alter.

Additional ministers are needed to provide backup. Illness, vacations, family events, "gone for the winter", are all instances where backup people are important. Become an addition to one or more of these groups. Call the office today and leave a message with your call back number and interest. Thank you.

September 4-5 Celebrants

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

September 11-12 Celebrants

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

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, September 1

9:00 a.m. † Open

Sunday, September 5

Twenty-Third Sunday in OT

9:00 a.m. † Pat Saam

Wednesday, September 8

9:00 a.m. † Bernie Luszczyk

Sunday, September 12

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in OT

9:00 a.m. † Margaret Brooker



Chicken Dinner & Raffle

September 19, 2021

10:30am—1:30pm

Country Store Bring Friends Take-Out
50/50 Spirits and family Dine-In

Serving:

Brass Rail Signature Broasted Chicken

\$12 Adults, \$6 age 10 and under

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Mass at 9:00 am

