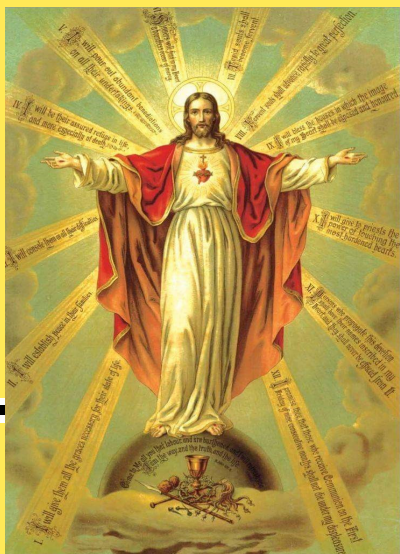




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The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

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Saturday-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:

After mass on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month or by appointment.

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Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

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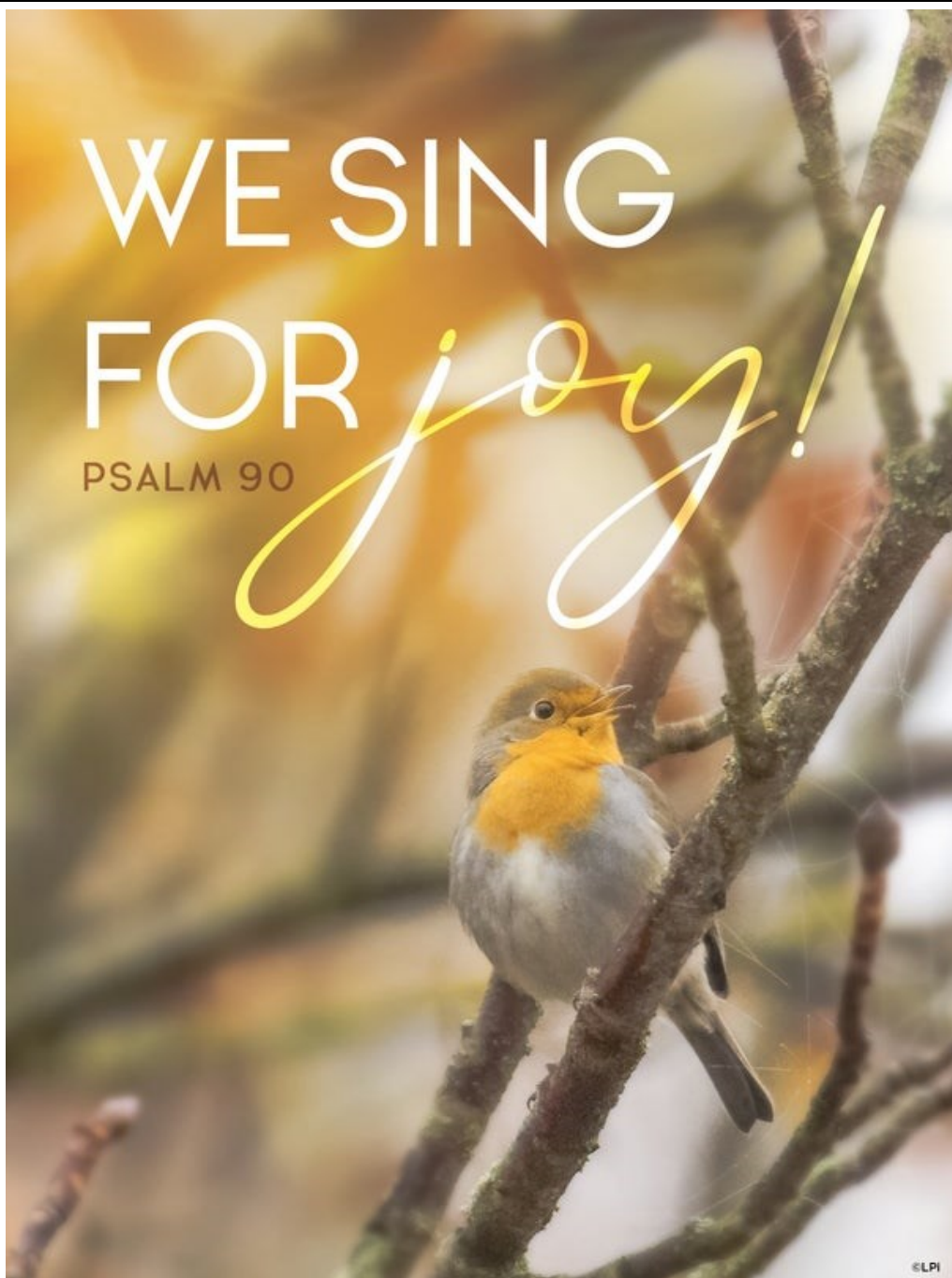
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October 10| Twenty-eighth Sunday in OT

October 17 | Twenty-ninth Sunday in OT

Gospel Meditation

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for “love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self.” Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person’s story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God’s work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

An Opportunity to have time in the Presence of Our Lord



Do you want to feel at peace? Do you want to feel refreshed? Do you want to feel joy in your heart? Adoration can provide all of this and more. Come and be in the presence of Our Lord, and let God fill up your soul with his light and love. Every week at Sacred Heart you can experience Adoration and visit with Our Lord in church on Wednesdays following Mass, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, or at Saint Gregory the Great on Thursdays following 10:00 a.m. Mass until 6:00 p.m. Some parishioners have signed up to for a “Holy Hour”, while others may drop by for a few minutes or perhaps even stay for a long period of time.

Why would anyone want to spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament to be with Jesus, Our Saviour? Many individuals start their day for a full hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, including in their lifetime Saint Pope John Paul II and Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Currently Pope Francis spends every day in Adoration. As busy as you can imagine the Holy Father being, he feels that it is crucial that he gives Jesus his full attention in prayer for a full hour every single day.

The presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle or monstrance (during Adoration) of our Catholic churches provides us with an opportunity to pray in the company of Our Lord. As Jesus knew that his Father was always near to him, now God too is always near to you and I and even more so in the Blessed Sacrament. His loving heart is seeking you, calling out to you over your responsibilities, noise, and the distractions of daily life. “Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you...” (James 4:8)

Therefore, I would encourage all my parishioners, young, elderly, and everyone in between, to consider taking time out of your day for a few minutes or more, to be close with Our Lord. You will be amazed at how you will feel. I am always amazed on how much I receive from being with Jesus. There is a feeling of peace, joy, and believe it or not, it becomes easier to tackle the trails of day to day living, not to mention feeling more energetic!

How do you participate in Eucharistic Adoration? Your initial greeting is always to enter a church or chapel in silence and show reverence to the Blessed Sacrament. Remember that Jesus is present in the consecrated bread. Then make a prayer to prepare your heart. What you do next is up to your personal preference of praying; however, this is what I do when I am with Jesus during Adoration. I simply sit or kneel (I prefer to sit on the floor when I can) just talking with Jesus, nothing fancy, just like a conversation you would have with a close friend. After a period of time, I typically read from a spiritual book I may be reading that week. Following this, I sometimes write in my journal reflecting on what fruits that I feel I am receiving during this time. Then, I pray from the Liturgy of the Hours, which is a prayer book that priests and religious are to pray from each day. Laity can pray from this as well. Finally, I close out my prayer with silence and then leave reverencing the Blessed Sacrament.

The greatest aspect following a visit with Our Lord, is so much peace, joy, and contentment. Not once, and I mean, not *once*, have I walked away from my time in the presence of Jesus not feeling these feelings. Perhaps you will consider signing up for a Holy Hour at either Sacred Heart or Saint Gregory the Great on Wednesdays or Thursdays. We do need several more parishioners to either take a holy hour or be a sub. Give it a try, you will not regret it one single second. Further information is found on the next page of this bulletin.

Have a blessed fall week, Father Shane

Faith Formation



PRAYER PARTNERS

We are looking for prayer partners for our 9th Grade Confirmation students. Prayer partners commit to praying for a student for a period of two years until he/she is confirmed in the spring of 2023. If you can help in this important ministry, please sign up on the sheet provided in the vestibule.

FIRST RECONCILIATION WORKSHOP

Parents and their child(ren) who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year are required to attend the First Reconciliation Workshop on Saturday, October 16 at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at St. Gregory the Great church.

WEDNESDAY KIC

Due to MEA break, there will be no KIC session on Wednesday, October 20.



World Mission Sunday- October 23/24, 2021 – “Witness of Life”



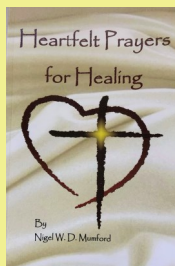
Pope Francis invites us to celebrate World Mission Sunday with the entire Church on the weekend of October 23/24. The theme of the weekend is “Witness of Life” as we recognize all those who “Cannot but speak about what we have seen

and heard (Acts 4:20)” which “is a summons to each of us to ‘own’ and to bring to others what we bear in our hearts.” (World Mission Message, Pope Francis). This year, as an example of this theme, we highlight the passionate calling of Sister Rose Hang Vu from our archdiocese and her ministries in South and North Vietnam. The World Mission Sunday Collection supports the many activities of the Mission Church in over 1,100 struggling areas throughout the world, like Vietnam. Please support these mission dioceses by offering prayers and financial gifts during World Mission Sunday. You can contribute to this appeal at your parish, or at <https://centerformission.org/contribute-donation-form/>. Questions? Contact Eric Simon, 651.291.4446.

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, Grace Schwaab, Erin Hestbeck Mielke, Cecilia Shinler, Bret Van Tassel, Ron Schleicher, Janet Yurick, Dave Prickett, Diane Anderson, Dale Oscarson, Maxim Hurwicz, Al Petschl



October 16-17 Celebrants

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

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Mass Intentions

Wednesday, October 13

9:00 a.m. † Terry & Llyod Solorz

Sunday, October 17

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in OT

9:00 a.m. † Douglas Dwayne Hanson

Wednesday, October 20

9:00 a.m. † Open

Sunday, October 24

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in OT

9:00 a.m. † Margarette Brooker



Catholic Charities Food Distribution

October 21st 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.

New Directory

It is time for our new directory! We will need to recruit a few hosts for greeting couples and families that are being photographed on the days elected for our directory. For those that do not have access to a computer or plan on submitting your own photo there is image form and sign-up sheets in back of church for you to schedule a day and time that works best for you and your family.

Synod Small Group Meetings

The Synod Small Groups are off to a great start; however, there is still time to attend any/all the remaining Synod Small Group Meetings. We warmly welcome you to join us on Tuesday evenings (6:30pm – 8:30pm) in Wey Hall here at Sacred Heart. You do not need to sign up in advance; simply come to the meeting.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are inviting all Sacred Heart adults and children to Game “Knight” on October 28th in honor of All Saints Day, Nov. 1st. Bring a game to play, dress up like a saint and enjoy community social and free ice cream. In Wey Hall from 7pm–8:30pm.



†Father Ralph F. Huar

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



All Souls Day encourages us to remember and to pray both with and for the vast numbers for unsung Christians who were once the Church on earth, just as we are now. We invite you to bring pictures of your departed family and friends to church starting the weekend of October 16 & 17th.



Church Photo Directory

Sign-up today, there are 3 easy ways for you to set-up your appointment:

- 1) On our parish website: <https://sacredheartrcmn.org>
- 2) Directly with Universal Church Directories at www.ucdir.com
 - a) On the right-hand side, click on photography appointment scheduling login.
 - b) Sacred Heart Church Code: **mn163**
 - c) Follow the prompts to schedule your time. Sunday due to paper sign-ups after Mass.
- 3) Call Sacred Heart Parish office 320-358-4370 and the staff can help you get registered.

At this time we are 6 weeks out from the dates, we do not have very many signed-up and if we fall below 20-25 the photography managers monitor those schedules and make decisions about consolidating those days with St. Gregory’s if we don’t fill more sits.

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