

Welcome to
The Church of the Sacred Heart
The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

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WEEKDAY/WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday-Suspended

Sunday 9:00 am

Wednesday 9:00 am

ADORATION

Every Wednesday after 9:00 am

Mass until Noon

RECONCILIATION

After mass on the 1st & 3rd

Wednesday of the month or by appointment.

PASTOR

Fr. Shane Stoppel-Wasinger

DEACON

Kevin Downie

ASSISTING PRIETS

Fr. Chuck Brambilla

Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

Fr. Bob Nygaard

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

8:00 am. - 12:00 pm.

PARISH OFFICE

Admin Asst: Marsha Marcussen

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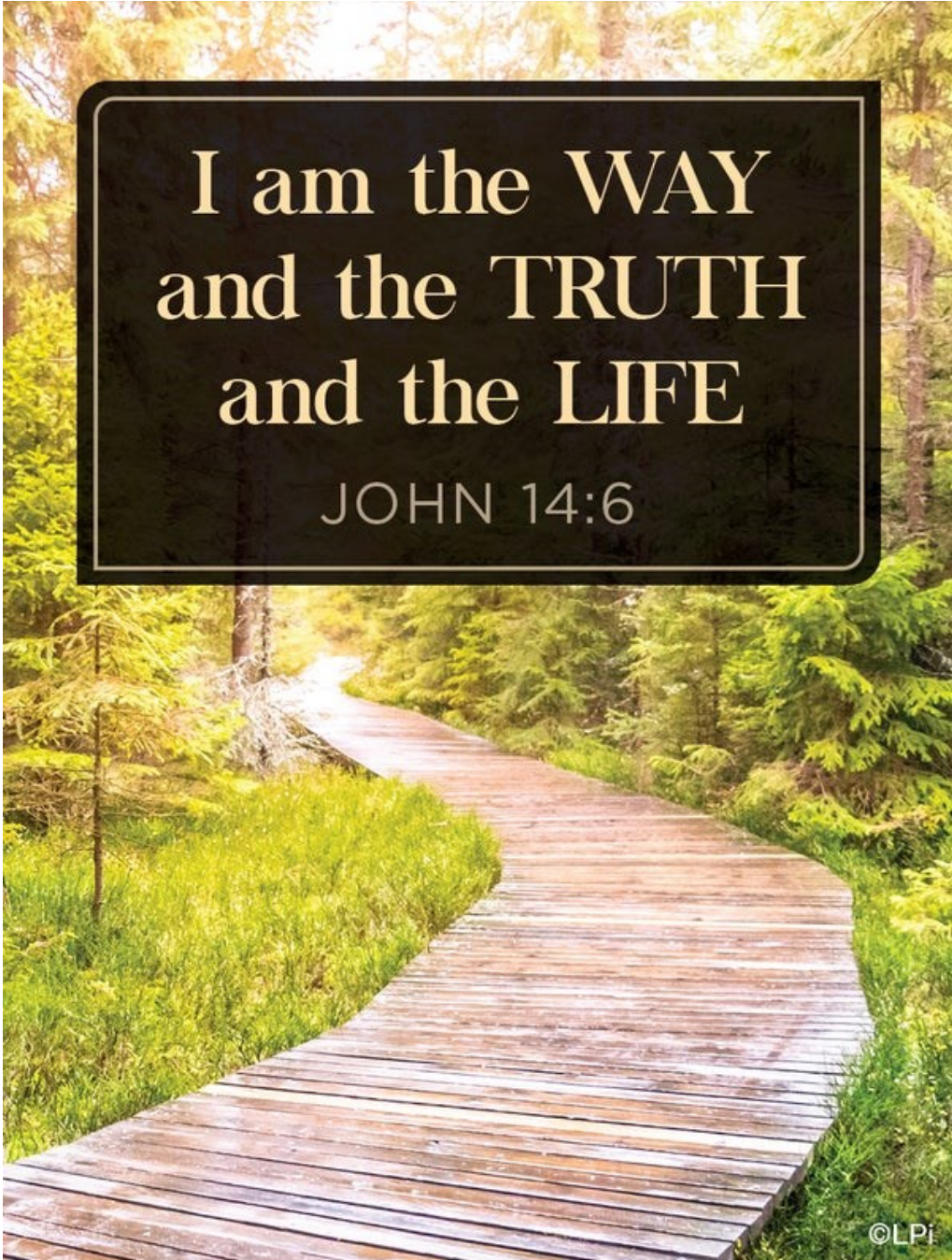
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FAITH FORMATION

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I am the WAY
and the TRUTH
and the LIFE

JOHN 14:6

3-27 Fourth Sunday of Lent
4-3 Fifth Sunday of Lent

ST. CLEMENT HOFBAUER



Clement Hofbauer was born Johannes Hofbauer on the feast of Saint Stephen December 26, 1751 in Tasovice, in the Znojmo District of the Moravian region of what is now the Czech Republic. He

was the ninth of twelve children born to Maria Steer and Paul Hofbauer. His father died when he was six years old.

He began to study Latin at the home of the local parish priest. It was to be the first step on his long road to the priesthood. The period of study ended abruptly with the death of the pastor when Hofbauer was just fourteen. The new pastor did not have time to help him with the language studies.

Unable to continue studying for the priesthood, Hofbauer had to learn a trade. He became an apprentice in a bakery in 1767. In 1770, he went to work in the bakery of the priory in Brück. The effects of war and famine were sending many homeless and hungry people to the priory for help. Hofbauer worked day and night to feed the poor people who came to the priory door.

In 1782, after a pilgrimage to Rome, Hofbauer found his way to Tivoli, Italy. He was under the patronage of the local bishop Barnabas Chiaramonte (later Pope Pius VII). It was at this time that Hofbauer took the name of Clement Mary: Clement, most likely after St. Clement of Rome and Mary in honor of Mary, mother of Jesus.

One day after serving Mass at the Cathedral of St. Stephen, he called a

carriage for two ladies waiting there in the rain. In their conversation they learned that he could not pursue his priestly studies because of a lack of funds. They generously offered to support both John and his friend Thaddeus in their seminary studies. They went to Rome and were drawn to Saint Alphonsus' vision of religious life and to the Redemptorists. The two were ordained together on the feast of Saint Joseph, March 19, 1785. A few months later they were summoned by their Superior General. They were told to return to their homeland across the Alps and establish the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer north of the Alps.

The political situation did not allow Hofbauer to remain in his own country. Realizing this, the two Redemptorists moved on to Poland. In February 1787 they reached Warsaw. They arrived in Warsaw with no money; Hofbauer had given the last three silver coins to beggars along the way. They met with Archbishop Saluzzo, who put them in charge of St. Benno's Church to work with the German-speaking people of Warsaw. Hofbauer opened the Child Jesus Refuge for his homeless boys. To keep the boys fed and clothed, he had to beg constantly. On one occasion he went begging to a local pub. When Hofbauer asked for a donation one of the patrons scornfully spat beer into his face. Wiping off the beer he responded, "That was for me. Now what do you have for my boys?" The men in the bar were so astounded by the response that they gave Hofbauer more than 100 silver coins.

When the Redemptorists first opened their church they preached to empty benches. By the year 1800, the growth could be seen both in the work at the church and in the Redemptorist community. Reception of the sacraments jumped from 2,000 in 1787 to over 100,000.

Persecution followed Clement Mary, and there were those in authority who were able for a while to stop him from preaching. An attempt was made at the highest levels to have him banished. But his holiness and fame protected him and prompted the growth of the Redemptorists. Due to his efforts, the congregation was firmly established north of the Alps by the time of his death on March 15, 1820.

Clement Mary Hofbauer was beatified on January 29, 1888 by Pope Leo XIII, and canonized on May 20, 1909 by Pope Pius X. He is co-patron of both Vienna and Warsaw. His liturgical feast is celebrated on March 15.

~Guest Writer~
Bob Rawson



RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Fridays thru April 8, 4:30-4:50pm—Individual (SH)
Saturdays, 4:00-4:30pm—Individual –St. Gregory;s (Not April 16)
By Appt. with Fr. Shane, 320-358-4370

MASK REQUIREMENT LIFTED

The mask requirement for those attending or serving at Mass has been lifted, including Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers etc. Although, if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please do so.

On April 2-3, 2022 we celebrate Global Solidarity Sunday in our Archdiocese with the theme, *"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord" (Psalm 34).*



This theme is an invitation to reach out in solidarity to share God's love, mercy and healing with our brothers and sisters around the world by offering support during Lent.

This is especially needed at this time in Central and Eastern Europe. A special Lenten collection will be taken for four global priorities of the U.S. Catholic Bishops: Africa, Latin America, and Central and Eastern Europe, as well as the humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Services.

Please be as generous as you are able and share God's love for your brothers and sisters around the world through Lenten almsgiving. Thank you!

Parish News

Friday Fish Fry Dine-in and Take-out

There are only two Fish Frys remaining. All are encouraged to participate. Bring your family & friends to join you. On Friday, April 8th we will need someone to take charge for the Fish Fry. Please contact the office for more details if you are able to volunteer your time.

2022 Contribution statements are in back of church.

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

The next food distribution of frozen meals for seniors 60 and older will be on April 21st from 10:00am-11:30 am. Meals are available in quantities of 10 and up to 30 per calendar month.

Parish Council meeting

The next Parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12th. Fall Festival.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, March 30

9:00 a.m. † Open

Sunday, April 3

Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. † Terry McGuire

Wednesday, April 6

9:00 a.m. † Terry Solorz

Sunday, April 10

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 a.m. † Open



April 2-3 Celebrants

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

April 9-10 Celebrants

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

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:

Erin Hestbeck Mielke, Sue Roth, Gerald Mollberg, Jim Thorn, Judy Strandmark, Grace Schwaab, Cecilia Shinler, Ron Schleicher, Janet Yurick, Maxim Hurwicz, Al Petschl, Jim Mitchell, Marian Schmitz, John Lunseth, Phyllis Keating



Laura Leary

"Our prayers and condolences go out to the family of Bud and Dorothy Curwick for the loss of their daughter, Laura, who passed away Thursday, March 17th. Laura is the sister of Carrie Kirchberg, Joe Curwick and Patti Curwick of Sacred Heart Parish."

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

Faith Formation



KIC CLASS SCHEDULE

Be sure to mark your calendars for the following dates:

Sunday, April 10, 2022 - Class (Palm Sunday)

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 - No Class (Holy Week)

Sunday, April 17, 2022 - No Class (Easter)



LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT

During the month of March, formation students are collecting food to donate to the food shelf.

The class or classes who collect the largest total weight will be rewarded to an Ice Cream party!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

We love to make examples out of those who have erred and done wrong. Publicly punishing others serves as a means of demonstrating the consequences for what is deemed inappropriate or wrongful behavior. While this may appear an effective way of achieving conformity to established rules, it runs the real risk of distorting motivation. Obviously, we want people to do what is right and pursue healthy, virtuous behaviors and ideals. But is fear of punishment ever the best motivation for avoiding one action in favor of another?

Doing something out of fear is never healthy. Focusing exclusively on our behavior and what others expect or think, leads to living life with a self-focused superficiality. We become more concerned about protecting ourselves from something negative and unpleasant, than investing ourselves in the freedom, wonder and awe of being human! We can still find our way to the unacceptable or inappropriate behavior as long as we do not get caught! Being a whole, focused, and God-centered human being requires more. It demands an investment of the heart. Virtuous, moral, and mature lifestyles reflective of the Gospel necessitate love.

When we experience and recognize love, God's unconditional love, in the depth of our soul, we fall in love with what we have found. We then find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really "mercy realized." God's tremendous, loving, eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us back to something more real and tender is transformational. The respect for myself that I receive from God is so life changing that it causes me to run quickly away from anything sinful and self-destructive to things that are whole and holy.

There are many people who want nothing more than to judge or criticize us. What would actually stoning the woman caught in adultery really accomplish? Nothing more than the inflation of the already self-righteous egos of a few men who think

they have power. They have no power because they are sinners too, just like everyone else. What all of us have is the humble ability to express sorrow for pursuing destructive thoughts and actions and receive the power of God's mercy. Then, Jesus' request to "go and sin no more" will be one we proudly heed and follow.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you or someone you know is in need of a prayer shawl please contact the office or feel free to take one from the rack in church. 320.358.4370

Shawls are provided by the CCW of Sacred Heart.