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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" Lk 16:25

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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 25, 2016

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

This is an excerpt from "What's the Smoke For?"

by Johan Van Parys pp 32-33. A copy of the book may be purchased from Liturgical Press of Collegeville, MN.

Dear Johan,

I just returned from Europe. The number of relics I saw was astounding. And some were rather gruesome. It made me uncomfortable. Why do we (they) have them?

Gentle Reader-

I agree, visiting the shrines of the saints throughout Europe is not for the faint of heart. By contrast to the United States, where the relics are mostly small and discreetly enshrined in reliquaries, Europeans proudly display entire bodies or recognizable body parts of saints for veneration. I vividly remember visiting the shrine of St. Roseline de Villeneuve near Draguignan in France. The body of the saint is displayed in the center of the shrine. Because she was a celebrated visionary, her eyes were removed upon her death and set in a separate reliquary. Other memorable relics are the tongue and vocal cords of St. Anthony on display in the basilica dedicated to the saint in Padua, and the finger of St. Catherine on display in Siena, to name but a few.

The veneration of relics is rooted in the cult of the saints, which is so dear to Catholics. The martyrs were the first to be recognized as saints. Their willingness to die for Christ was seen as the greatest possible sacrifice. Thus their memory was honored and their bodies were treated with the greatest respect. Their tombs were marked and, over time, were decorated. Christians desired to be buried as close as possible to the martyrs. The thinking was that at the end of time, when Christ returned to judge both the living and the dead, those who were closest to the martyrs would somehow share in their glory and be swooped into heaven in their wake.

As Christianity spread Christians still desired to be close to their beloved saints. So, they took pieces of cloth that touched the saint's body or even pieces of the body itself with them. They buried these relics in their altars, placed them in their homes, and wore them around their necks. Gradually, protective powers were accorded to the relics of martyrs and saints. Many miracle stories testify to this. The most powerful relics were even fought over.

Today, relics are revered as tangible reminders of the saints whose memory we honor. As is the case with images of the saints we do not worship the relics themselves but rather the persons they represent. Their stories reflect the different ways in which we can live out our calling as Christians to become more like Christ in our world.

I truly hope that your encounter with the relics of the saints did not prevent you from learning about them. If it did, I invite you to return to those places and, after having gotten over your initial shock, to allow the saints to speak to you about the ways in which they answered their individual callings. Who knows, you may learn a thing or two about your own. And that is what this is all about.

Have a great week, Father Shane

PARISH NEWS

Fall Festival

Thank you to all who attended and to all our parishioners who helped out! This festival would not have been successful without the help of our parishioners. A huge thank you to those who volunteered to chair our various events. When all expenses have been received, the financial results will be published. The winners of our raffle were: 1st place: Don Poissant; 2nd place: Ken and Carrie Kirchberg; 3rd place: Daas Family; 4th place: Joe Ordner; 5th place: Carol Niederkorn; 6th place: LeRoy Shinler. Congratulations!



Come join us after the 4 p.m. mass on October 15th for a Potluck and please bring a dish to share.

CCW

The CCW would like to thank all the parishioners that stopped by our booth at the Fall Festival to learn more about us and to update your contact information. The winner of the drawing was Mary Petschl. The next meeting will be Sept. 27 at 5:30 pm at the Grant House. Please join us for fellowship and to discuss upcoming events that will be sponsored by the CCW. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Dahl at 320.267.0369.

Church Sacristan Needed

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

Know Your Faith

The bible study group has been postponed until October 13th.

Emergency Collection—This Weekend

There will be an emergency collection taken up for our brothers and sisters suffering from the Louisiana Flood this weekend as requested by Archbishop Hebda. Recent storms in Louisiana have produced historic flooding leading to the worst domestic disaster since Hurricane Sandy. Funds given to this emergency collection will be used to support Catholic Charities USA and provide pastoral and rebuilding resources to impacted Catholic dioceses in the affected region.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, October 1, 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Sue Roth
 Communion: Mary Stenger, Ginny Thorn
 Gifts: Stenger Family
 Ushers: Al Petschl, Dick Ordner
 Servers: Brodrick Larson

Sunday, October 2, 9:00 a.m.

Lectors: Wayne Herberg, Al Walz
 Communion: Jean Peno, Dave Prickett, Liz Herberg
 Gifts: Herberg Family
 Ushers: Craig Peterson, Don Belland, Joe Moore,
 Rodney Swanson
 Servers: Elena Herberg

MASS INTENTIONS

Sept. 25 Bob Krawczak † Oct. 1 Open
 Oct. 2 Open

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

Marjorie King	Margarette Brooker	Kim Sarago
Jean Amunson	Marvin Johnson	Cecilia Shinler
Jim Kirchberg	Bill Sempel	Ethel Thomas
Mary Knack	Bev Hurley	Tom McKenzie
Wayne King	Jim Mitchell	Sue Roth
Robby Murry	Jean Peno	Abby Larson
Heidi Blatz	Mary Ann Lunseth	Betty Anderson
David Gaul	Eileen Kost	Kathy Gamache
Rose Peloquin	Nick Cimenski	Lenny Oswald
Colleen Najewski	Arlene Greenhagen	Joan Parkin
Jeff Carlson	Phyllis Swanson	Jim Noon

Please advise the office if any of these names can be removed.

FAITH FORMATION

Thanks to all of the Faith Formation students and families that volunteered for the Fall Festival. It was a great seeing so many of you there giving of your time to the parish. A BIG shout-out to the 10th grade confirmation students. The majority of them completed a church service commitment for volunteering. Also, all of them did not just show up for a couple of hours, but rather they helped set up, served, and helped clean up. THANKS!

We are looking to continue this call to service for all of our Faith Formation students this year. Please look for further information to be upcoming on our "Do" Drop Project.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

9/18/2016

Plate	326.15
Envelopes	1295.00
Faith Formation.....	1115.00
Building Maint.....	35.00
EFT	490.00
CCW	25.00
Food Shelf.....	100.00
Kitchen Rental.....	200.00
Fall Festival	7633.18
Total	\$11219.33

Thank you for your generosity.



Wednesday, September 28

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, October 1

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

Sunday, October 2

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

The Circle of Catholic Women

Invites you to join us for a **FREE** evening retreat to celebrate the Special Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

6:00 pm– 9:00 pm

Sacred Heart Church Rush City

Inspired author and speaker Janae (Optaz) Bower who grew up attending Sacred Heart is honored to be sharing in this extraordinary Holy Year a retreat to draw you near to His most Sacred Heart. To register by October 1st, call the office 320.358-4370. For additional information contact Shelia at 32.358.3155.

A light dinner will be included with the program.
 We encourage you to come and bring a friend.

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