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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

October 9, 2016

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

On Intimacy and Giving Money

During the first three weeks of September, I wrote about the stewardship of using our talents and time with our church/faith communities. This week, I want to reflect on the third characteristic of stewardship, that is, money. Talking about money is not an easy thing to talk or write about, yet it is important to reflect on this topic. Why? Because money is a large part of our everyday lives.

A few years ago, a financial campaign director shared with me that money is one of the most intimate things that an individual considers in his or her life. Money matters are generally confidential. In fact, it has been my experience, at least in my family, that we never talk about money. It is a private and personal matter. Nonetheless, people often do "talk" with their money. By this I imply people make concrete choices when giving their financial resources to someone or some organization. If they are pleased with a particular person or group, they will often be generous with their money, and if not, they will withhold their monetary resources. Furthermore, an individual doesn't have to be wealthy or poor in order to make the decision to give their money to others or a group.

Although this is not an absolute, the rich have a tendency to give less than the poor in proportion to their income. This happens as often today as it did in Jesus' time. We can find this being observed in the Gospel of Luke by Jesus. "As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. 'Truly I tell you,' he said, 'this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.'" (Luke 21:1-4)

You might be asking yourself at this point, what is my point of this article? That is a good question! Lately, I have been thinking about our finances at both parishes. While we are holding our own, it is becoming tougher and tougher. On some days, in reality on numerous days, I wonder how we (I) get by running a non-profit. Along with being non-profit, our source of income depends on donations or fundraisers. Think about it, the finance committee and I must find ways to utilize and stretch out our revenue in order to provide the generous services and ministries each of our parish communities have come to expect.

We Catholics in the United States are incredibly privileged to live in the wealthiest country in the world. However, I ponder the real truth which "survey after survey has established that Catholics contribute about half as much to their parishes as Protestants contribute to their congregations." (Quotation taken from the America magazine issue on August 29, 2016, p.16) The article by Charles Zech, a Catholic professor of economics at Villanova University, further states that, "to put into context ... U.S. Catholic parishes would receive an additional \$8 billion in contributions annually. Or to put it another way, each parish would see its annual contributions double."

I was surprised to read the above paragraph concerning us Catholics. Although I have heard similar observations about tithing in the past, it still makes me wonder why this is? Are we wealthier than our fellow Christians? I don't think so. But there is something to this fact that is worthy of further reflection. What do you think is the reason? How might we Catholics better support our parish communities?

Have a good week, Father Shane

PARISH NEWS

World Mission Sunday

The weekend of October 22-23 we celebrate World Mission Sunday. The second collection this weekend will be for missionary work around the world and will be taken up after Communion. Your contribution to the worldwide mission of the church joins with those from every Catholic parish and diocese in the world to support the missionary activity in more than 1,100 young churches growing in more than 120 countries.

All Saints' Day

Tuesday, November 1. Saint Gregory the Great and Sacred Heart will both have Mass at 9:00 a.m. and there will also be Mass at 6:00 p.m. at St. Gregory the Great. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. All you holy men and women, pray for us!

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



Church Sacristan Needed

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

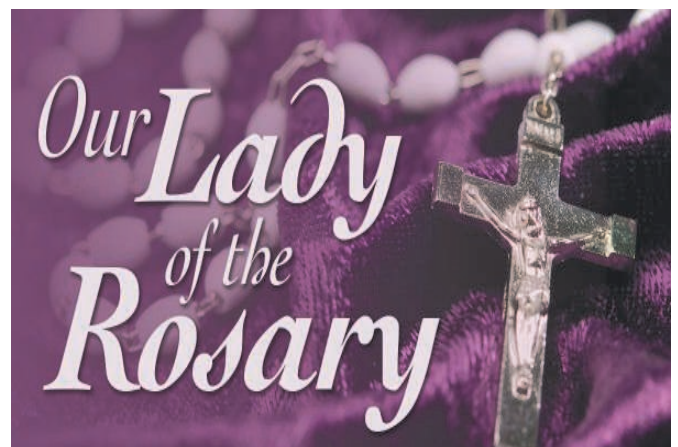
Know Your Faith

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

Pastoral Council Meeting

There is an upcoming Pastoral council meeting on Oct. 11 at 7 pm in the Parish house.

Anointing of the sick is during mass on Oct. 19th.



UPCOMING LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, October 15, 4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Dave Prickett
 Communion: Bev Mollberg, Rick Kosloski
 Gifts: Kay Family
 Ushers: Dick Ordner, Joe Wegleitner
 Servers: Alexis Ertz

Sunday, October 16, 9:00 a.m.

Lectors: Diana Granlund, Mary Jane Dahl
 Communion: Mary Pat Hestbeck, Clarence Larson, Audrey Larson
 Gifts: Herberg Family
 Ushers: Ron Peltier, Don Belland, Joe Moore, Dennis Kaufmann
 Servers: Alexis Murphy



We have numerous Mass Intentions open for the up coming months. If you would like to have a Mass said please contact the Parish office. Thank you.

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	Cathy Gamache
Rose Peloquin	Nick Cieminski	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

Wednesday, Oct. 12 Class

There will **not** be any class on **Oct. 19** during MEA week.

Wednesday, Oct. 26 Class-Safe Environment

Sat/Sun, Oct. 28-29 **MANDATORY** Retreat for 10th Grade at Camp Lamanga

PRAYER PARTNERS

We are looking for prayer partners for our year one 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 2018. If you can help in this important ministry, please sign up on the sheet provided in the back of the church.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

9/27/2016

Plate \$ 335.00
 Envelopes1,415.00
 Building Maint..... 133.00

Total \$ 1,883.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Watch for Festival results next weekend.



Wednesday, October 12

Fr. Shane	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
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Saturday, October 15

Fr. Bob Sipe	Sacred Heart	4:00 pm
Fr. Andy	St. Gregory's	5:00 pm

Sunday, October 16

Fr. Andy	St. Gregory's	8:30 am
Fr. Bob Sipe	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
Fr. Andy	St. Gregory's	10:30 am

END OF CONFUSION

It has come to my attention that there is some confusion regarding the comments I have made about being Pastor of both Saint Gregory the Great and Sacred Heart. My twelve year term as Pastor at St. Gregory the Great ended on September 14.

Normally, a priest moves to another assignment after his term is up unless it is renewed. However, my term as Pastor at Sacred Heart does not end for two more years on June 30, 2018. Because of this, I have requested from Archbishop Hebda to extend my term at St. Gregory the Great. For now, I will continue to serve both parishes until I hear back from the Archbishop. I anticipate that I will be granted an extension. I will let you know as soon as I hear back from Archbishop Hebda. - Fr. Shane

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