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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

November 13, 2016

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

On Parish Life and Needs

During the first three weeks of September, my bulletin articles reflected the need to give of one's time and talent in service to our faith communities. Then, a few weeks later, I wrote about financial stewardship. The articles were written with the hope that some parishioners would respond to those numerous needs stated in order to keep each parish alive and vital. However, only a couple people responded. Needless to say, I was serious about the needs of both parishes, and am saddened by the lack of response. The four articles I wrote to motivate and encourage parishioners to take action by giving their time, talent, and treasure has apparently fallen on deaf ears, or I did not do a good enough job explaining the grave need at both parishes for more volunteers.

Thus, I am concerned about the future of our parishes, real concerned. Times have changed regarding the parishioner's attitude toward faith and faith communities. In previous generations, not only was the faith passed on to the next generation, but children would also replace their parent's enthusiastic participation in parish life and financial support of the parish. It was presumed that the younger generation would keep a parish alive through participation in programs, activities, and contributing to the financial needs of a parish.

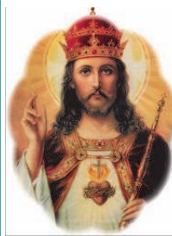
Now, besides finding parishioners to keep each of our parish's events and programs going, a difficult task, supporting the financial needs of the parishes are becoming more stressful for many pastors, including myself. Furthermore, I am afraid that the situation about the vitality of our parishes will grow weaker and weaker as the years go by...unless.

Turning to another related matter, we often hear about a shortage of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. While this is true in most dioceses in the United States, it is less of a concern, I believe, in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Last year we ordained eight men, more than in the Archdiocese of Chicago, which has 2,228,000 Catholics compared to 825,000 in our Archdiocese. In 2017, eleven will be ordained to the priesthood. The numbers are good, but there is a catch...where do we place them? Every parish that wants a priest cannot have one due to lack of financial means. An example is our situation at Sacred Heart and Saint Gregory the Great; each parish cannot afford to have their own priest.

Anyway, getting back to the "unless" above. It is not too late to become an active parishioner at either one of our parishes. An active parishioner goes above and beyond attending weekly Sunday Mass, and does such things as volunteering and serving in at least one ministry and also, perhaps, in one of the liturgical roles: Eucharistic minister, lector, or usher. In particular, at the present time both parishes are in need of more ushers, especially at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Saint Gregory. More pastoral council members are essential, and additional parishioners are needed on the Liturgical Environment Committee and Finance Council at Saint Gregory.

Please let me know if you are willing to help our parishes become more dynamic and vibrant by your active participation in the life of our parishes.

Have a blessed week, Father Shane



NEXT WEEK

Next weekend is the Solemnity of Christ the King and marks the last Sunday in our Liturgical Year. Advent begins the following Sunday on November 20th.

SANTA DAYS

This year's Santa Days is on December 3 so that means the CCW will have our annual cookie sale at the Rush City Public Library on that day from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Since the individual circles have disbanded, we would like all ladies of the parish to furnish a double batch of their favorite Christmas Cookie to sell. Please bring the cookies to the Library on December 3rd by 8:30 a.m. Your participation is much appreciated!

CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER

This year, Marsha Marcussen has decided to take a break and spend the holiday season with her family, which opens up the opportunity for one or two families to take over hosting the dinner. If you are interested, please contact Marsha at 651.252.8325. Thank you.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send all bulletin announcements to Barb at St. Gregory's until the office position has been filled here at Sacred Heart. Please send to info@stgregorynb.org

UPCOMING EARLY SUBMISSION DATES

<u>Bulletin Date</u>	<u>Article Submission Deadline</u>
11.20.16	Monday, November 14 at Noon
11.27.16	Thursday, November 17 at Noon

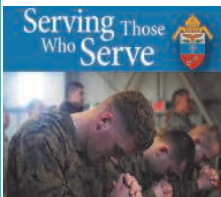
MINISTRY RETREAT/WORKSHOP

This Saturday, November 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. there will be a Retreat/Workshop for all parishioners serving at Sacred Heart or St. Gregory the Great as an Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Usher. Our time together will include: two talks on the Eucharist given by Fr. Shane, time to reflect on your ministry and a training session. Parishioners, old and new, from both parishes are welcome to be involved in our Liturgical Ministries. Call Fr. Shane at 651.674.4056 x 111 or email at Shaneow02@aol.com if you are interested in becoming a Liturgical Minister. The retreat/workshop will conclude with a meal and fellowship.



SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION

A Collection for the Archdiocese for the USA Military Services will be taken up this weekend at both Sacred



Heart and St. Gregory the Great. Envelopes for this collection will be in the pews at both parishes.

This Archdiocese provides the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries and spiritual services to those in the United States Armed Forces. AMS receives no funding from the United States government and is supported solely by your generosity. Thank you.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, November 19, 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Sue Roth
 Communion: Mary Stenger, Chuck Debevec
 Gifts: Kay Family
 Ushers: Ken Opatz, Ted Stathes
 Servers: Maggie Roth

Sunday, November 20, 9:00 a.m.

Lectors: Kevin Smith, Al Walz
 Communion: Kristie Frazier, Audrey Larson,
 Clarence Larson
 Gifts: Herberg Family
 Ushers: Don Belland, Bill Peno
 Craig Peterson, Joe Moore
 Servers: Connor Frazier

MASS INTENTIONS

November 16 Open
 November 19 Leona Bier
 November 20 Parishioners

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 16

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, November 19

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

Sunday, November 20

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

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

Marjorie King	Margarette Brooker	Kim Sarago
Jean Amunson	Marvin Johnson	Jim Kirchberg
Arlene Greenhagen	Bill Sempel	Ethel Thomas
Mary Knack	Bev Hurley	Tom McKenzie
Wayne King	Jim Mitchell	Sue Roth
Robby Murry	Judie Peltier	Abby Larson
Heidi Blatz	Eileen Kost	Betty Erickson
David Gaul	Jim Noon	Rose Peloquin
Colleen Najewski	Cecilia Shinler	Nick Cieminski
Joan Parkin	Betty Anderson	Lenny Anderson
Cathy Gamache		

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

11/8/2016

Plate.....	205.65
Envelopes (41)	1,425.00
EFT Money	344.00
Bldg. Maint. Env (2).....	145.00
Stipends/stole.....	14.00
Food Shelf	5.00
World Mission.....	2.00
All Saints.....	35.00
All Souls	55.00

Total \$2,230.65

Thank you for your generosity.



THANKSGIVING MASS

Our Thanksgiving Mass on November 24 will be celebrated by Fr. Bob Nygaard at 9:00 a.m. Mass will also be celebrated at St. Gregory the Great with music at 9:00 a.m. with Fr. Shane as the celebrant.

YEAR OF MERCY

The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis comes to an end in one week.

Our last Vesper Prayer Divine Mercy and Adoration Service will be Monday, November 20 from 7:00—9:00 p.m. at St. Gregory the Great.

Please join us at in prayer as a community of faith.



FAITH FORMATION

MISSION TRIP INFORMATION MEETING



The Mission Trip Information meeting will be THIS Sunday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Gregory the Great in the East Hall. All interested students and a parent need to attend this meeting. A deposit will be required for those deciding to go to Saint Louis on June 26 through July 2. Please see Fr. Shane or Joan Hetherington with questions..

SACRED HEART OFFICE POSITION

Duties to include: provide receptionist and specific secretarial support, to serve the parish community, to provide office services to staff and parish members, to create weekly church bulletin, to extend hospitality to all callers and visitors. Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. until noon. For more information or to apply contact Steve Yurick in the Sacred Heart parish office at 320.358.4370 or Fr. Shane at 651.674.4056x111.

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