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7th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME



"You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father."
- Mt 5:43-45a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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

Adoration has been suspended until further notice due to the weather.

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

February 19, 2017

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

On Church Events

When growing up on the farm in Scott County, Kansas, from the age of five to twelve years old, our family drove eleven miles north to Scott City to our family Church, St. Joseph. We made the drive every single week on US Highway 83 to Mass. Moreover, during the school year, we attended faith formation classes on Saturday mornings. These trips to Scott City were the typical ones, but I really liked the drives to church dinners. I don't remember having church festivals at Saint Joseph, however, I do recall the Oktoberfest held each year at Saint Dominic Church, twenty-five miles south in Garden City.

The mid-October gathering at Saint Dominic brought together friends that my parents and I knew. Every year I looked forward to not only seeing these friends, but also eating bierocks. Bierocks are a Kansas delicacy of meat and cabbage filled pastry, which was brought to the state by the Volga-Germans (my ancestry) in the second half of the 1800s. The time I spent eating food and socializing at the church was always enjoyable and satisfying.

In my youth, Church gatherings and events were an important part of my faith life. For many, these church activities were an important way to socialize and meet with other parishioners and community members. The food and entertainment enriched and nourished one's soul.

However, it appears to me that church dinners, festivals, and other gatherings have fallen on difficult times. What were once important church functions have been replaced by many other non-church activities, such as traveling sport teams, professional sport games, or the busy schedules parishioners have. Nevertheless, activities and gatherings in the church are a meaningful way of being part of a faith community. When we get to know our parishioners outside of Mass, I believe that when we see them at Mass, we are more connected with these individuals. And then we are more likely to become a greater church and faith community.

I share these above thoughts to encourage you to attend several church events coming to both Sacred Heart and Saint Gregory the Great in the coming months. The first activity occurs in North Branch with the Mardi Gras celebration this Saturday night from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Around 7:00 p.m. bingo starts.

Once Lent starts, there will be an opportunity to be with each other on several occasions. Once again, Sacred Heart will be offering fish fries on some Friday nights. I ask parishioners from both parishes to come to these terrific dinners. I am not just saying that they are good, they really are! Also on Wednesday, March 8, "Dr. Italy will be giving a presentation. Please consider coming to his talk.

A few months after Lent is the 8th Annual Summer Festival at Saint Gregory the Great, which is being held on the weekend of June 24 and 25. Our Summer Festival Committee is preparing for this significant activity that will include a visit by Archbishop Bernard Hebda. The Archbishop will celebrate the 10:30 a.m. Mass followed by his attendance at the festival. Please join in the celebration of Mass and fun activities afterwards and meet the Archbishop.

Last but certainly not the least, is Sacred Heart's Fall Festival on Sunday, September 17. As we get closer, we will need more assistance planning as well as helping on the day of the Festival. See you at these church events!

Have a blessed week, Father Shane

PARISH NEWS

CCW

The next CCW meeting will be held Tuesday, February 21st at 6:00 pm at the Grant House. All women of the parish are welcome to attend. If you have questions, please contact Brenda Dahl at 320.267.0369.

Faith Formation

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN—MARCH 11

Youth in grades 8—10 have an opportunity to help pack meals at Feed My Starving Children on Saturday, March 11. Transportation is provided and will leave St. Gregory the Great at 8:00 a.m. and return at noon. Permission forms are due February 22.

Through volunteering at FMSC, you'll get the chance to impact hundreds of kids in just two hours per packing shift. You'll experience what it's like to make a tangible difference—today.

There will be no Faith Formation Classes on Wednesday, February 22.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

In the reading from Leviticus today, the Lord commanded that we love our neighbor as ourselves (Lv 19:18). In the Gospel, Christ commands us to love even those we dislike (Mt 5:43—48). The Catholic Services Appeal is a primary source for funding the 17 collective ministries of the local Church—the ministries that no one parish can support on its own.

The 17 Collective ministries served by the Catholic Services Appeal are:

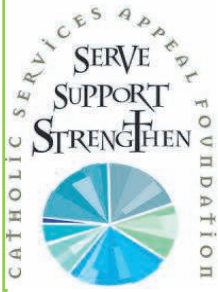
1. American Indian Ministry
2. Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women
3. Campus Ministry—Newman Center
4. Campus Ministry—St. Paul's Outreach
5. Catholic Charities
6. Deaf Ministry
7. Elementary Schools
8. Evangelization & Catechesis
9. High School Scholarships
10. Hospital Chaplains
11. Latino Ministry
12. Marriage, Family and Life
13. Parishes
14. Prison Chaplains
15. Saint John Vianney College Seminary
16. The Saint Paul Seminary
17. Venezuelan Mission



Thank you for your support of the CSA.



Catholic Services Appeal



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Our parish is now conducting the 2017 Catholic Services Appeal for the 17 Collective Ministries of the Archdiocese that no one parish can support on its own. Our parish really is our second home; we see our brothers and sisters in Christ every week as together we celebrate the Mass. It is also where we are prepared and supported as disciples to go forth to preach the Gospel. Thus, our parish is a benefited ministry of the CSA; we receive 25% of the dollars we collect in our parish if we reach our parish goal. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to help us reach our goal! Go to www.csafspm.org to learn more about the ministries supported by the 2017 Catholic Services Appeal.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, February 25 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Rick Drevecky
Communion: David Prickett, Mary Stenger
Gifts: Wegleitner Family
Ushers: Dennis Kaufmann, Bill Peno
Servers: Brodrick Larson

Sunday, February 26 9:00 a.m.

Lectors: Wayne Herberg, Sue Roth
Communion: Jeanne Kay*, Audrey Larson, Clarence Larson
Gifts: Solorz Family
Ushers: Ron Peltier, Rodney Swanson, Ted Stathes
Servers: Elena Herberg, Tj Roth

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Totals for the week of 2/14/2017

Plate 164.00
Envelopes (47)..... 1355.00
Energy Needs 10.00
Bldg. Maint.Env..... 30.00
Food Shelf 49.00

Total..... \$1608.00

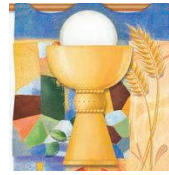
Thank you for your generosity
in supporting our parish!



SATURDAY the 25th IS MARDI GRAS

From 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall. Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. This event is a fundraiser for the Mission Trip. Please plan to attend and support our youth and adults going on the mission from St. Gregory the Great and Sacred Heart.

MASS INTENTIONS



February 22	Open
February 25	Open
February 26	Parishioners

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 22

Fr. Shane	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
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Saturday, February 25

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

Sunday, February 26

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

Please Note:

There will not be Eucharistic Adoration until further notice due to the weather.

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Marjorie King	Margarette Brooker	Kim Sarago
Jean Amunson	Marvin Johnson	Jim Kirchberg
Bill Peno	Arlene Greenhagen	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
Cecilia Shinler	Nick Cieminski	Colleen Najewski
Joan Parkin	Betty Anderson	Lenny Anderson
Cathy Gamache	Gerald Mollberg	Tom Solorz
Ariel Thull-Rulfzen		

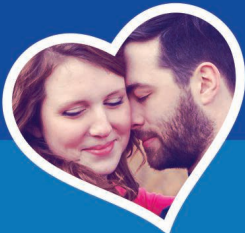
Please advise the office if any of these names can be removed. Thank you.

"Loving God, we ask that you enfold in your tender compassionate care all those in our community whose hearts are breaking and whose worries consume them."

MARCH 1 IS ASH WEDNESDAY. MASS SCHEDULE:

9:00 am at Sacred Heart—Fr. Shane
9:00 am at St. Gregory the Great—Fr. Nygaard
5:30 pm Children's Paraliturgie at St. Gregory—Fr. Shane
6:45 PM at Sacred Heart—Fr. Fitzgerald



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