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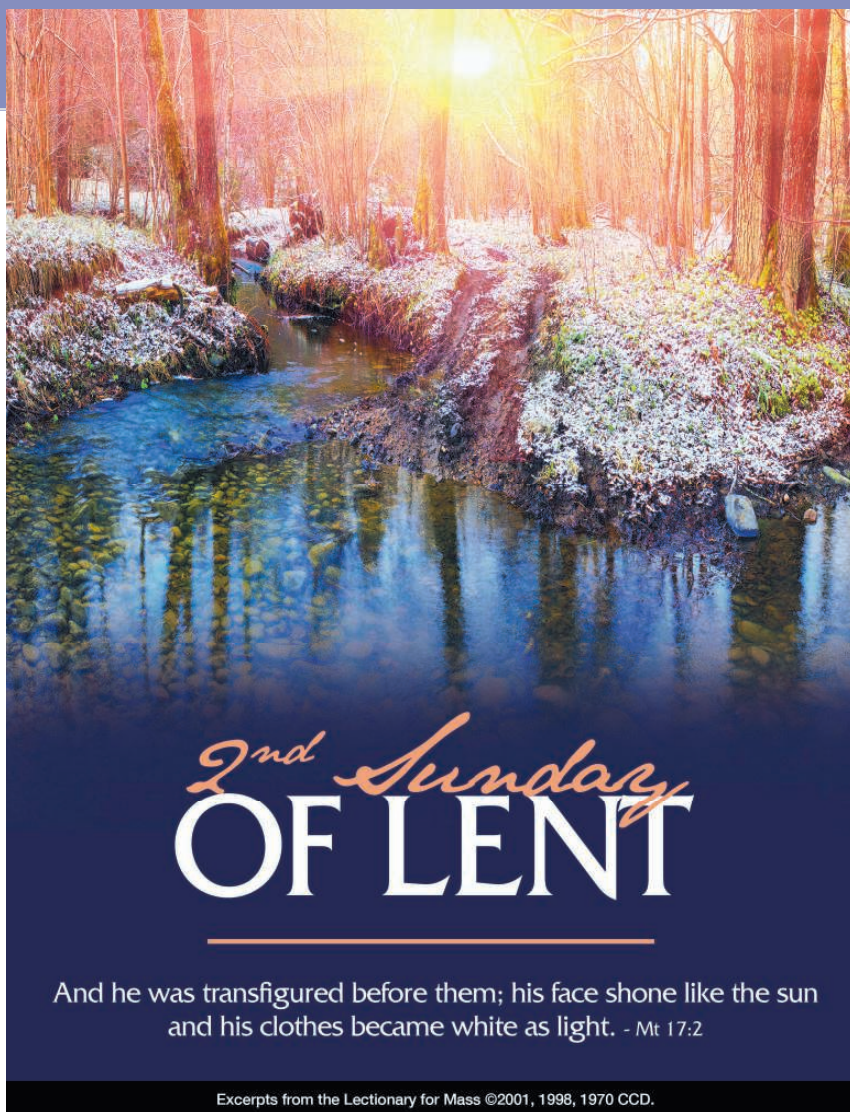
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Liturgy of the Eucharist

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

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

March 12, 2017

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

On Staffing both Parishes

Before the 1960s, I believe that almost all parishes, in addition to having one or more priests, had only two more staff members- a housekeeper/cook and secretary. Nowadays, most parishes have only one priest, one secretary, no housekeeper/cook, yet many other individuals on the parish staff. It is necessary to have more staff today than fifty years ago because there is more work in our legalist society and we need to have directors of faith formation programs and other support staff..

Having to hire new staff members is one of my least favorite duties, particularly since it is difficult finding help locally, meaning in the northern half of Chisago County. Furthermore, I prefer parishioners be on staff when it comes to church cleaning, house-keeping/cook, and maintenance personnel. Also, finding a full-time qualified Director of Faith Formation has been unsuccessful. However, fortunately, we have five part-time parishioners (between both parishes) who currently minister in our CFC and Religious Education programs.

Staff members leave for a variety of reasons, mainly due to retirement, moving out of the area, or finding another place of employment. There have only been a few occasions when someone resigned due to the fact they were unhappy working at one of the parishes. You can therefore imagine when someone tells me they are leaving; I am not only disappointed, but also frustrated.

Last November, Pat Retherford who was employed as my housekeeper/cook suggested that I find and hire someone who could take her place if she got sick. She must have had an intuition that something was going to happen to her. Anyway, I put out an ad to find another person to sub for Pat. In the meantime, she unexpectedly died. (May she Rest in peace). While Sophie B. was filling in once a week, I still needed someone at least to clean the rectory. Then Elaine R. offered to come to work for me.

Days after having all the staffing positions filled, I received notices from two employees that they were resigning at the end of March. I was unhappy to once again search for new employees. Please, I hope you don't mind me sharing with you my frustrations and tiredness on this matter as I wish this situation would just go away. Of course, it won't.

Therefore, the search for two new employees: a church cleaning individual for both parishes and a maintenance person for Saint Gregory the Great has begun. The church cleaning person would have flexible hours of about six hours a week to clean Sacred Heart. Ideally the same person would clean Saint Gregory's church and offices twice a week, typically on Mondays and Thursdays or Fridays. Further information about this staff position can be obtained by calling Saint Gregory's parish office or by asking me. As for the maintenance employee, I will have info in the next bulletin. Pray that at least the church/office cleaning position is filled in the next few weeks. May you have a joyful and prayerful Holy Season of Lent, Father Shane

PARISH NEWS

Encounter Nutrition

We Encounter Evelina in Zambia as she and other mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals for their growing children and families. How do we ensure that those who are hungry have not only food but true nourishment? Visit crsricebowl.org for more. If you missed picking up a Rice Bowl on Ash Wednesday, they are available in church on the table by the elevator.



2016 Contribution statements

Statements for your record of contributions to Sacred Heart for 2016 are now available for pick up in the Parish office.

Lent Schedule of Activities

Individual Confession Times

All Saturday's at St. Gregory from 4:00—4:30 PM.
Wednesday, March 29 at Sacred Heart—9:30 AM.
St Gregory CFC (Grades 2 –10) April 5 during class.

Communal Penance Services

Thursday, March 30 at 7:00 PM at St. Gregory the Great.
Sunday, April 9 at 4:30 PM at Sacred Heart.

Stations of the Cross

Friday at 7 PM through April 7.

Meal and Fellowship Opportunities

Friday Fish Fry through March 31 from 4:30—6:30 PM at Sacred Heart.
Saturday, April 1 at 6:00 PM—St. Gregory KC Roast Beef Dinner.
Friday, April 7 at 6:00 PM—St. Gregory KC Fish Sandwich Dinner precedes Stations of the Cross. Followed by Ham Bingo.

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday—April 9

Regularly scheduled Masses.

Procession starting in the Church Hall.-St. Gregory's
*weather permitting, in grotto-Sacred Heart

Holy Thursday—April 13

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM.

Good Friday—April 14

Stations of the Cross at 3:00 PM.

The Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross at 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday—April 15

Easter Vigil at 8:00 PM.

Easter Sunday—April 16

Mass at 8:30 AM with Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

Divine Mercy Sunday—April 23

Regularly scheduled Masses with Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

FRIDAY FISH FRY

SACRED HEART LENTEN FISH FRY

Sacred Heart Parish in Rush City will be serving a delicious fish fry dinner on these Fridays:

March 17, 24 & 31

Serving time is 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The cost is \$10.00 per adult

Children 5 thru 12 years are \$6.00.

Children under 5 are free.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, March 18,
4:00 p.m.

Lector: Al Walz

Communion: Kristie Frazier,
Chuck Debeveck

Gifts: Drevecky Family

Ushers: Jim Thorn, Dick Ordner

Servers: Connor Frazier

Sunday, March 19,
9:00 a.m.

Lectors: David Prickett, Mary
Jane Dahl

Communion: Scott Tryon, Elsie
Moore, Beth Churchsmith

Gifts: Peterson's

Ushers: Don Belland, Joe Moore,
Rodney Swanson

Servers: Alexis Ertz, Brayden
Ertz

MASS INTENTIONS



March 15

March 18

March 19

Open

Colleen Majewski

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 15

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, March 18

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

Fr. Fitzgerald St. Gregory's 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 19

Fr. Fitzgerald St. Gregory's 8:30 am

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Fr. Fitzgerald St. Gregory's 10:30 am

Please Note:

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

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

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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	Phyllis Swanson	

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."

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Totals for the week of 3/7/2017

Plate	247.65
Envelopes (55).....	1771.00
Bldg. Maint. Env.....	128.00
Food Shelf	10.00
EFT Money.....	344.00
Ash Wednesday	692.50
Fish Fry.....	796.00

Total..... \$3989.15

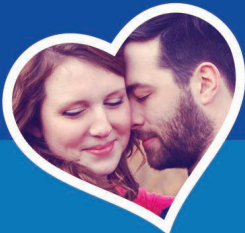
Thank you for your generosity
in supporting our parish!

VIRTUS TRAINING RESCHEDULED

The Virtus: "Protecting God's Children" safe environment awareness session has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 18 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Adult volunteers who have either regular or unsupervised interaction with children and youth are required to attend as well as those planning to assist with youth events and activities. Also, this class is open to any adult who would like to gain greater awareness among our children and those most vulnerable. Register for this session at www.virtus.org. For more information contact the Faith Formation Office at 651.674.7382.

Dispensation on March 17

Archbishop Hebda has granted to the faithful of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, as well as any visitors or travelers who may be physically present within the territory of this Archdiocese, a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence from meat on March 17, 2017. Those taking advantage of the dispensation, however, are exhorted to undertake a work of charity, an exercise of piety, or an act of comparable penance on some other occasion during the Second Week of Lent.

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