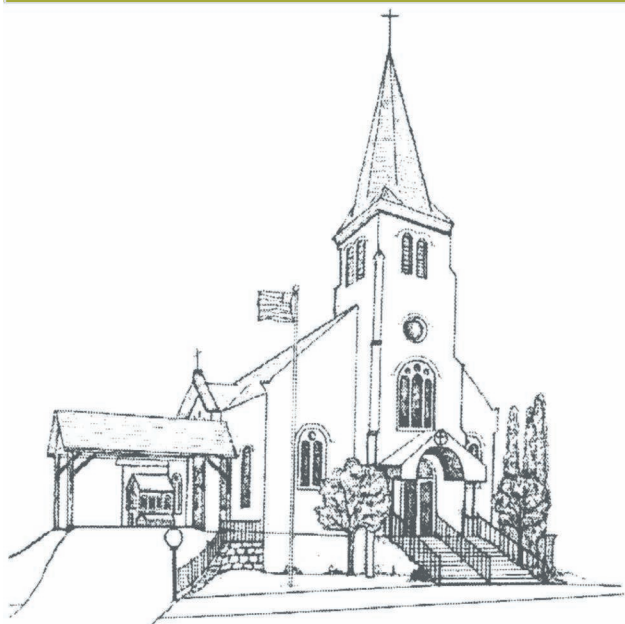


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THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." - Jn 6:51

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

Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass

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

June 18, 2017

“Numbers Don’t Lie” Stats for Church Geeks Part II

The number of priests worldwide remained mostly steady from the previous year. In 2015, the total number of priests stood at **415,656**, an **increase** of 0.83% from 2010. Of these, 281,514 are diocesan priests, while the others belong to religious orders. That may sound like a large number, but it figures to one priest per 3,091 faithful, a staggeringly high ratio to me. But sadly, the number of women religious continues to decline. Worldwide, they have decreased from 721,935 in 2010 to 670,320 in 2015, a **7.1% decrease** in five years! We now have 45,255 permanent deacons and 54,229 brothers. The number of male religious has remained steady due to the increase in Africa, while Europe and North and South America show larger decreases. But it is the distribution of Catholics that has changed radically. For example, 100 years ago, Catholics made up about half (48%) of the world’s Christians, while being about 17% of the worldwide population. A century later, we still comprise about half (50%) of the Christians, and nearly 18% of the world’s population. But the *distribution* is significantly different and shows how the face of the Church has changed. In 1910, **nearly nine in ten Catholics** lived either in Europe (65%) or Latin America (24%)! Today, North and South America account for nearly half (49%) of all the world’s Catholics. Africa continues its remarkable growth, from 15.5% to 17.3% of the world’s Catholics in the past five years, while Europe has seen a decline, from 23.8% to 22.2%. So while in 1910, France boasted the largest numbers of Catholics in any country in the world, they now slipped to #6 and their numbers continue to plummet. Today, Brazil, Mexico and the Philippines win the Gold, Silver and Bronze medals for total numbers of Catholics. The USA comes in 4th followed by Italy, France, Columbia and Spain. But next after Spain, surprisingly, is the Democratic Republic of Congo, with 43.2 million Catholics. More Catholics live there than in Argentina. That was unthinkable a generation ago.

But other sobering realities continue to trend. The world’s Catholics are now outnumbered by Muslims. “For the first time in history, we are no longer at the top: Muslims have overtaken us,” noted Monsignor Vittorio Formenti in an interview with the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano several years ago. He supervised the compilation of demographic figures for the *Annuario Pontificio*. He added: “It is true that while Muslim families, as is well known, continue to make a lot of children, Christian ones on the contrary tend to have fewer and fewer.” No, we are not in a “competition” for membership, but the facts are indicative of what has been happening these past twenty-five years. The trends are clear. Let us continue to promote without hesitation the pro-family, pro-life Gospel within the Church, for the future vibrancy of the Church absolutely depends upon it.

Wisdom of the saints... “Those who go often to Mass during the week, do their work very much better than those who, for want of faith, think they have no time for it” (St. John Vianney). We are all busy, but consider attending a daily Mass if you have not done so recently. You might be surprised how spiritually refreshed you will be for your other duties.

Yesterday (May 13, 2017), the Holy Father canonized Sts. Francesco and Jacinto Marto in Fatima, Portugal, a Shrine still on my to-do list. They died in 1919 and 1920, respectively. What beautiful examples of holiness for our children to emulate. Sanctity is possible for all ages.

I consider it a highlight of my time at the Cathedral to have welcomed Archbishop Hebda by symbolically opening the Cathedral doors one year ago to at his installation Mass. His generosity is unparalleled, his energy, amazing. Above all, his deep faith, gentle demeanor and selfless example have inspired both priests and laity alike. As he leads us to the Lord, ever-moving forward in faith to a better day, may he continue to know of our prayerful support.



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The Blood Drive will be at the Rush City High School Monday, June 26th from 1:00—7:00 pm.

Fall Festival: The first festival meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 28th at 7pm in the Wey Hall. This is a parish wide meeting and all are invited to attend. They will go over the tentative Festival schedule and then open up for discussion and suggestions to continue to make this festival a successful and family orientated event. Currently we are in need of someone to chair the children’s games, chair advertising, and help with the Silent Auction **Please consider chairing or co-chairing for this important event.** Call the office or Brenda Dahl at 320-267-0369.

Please contact the office in timely matter if you would like something posted in the bulletin or on Sacred Hearts website.

Those that are **gluten-free** can now fully participate in Holy Communion with the whole parish family. **We now have gluten-free host**, please make it known to any of the sacristans before mass that you will be needing one of these hosts. Thank you.



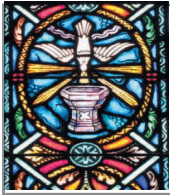
God our Father, through the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks and praise for all the fathers in the world.

We pray for them so that they may find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.



MASS INTENTIONS



June 21 Open
June 24 Open
June 25 Parishioners

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Totals for the week of 6/12/17

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TOTALS

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Cecilia Shinler	Nick Cieminski	Colleen Najewski
Joan Parkin	Betty Anderson	Lenny Anderson
Cathy Gamache	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."

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, June 24 at 4:00 pm	Sunday, June 25 at 9:00 a.m.
Lector: Al Walz	Lectors: David Prickett, Mary Jane Dahl
Communion: Mary Stenger, Rick Kosloski	Communion: Audrey Larson, Clarence Larson, Elsie Moore
Gifts: Drevecky's	Gifts: Peterson's
Ushers: Jim Thorn, Dick Ordner	Ushers: Don Belland, Joe Moore, Rodney Swanson
Servers: Brodrick Larson	Servers: Alexis Ertz, Brayden Ertz

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 21

Communion Service Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Friday, June 23 Feast of Sacred Heart

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, June 24

Fr. Fitzgerald Sacred Heart 4:00 pm

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

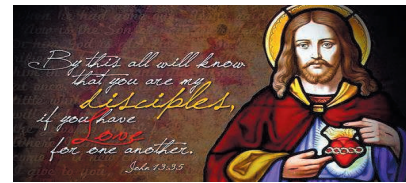
Sunday, June 25

Fr. Archbishop Hebda St. Gregory's 8:30 am

Fr. Fitzgerald Sacred Heart 9:00 am

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

Please Note: There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church for Eucharistic Adoration beginning May 24th.



2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to the three shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal, where the Blessed Mother appeared once each month from May 13 until Oct. 13, 1917.

The message of Fatima highlights many central truths and devotions of the Catholic faith: the Trinity, the Eucharist, penance, the Rosary and sacrifices for the conversion of sinners. There is special emphasis on the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which is a refuge of maternal love for us all and a sure path that leads us to God.

Also, join in praying the Rosary at Noon in Central Park, led by a member of America Needs Fatima. The goal of America Needs Fatima is to win the heart and soul of America for Mary by spreading Our Lady's Fatima message and promoting devotion to Her Immaculate Heart.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

INSPIRATION FROM JOHN 6:51-58 GOSPEL READING ON JUNE 18-CORPUS CHRISTI

The Feast of Corpus Christi is all about transformation. The bread and wine is transformed into the body and blood of Christ and we, by partaking in the Eucharist, are also transformed into the body and blood of Christ. St. Augustine issued a wise instruction regarding the Eucharist: "Become what you eat." This is the real challenge of every eucharistic celebration. Will we allow God to transform us into his Son so that the hope, love, healing, comfort, and mercy he embodies can be brought to our world through us?

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