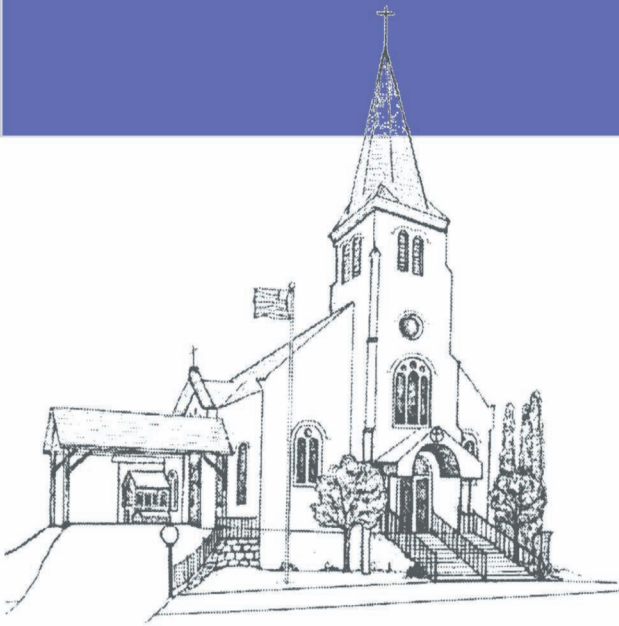


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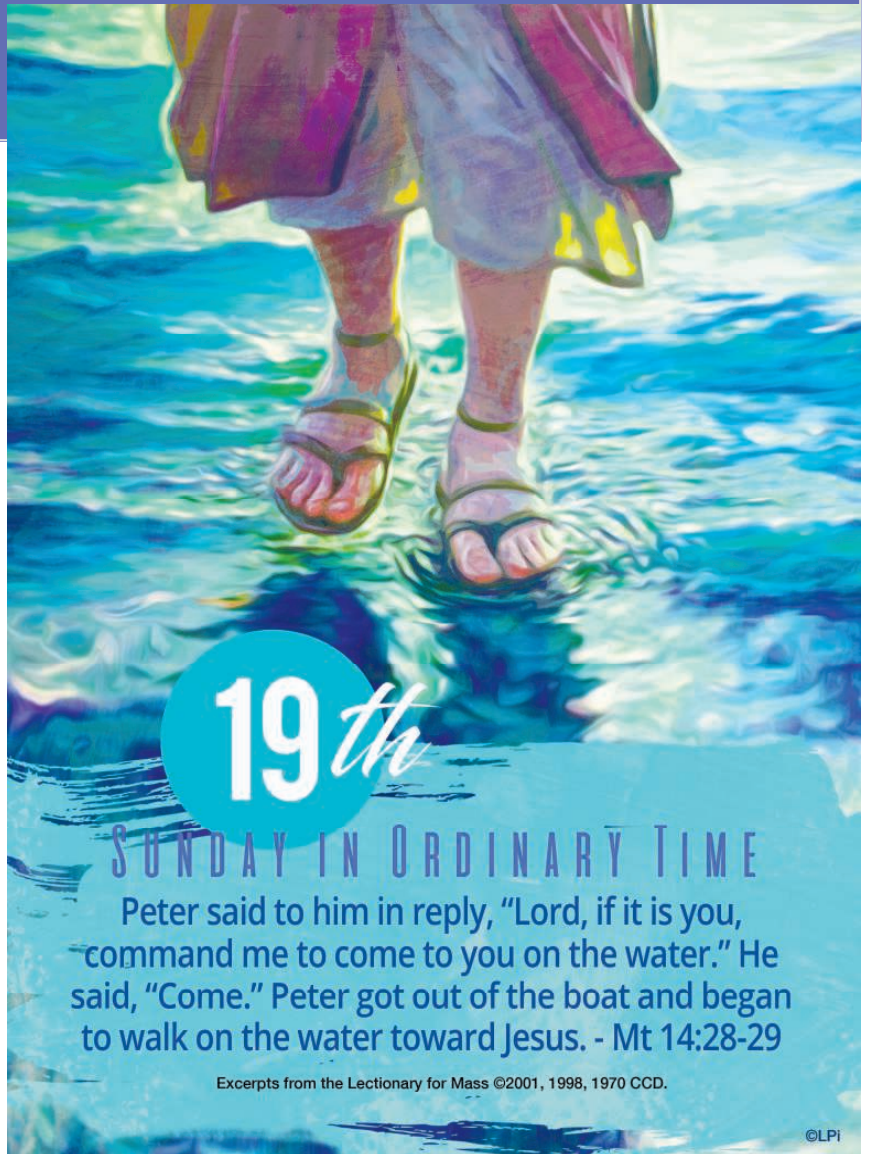
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Mission Statement

Sacred Heart parish is a community of Catholic Christian believers, established by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. We strive to grow in holiness through prayer, celebration of the Eucharist and other sacraments, and reflection on the scriptures. We work hard to build the kingdom of God through evangelization, catechesis and service for all.



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

Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

August 13, 2017

Nineteenth Week of Ordinary Time

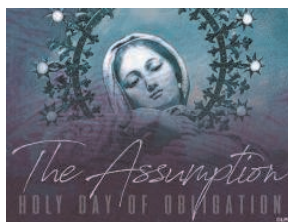
On the **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Elijah finds God not in the thunder and driving wind, but in a gentle breeze. We repeat the gospel we heard a few days ago as Peter's fear gets the best of him, when Jesus calls him out of his boat in a stormy sea. Peter takes his eyes off of Jesus and would have perished without Jesus' rescuing him.

Tuesday is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation.**

In the first readings this week from **Deuteronomy**, we hear about the entry into the Promised Land. Moses says farewell to the people. Then we have readings from the **Book of Joshua**, who was the successor of Moses. The people cross the Jordan, with the Ark of the Covenant clearing a path through the river. Joshua speaks to the people as a prophet and recounts all God has done for them. The people renew their covenant at Shechem.

In the daily readings from **Matthew's Gospel**, Jesus again warns his disciples about his upcoming passion, death and resurrection, but they are "overwhelmed with grief." Jesus resolves the temple tax question, as if to say, "it will be given you." When the disciples are wondering about "who is the greatest," Jesus points to a child and says the greatest is the one who is humble, like the defenseless child. He tells them to care for each other "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone," and to pray together for anything they need. When Peter asks Jesus how many times we must forgive, Jesus tells the powerful parable of the servant who is forgiven his debt but doesn't forgive his debtors. Jesus urges us to forgive from our hearts. Jesus tells his disciples about the sacredness of marriage. The disciples tried to prevent people from bringing children to Jesus and he said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

God's love belongs to all of us, according to the readings of the **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In Isaiah**, God promises "my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." Paul, in his **Letter to the Romans**, tells us "the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable" and refers to himself as the "apostle to the Gentiles." In **Matthew's Gospel**, Jesus hears the pleas of a "foreign" woman, a Canaanite who begs Jesus to heal her daughter.



The Next **CCW** meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 15th at 6:30 pm** in Wey Hall. We will start the meeting **promptly at 6:30** so all will be able to attend Mass.

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity and Holy Day of Obligation is Tuesday, August 15.

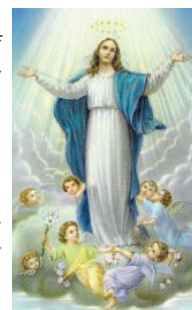
Masses are scheduled:

Tuesday, August 15 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Gregory Tuesday, August 15 at 9:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart

Tuesday, August 15 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Gregory

Tuesday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart

Reflection: In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God's holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness. Read more at www.franciscanmedia.org/solemnity-of-the-assumption-of-mary/

**Our Fall Festival will be Sunday, September 17.**

Sign up sheets are in the back of church for many different activities for the festival. We need everyone's involvement to make the festival a suc-

cess. Please sign up with your name and number where you would like to volunteer. Coordinators will then contact you.

We will need donations for prizes for children's games and bottles of pop (2 liter size). Bins are in the back of church for these donations. If you would like to make a monetary donation, envelopes are in the pews, and your donation can be dropped in the offertory baskets.

If you or your business would like to donate items for the Silent Auction, please contact Phyllis Keating at 651.307.8448.

MASS INTENTIONS



August 15 Open
August 19 Open
August 20 Dick & Sally Kemen †

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you or a loved one are ill in any way and would like to have your name included in the Sunday Prayers of the Faithful, contact the Parish office. Also, any prayer request or needs can be written in our Parish Intercessory Book in the back of church AT ANY TIME.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Totals for the week of 8/8/17

Plate	261.33
Envelopes.....	1511.00
Funeral Fund.....	272.00
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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, August 19 at 4:00 pm

Lector: Mary Jane Dahl
Communion: Chuck Debevec,
Jeanne Kay
Gifts: Murphy Family
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Sunday, August 20 at 9:00 a.m.

Lectors: Jeremy Albright, Diana
Granlund
Communion: Beth Churchsmith,
Jean Peno*, Mary Pat Hestbeck
Gifts: Peno Family
Ushers: Craig Peterson, Ron
peltier, Bill Peno
Servers: Isabelle Harer, Devon
Larson

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 15 Assumption

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 am/ 7:00 pm
Note correction to time of evening mass at Sacred Heart.
Fr. Nygaard St. Gregory 9:00 am/ 7:00 pm

Wednesday, August 16

Communion Service Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, August 19

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

Sunday, August 20

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

Daily Prayer This Week

It is marvelous how each week's readings offer us new ways to open our hearts to God's grace. Sometimes, as with Monday's psalm we feel the real presence of God as we "Glorify the Lord." Like Israel, it is good for us to look back from time to time and gratefully remember all God has done for us and to renew our "Amen" to the new covenant God makes with us in Jesus.

Throughout this week, each of us can find the connection between some part of the readings and a desire, a need, a longing in our unique situation. If we begin each day - at the side of our beds, in the shower, while getting dressed, over a cup of coffee - simply talking with our Lord about our upcoming day, we will have a wonderfully reflective week. It doesn't have to be long. It just needs to be focused and focusing. That is, we need to keep uncovering something inside of us that we can talk with our Lord about, at various "in between" times during the day. Like a song that keeps playing in the back of our head all day, a desire we express in the morning will focus our day and our relationship with Jesus throughout the day. At night we can all pause to give thanks for times of connection with Jesus during the day, and the gifts God gives us.



This week, it might be Jesus' prediction of his passion, death and resurrection that unsettles us, as we realize he's calling us to follow him. It might be the battle for being the greatest that the disciples are caught up in, and that I might myself be caught up in, as I compete with and judge others. So, Jesus' words about our emulating the little, humble child can open our hearts. His call to embrace the child, the defenseless one, might allow us to pray this week about an openness to a particularly defenseless person or to hearing the cry of the poor in our city or in the world. And, who can't be opened up by the parable of the servant who doesn't forgive as he's been forgiven? Each day we might name people we struggle to forgive. We could make a focused effort to thank God for the mercy, compassion and unconditional love we've experienced, as ask for the grace to share that with others. For some of us, it will be important to spend a day or more asking for the grace to be faithful in our marriage - in all the ways that will call us to die to ourselves and think of the needs of our spouse before my own.



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