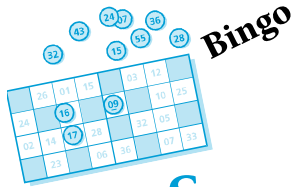




Sacred Heart PARISH

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Welcome to Sacred Heart's Parish Festival August 22 & 23



Crafts & Fancy Work



Books



PARISH OFFICE HOURS (summer hours)

8:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday
(The Parish Office is closed on Holy Days of Obligation)

PARISH STAFF

Located at Church 251-8115

Father Ronald Weyrens, Pastor (Ext. *812)
Joan Krause, Director of Faith Formation (Ext. *818)
JoAnn Mo, Secretary (Ext. *814)
Maureen Otremba, Pastoral Minister (Ext. *817)
Beth Plumski, Co-Director of Music/Liturgy (Ext. *822)
Sarah Woeste, Co-Director of Music/Liturgy (Ext. *816)
Robert Zawacki, Business Manager (Ext. *811)

Gerry Kittok, Confirmation (251-2872, Ext. 8)
Patrick Flynn, Youth Minister (293-7988)

Located at School 251-2854

Erin Hattestad, School Principal
Julie Schmid, School Office
Jim Storms, Maintenance
David Walker, Custodian

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday ----- 5:00 p.m.
Sunday ----- 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. Mass interpreted for hearing impaired
Weekdays ----- Variable; see inside of bulletin for details
Holy Days ----- consult bulletin

BAPTISMS

Pre-Baptism classes, 1st Thursday every other month at
7:00 p.m. in the church (pre-registration requested).

WEDDINGS

Please contact the Parish Office at least six months in
advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please call the office to set up an appointment for registering.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday—3:30 p.m. (other times by appointment)

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART, SAUK RAPIDS

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 24, Bartholomew, apostle

8:00 am -Word & Communion Service

Tuesday, August 25, Weekday

6:00 pm †Living & Deceased Members of St. Monica's Society

Wednesday, August 26, Weekday

8:00 am †Margaret Crusier

Thursday, August 27, Monica

8:00 am †Madeline Gohman

2:00 pm †Victor Wintheiser (at GS Chapel)

Friday, August 28, Augustine, bishop, doctor

8:00 am †Delphine Czech

4:00 pm -Wedding: Anthony Olauson & Jodi Springer

Saturday, August 29, Martyrdom of John the Baptist

2:00 pm -Wedding: Michael Schrom & Romelle Slyphala

Sunday Eucharist, August 29-30, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5:00 pm -For the Parish

Sunday 8:00 am †John Gamades

†Jean Templin

10:00 am †LeRoy Kipka
-Steve & Cathy Simones
(40th Anniversary)

6:00 pm (at St. Mary's Cathedral)

Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, August 27 so that the staff can attend the Diocesan Ministry Day.

Readings for the Week of August 23

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Marriage Banns



The following couples are preparing for marriage. Please keep them in your prayers.

II Christian Medford & Melissa Malat

I Charles Hansen & Mary Esselman

Cub Receipts

Please begin turning in Cub receipts for July and August (anything dated prior to that can no longer be accepted). They can be placed in the kiosk in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions, contact Rita at 251-3952.

"Stewardship as a way of life"



Be the "Heart" of Sacred Heart!

As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them in loving justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

Stewardship: A Disciple's Response

Talent, Time & Treasure

In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, "We also will serve the Lord, for His is our God." May we, too, be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.

Stewardship is planned giving and does not leave giving to chance. It challenges us to plan. It asks us to appraise—deliberately—what we are doing with our time, our talent and our treasure.

Income for the week ending August 16, 2009

Adult Collection.....	13,479.74
Children/Youth	48.41
Loose Collection.....	485.57
Improvements	485.00
Holy Days	1,421.00

Memorial—Honor Gifts

The Memorial and Honor Windows in the Tabernacle area will be pulled and additional names engraved this Fall. If you are interested in memorializing or honoring loved ones and having their names engraved please contact the Parish Office. A memorial gift is a thoughtful way to remember a loved one. An honor gift is a way of celebrating notable events in the lives of our loved ones. Gift opportunities include Education Endowment and other Ministry Programs, the Sacred Heart Statue, Stained Glass Windows, Master Landscaping including a Labyrinth Garden, Bell Tower, Hand Bells, and Acoustical Fabric/Tiles.

Bazaar Tear Down

Sacred Heart Bazaar Tear Down

Monday, August 24—People are needed for stand tear down beginning at 4:00 p.m. The more help we have, the sooner we get done. Please turn out in force!



**Welcome
to all visitors!!!**

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A Message from Father Ron

From Safari: This is the last week of our five week journey into the Gospel of John. Next week we will return to the Gospel of Mark. The past five week focus on the Eucharist reminds us the Eucharist has consequences for everyday living. As Lawrence Mick observes, "Connecting our worship with our daily lives is a continuing challenge for every Christian, lest our worship become empty ritual, devoid of any real meaning or significance. Perhaps we should all be haunted by the words of Pope John Paul II in his 2004 letter for the Year of the Eucharist, *Mane Nobiscum*: "We cannot delude ourselves; by our mutual love and, in particular, by our concern for those in need we will be recognized as true followers of Christ. This will be the criterion by which the authenticity of our eucharistic celebrations is judged" (#28).

The liturgical reforms of Vatican II restored the practice of offering the Communion cup, Christ's blood, at every Mass. The Council restored this practice in order that we might experience the fullness of Christ in communion. As we heard Jesus say in last week's gospel, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life...remains in me and I in her(him). Again at the Last Supper Jesus says, "Take and eat...take and drink." Sharing the Communion Cup express our willingness to be in a covenant relationship with God.

Many people still have concerns about getting sick from sharing a common cup. The Centers of Disease Control and the American Medical Association have both stated officially they know of no serious disease outbreaks linked to sharing a Communion Cup. With the recent outbreak of the H1N1 Flu virus we do need to be vigilant about proper hygiene. However, things like colds and flu are more likely to be spread by simply standing next to a sick person who is coughing and sneezing. The common cup is not a significant risk. Others suggest the small communion cups used in some Protestant Churches. Practicality has so far ruled out this option. Unlike, our Protestant brothers and sisters, the wine has truly become Christ's Blood, therefore all dishes used for Christ's Body and Blood are to be purified. Hand purifying 400 to 600 small cups would take some time.

In the garden, Jesus prays that the cup will pass him by. Sharing the cup expresses our willingness to share in his sacrifice. If you are not receiving from the cup, what keeps you from sharing from the common cup?

May you enjoy all the activities of our Parish Festival today. Look forward to seeing you on the parish grounds.

Have a peace filled week!

Ron

Please let us know if you are moving or leaving the parish so that our records can be kept current.

H1N1 Flu Update

H1N1 FLU UPDATE from National Center for Disease Control (CDC): On August 5, 2009, CDC changed its recommendation related to the amount of time people with influenza-like illness should stay away from others (the exclusion period). New guidance indicates that people with influenza-like illness should stay home for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone (without the use of fever-reducing medicine). A fever is defined as having a temperature of 100° Fahrenheit or greater. This is a change from the previous recommendation that ill persons stay home for 7 days after illness onset or until 24 hours after the resolution of symptoms, whichever was longer. The new recommendation applies to camps, schools, businesses, Mass, gatherings, and other community settings where the majority of people are not at increased risk for influenza complications. CDC recommends this exclusion period regardless of whether or not antiviral medications are used. This guidance does not apply to health care settings where the exclusion period continues to be for 7 days from symptom onset or until 24 hours after the resolution of symptoms, whichever is longer. The symptoms of swine flu in people are similar to the symptoms of regular human seasonal influenza and include fever, lethargy, lack of appetite and coughing. Some people with swine flu also have reported runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

From the Parish Nurse

Music & Liturgy



Been thinking about joining a choir or ensemble? Share your talent - rehearsals begin soon! **Adult Choir** rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 9th at 7pm in the church. This choir sings primarily at the 10am Mass three times a month. All are welcome! Call Beth for more information.

Praise Choir rehearsals begin in September. The group usually rehearses on Tuesday evenings and leads the music during the 5:00 Mass twice a month. Singers and instrumentalists welcome. Call Sarah for more information.

Audio/Visual Operators needed. Do you enjoy working with technology, computers, video cameras or sound boards? If so, you would be a tremendous addition to our Audio/Visual ministry! Operators (both youth and adults) are needed to help run the projection screens, video cameras, and sound board during Mass. If you'd like more information, or would like a tour of the A/V System, contact Beth.

Cards



Let's play cards! Join us for 500 on Tuesday, August 25 at 1:00 pm in the Gathering Space. Everyone is welcome!

School News



Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 2009 from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m. at the school. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 8th for students in first through sixth grade. The first day of school for kindergarten students is Thursday, September 10th.

Mark your calendars: The second annual Starlite Ball will be Saturday, October 24th. All are welcome!

Faith Formation

Journey In Faith ... Are You Ready? Stop by the Parish Ministries/Health & Wellness booth at the Parish Festival this weekend for more information.

Faith Formation information. All families registered in the parish should have received a letter and brochure with information about the faith formation programs, registration, confirmation, etc. We are planning a later start this year so there is plenty of time to get your family registered.

Mark Your Calendar: Wednesday, September 16, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Dr. Thomas Groome will be presenting, *“Old Gold; Reclaiming some traditional spiritual practices”* in the Performing Arts Center of Cathedral High School. All adults are encouraged to attend.



Thank you to all who helped make Vacation Bible School a huge success.

Kid's Korner

Sharing the Gospel: After Jesus compared himself to manna, and said that he was sent from heaven, many of his followers turned away from him. They just could not accept what Jesus was saying. It was too hard for them to understand. We have something they did not have. We have the Holy Spirit to help us. Sometimes what we learn might be hard for us to understand, too, but we never need to walk away. We can have faith in Jesus. We can ask him to help us.

Prayer: Dear God, give me the faith to trust Jesus always. Amen.

Something to Draw: Draw a picture of yourself next to Jesus.

Mission for the Week: Have you ever learned something about God that was hard to understand? Talk about it with your family, and together pray for each other. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you learn what God wants you to.

Notes of Interest

Save a marriage: Are you or someone you know living in the pain of a marriage in trouble? Retrouvaille can help. The next program starts September 25th. Check the website www.savingmarriages.org or call 255-5314 for more information. Register in advance by September 11.

Bikers Wanted! 8th Annual Motorcycle Blessing/Ride; Sunday, August 30, 2 p.m. St. Stanislaus Parish, Sobieski. Sponsored by...Father Joe Herzing, Father Dan Walz, Father Gregory Mastey, Father Mark Stang and Father Leo Moenedick. Come one, come all! Meet us at St. Stanislaus in Sobieski or connect with one of the pastors beforehand to travel there together. We'll start with prayer for people in the military. Then we will begin our ride past Camp Ripley, exploring some of the most beautiful lake country around, ending with a buffet at Cabin Fever at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome - Catholic or non-Catholic. Simply come with a full tank, an open mind and a joy for riding. Pray for good weather & a safe ride. We hope to see you there!

Come hear Carol McBrady speak about her experiences living in Africa and caring for orphaned children. Silent Auction to be held also. Sunday, August 30th at 1:00 p.m. at McCann's.

Ladies Craft Night



Join us for the next Ladies' Craft Night on Wednesday, August 26 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. Bring a craft project to work on. Questions, call Maureen at 255-9035.

Diocesan Ministry Day

All Catholics are invited to participate in the 4th Annual Diocesan Ministry Day on August 27 at the Civic Center in St. Cloud. Jackie Upchurch from the Little Rock Scripture Study will be discussing how to find hope through scripture in her keynote address. Attendees have 45 workshops to choose from covering a huge variety of topics. Call 252-4721 for more information and to register.

Prayer Corner

Please call your Prayer Chain Requests (calling tree) to 251-8961 or 252-3401



If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put on the following prayer list, please call 251-8115

Lorraine Carlson, Kathleen Gardner, John Gebhardt, Tony Gill, Jeffrey Hinkemeyer, Ron Jurek, Eldon Lockhart, David Mead, Cy Reinert, John Schad, John Tiemann, Dianne Voit, Bob Yaroshefski and for those who have recently received prayer blankets.