



Sacred Heart PARISH

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Vision Statement Church of the Sacred Heart

Nourished at the table of Word and Sacrament, and enlivened by the Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart parish strives to build on the discipleship and the rich faith tradition begun here in Sauk Rapids in 1919, and to be conformed to the image of Christ. We are believers sharing in prayer, faith, love and service. Our parish is committed to:

- * Deepening prayer life through meaningful celebrations of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and other prayer times both communal and individual.
- * Cultivating a culture of stewardship in which time, talent and treasure are recognized as gifts from God, gratefully and freely given for furthering God's Kingdom.
- * Forming families through faith formation and enrichment opportunities for all ages, including support of Catholic school education, a tradition in the parish since 1923.
- * Welcoming all in the name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; reaching out to our neighbors in Christ locally, within our country, and across the globe.
- * Proclaiming the gospel by being a voice for the powerless, working for peace, and respecting the planet on which we live.

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)

A Message from Father Ron

From Safari: Give thanks to God for he is good! Let us give thanks to God for the beautiful weekend we had for our parish festival. Thank you to all who volunteered to make our festival possible, especially the hard work of our general chair people: Ron and Julie Lentner, Neil and Sandy Bueckers, and John and Debbie Abraham. Well done! Great job!

After a five week journey through the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John, we return to Mark's Gospel. Commenting on the gospel for this weekend, Lawrence Mick writes, "Today's Gospel raises a critical and difficult issue for anyone concerned about worship. Liturgy, as ritual behavior, is always traditional. Ritual is patterned behavior that people can enact comfortably because it is familiar. Ritual patterns enable us to enter more deeply into the meaning of the ritual because we don't have to devote much mental energy to figuring out what to do next. At the same time, this traditional nature of liturgy commonly gives rise to the issue Jesus addressed in the Gospel. The ritual, and the comfort it brings, can become more important than the message the ritual is meant to express and convey. "You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition," Jesus complains to the scribes and Pharisees.

The problem of over attachment to human traditions is revealed clearly when the church embarks on its periodic efforts to renew its liturgical celebrations. It would be impossible (and depressing) to tally the number of times that people have complained over the past 45 years of liturgical renewal that "we've never done it that way before."

The attachment to traditional ways of acting or speaking in worship often reveals an attachment to personal comfort and an unwillingness to be stretched spiritually. Think of just a few examples. Some people resist the sign of peace because they do not want to interact with other worshipers; it is easier to engage only in a private relationship with God. Some refuse to sing the Communion song because they want to pray privately right after they receive; ... Those who refuse to sing at all at worship because they don't like singing reject their responsibility for contributing to the full praise that God is due." (*August 2009, Celebration, p.23, The National Catholic Reporter Publishing Company, Kansas City, MO.*) Where might you need to be stretched spiritually?

Have a peace filled week! Ron

Parish Web Site



Check out Sacred Heart's web site! It contains information such as the weekly bulletin, calendar of events, ministry schedules, Faith Formation information as well as other parish information. Our web site address is:

www.sacredheartsaukrapids.org

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.

Youth



Youth Kick-Off 2009! Join St. Cloud area youth at the youth liturgy and dance on **Saturday, September 19 from 6-10 p.m.**

at St. Augustine's Church in St. Cloud. Event begins with Mass and is followed by pizza, open gym, bonfire, and dance with nationally known Catholic entertainer **DJ Bill**. All youth grades 6-12 and their families are welcome. Cost is \$5 per participant (pre-registered), or \$7 at the door. Contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office by Thursday, September 17 to register.

Baptisms



Please welcome the following children, baptized during the month of August into our parish family:

- Olivia Mae Andresen**, daughter of Robert & Jessica
- Jasmine Belle Brenny**, daughter of Daniel & Beth
- Thomas James Engebretson**, son of Mitch & Jennifer
- Tristin Joseph Heinen**, son of Matthew & DeAnn
- Henry Duane Hofstad**, son of Rian & Dawn
- Andrew Willard Schuver**, son of Christopher & Jana
- Andrew Richard Theis**, son of Richard & Jolene

Are You Moving Away or Have an Address Change?

Please call the Parish Office at 251-8115 with your changes to help us keep our records current and our mailing costs down. Thank you!

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? Check out the parish web site, www.sacredheartsaukrapids.org for an updated FAQ posting as well as registration and schedule details. Do you want more information? Contact Joan in the Parish Office.

Faith Formation information was mailed last week to all families registered in the parish. If you did not receive the **Journey In Faith** brochure and enclosed letter, contact the Parish Office.

Plan to attend the presentation "*Old Gold: Reclaiming Some Traditional Spiritual Practices*," by Dr. Thomas Groome, on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, in the Performing Arts Center of Cathedral High School. All adults are encouraged to attend.

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.

Kid's Korner

Sharing the Gospel: Wash your hands before you eat! Did you know that rule came from God, so that we would stay healthy? In today's Gospel, the Pharisees liked to wash their hands and follow God's rules, only because they liked to show off. Don't be like those Pharisees. When you follow God's rules, do the right thing out of love for God.

Prayer: Dear God, help me to keep my heart clean, full of love for you and other people.

Something to Draw: Draw a picture of yourself cleaning up the dishes after a meal.

Mission for the Week: The next time you wash your hands, thank God that he made rules to keep us all safe, healthy and happy.

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.

The St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites you to attend their Annual Convention at Our Lady of Lourdes in Little Falls on September 19. Contact Betty Turck (252-4008) if you wish to attend. Register by September 9 and St. Monica's will pay your registration fee.

The Centro Hispano at St. Joseph's Church in Waite Park will offer a beginning level Spanish Class mid-September thru November. The classes taught by a Latino from the community, include vocabulary, grammar and conversation. Classes will be held Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm and are limited to 10 students. The fee is \$70 which includes a Level 1 Spanish Book. Please register by Sept. 4, 2009. For more information, contact the Centro Hispano (252-5875). "Todos estan invitados" All are invited.

The Economic Crisis and Catholic Social Thought: Theology Day at Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary. *The current economic crisis affects us all.* Join Daniel Finn, Ph.D., to explore the crisis itself and learn what Catholic moral tradition has to say about it. Finn teaches at Saint John's School of Theology. He is a noted author and is the current president of the Society of Christian Ethics. Sept. 11, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Emmaus Hall, SJU, Collegetown. Free event. Lunch provided. Registration is required: 320-363-3570 or sotsem@csbsju.edu.

Adult Bible Study: Join us as we discover the complete storyline of the Holy Bible. Jeff Cavins' Bible Timeline is a 24 week Bible study starting Sept. 8. Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm or Wednesdays 9:00-11:00am. For more information call Beverly/Michael 230-4520 or Paula/David 255-0021. The sessions will be held at Church of St. Peter and Church of St. Paul in St. Cloud.

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, John Gebhardt, Mary Ann Gerads, Jeffrey Hinkemeyer, Ron Jurek, Eldon Lockhart, Cy Reinert, John Schad, John Tiemann, Dianne Voit, Bob Yarosheski and for those who have recently received prayer blankets.