



Sacred Heart PARISH

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Journey in Faith



Prepare to
Celebrate Christmas

The Incarnation



Sunday, Dec. 13th
Meal Begins: 11:15am
Learning Session: Noon-2:00pm

Wednesday, Dec. 16th
Meal Begins: 5:15pm
Learning Session: 6:00-8:00pm

Thursday, Dec. 17th
Meal Begins: 5:15pm
Learning Session: 5:50-7:50pm

Childcare is available with advance registration.

Meal: hashbrown delight casserole, carrots, apples, and dessert (PB&J sandwiches available).

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

8:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. Monday 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 Hatlestad, 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, December 7, Ambrose, bishop & dr.

8:00 am -Word & Communion Service

Tuesday, December 8, Immaculate Conception
(Holy Day of Obligation)

9:00 am -For the Parish

6:00 pm †Elizabeth Shafer

Wednesday, December 9, Advent Weekday

8:00 am †Sharon (Ruhoff) Brixius

Thursday, December 10, Advent Weekday

8:00 am †Jerome Salzbrun

2:00 pm †Margaret Cruser (at Good Shepherd)

Friday, December 11, Damasus I, pope

8:00 am †Roger Bjorklund

Sunday Eucharist, December 12-13, Third
Sunday of Advent

Saturday 5:00 pm †Al Maier

†Thomas Roske

Sunday 8:00 am -For the Parish

10:00 am †Ed Larson

†Mildred Weeres

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

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 8 due to the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation).

Readings for the Week of December 6

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Advent Giving Tree



If you took a tag from the Giving Tree, please return the gift UNWRAPPED with the tag attached to it by Sunday, December 13. Thank you for your generosity.

Advent Vespers



Sacred Heart Parish & St. Mary's Cathedral will be working together to provide for **Advent Vespers**. Vespers will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral at 4 pm on the Sundays of Advent. Sacred Heart will be providing ministers on December 6th and December 20th. If you would like to help please sign up in the sacristy.

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

"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

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"

This month, among all months, reminds us of our ever-renewing commitment to Stewardship.

Income for the week ending **November 29, 2009**

Adult Collection.....	17,706.35
Children/Youth	40.45
Loose Collection.....	567.60
Improvements	110.00
Friends in Need.....	75.00
Holy Days.....	20.00
Campaign for Human Development	100.00
Christmas Flowers	228.00
Thanksgiving Collection.....	755.75

Turkey Cards



Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! We were able to donate 75 turkeys (976 pounds) to the Catholic Charities Food Shelf through your generosity.

Eternal Rest

Eternal Rest Grant Unto

ROBERT YAROSHEFSKI
AND
ELDON LOCKHART

who were called home to be with our Heavenly Father. Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

Liturgy

Liturgical Ministers: Please use the web terminal or the sign-up sheet by the sacristy to sign up for the Christmas liturgies.

RCIA

Our next session is December 6 at 7pm at the Janson House (yellow brick house next to our parking lot). RCIA is for those who are interested in joining the Catholic Church or seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation as an adult. Contact Fr. Ron at 251-8115.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Message from Father Ron

From Safari: This Tuesday, 7:05pm, in church, there will be a parish meeting regarding the future of Sacred Heart School. All parishioners are invited.

Tuesday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday. Tuesday's feast is the patronal feast day of the United States and celebrates Mary being conceived without sin.

Virgina Smith offers the following reflection on today's first reading. "Although the prophet Jeremiah mentions Baruch as his scribe (Jeremiah 36:32) and this short book is placed immediately following Lamentations in the canon of Scripture, contemporary scholars tend to view this work, at least in the form we have it today, as a much later creation, dating quite likely from the time of the Maccabees.

In any case, today's reading is a hymn of glory and gratitude over the release of God's people from the Babylonian captivity in 538 BCE. Prisoners of any time and place will say that one of the worst aspects of their confinement was not knowing when, or even if, it would end.

This makes today's reading especially pertinent during Advent, a season of waiting for our own exile to end. Centuries after the great Exile, the lowest point in Israelite history, finally concluded, God's people were again waiting for deliverance, this time in the form of a messianic figure who would, among other things, deliver them from the Roman boot.

Today each of us anticipates the culmination of our personal exile. In due time, God will deliver us from this earthly separation and return us to our true and lasting home. This is not something to be dreaded or feared but, like the émigrés of whom Baruch writes, to be celebrated with great anticipation, love, and praise. © 2009, OCP. All rights reserved.

Have a peace filled week and blessings on your Advent Journey.
Ron

Cards



Let's play cards! Join us for 500 on Tuesday, December 8 at 1:00pm in the Gathering Space. Everyone is welcome!

Baptisms



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

Jacob Jeffrey Campbell, son of Jeffrey & Laura
Elliyayna June Karl, daughter of Justin & Kristi
Lilah Kathleen Neu, daughter of Marvin & Brittanee
Christian Bennidict Skudlarek, son of Travis & Jessica
Cole Leo Sunder, son of Clyde & Candyce
Abigail Shirley White, daughter of Joshua & Kelly

Retirement Fund for the Religious

The Retirement Fund helps senior religious. "As expenses continue to increase and economic difficulties tighten our income, we appreciate more and more the help of the Retirement Fund," notes a woman religious. Your tax-deductible donation supports the care of elderly and frail religious and helps to provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services. Please give generously in next week's envelope for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

As part of your preparation for Christmas, consider celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Individual Reconciliation:

Dec. 8 - 5pm	Dec. 11-7am
Dec. 12 - 3:30pm	Dec. 15 - 7pm, 8pm
Dec. 16 - 7am	Dec. 18 - 12noon
Dec. 19 - 3:30pm	Dec. 22 - 3pm, 4pm, 5pm

Other Times by Appointment

Communal Reconciliation

Dec. 8, 7pm at St. Michael
Dec. 9, 6:30pm at St. Paul
Dec. 10, 7pm at St. Augustine
Dec. 10, 7pm at St. John Cantius
Dec. 13, 3:30pm at Holy Spirit
Dec. 14, 7pm at St. Anthony
Dec. 16, 7pm at Christ Church Newman Center
Dec. 19, 1pm at St. Peter
Dec. 22, 7pm at St. Mary
Dec. 18, here, 7pm Dec. 19, here, 12 noon

School News



There will be an All School Liturgy on Tuesday, December 8th at 9am planned by Mrs. Schloemer's sixth grade class.

SCRIP is available to purchase through the school. This is a great way to purchase gift certificates and only making one stop. Orders are due by noon on Monday. To ensure orders before Christmas, we need your order by 9am on Monday, December 14th.

Did you hear that Sacred Heart School has a Knowledge Bowl Team? The 5th and 6th grade students are doing very well in their first year.

Ladies Craft Night

Join us for the next Ladies' Craft Night on Friday, December 11 from 6:00-10:00pm in the Hospitality Room. Bring a craft project to work on. Questions, call Maureen at 255-9035.

Sacred Heart is in need of a parish host/hostess for funeral lunches. Please call 251-8115 if you can help.

Faith Formation

THE MESSIAH IS COMING! During this second week of Advent, can you take more time for prayer as you prepare for Christmas? Some opportunities to pray with our faith community this week are: daily Mass, Masses on Tuesday for the feast of the Immaculate Conception, and vespers on Sunday afternoon at St. Mary's Cathedral. Other ways to pray at home may be around the Advent wreath, or to pray the rosary, or just make some time to be still and speak to God.

AN ORIENTATION AND TRAINING SESSION for anyone interested in being a facilitator or small group leader will be held Monday, December 7, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Church. This is an opportunity for all who might be a facilitator for adult or youth groups during Journey In Faith Gatherings, other parish groups, and committee chairpersons to learn techniques for leading small groups.



Journey In Faith Gatherings are next week. If you have not registered for faith formation or want to register for just the December Gathering, complete a registration form that can be found in the kiosk or on the parish web site. If you need to attend a day other than the one you registered for, contact Joan in the Parish Office.

PARENTS OF 2ND AND 3RD GRADE CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION, who did not attend one of the parent meetings, need to contact Joan in the Parish Office.

Youth Ministry Notes (from Patrick)



6th, 7th, and 8th graders!!! The Winter Spectacular is coming!! On January 10th hundreds of young people from around central Minnesota will gather at St. John's for amazing day of fun. The event runs from 10:00 am until 4:00pm. It will include all sorts of great indoor and outdoor activities, food, and it will end with Mass in the Abbey church. Sign up information is available at the parish office or on the kiosk on your right as you enter church. You can also contact me for more information. Don't miss it.

Ski/Snowboard trip!! To Spirit Mountain we will go! On Saturday, January 30th we are heading out to Spirit Mtn. for a day and evening on the slopes. Put it on your calendar. More specific information will be coming out soon.

Contact Patrick at pflynn@csbsju.edu or 293-7988 for more information.

St. Monica's Society

St. Monica's Society will be donating those items left over from the Craft Sale to the Treasure Chest. If you have donated something and would like it back if it did not sell, contact Jane at 251-0439.

Notes of Interest

Theology on Tap meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7pm at Granite City in St. Cloud. It is a great opportunity for young Catholic adults to meet in a comfortable setting to explore our faith and how it affects our lives. We hope to connect and get connected to other young people in the area who are looking for a variety of opportunities to grow in faith and camaraderie.

KC's Breakfast at the St. Joe Lab School in St. Joseph on Sunday, December 6. Serving 8:30am-noon. Menu includes pancakes & waffles, sausage, ham, hash browns, scrambled eggs, rolls, fruit and beverages. Adults \$7; Children ages 6-12 \$3 and ages 5 and under eat free.

Talahi Senior Campus Holiday Open House on December 6 from 2-4pm. Includes quilt raffle, silent auction and fantastic food. Back by popular demand is the live music of Town and Country!

A special Advent Retreat for men and women will be held at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo on December 11-13. Please call 763-682-1394 for a registration form and more information .

Widowed Persons Dinner Social on December 13 at the Ace Cafe. 4pm Social; 5pm Dinner. Holiday attire and \$10 gift exchange.

Prayer for Priests during this Year of the Priest

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priests; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to You the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way. O Jesus, keep them close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

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

Katie Blenkush, John Gebhardt, Norbert Notch, Janet Skillingstad, Angie Studer, Kenley Worm and for those who have received prayer blankets.