

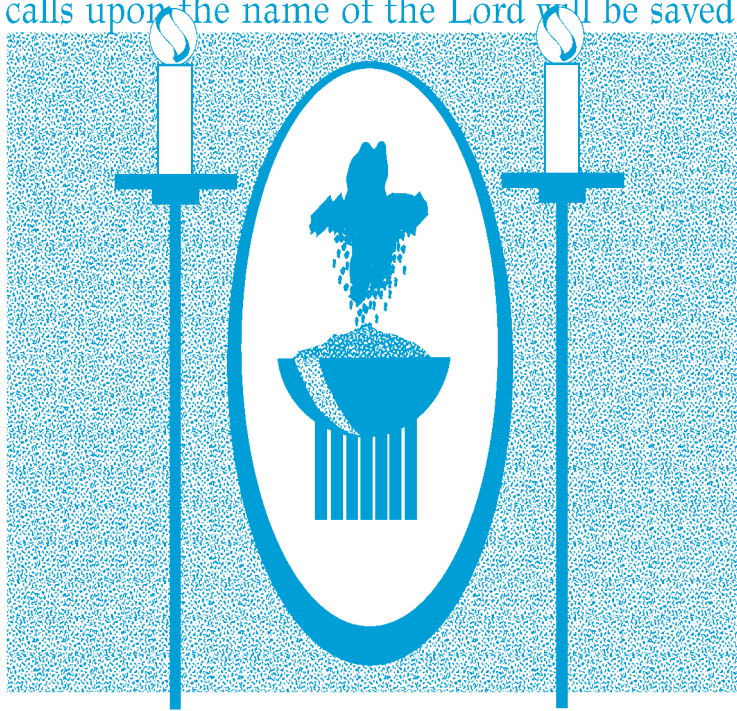


Sacred Heart PARISH

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The same Lord is Lord of all. Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.



first sunday of lent

First Sunday of Lent February 21, 2010

When the Lord calls, I will answer.

TRUSTEES

Anita Stoering & Jeff Voit

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Joe Foster, Paul Fread, Fred Haack, Lisa Hahn,
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Leslee Midas & Jean Schott

LEADERSHIP CHAIRPERSONS

Faith Formation — Fred Haack
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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)
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Robert Zawacki, Business Manager (Ext. *811)

Gerry Kittok, Confirmation (420-9050)
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, February 22, Chair of St. Peter, apostle

8:00 am -Word & Communion Service

Tuesday, February 23, Polycarp, bishop & martyr

6:00 pm †Earl & Agatha Thelen

Wednesday, February 24, Lenten Weekday

8:00 am †Monica Olmschied

Thursday, February 25, Lenten Weekday

9:00 am †Henry Hansen, Sr.

2:00 pm †Erwin Fuerstenberg (at GS Chapel)

Friday, February 26, Lenten Weekday

8:00 am †Al Maier

Sunday Eucharist, February 27/28, Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday 5:00 pm †Robert Crusier

Sunday 8:00 am -For the Parish

10:00 am †Leo & Frances Prom

†George Glum

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

Bringing Home the Word



Weekly reflections to help you reflect on your week, deepen your connection to the Word, and live out your faith.

First Sunday of Lent: What difficult times do you remember? How did God help you through them? How did they bring you to where you are today? Jesus rejected the idea of "testing" God's love and care for him. Do you ever "test" God's love and care? How might this work against your trust in God? What can you do to strengthen your love and trust in God this Lent?

"Stewardship as a way of life"

Talent, Time & Treasure

Give from substance—not abundance

Give back the first portion of all your God-given gifts. Make sharing a top priority—not something you do with your remaining time and money.

Readings for the Week of February 21

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17---4:1 or 3:20---4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

St. Cloud Visitor

Sacred Heart Parish is assessed for the cost of the diocesan newspaper, *The St. Cloud Visitor*. Please help with this cost by using the St. Cloud Visitor Envelope in your giving packet. The suggested offering is \$17.00, but a donation of any amount is appreciated. Thank you!

Soup Supper/Stations of the Cross



The Knights of Columbus will be serving a soup supper in the Gathering Space on Friday, February 26 from 6:15-7:00pm. Stations of the Cross will follow at 7:00pm in the church, led by the Knights of Columbus.

Web Site Updates

Did you know you can automatically receive updates as they are entered on the parish website? Visit our website, www.sacredheartsaukrapids.org. At the bottom of the home page you will see the RSS Symbol (see symbol). Click on the symbol and subscribe to get automatic downloads of updated information.



ACTUAL REVENUE and EXPENSE

January 2010

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| Adult Giving | \$ 70,456 |
| Children/Youth Giving | 265 |
| Christmas Giving | 2,627 |
| Improvement Gifts..... | 2,445 |
| Memorial/Honor Designated Gifts | 750 |
| Diocesan and Other Collections..... | 6,810 |
| Parish Ministry Revenue..... | 91,704 |
| Interest/Dividend Income | <u>1,721</u> |
| Total Gifts/Revenue | 176,778 |
| Parish Ministry Operating Expense | <u>174,663</u> |
| Revenue less Operating Expenses | 2,115 |
| Non-Operating Exp. (Depreciation, other)..... | <u>(15,267)</u> |
| Excess (Deficit) | (13,152) |

Income for the week ending February 14, 2010

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| Adult Collection..... | 17,414.31 |
| Children/Youth | 45.10 |
| Loose Collection..... | 545.55 |
| Improvements | 1,143.00 |
| St. Cloud Visitor | 1,001.00 |
| Easter Flowers | 25.00 |

Vespers

Come experience Vespers. Sacred Heart will be hosting Lenten Vespers at 4pm each Sunday of Lent (February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28). Vespers is the evening prayer of the church. It consists of hymns, psalms, readings, and prayers with time for quiet reflection. All are welcome! Liturgical ministers are needed. Please sign-up in the church sacristy or online if you are available.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

A Message from Father Ron

From Safari: At the beginning of our Lenten Journey, Lawrence Mick offers this insight, "One of the deficiencies in our observance of Lent when I was young was that it focused almost entirely inward. We sought to do penance for our sins (generally only personal sins, not social sins) and to strengthen our wills by exercising self-denial.

While these are valid goals for spiritual growth, Lent really should focus us outward as much as inward. Lent is a time to renew our baptismal commitment, and baptism calls us to be servants and witnesses, to carry on the mission of Christ today. Lent should lead us to become better servants of others and to reach out to others with the good news of the Gospel.

A push to focus outward comes from the first reading today. Moses commands the Israelites to remember that their ancestors were once aliens in Egypt. They are to remember how they were mistreated and oppressed by the Egyptians until God set them free in the Exodus. This is presented here as a reminder of God's care for the chosen people, but it also serves to remind them to care for the aliens in their midst. Exodus 22:20 says, "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt." (*February 2010, Celebration, p.24, The National Catholic Reporter Publishing Company, Kansas City, MO.*)

As part of your Lenten Journey celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Times and dates of individual reconciliation and communal reconciliation are listed in today's bulletin.

May our Lenten Journeys bring about conversion and spiritual growth. Ron

Baptism Preparation



The next Baptism Preparation Class is scheduled for **Thursday, April 8** at 7:00pm at church. If you have not taken this class in the last three years, please plan on attending this

1 1/2 hour class prior to the birth of your child. Call the Parish Office at 251-8115 to register. Please plan accordingly. Please do not bring your children.

Parish Bazaar

Would you like to become more involved at Sacred Heart Parish? Is getting to know more parishioners something that you would enjoy? If so, join our Sacred Heart Parish Bazaar Committee! We are looking for a new couple to join us. Please call if you have any questions, or would like to jump on board! Sandy & Neil Bueckers 255-1909 or John & Debbie Abraham 333-2977.



Email Addresses

How can you help the parish save time, paper, postage, phone charges, and keep in touch with the parish? Email! Please send us an email which includes your email address to:

parish@sacredheartsaukrapids.org

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Individual Reconciliation:

Tues. Feb 23 – 5:30pm; Fri. Feb 26 – 7am
Sat. Feb 27 – 3:30pm; Tues. Mar 2 – 5:30pm
Fri. Mar 5 – 6:30am, 12noon; Sat. Mar 6 – 3:30pm
Tues. Mar 9 – 5:30pm; Wed. Mar 10 – 5:30pm
Thurs. Mar 11 – 5:30pm
Fri. Mar 12 – 6:30am, 12noon, 6pm
Sat. Mar. 13 – 3:30pm; Tues. Mar 16 – 5:30pm
Fri. Mar 19 – 6:30am, 12noon
Sat. Mar. 20 – 12noon, 3:30pm, 6:30pm
Tues. Mar 23 – 7am, 12noon, 5:30pm
Wed. Mar 24 – 6:30am, 12noon, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm
Thurs. Mar 25 – 6:30am, 12noon
Fri. Mar 26 – 6:30am, 12noon
Other times by appointment

Communal Services:

Friday, March 26 – 7pm
Saturday, March 27 – 12 noon

Faith Formation

RESOURCES FOR YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY such as *Little Black Books* with daily reflections for adults, *Signs of Lent* reflection books for children, *Operation Rice Bowl* materials, and *Catholic Updates* are available on the table in the Gathering Space.

EUCCHARIST PARENT MEETINGS will be on either Sunday, Feb. 21 or Monday, Feb. 22, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the church for those preparing their children for First Eucharist this year. Children do not attend this meeting.

LIVE IT SERVICE PROJECT NIGHT for students in grades 5-8 is Wednesday, February 24, 6:00-7:45pm at Kids Against Hunger, 1000 S. Benton Drive. All are welcome and parents may stay and participate if they wish. Contact Robin at 255-5406 for more information.

Cards



Join us for the next 500 card group meeting on Tuesday, February 23 at 1:00pm in the Gathering Space. Everyone is welcome!

Please patronize those businesses which advertise on the back of our bulletin!!

Youth Ministry Notes (from Patrick)



Food Fast – On Saturday, February 27th we have a tremendous opportunity to make a difference people’s lives and to grow at the same time. During the Food Fast (which lasts from 9:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.) we will have the chance to serve at different sites in the St. Cloud metro area working with the elderly, making meals for the hungry, and other valuable service efforts. During the Food Fast we will be fasting from food (you might have figured that out from the title). This will help us remember our blessings and allows us to experience a little solidarity with those who do not have as much. We’ll end our day by participating in Mass together and eating soup afterwards. Our home base for the day will be St. Francis Xavier Church. Please come and be a part of this great event. Sign-up sheets are available in the kiosk.

Youth Group - 7:00 until 8:00 this Wednesday night in the church Gathering Space. Don't miss it. The topic will be Stradivarius violins, are they over-rated? See you then.

St. Monica’s Society

St. Monica’s will meet on March 2 at 6:30pm in the Gathering Space. Paulette LaVasseur from the Memory Care Clinic, will speak about “A Disease We All Fear-Dementia.” What are the causes, signs and symptoms? Can you do anything to prevent it? We invite all parishioners to attend this very interesting program.

Health & Wellness

Care For Your Heart So Your Heart Can Care For Others: Dietary sodium reduction is a focus of the American Heart Association. Regular monitoring of your blood pressure will help you prevent heart attack and stroke. Monitoring your sodium intake by reading nutrition labels can help reduce your blood pressure. Sponsored by College of St. Scholastica PHN Students.



Bazaar Raffle

We are in the process of putting together a list of prizes for the raffle tickets for the Sacred Heart Parish Bazaar. Anyone interested in donating a prize, please contact Rich Remer at 253-7277 as soon as possible.

Women’s Book Club

The book club will met Wednesday evening February 24, from 6:30 to 9:00 at the Janson House. The book we are reading for February is "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett. For more information, please call Carol Kittok at 253-8566. All are welcome.



Notes of Interest

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all of Sacred Heart parishioners for supporting their fundraisers throughout 2009 and 2010. Just a reminder that they will be having a membership recruitment day during the month of March. If you have any questions about the KC’s, ask any current member or come with your questions on recruitment day.

Help for Couples in Troubled Marriages: Are you, or someone you know, living in the despair of a marriage in trouble. Retrouvaille can help. The next program starts March 19, 2010. Advance registration is necessary. Call 320-255-5314 or check our website www.savingmarriages.org.

All women of the Diocese are invited to attend the Catholic Women’s Spring Retreat, “Year of the Priest, on Saturday, March 6 from 8am-3pm at St. Louis Catholic Church in Paynesville. St. Monica’s will pay the registration fee if you want to attend. Contact Betty at 252-4008 before March 1. Please see the kiosk for more information.

6th Annual Art Show at St. Francis Xavier Church Gathering Space in Sartell. Sunday, February 21 from 2-5pm. Over 25 area artists, free admission and refreshments.

There are a number of empty containers in the kitchen (from weekend hospitality or Journey in Faith goodies) that have not yet been picked up. Please do so as soon as possible. Thanks!



School News



There will be an All School Liturgy on Thursday, February 25th planned by Mrs. Schloemer's sixth grade class.

This Friday, the staff and students at SHS will be celebrating a special "School Olympics". We begin with our Opening Ceremony at 10:15 a.m.

Thank you to all who attended our 31st Annual Fish Fry. It was a huge success. Final totals will be available in weeks to come.

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

Betty Froelich, John Gebhardt, Harold Jesh, Marijane Kedrowski, Greg Maleska, Mary Lou Maleska, Lawrence Novitzki, Jill Pundsack, Eleanor Schaefer, John Wagner and for those who have received prayer blankets.