



Sacred Heart PARISH

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*Our citizenship
is in heaven, and
from it we also
await a savior, the
Lord Jesus Christ.
He will change our
lowly body to
conform with his
glorified body by
the power that
enables him also to
bring all things
into subjection to
himself.*

Second Sunday of Lent February 28, 2010

Renew us and keep us
in your love, Lord!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Individual Reconciliation:

Tuesday, March 2 – 5:30pm;
Friday, March 5 – 6:30am, 12noon
Saturday, March 6 – 3:30pm;
Tuesday, March 9 – 5:30pm
Wednesday, March 10 – 5:30pm;
Thursday, March 11 – 5:30pm
Friday, March 12 – 6:30am, 12noon,
6pm
Saturday, March 13 – 3:30pm;
Other times by appointment

Communal Reconciliation Services:

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

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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)
Sarah Woeste, Co-Director of Music/Liturgy (Ext. *816)
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, March 1, Lenten Weekday
8:00 am -Word & Communion Service

Tuesday, March 2, Lenten Weekday
6:00 pm †Jean Templin

Wednesday, March 3, Katharine Drexel, virgin
8:00 am †LeRoy Kipka

Thursday, March 4, Lenten Weekday
9:00 am †Lloyd Rosa
2:00 pm †Al Bueckers (at GS Chapel)

Friday, March 5, Lenten Weekday
(First Friday)
8:00 am †Verna Osterfeld
 †Lee Esselman

Sunday Eucharist, March 6/7, Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday 5:00 pm †Earl Thelen & Agatha Thelen Young

Sunday 8:00 am -For the Parish
10:00 am †Anthony & Hattie Puhalla
6:00 pm (at St. Mary's Cathedral)

Readings for the Week of February 28

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

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/
 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Widow/Widowers Support Group

The Widow/Widowers Support Group will meet in the Gathering Space on Wednesday, March 3 at 1:00pm to work on Prayer Blankets. All widows and widowers are invited to attend.

Soup Supper/Stations of the Cross



The Men's Club will be serving a soup supper in the Gathering Space on Friday, March 5 from 6:15-7:00pm. Stations of the Cross will follow at 7:00pm in the church, led by the students at Sacred Heart School.

Vespers

Come experience Vespers. Sacred Heart will be hosting Lenten Vespers at 4pm each Sunday of Lent (February 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!

Bringing Home the Word



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

Second Sunday of Lent: Faith and trust go together. Faith means complete trust in God. How have you trusted God this past week? The disciples were awed when the voice of God confirmed Jesus' identity: "This is my chosen Son, listen to him." How will you listen to and follow Jesus during Lent?

"Stewardship as a way of life"

Talent, Time & Treasure

Be a steward of finances.

Jesus has given us instructions on how to handle our finances.

Don't hoard your resources. Your resources are valuable tools for change, but only if you use them. Read "The Parable of the Rich Fool"—Luke 12:13-21.

Use your resources wisely. We're asked to serve and glorify God with whatever gifts we have received. Read about the 3 stewards in "The Parable of the Talents"—Matthew 25:14-30.

Be content with enough. Learn to distinguish your needs from your wants. Enough of anything is all you need: enough food, enough clothes, enough money. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10.

Income for the week ending February 21, 2010

Adult Collection.....	13,109.94
Children/Youth	71.81
Loose Collection.....	524.09
Improvements	150.00
St. Cloud Visitor	626.00
Easter Flowers	196.00
Ash Wednesday Collection (CRS).....	611.61

Eucharistic Adoration



Participate in **Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, March 5** by spending time before the Blessed Sacrament in silent prayer from 6:30 until 11:30am. Please pray for the needs and people of our parish.

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!

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

A Message from Father Ron

From Safari: The account of Jesus' transfiguration is heard every year on the Second Sunday of Lent. The compilers of the lectionary felt it important for us to hear this account every year in Lent and at the beginning of Lent. It is held up for our reflection because it speaks about transformation.

As we move through March, we will see the slow transformation of winter into spring. Already we have twelve hours of daylight. More song birds will appear as the snow melts away. By the end of the month, some early spring flowers may be visible. The program "The Biggest Loser" follows the path of those seeking to lose significant amounts of weight. Their success is the result of diet and exercise and more importantly a different mindset, which is committed to making changes for the better. A family member returns from basic training with a new discipline and in better physical shape. Again, it is the result of exercise, diet, and a commitment to new ideas and practices.

Lent challenges us to transformation. Lent is a time for us to reevaluate who we truly are. Are we compromising our integrity to gain the whole world? How are we making life easier for others to live? Are our lifestyles reflective of followers of Jesus? The practices of fasting, almsgiving, and praying are essential to our transformation. However, it is our change of heart, our commitment to seek change that brings about our transformation.

While Lent invites us to focus more specifically on our own transformation, our participation in the Eucharist is always about transformation. As the Holy Spirit transforms the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ that same Spirit strives to help us become more Christ-like in our own lives.

This past Thursday was the third meeting for the committee working on the unification of our school with St. Augustine/St. Mary Cathedral School. The committee has been exploring transportation and calendar issues. The students at both schools have submitted names for the unified school. For information on the process, check out the school unification page on our website. If you desire a printed copy of the minutes, contact the Parish Office.

May our Lenten Journeys bring about conversion and spiritual growth.

Ron

Congratulations, Marvin!

Our parish has sponsored Marvin Geovany Garcia Molina of San Felipe, Guatemala through Common Hope (formerly the Godchild Project). Marvin recently graduated from high school and sent us a thank you note along with his picture, which are both displayed in the Gathering Space. Please take a moment to sign the paper near Marvin's picture. We'll include all the names in a graduation card and send it to him. **Please sign by Sunday, March 7.**

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

Mark Your Calendar!

Sacred Heart Pay It Forward Project Friday, March 19

Come for homemade soup and bread, pray the Stations of the Cross, and stay to learn about the Somali community in Central Minnesota. Speaker Mohamed Yusuf of Lutheran Social Services will share his perspective on the needs and challenges faced by Somali immigrants. Soup supper begins at 6 pm, followed by Stations of the Cross and our speaker. A free will offering from the soup supper will benefit the St. Cloud Area Somali Salvation Organization to assist with education efforts within their local community. Contact the Parish Office for more details.

Operation Rice Bowl

Jesus' transfiguration was a moment of hope for the disciples, giving them the strength to endure the future sacrifices they would make as they formed the early Church. As we continue our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us be mindful that our Lenten sacrifices help to give hope to our brothers and sisters in need.



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.



Baptisms



Please welcome the following children, baptized during the months of January and February into our parish family:

Natalie MaryLou Steinberg, daughter of Matthew & Nichole

Sienna Marie Schmitz, daughter of Scott & Marie

Kyra Faye Schneider, daughter of Jacob & Emily

Benjamin Louis Winskowski, son of Louis & Heidi

Youth Ministry Notes (from Patrick)



On Sunday, March 7th we will have a youth council meeting for any young people interested in helping with youth ministry in the parish. We will meet from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space.

If you would like to keep updated about youth ministry activities or other stuff via email, contact me (Patrick Flynn) at pflynn@csbsju.edu or give me a call at 293-7988.

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.

Faith Formation

PARENTS OF CHILDREN PLANNING TO CELEBRATE FIRST EUCHARIST this year who did not attend one of the meetings last week need to contact Joan in the Parish Office.



JOURNEY IN FAITH GATHERINGS will be March 7, 10, and 11 at the church. These sessions will help us prepare to celebrate the Triduum. Fr. Bill Vos will be our guest speaker and will share his experiences of living and celebrating with the people of Africa. Not registered for Journey In Faith? Join us for one of the Gatherings this month and check it out.

World Day of Prayer Service

The Annual World Day of Prayer service will take place this year on Friday, March 5th at 2:30pm at First Presbyterian Church in St. Cloud (373 - 4th Ave. So.). This annual ecumenical event includes a prayer service written by women of a different country each year, and prayed on the first Friday of March by those all across the globe. This year, women of Cameroon have written a lovely prayer service, whose theme is: "Let Everything that has Breath, Praise God." They invite us to experience Africa in miniature, to celebrate diversity as well as common ground, and to believe that informed prayer leads to prayerful action. Everyone is invited to join in this moment of prayer!

Needed: Empty egg cartons for Journey in Faith gatherings. Please drop off in the food boxes in the Gathering Space.

Notes of Interest


"A Lenten Journey with Fr. Michael Himes"—if you were unable to join a study group for Lent but would still like to view the video, we have a few extra copies available for lending. Please contact Maureen in the Parish Office.

Sacred Heart will again be collecting Coborn's Ham Cards and receipts and will donate them to Catholic Charities Food Shelf. You can place them in the collection baskets or send to the Parish Office.

Elderly parishioner seeks a female nursing student to live in her home with her, to assist in the evenings and be present during the night. She is able to take care of her personal needs, including dressing and feeding herself. Free room and board offered. For more information, please contact Maureen at the Parish Office.

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.

I am Linda Midas, a parishioner for 14 years. My husband is Randy. For 22 years I have been listening to Christian Radio Stations. My favorite program is Focus on the Family with James Dobson. James Dobson is an author, speaker and counselor. I thank God for Dr. Dobson helping me to be a better wife, mother, friend and grandma. Recently, I was on his national radio program to give a testimonial on discipline. To hear my story, visit focusonfamily.com, click on the Listen to Today's Radio Broadcast, then the Focus on the Family Daily and finally on the February 23 program.

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! 

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

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

John Gebhardt, Harold Jesh, Marijane Kedrowski, Greg Maleska, Mary Lou Maleska, Lawrence Novitzki, Douglas Roberts, John Schad, Eleanor Schaefer and for those who have received prayer blankets.