



Sacred Heart PARISH

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EVENTS

Saturday, January 30th/Sunday, January 31st

- Kick-off Masses
- SHS and CHS/John XXII provide hospitality

Monday, February 1st: We Celebrate Our Students

- Cap/Hat Day
- Opening Assembly - 7:30am

Tuesday, February 2nd: We Celebrate Our Teachers/Staff/Helpers

Wednesday, February 3rd: We Celebrate Our Nation

- Red, White and Blue Day
- Open House and Registration for 2010-2011
10am - 2 pm and 5-7pm

Thursday, February 4th: We Celebrate Our Faith

- Mass & Dress-Up Day
- Spelling Bee at Cathedral High School

Friday, February 5th: We Celebrate Our School Family

- Spirit Wear Day
- “Wizard of Oz” at 7:00pm in the school gym

Catholic Schools Week
January 31-February 6



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, February 1, Weekday
8:00 am -Word & Communion Service

Tuesday, February 2, Presentation of the Lord
6:00 pm †Harold Blattner

Wednesday, February 3, Blaise, bishop & Martyr
8:00 am †Dianne Sauer

Thursday, February 4, Weekday
9:00 am †James Loidolt
2:00 pm †Firmin Wintheiser (at Good Shepd)

Friday, February 5, Agatha, virgin
8:00 am †David Abraham

Sunday Eucharist, February 6/7, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5:00 pm †Helen Juetten
Sunday 8:00 am -For the Parish
10:00 am †Mildred Weeres
 †David Dockendorf
6:00 pm (at St. Mary's Cathedral)

Readings for the Week of January 31

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31---13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Eucharistic Adoration



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

Widow/Widowers Support Group

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

Baptism Preparation



The next Baptism Preparation Class is scheduled for **Thursday, February 4** 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.

Bringing Home the Word



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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Think of the prophet Jeremiah and the Lord's words to him, "I am with you to deliver you." God is always with us! Have you ever felt like "giving up"? What do you know that will help you not to give up?

"Stewardship as a way of life"

Talent, Time & Treasure

All Creation belongs to God—including everything you are and everything you own

God is loving and giving

—God created the earth for us. God even gave us Jesus—God's only son

We're created in God's image

—we should strive to be loving and giving, just as God is.

We've been given a sacred trust

—we've been chosen as God's partners in caring for creation.

Income for the week ending **January 24, 2010**

Adult Collection.....	13,177.31
Children/Youth	50.79
Loose Collection.....	474.99
Improvements	50.00
St. Cloud Visitor	120.00
Religious Retirement	100.00
Haiti Earthquake Relief	245.00

ACTUAL REVENUE and EXPENSE December 2009

Adult Giving	\$ 94,338
Children/Youth Giving	268
Christmas Giving	39,088
Improvement Gifts.....	7,121
Memorial/Honor Designated Gifts	8,937
Diocesan and Other Collections.....	3,446
Parish Ministry Revenue.....	95,741
Interest/Dividend Income	<u>2,508</u>
Total Gifts/Revenue	251,447
Parish Ministry Operating Expense	<u>203,187</u>
Revenue less Operating Expenses	48,260
Non-Operating Exp. (Depreciation, other).....	<u>(15,267)</u>
Excess (Deficit)	32,993

Eternal Rest

DAVID ABRAHAM

was called home to be with our Heavenly Father. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.



A Message from Father Ron

From Safari: If you have been to a wedding recently, chances are you heard today's second reading about love. Patricia Sánchez writes, "Marital relationships are not the only opportunities for making real the lyrical love of Paul's hymn. We can apply these words to the love of parents for children, children for parents and friends and relatives for one another. Calling love "a dreadful task," William J. Bausch reminds readers that love is not a feeling but a matter of the will (Once Upon a Gospel, Twenty-Third Publications, New London, Conn.: 2008). Love is in the decisions we make, and the harder the decision, in spite of the feelings, the greater the love. That's why, says Bausch, the Russian writer Fyodor Dostoevsky may still have one of the best lines on love: 'Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing.'" (*January 2009, Celebration, p.44, The National Catholic Reporter Pub. Co., Kansas City, MO.*)

This week is Catholic Schools Week. This year's theme is: Catholic School's --- Dividends for Life. Our parish has and will continue to support the mission of Catholic Schools. Our schools --- Sacred Heart Elementary, John XXIII Middle School and Cathedral High School—provide an excellent education grounded in our faith. Karen Ristau, NCEA (National Catholic Education Association) president writes, "Catholic schools provide good things for students and families—high expectations and daily experience of faith. In these challenging times, the theme also reminds parents that the dividends of a Catholic school education—students prepared in faith, knowledge, morals and discipline—last a lifetime. There is no better way to invest in a child's future—or the future of our world."

Thank you to our schools for helping with our liturgies this weekend. Open house for Sacred Heart School is this Wednesday. To register or learn more about Cathedral High School and John XXIII school, contact Kathy Lahr at 257-2143.

Recent months have created some confusion about Sacred Heart School. We are merging with St. Augustine and St. Mary's Cathedral School. This merger is taking place to ensure the presence of Catholic School education in our area. We will also be in partnership with St. Francis Xavier School and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School. In the fall of 2011 the merged school will be at the school building on the St. Augustine campus. Our parish will continue to financial support the merged school. The school choir will still lead us in worship on Sundays and school week-day liturgies will take place here. The merged school will incorporate many of things that make Sacred Heart school a special place and there will be changes as we meet families, students, teachers, and staff from St. Augustine and St. Mary's Cathedral School. Our school is alive, each year brings growth and new dynamics. During the next two years, as we move forward together, I believe the joys of discovery will far outweigh the growing pains. Our challenge is to remember that the merged school is our school.

Have a peace filled week! Ron

Tables for Two



It's YOUR turn! For five years you've been meaning to check out Tables for Two—well, this is your year! Tickets are still available for "L'Amour á Paris," our sixth annual event, on Saturday, February 6 at 6:30. This five-course gourmet meal for married couples features a French menu, discussion questions for just the two of you and a renewal of marriage vows at the end of the evening, all in an intimate and elegant atmosphere. For more information, contact Maureen at 251-8115. Can't wait to see you there!

Music & Liturgy

Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and musicians are needed for the 6pm Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, February 7th. Please sign-up if you are available. Sign-ups can be found on the website or in the Church sacristy. Thank you!

Children's Choir: The Parish Children's Choir will sing for the 5pm Mass on Saturday, February 27th. We will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, February 3rd from 4:30 – 5:15pm in the church. Students in grades 2-6 are welcome to join. Please call Beth for more information.

Art & Environment will prepare the church for Lent on Sunday, February 14th following the 10:00 Mass.

Give Away: Poinsettias will be free for the taking following the 10:00 Mass on February 14. The red flower makes a lovely St. Valentine's Day decoration!

Palm Branches needed: Please bring your palm branches to church as soon as possible. There will be a basket in the Gathering Space for them. The palms will be burned for use on Ash Wednesday.

February 2nd we will celebrate the Presentation of the Lord with Mass at 6:00pm. Please consider bringing candles to be blest. Blest candles will also be available for use in homes.

February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blasé and the day for the blessing of throats. Blessing of throats will take place at the 8am Mass and a prayer service at 6:05pm on Wednesday.

Spring Praise Night: The Praise Choir will be leading a praise and worship sing-along as part of the February Journey in Faith sessions. Even if you are not registered for Journey in Faith you are welcome to come to one of these sessions. There will not be a separate Praise Night this Spring.



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

Youth Ministry Notes (from Patrick)



Food Fast – On Saturday, February 27th you are invited to spend the day serving those in need at several locations around the St. Cloud area. It will be an amazing day. Come and join us for this great event.

On Sunday, February 28th we will have a youth council meeting for any young people interested in helping with youth ministry in the parish. More details will follow or call me at the number below.

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.



JOURNEY IN FAITH GATHERINGS in February will help us prepare for the season of Lent. You are encouraged to attend one of these sessions:

- Sunday, Feb. 7, 11:15-2:00pm at the church
- Wednesday, Feb. 10, 5:15-8:00pm at **Cathedral High School**
- Thursday, Feb. 11th, **5:00-7:30pm** at the church

Note the time and location changes.

2010 Annual Diocesan Appeal

2010 Annual Diocesan Appeal Commitment Weekend is February 6-7. This appeal helps fund diocesan ministries that assist parishes in providing pastoral care to our people. Please prayerfully consider how you will respond as a member of the Body of Christ and as a faithful steward of the gifts God has given to you.

Fireproof

Back for an encore screening: "Fireproof," Saturday, February 13, 7pm here at Sacred Heart. This heart-warming story affirming the value of Christian marriage is a great way to celebrate Valentine's Day. Admission is free, and light refreshments will be served after the movie. All are welcome. Visit www.fireproofthemovie.com for more details.

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

Pat Abraham, Lisa Barthel, Katie Blenkush, Denise Budde, Peter Cluever, Betty Froelich, John Gebhardt, Lue Jackels, Jill Pundsack, John Scapanski, John Wagner, Larry Wruck and for those who have received prayer blankets.

School News



Open House and Registration for families new to Sacred Heart School will take place on Wednesday, February 3rd from 10am to 2pm and 5pm to 7pm. For more information, contact the school office at 251-2854.

There will be a liturgy on Thursday, February 4th planned by Mrs. Skuza's reading class for students in grades K-3.

We are looking for many helpers to make our Fish Fry a success. If you are able to volunteer, please call the school office. We would greatly appreciate the help.

This weekend we kick off Catholic Schools Week! We want to thank Sacred Heart Parish for the support that has made us a strong Catholic school.

Donations needed! We are looking for donations to our school field trip fund. With the rising cost of fuel, some families find the cost to attend an educational field trip to be cost prohibitive. Any donations can be sent to Sacred Heart School. We appreciate your support.

Mark Your Calendar!!! Sacred Heart School's 31st Annual Fish Fry is Friday, February 19 from 4-8pm at Sacred Heart School. Take-out available. Tickets available at the School or Parish Office.



Men's Club

The Men's Club will have a short meeting before the Men's Club Social starting at 5:30pm on Sunday, January 31 at Sacred Heart School.

Adult Lenten Study Groups

Sign up for Lenten adult study groups will take place after all the Masses next weekend. The study series, titled "A Lenten Journey with Father Michael Himes" reflects on the implications of our baptismal faith from four of the Lenten gospels (the temptation of Jesus, the Samaritan woman at the well, the cure of the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus). Each segment features a brief video presentation followed by group sharing. Call Joan or Maureen in the Parish Office for more details.

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.