



Sacred Heart PARISH

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Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Council 11346

Thursday, October 15
Sacred Heart Gathering Space
4:30-7:00pm

Adults: \$6
Children (ages 6-12): \$3
5 and under eat free

TRUSTEES

Anita Stoering & Jeff Voit

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Joe Foster, Paul Fread, Fred Haack, Lisa Hahn,
John Harambasic, Rich Kierzek, Dave Massman,
Leslee Midas & Jean Schott

LEADERSHIP CHAIRPERSONS

Faith Formation
Finance — Jeff Knapek
Health & Wellness — Annette Jesh
Justice & Peace — David Fremo
School Advisory Council — Sue Oldakowski
Sister Parish — Duane Ackerman
Stewardship — Jackie Johnson

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, October 12, Weekday

8:00 am -Word & Communion Service

Tuesday, October 13, Weekday

6:00 pm †Andrew Plafcan

Wednesday, October 14, Callistus I, pope & martyr

8:00 am †Julienne Schreifels

Thursday, October 15, Teresa of Jesus, virgin & doctor

9:00 am †Living & Deceased members of St. Monica's Society

2:00 pm †Kathy Neeb (at GS Nurs. Home)

Friday, October 16, Weekday

8:00 am †Lyle Shiek
†Aloys Midas

Saturday, October 17, Weekday

1:00 pm -Wedding: Michael Stangl & Jody Tretter

Sunday Eucharist, October 17-18, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5:00 pm -For the Parish

Sunday 8:00 am †Rich Esselman
†Anna Popp

10:00 am -Dennis & Pat Burski
(50th Wedding Anniv)

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

"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

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep me from following Jesus?

Sharing our talents arises from the fact that God has given each of us the ability and gifts to do certain things well, and we are to develop those talents for the good of others.

Income for the week ending **October 4, 2009**

Adult Collection.....	18,692.74
Children/Youth	39.70
Loose Collection.....	433.66
Improvements	230.00
Friends in Need.....	1,222.80

Memorial—Honor Gifts

The Memorial and Honor Windows in the Tabernacle area will be pulled and additional names engraved. If you are interested in memorializing or honoring loved ones and having their names engraved, please contact the Parish Office by October 15.

Church Cleaning

It's scary isn't it? I mean, it's like a real nightmare! Cobwebs! Spider webs! And it's so close to Halloween! But don't be alarmed (too much). We're just describing the cobwebs and spider webs in the Sacred Heart worship space. We really need your help to make the church a little less scary by cleaning it up. The maintenance people do a tremendous job, but they need a little help. Sacred Heart is hosting a church cleaning on Saturday, October 24th from 9:00 am. until 1:00 pm. Lunch will be served at 11:30. Please come for any or all of the effort to clean out the webs and other stuff. I hope we don't find any gum under the pews. Oooh, yucky...

Readings for the Week of October 11

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30
or 10:17-27

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45
or 10:42-45

Marriage Banns



The following couple is preparing for marriage.
Please keep them in your prayers.

II Brian Rudolph & Jessica Loehr

RCIA

The time for the beginning of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is fast approaching. RCIA is for anyone who is seeking to join the Catholic Church or is seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation as an Adult. If you know of a candidate for RCIA, please have them contact Fr. Ron for more information at 251-8115. Also contact Fr. Ron if you are willing to be a sponsor for an RCIA candidate.

Eternal Rest

Eternal Rest Grant Unto

VERNA OSTERFELD

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



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A Message from Father Ron

From Safari: As he was setting out for Jerusalem, the Marcan Jesus was approached by a man who desired to inherit eternal life. He had kept God's law and may have thought that he was well-prepared for the kingdom Jesus came to preach. But Jesus pressed the man toward a holiness he had not anticipated. Let go of your possessions, challenged Jesus; give them to the poor and come follow me, unencumbered and free.

Mark leaves his readers hanging at this point. He does not give us an example to follow. He simply states that "the man went away sad, for he had many possessions." The sad man's departure poses a series of questions for readers of the Gospel: What would I do? What am I willing to let go of in this life in order to respond fully to Jesus' call to discipleship? Am I able to unclench the fists that hold tightly to the things that give my life a sense of security and well-being? Can I let go of my nest egg, my rainy-day fund? Can I even let go of relationships that ground me and make me who I am?

Jesus promises that the letting go he asks of his disciples is not without its positive rewards (rewards a hundred fold — houses, brothers, sisters, eternal life), and it also has its negative repercussions (persecutions). Nevertheless, the choice is ours alone to make. Do we accept this very hard word of Jesus (sell, give, come, let go) or not? Do we, like Solomon, prefer God's word and God's wisdom to all else? Do we hold word and wisdom above power and prestige? Above riches and financial security? Above health and beauty? (*October 2009, Celebration, p.33, The National Catholic Reporter Publishing Company, Kansas City, MO.*)

Have a peace filled week!

Ron

Women's Book Club

The next meeting will be October 21 in the Hospitality Room from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. The book chosen for discussion is 'The Latehomecomer' a Hmong family memoir by Kao Kalia Yang. The author will also be speaking at St. Ben's on October 15th in the evening. For more information on the book club, please call Carol Kittok at 253-8566. All are welcome!



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. Congratulations to John Fandel, he was recently chosen by his fellow KC members to receive the Knight of the Year award for all his hard work during the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Congrats to Neil Bueckers on receiving the Shining Armor Award for his outstanding accomplishments during his first year as a KC member and congrats to Kevin Knapek for being selected as the October Knight of the Month.

Parish Meeting

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish,

As you recall, several members of our parish and I have been involved in an Options Group for the past year addressing Wholistic Faith Formation and how we can best serve the people in the St. Cloud Metro area during a time of diminishing enrollment, declining participation and a lack of commitment to parish life.

The involved parishes are Holy Spirit, St. Anthony, St. John Cantius, Christ Church Newman Center, St. Augustine, St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Joseph/WP, St. Michael, St. Francis Xavier, St. Mary HOC, St. Wendelin, Sacred Heart and St. Joseph/SJ.

The results of those meetings are proposals for Catholic Schools and Parish Religious Education alike that will be shared with you at an open parish meeting on October 25, 2009, at 6:30 pm. The proposals will be presented, your questions about the proposals will be addressed, and you will be asked to weigh in on the proposals that best meet the needs of the metro area at this time. Please remember that this is being done in order to enhance the current programming and to make the best use of our resources based on demographics, facilities and finances.

The proposals will be presented by members of the Options Group, but not by our parish representatives. Nor will any of the pastors be present at their own parish meetings. It is the hope that this will allow for a more objective approach to the proposals and a freer question and answer time for you.

Please save **Sunday, October 25, 2009, at 6:30 pm** for a meeting here at Sacred Heart Church that will address the proposals. It is important that we have strong representation from our parish as we look to the future of the Church in this area of the Diocese of Saint Cloud.

May the Holy Spirit continue to lead us in this planning process.

See you on October 25. Blessings. Fr. Ron

Cards



Let's play cards! Join us for 500 on Tuesday, October 13 at 1:00 pm in the Gathering Space. Everyone is welcome!

Blood Pressure Checks

There will be free blood pressure checks in the Hospitality Room after all the Masses the weekend of October 17-18.



Ladies Craft Night

Join us for the next Ladies' Craft Night on Friday, October 23 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. Bring a craft project to work on. Questions, call Maureen at 255-9035.

Faith Formation



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION information is available on the parish web site, www.sacredheartsaukrapids.org, or in the kiosk in the Gathering Space. If you have a child in grade 2 or older who will be preparing for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist or a student in grade 10 or older preparing for Confirmation, you need to complete a faith formation registration form. Grade 9 students who wish to prepare to celebrate Confirmation in 2011 must participate in faith formation this year. One form per household takes care of the registration for all of the programs. Contact Joan in the Parish Office if you have questions.

The Faith Formation Faith-Based Covenant Forms need to be completed and returned to the Parish Office by October 18th. You can return it by mail, in the collection basket, or drop it off at the office.

CONFIRMATION CLASS for students in grade 10 and above, who are preparing to celebrate Confirmation in 2010 meets on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the school. If you have not completed a faith formation registration form, please do so this week.

PARENTS: are you looking for additional learning materials to use at home with your children? Weekly materials for Preschool through grade 8 that focus on the Sunday scriptures, with stories that are current and activities that connect young people with our Catholic Church, are available. Contact Joan at jkrause@sacredheartsaukrapids.org or 251-8115 (ext. *818) to obtain these materials for your family.

Notes of Interest

Thank you to the Sacred Heart School Children's Choir for singing at the 10:00 am Mass.

National Priesthood Sunday: October 25, 2009 The Knights of Columbus will be leading the parish in a blessing over Father Ron during the Masses on October 24th & 25th in support of his vocation to the priesthood and honor him during this "The Year of the Priest" as declared by Pope Benedict XVI.

40 Days for Life Campaign: Christians throughout the Diocese of Saint Cloud are invited to take part in the national 40-Days-for-Life effort from September 23 through November 1. In addition to 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, please consider volunteering to pray outside of the Planned Parenthood Clinic in St. Cloud during the 40 days, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. To get more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact Mary Jo Ruhland at rhlgr@aol.com or (320) 453-3695.

Wanted: an artificial Christmas tree to use at the Alternative Gift Market. Contact the Parish Office if you have a tree we can borrow for use at the church November 6-8.



Youth Ministry Notes (from Patrick)



The next Sacred Heart youth group meeting will be on Wednesday, October 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Please come and check it out.

Any 9th-12th grader interested in attending the St. Cloud Diocesan Youth Rally on November 1st is welcome. Registration forms can be found at church or call the Parish Office at 251-8115 for more information.

Thanks to all of you who purchased a happy, orange globe after Mass this last Sunday from the youth group. We hope it brings you pumpkin joy! We made \$300 on our pumpkin sale. Thank you to the Catholic Aid Society for actually planting the pumpkin seeds for us!

On October 31st young people from the parish will be Trick or Treating, but in a completely different way. We will be going door to door and collecting non-perishable food for the community food shelf. We will be placing a notice on the door of your home a few days ahead of time if we will be collecting in your neighborhood. Then in the late afternoon/evening of October 31st we will be collecting the food. Any high school students interested in helping are very welcome.

Starlite Ball

The second annual Starlite Ball is Saturday, October 24th at Territory Golf Course. This adult dinner and dance is an important fund raiser for Sacred Heart School. Tickets are \$50 per person. Tickets are available at the school office. ALL ARE WELCOME. For more information, contact the school office.



School News



Dates to remember: October 15-16 — No School

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

Alice Anderson, Ann Crane, Betty Froelich, John Gebhardt, Marvin Hagen, Richard Henkemeyer, Chrissie Hill, Wanda Kucala, Gregory Maleska, MaryKay Muehlbauer, Dianne Sauer, David Sikes, Barbara Thompson, Wyatt Wieber and for those who have received prayer blankets.