

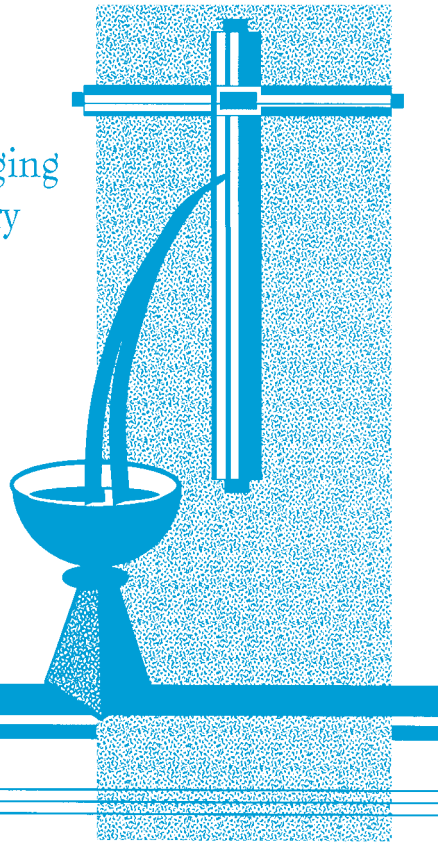


Sacred Heart PARISH

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It is fitting
that when bringing
many to glory
GOD
should make
their leader
in the work
of salvation
perfect through
suffering.



Twenty-seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 4, 2009

You, Lord, are the God of all!

TRUSTEES

Anita Stoering & Jeff Voit

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Joe Foster, Paul Fread, Fred Haack, Lisa Hahn,
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LEADERSHIP CHAIRPERSONS

Faith Formation
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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 (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 5, Weekday

8:00 am -Word & Communion Service

Tuesday, October 6, Weekday

8:00 am -Word & Communion Service

Wednesday, October 7, Lady of the Rosary

8:00 am -Word & Communion Service

Thursday, October 8, Weekday

9:00 am †Jack Murphy

2:00 pm †Lloyd Rosa (at GS Nurs. Home)

Friday, October 9, Weekday

8:00 am †Bernie Janson

Saturday, October 10, Weekday

2:15 pm -Wedding: Gregory Blonigen &
Dawn Mischler

Sunday Eucharist, October 10-11, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5:00 pm †Peter Winkelman

Sunday 8:00 am †John Gamades (Anniv)
†Anthony & Hattie
Puhalla

10:00 am -For the Parish

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

The phrase in today's psalm, "May you see your children's children," is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that *every* day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!"

Christian Stewardship trains us to become aware that God is the ultimate giver of gifts we have. To give to God should be "from the top" – not what may be leftover.

Income for the week ending September 27, 2009

Adult Collection.....	16,269.68
Children/Youth	41.61
Loose Collection.....	766.37
Improvements	60.00
Friends in Need.....	45.00

Readings for the Week of October 4

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
Monday: Jon 1:1--2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Marriage Banns



The following couples are preparing for marriage. Please keep them in your prayers.

III Michael Stangl & Jody Tretter

I 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.

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

Fall church cleaning will be held on October 24th from 9:00-1:00. Lunch is served at 11:30 am. Come and go as you are able to help. Bring your own pail.

Widow/Widowers Support Group

The Widow/Widowers Support Group will meet in the Gathering Space on Wednesday, October 7 at 1:00 p.m. to work on Prayer Blankets. All widows and widowers are invited to attend.

St. Monica's Society

St. Monica's Society will meet on Tuesday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space. Bernie Wensberg will be speaking on Our Lady of Guadalupe. All women are welcome!

Journey In Faith...it is for everyone!

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A Message from Father Ron

From Safari: Beginning this evening (Sunday) until midday Wednesday, I will be in Alexandria for the annual Diocesan Pastoral Workshop. The topic this year is: Spirituality and Physical Health of Clergy.

This weekend is set aside for the Respect Life cause. In Genesis, not only do we learn that all creation is sacred, but humans are created in the divine image. The Church teaches that all human life needs to be treated with dignity and respect, and that all have a right to life. Daniel Turski writes, "Today life is being attacked from every angle: abortion robs children of their fundamental right to life; embryonic stem cell research involves destroying living human beings for speculative medical research; legalized assisted suicide and euthanasia rise out of the false view that some lives are not worth living." Capital punishment, war, and poverty, are also attacks on life.

Discussion on life issues can become heated. Church teachings on life issues are difficult. It is hard to share with a couple that some solutions to infertility are not acceptable. It is hard to support an end to capital punishment. It can be hard to publicly state you are against abortion.

On this Respect Life Weekend prayer is needed. We need to pray that: all people will hold up the sacredness of human life; we will respond pastorally to those who struggling with church teachings on life or have gone against church teaching; each of us will have the courage to defend life, even if it means a friendship is lost or we are ridiculed.

Have a peace filled week!

Ron

H1N1 Information

Reported cases of influenza (including cases of the H1N1 virus) are on the rise. Our Health & Wellness Committee strongly recommends the following:

1. If you suspect you are sick, stay at home and do not attend Mass until you feel healthy. Missing Mass due to sickness is not sinful; it is prudent and shows a respect for your brothers and sisters.

2. At the Sign of Peace, a verbal exchange is to be offered rather than a handshake or other contact.

3. Communion in the hand is better hygiene. Receiving from the cup is optional.

4. Practice good hygiene: cover your cough; wash hands frequently with soap and water (scrub for at least 30 seconds); if you are feeling sick, do not come to places where you might infect others. (As a point of information, our Eucharistic Ministers will wash their hands prior to distributing communion.)

Mark your Calendar: Sacred Heart Knight's of Columbus Chili Feed in the Gathering Space on October 15 from 4:30-7:00pm.

Music Notes



The **Parish Children's Choir** will be starting rehearsals in early November. This choir will be open to all 2nd – 6th graders. Please watch the bulletin and church website for more details. Any questions, please contact Beth at the Parish Office.

Baptisms




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

Ayva Nicole Benoit, daughter of Scott & Jenny
Alivia Anne Blissenbach, daughter of Jon & Rebecca
Aiden Martin Breth, son of Toby & Courtney
Abraham Fitzpatrick Howard, son of Patrick & Dana
Danyka Lynn Johnson, daughter of Jeff & Stephanie
Carter Muite Kihiu, son of Michael & Maggie
Sophia Rose Poole, daughter of Adam & Kelly
Griffin James Rothstein, son of Keith & Stephanie
Ari Matthew Vigen, son of David & Rebecca
Katelyn Emma Waldoch, daughter of Joseph & Kathy


Grieving During the Holidays

Mark your Calendar!!! Grieving During the Holidays: A program designed for those who are experiencing loss (however recent) will be held on Sunday, November 15 from 2-4 pm at Sacred Heart Church. Jim Otremba, a licensed Christian counselor, will discuss grieving, self-care, and finding hope in God's promise of new life. A time of fellowship with dessert and coffee will follow his presentation. No RSVP is necessary; all are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Maureen at 251-8115.

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!

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. 

Faith Formation



YOU ARE INVITED to a gathering on Wednesday, October 7, 7:00 pm at the church to find out more about the many opportunities to volunteer in our faith formation programs. Students in grades 11 & 12 who have been confirmed, as well as adults are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served. Contact Joan in the Parish Office for more information.

IS IT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR FAITH FORMATION? If you did not register this past week for Journey In Faith, contact the Parish Office or go to our web site for registration information. We are still taking registrations; however, some sessions may be full. 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. Check out the parish web site, www.sacredheartsaukrapids.org for additional information and registration forms.

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.

Youth Ministry Notes (from Patrick)



We had a great time at our first youth group! Our next youth group meeting will be this Wednesday, October 7th at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Space. Our theme will be UFOs and rock skipping. Do not miss it!

The Diocesan Youth Rally will be held Sunday, November 1st. Come and join about 1,000 high school students from all over central Minnesota. It will include fantastic music, a great speaker, and incredible amounts of energy. Call the parish or me (Patrick Flynn 293-7988) to find out how to register.

Why are Halloween colors orange and black? Well, I don't know about the black, but the orange is for PUMPKINS!!! The youth will be selling some amazing, home-grown (Sacred Heart Parish Garden) pumpkins after the Masses on Sunday. Now, of course, you could buy your pumpkin at a store, but why would you want to do that? If you buy from the youth, you'll get a great pumpkin, AND you'll feel good! That's a tough combination to beat.

School News



Dates to remember:
October 10 — Work-A-Thon
October 15-16 — No School

Poor Clare Benefit Tea

The Annual Poor Clare Benefit Tea will be on Thursday, October 8 from 2:00-5:30 pm at the Bob & Laurie Strack Residence, 617 Scenic Drive South, Sartell. Proceeds are used to help defray fuel expenses at the Poor Clare Monastery in Sauk Rapids. Sacred Heart's St. Monica's Society will be assisting from 4:30-5:00 pm. Everyone is welcome, so please come and bring a friend!



Notes of Interest

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 rhlgjr@aol.com or (320) 453-3695.

Central Minnesota TEC invites Youth (age 16+) and adults to participate in a TEC retreat this Fall. TEC weekend dates are Oct 16-18, Nov 7-9 and Nov 27-29. With more than 34,000 participants, CM TEC remains one of the most popular retreat programs in the nation. Visit www.cmtec.org for more information and an application. Don't delay – the number one comment we receive is, "This was one of the best experiences of my life. I wish I would have done this a lot sooner!"

KC's Breakfast on October 4 at St. Joe Lab School in St. Joe. Serving from 8:30-noon. Pancakes & waffles, sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, beverage.

Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
with a **Blessing of Pets**
Sunday, October 4th at 1:00 pm
Sacred Heart Church Parking Lot

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, Chrissie Hill, Eileen Jurek, Gregory Maleska, Gannon McGrath, Verna Osterfeld, Dianne Sauer, David Sikes, Barbara Thompson, Wyatt Wieber and for those who have received prayer blankets.