



Sacred Heart PARISH

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**SAY TO THOSE
WHOSE HEARTS
ARE FEARFUL
BE STRONG,
FEAR NOT!
HERE IS
YOUR GOD
HE COMES TO
SAVE YOU.**



**THEN WILL THE
EYES OF THE BLIND
BE OPENED, THE
EARS OF
THE DEAF
CLEARED, THEN
THE TONGUE OF
THE MUTE WILL
SING!**

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Twenty-third Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 6, 2009

Lord, you are always
just and merciful!

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 Schottl

LEADERSHIP CHAIRPERSONS

Adult 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 (summer hours)

8:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. Tuesday 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 (251-2872, Ext. 8)
Patrick Flynn, Youth Minister (293-7988)

Located at School 251-2854

Erin Hattestad, 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, September 7, Weekday
8:00 am -Word & Communion Service

Tuesday, September 8, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:00 pm †LeRoy Kipka
 †Living & Deceased members of St. Monica's Society

Wednesday, September 9, Peter Claver, priest
8:00 am †Rosemary Winkelman

Thursday, September 10, Weekday
9:00 am †Agnes Lutgen (*School Mass*)
2:00 pm †Al Maier (at GS Chapel)

Friday, September 11, Weekday
8:00 am †William & Mary Lemmerman

Saturday, September 12, Weekday
2:30 pm -Wedding: Christian Medford & Melissa Malat

Sunday Eucharist, September 12-13, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5:00 pm †Michael Reginek
Sunday 8:00 am †Cy Wolter (Anniv)
 †Chad & Valerie Rucks
 Scott

10:00 am -For the Parish
6:00 pm (at St. Mary's Cathedral)

"Stewardship as a way of life"



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 good steward must not show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world's poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God's kingdom.

Christian Stewardship provides a spirituality that you can take home from church, exercise at work and express through personal involvement in the community and church.

Income for the week ending **August 30, 2009**

Adult Collection.....	15,026.74
Children/Youth	60.48
Loose Collection.....	504.01
Improvements	235.00
Holy Days.....	15.00

Readings for the Week of September 6

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
Monday: Col 1:24---2:3/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

ACTUAL REVENUE and EXPENSE JUNE 2009

Adult Giving	\$ 68,506
Children/Youth Giving	206
Educ. Endowment Interest/Dividends	5,200
Educ. Endow. Change in FMV	54,129
Improvement Gifts.....	595
Memorial/Honor Designated Gifts	3,300
St. Cloud Visitor Revenue	18
Diocesan and Other Collections.....	0
Parish Ministry Revenue.....	130,114
Interest/Dividend Income	<u>2,791</u>
Total Gifts/Fees	264,859
Parish Ministry Operating Expense	<u>213,847</u>
Revenue less Operating Expenses	51,012
Non-Operating Exp. (Depreciation, other)	<u>(26,613)</u>
Excess (Deficit)	<u>24,399</u>

Marriage Banns



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

III Charles Hansen & Mary Esselman
II Matthew Hubbard & Angela Hoffman
I William Haselkamp & Sarah Plafcan

Baptism Preparation



The next Baptism Preparation Class is scheduled for **Thursday, October 1** at 7:00 pm at church. If you have not taken this class in the last three years, please plan on attending this approximate 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.

Festival News

The Parish Festival Committee would like to extend our thanks to all of the Stand Chairs and the many volunteers who participated in this year's Parish Festival. Also, our appreciation goes out to Sy and Elaine Krueger for funding the Polka Mass band. Thank you to all the parishioners who posted a Festival yard sign. If you have not already done so, please return your sign to church to be used again next year. Thank you. Julie & Ron Lentner, Sandy & Neil Bueckers, Debbie & John Abraham

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A Message from Father Ron

From Safari: The Labor Day Weekend marks the end of summer. (Autumn will officially begin 4:18pm on September 22.) I trust your summer days re-energized you and were filled with leisure and joy. Tuesday marks the beginning of a new school year for our students and staff at Sacred Heart School. Tuesday will be a day of renewing friendships, meeting new students, staff, and families. Please keep our school in your prayers. Watch for school news in the bulletin and on our website. Through our school, we carry out our baptismal call to bring the Good News to others and it allows students and staff to share their faith in all aspects of learning. The students will once again this year celebrate the Eucharist on Thursdays, at 9am.

This weekend invites us to reflect on the dignity of work. Work is more than a way to make a living, it is a participation in God's creation. To have a job is one of our human rights. We are to ensure that the basic rights of workers are protected --- the right to productive work, to just wages, to organize and join unions, to private property, and to economic initiative. This year we pray especially for those who are unemployed and for those who assist the unemployed.

On the light side, here is an exchange from an actual courtroom, taken down by a court reporter.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.

(September 2009., *Celebration*, p.26, *The National Catholic Reporter Publishing Company, Kansas City, MO*)

Have a great Labor Day and a peace filled week!

Ron

Music & Liturgy



Liturgical ministers should check their e-mail or the Gathering Space for their new schedules. If you have not received your schedule please contact Sarah.

Eucharistic Ministers: Beginning next weekend (September 12 & 13) we will have 12 Eucharistic Ministers at each Mass. Scheduled Eucharistic Ministers should arrive early and sign in on the sheet in the sacristy before Mass. There will be a meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers on *Thursday, September 24 at 6:30 pm* in church.

Our parish is in need of a few more **Homebound Eucharistic Ministers** on Sunday mornings. This ministry is very rewarding for the minister as well as the recipient of communion. All parishioners are encouraged to learn more about this vital ministry and are welcome to go along with a trained minister to see what the ministry entails. A complete ministry description can be found on our parish web site, click on Worship.

The **Art & Environment** committee will gather on Saturday, September 19th at 9:00 am to create a Fall Environment in Church.

The **Praise Choir** is welcoming new members. During the school year the Praise Choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 pm and sings twice a month at 5:00 pm Saturday liturgy. This group would love to have a few additional singers, a bass guitarist, and a flautist. Our next rehearsal is on Tuesday, September 8th. For more information please contact Sarah.

Youth



Youth Kick-Off 2009! Join St. Cloud area youth at the youth liturgy and dance on **Saturday, September 19 from 6-10 p.m.**

at St. Augustine's Church in St. Cloud. Event begins with Mass and is followed by pizza, open gym, bonfire, and dance with nationally known Catholic entertainer **DJ Bill**. All youth grades 6-12 and their families are welcome. Cost is \$5 per participant (pre-registered), or \$7 at the door. Contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office by Thursday, September 17 to register.

KC's Taco Night



Mark your calendar for Thursday, September 17!! The Knights of Columbus will be having a Taco Supper in the Gathering Space from 4:30-7:30 pm. A portion of the proceeds will go to Sacred Heart School. Adults \$6; children 6-12 \$3; 5 years and under eat free.

Roofing Project



We will begin a roofing project on the shed at the Janson House on Wednesday, September 9 at 8:00 a.m. and go until dark. If you can spare even a few hours, please come and help. All you need to bring is an apron and a hammer.

School News



The first day of school is Tuesday, September 8th for students in first through sixth grade. The first day of school for kindergarten students is Thursday, September 10th.

Mark your calendars: The second annual Starlite Ball will be Saturday, October 24th. All are welcome!

Faith Formation



When Does Religious Education Begin?

Faith formation programs are beginning later this year so that we can take the time needed to prepare for the new intergenerational model. The first Journey In Faith Gathering is in November. The 10th grade immediate preparation for Confirmation will begin in October. Registration for faith formation programs, to include Confirmation, can be completed at one of the following times:

- Saturday or Sunday, September 26/27 following Masses
- Wednesday, September 30, 6:30 pm at the Church
- Thursday, October 1, 5:30 pm at the Church
- Friday, October 2 following the 8:00 am Mass (note date change from Thursday)

To help everyone better understand what the new program entails, there will be a short presentation at the beginning of each registration session. Schedules for the programs being offered in the coming year to include preparation for Confirmation and Eucharist/Reconciliation will be available at the time of registration.

Journey In Faith ... Are You Ready? Check out the parish web site, www.sacredheartsaukrapids.org for an updated "Frequently Asked Questions" posting as well as registration and schedule details. Do you want more information? Contact Joan in the Parish Office.

Kid's Korner

Sharing the Gospel: Imagine what it would be like to be deaf-unable to hear music, voices or anything. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus did something amazing. Jesus healed a deaf man, so that for the first time he could hear and talk clearly. What would you listen to? What would you say?

Prayer: Dear God, you are so amazing. Thank you for healing the deaf man. Help me to use my ears and my voice to praise you.

Something to Draw: Draw a picture of all the things you like to listen to.

Mission for the Week: Go to the library and find out how to say "Jesus loves you" in sign language. On the way home, pretend you cannot hear or speak.

Notes of Interest

Adult Bible Study: Join us as we discover the complete storyline of the Holy Bible. Jeff Cavins' Bible Timeline is a 24 week Bible study starting Sept. 8. Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm or Wednesdays 9:00-11:00am. For more information call Beverly/Michael 230-4520 or Paula/David 255-0021. The sessions will be held at Church of St. Peter and Church of St. Paul in St. Cloud.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Lacrosse, Wisconsin with Fr. Tom Knoblach on Thursday, September 24. Depart by motor coach at 6:30 a.m. from St. Anthony's Church, St. Cloud and return approximately 8:00-9:00 pm. We will attend Mass at 12:00 noon at the shrine. For more information, contact Kathleen at 259-6809 or Colleen at 1-877-453-7426. The cost is \$65 which includes motor coach and lunch. Registration deadline is September 15 (forms are in the kiosk).

Separated/Divorced Support Group. Offered every Monday from 7-8:30pm at Caritas Family Services, 911 18th Str. N., St. Cloud. No Charge. All faiths are welcome. Confidentiality respected. Please call 529-0427 for more information.

Plan to attend the presentation "Old Gold: Reclaiming Some Traditional Spiritual Practices," by Dr. Thomas Groome, on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, in the Performing Arts Center of Cathedral High School. All adults are encouraged to attend.

Want Help? Want help with your Health Care Directive? When: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at Whitney Senior Center. No appointment necessary and it's free.



Cards



Let's play cards! Join us for 500 on Tuesday, September 8 at 1:00 pm in the Gathering Space. Everyone is welcome!

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

Katie Blenkush, Lorraine Carlson, John Gebhardt, Mary Ann Gerads, Jeffrey Hinkemeyer, Ron Jurek, Eldon Lockhart, Cy Reinert, John Schad, John Tiemann, Dianne Voit, Bob Yaroshefski and for those who have recently received prayer blankets.