



# Sacred Heart

C a t h o l i c C h u r c h

4087 West Broadway • Robbinsdale, MN 55422

Phone: 763-537-4561

*Formed in His Heart, Serving with His Heart*

## Sunday Mass Times

### Saturday Vigil:

5:00 PM Mass of Anticipation

### Sunday — The Lord's Day:

8:00 AM Mass

10:00 AM Mass

(Child Care Available)

11:35 AM Latin Mass

(1962 Missal)

## Daily Mass Times

### Monday:

8:00 AM Communion Service

Lauds/Morning Prayer following

### Tuesday — Saturday:

8:00 AM Mass

Lauds/Morning Prayer following

## Holy Day Mass Times

Consult the bulletin

## Penance and Reconciliation

### Tuesday — Saturday Morning:

7:30 — 7:50 AM

### Saturday Afternoon:

4:00 — 4:45 PM

Or by appointment

## Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays in the

Sacred Heart Chapel:

8:35 AM — 8:00 PM

## Parish Office Hours

### Monday — Friday:

8:00 AM — 4:30 PM

### Wednesday Evening:

5:00 — 8:00 PM

(October — April)

### Sunday Mornings:

8:30 — 11:30 AM

## Parish Web Site

[www.shrmn.org](http://www.shrmn.org)

## Parish Phone: 763-537-4561

## Sacred Heart Catholic School

Daycare, Pre-K through 8th grade

4050 Hubbard Avenue North

Robbinsdale, MN 55422

## School Web Site

[sacredheartsschoolrobbinsdale.org](http://sacredheartsschoolrobbinsdale.org)

## School Phone: 763-537-1329

## February 19, 2017



# 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You have heard that it was said, *You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.* But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father.” —Mt 5:43-45a

## Parish Directory

Phone: 763-537-4561  
General Email: cshadmin@shrmn.org

### Worship

Priest, Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen.....ext. 101  
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**Priest Staff:** Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen  
**Deacon:** Dr. James Ramsey

## A Message from Archbishop Hebda

### Catholic Services Appeal 2017:



The 2017 Catholic Services Appeal is now underway and as the shepherd of this local (Diocesan) Church, I am asking you for your support.

The CSA is the way in which the collective ministries in the Archdiocese are funded. Your gift to the Catholic Service Appeal is restricted for the benefit of its collective ministries. The designated ministries cannot be funded on their own or by any one single parish but rather need our collective help.

I wholeheartedly support the Appeal and I will make my personal pledge to it. I am calling on you to join me in doing our part so that these important ministries of this Archdiocese can be fully funded. Please be assured of my gratitude for your participation in the Catholic Services Appeal as well as a remembrance in my daily prayers.

The 17 Collective Ministries supported by the Catholic Services Appeal are:

- American Indian Ministry
- Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW)
- Campus Ministry – Newman Center
- Campus Ministry – Saint Paul’s Outreach
- Catholic Charities
- Deaf Ministry
- Elementary Schools
- Evangelization and Catechesis
- High School Scholarships
- Hospital Chaplains
- Latino Ministry
- Marriage, Family and Life
- Parishes
- Prison Chaplains
- Saint John Vianney College Seminary
- The Saint Paul Seminary
- Venezuelan Mission

Last year Sacred Heart reached 121.77% of its goal in dollars collected, and made the CSAF Parish Honor Roll. This weekend you will have an opportunity to make a pledge through the in pew process. You can also drop off pledge cards with the regular offertory, at the parish office, or by mailing it directly to the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation directly. Please go to [www.csafspm.org](http://www.csafspm.org) to learn more about the ministries supported by the 2017 Catholic Services Appeal.





## Sacred Heart Catholic School

Sacred Heart  
February 19, 2017



### Middle School Open House- February 21, 2017 6:00-7:00 pm

6:00 pm Gather in the cafeteria for a short presentation

6:15-7:00 pm Visit classrooms, meet staff & students, learn about the curriculum

The middle school years are important in the lives of our students. Developmentally, our middle school students are maturing into young adults. As they become independent learners, they also shape their core values and more clearly define their character. We invite all 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents to tour our middle school to learn first-hand what makes our middle school GREAT!

### Register for the 2017-2018 School Year

Registration is now open for Preschool-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Forms are available on our website. To arrange for a personalized tour or shadow visit, please contact our school office at 763.537.1329 or email Karen Bursey [kbursey@sacredheartschoolrobbinsdale.org](mailto:kbursey@sacredheartschoolrobbinsdale.org)

### Openings in our Pre-K Daycare

We currently have openings in our daycare program for ages 3-5. Full and part time available. Please call Cheryl at 763-537-1121.

Like our Facebook Page - [Sacred Heart Catholic School Robbinsdale, MN Alumni/Parent](http://www.facebook.com/SHCSRobbinsdale)  
<http://www.facebook.com/SHCSRobbinsdale>

### Fish Fry Dinners begin March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Become a 2017 Fish Fry Donor. For every case donated, you or your business receive 2 FREE Fish Dinners. Cost: \$60.00. Our goal is to raise funds for 50 cases. Complete the inserted flier and we will make sure you receive your 2 dinner tickets.

## Hospitality Sunday

Join us for our bimonthly fellowship and hospitality Sunday February 19. Coffee and donuts will be sponsored by the 3rd Grade of our School and Religious Education Program, following the 8AM and 10AM Masses.



## To Join Sacred Heart Parish

If you are new to our community, or have been attending Mass here but have not yet joined Sacred Heart call 763-537-4561 or stop in the parish office to register.

### Sacrament of Initiation — RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

To join the Catholic Church call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

### Sacrament of Baptism for Infants and Children (RCIC)

Baptism for Infants and young Children is celebrated on the first & third Sundays of the month at 1 PM. Pre-Baptism Class meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. To make arrangements call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

If you are in High School or an Adult who has yet to receive Confirmation contact Matt Kruc or Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office to make arrangements.

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

If you or your child have not yet made your First Holy Communion contact Bunny Brouillard. If you are shut in and would like to receive Holy Communion contact Deacon Ramsey to make arrangements

### Sacrament of Penance

See the schedule for confessions or contact Fr. Pedersen to make an appointment. To receive instruction on making a first confession contact the Parish Office.

### Sacrament of Anointing

To make arrangements to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Last Rites contact the Parish Office.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Registered Parishioners should call Father Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey at least 8 months in advance of the wedding date to make arrangements.

### Sacrament of Holy Orders

Catholic Men contact Fr. Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey for more information on joining the Diaconate or Priesthood.

### Sunday School

Open to children ages 3 years through Kindergarten. Meets during the 10 AM Mass October through April. Please call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

### Religious Education

For students grades 1 through 12. Meets Wednesday evening 6:45pm—8pm, October through April. Please call Bunny Brouillard or Matt Kruc in the Parish Office.

## Mass Intentions

### FEBRUARY

<b>SUN. 19</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Cliff & Tiny Eckman+
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Parishioners
	<b>11:35 AM</b>	Rev. Marvin R. O'Connell+
<b>Mon. 20</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Communion Service
<b>Tues. 21</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Dr. Charles Beauchamp+
<b>WED. 22</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Mary Whiting +
<b>THU. 23</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Mary Elizabeth Reinke
<b>FRI. 24</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Ann Wilwerding
<b>SAT. 25</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Margaret Cotter
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	Catherine & Courtland Schlender+
<b>SUN. 26</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Parishioners
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Jim Crandall+
	<b>11:35 AM</b>	George Osborne+

## Liturgical Ministers

**February Feb. 21-25, 8:00 AM Mass**

**Altar Servers:**

February 21-Caden Wall, Leo Pisher

February 22-Mark Thibault, Ellen Antoine

February 23-Cadence Haines, Nora Conzemius

February 24-Colin & Daniel Finley

February 25-Luke Timmerman, Xavier Salazar

**Saturday, Feb. 25, 5:00 PM Vigil Mass**

**Altar Servers:** Mac Murphy, Cadence Haines & Caden Wall

**EMHC:** Angie Nord, Mary Trombley, Debra and Peter Krych

**Lector:** Andrea DeOtis

**Sunday, Feb. 26, 8:00 AM Mass**

**Altar Servers:** Maya Mash, Ellen Antoine & Cadence Haines

**EMHC:** Dawn Munt, Charlie Julien, and Francine Wilson, Jon Or Penny Tupy

**Lector:** Theresa Gooley

**Sunday, Feb. 26, 10:00 AM Mass**

**Altar Servers:** Molly & Mitchell McDyre & George Wolf

**EMHC:** Dianne Detloff, Linda Timmerman, Steve and Tery Haik

**Lector:** Ken Timmerman

**Money Counters, Feb. 26, 9:00AM**

Tony Bangasser, Jim Sobraske, Ray & Kath-

## Parish Prayer Line

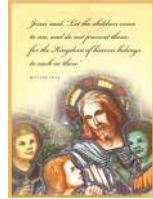
To be placed on the prayer line call Michele at 763-717-0444. You can also send in your request via e-mail: [cshadmin@shrmn.org](mailto:cshadmin@shrmn.org)

## Faith Formation



### Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism — The Pivotal players

In our next session Bishop Barron will lead us in considering G.K. Chesterton – The Evangelist: Part 1. A session is scheduled for Tuesday February 21 at 1 PM and repeated at 7 PM.



### FIRST PENANCE

The second grade children of SHS and the Religious Education Program will receive the Sacrament of Penance on Saturday, February 25, at 9AM in the Church. Additional information will be mailed to parents. If you have any questions, please call Bunny in the Parish Office.

## Youth Ministry

### Middle School Extreme Faith Camp

Start thinking about the best week all summer! Extreme Faith Camp 2017 will be June 19th -23rd this year. More details to come!

### BUY COFFEE-SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

WE HAVE A NEW SHIPMENT OF COFFEE FOR SALE FROM OUR YOUTH GROUP. MEDIUM ROAST-WHOLE BEAN, OR GROUND BAGS OF COFFEE ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE PARISH OFFICE. \$13.00 A BAG. THANK YOU.



## Music Ministry

**Sunday, February 19 4:00 PM** – Please join the musicians of Sacred Heart in a **Spirituals Recital** in commemoration of Black History Month. You will hear solos, duets, handbells, piano and organ music to energize your Sunday afternoon! All are welcome!

### Eucharistic Adoration Spend one hour with the Lord!!

How about spending a little more time in prayer with the Lord. Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament is available to us every Thursday beginning after the 8am Mass and ending with Benediction at 8pm.

**A 2nd Committed adorer is needed for each hour throughout the day.**

**We are most in need of a primary Committed Adorer from 2-3 PM, and from 3-4 PM.** To be a committed adorer, or a substitute please call Bunny in the Parish Office, 763-537-4561.



## Parish Ministries

### Respect Life Ministry

#### *Sidewalk Counseling Training Seminar*

**Monday, March 6, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

**Holy Family Church, 5900 W. Lake St.**

**St. Louis Park, MN 55416**

Learn how to save babies by peacefully reaching out to those entering abortion facilities. Prayer supporters are also welcome. No charge. For more information or to register, contact: Pro-Life Action Ministries, [debra.braun@plam.org](mailto:debra.braun@plam.org) or (651) 797-6364.

Babies Saved from Abortion in 2016 with the Help of our Sidewalk Counselors!

Minneapolis/St. Paul area - 52 total

Planned Parenthood 24

Robbinsdale 16

Whole Woman's 6

Mildred Hanson's 4

Other (phone and referral) 2

## Parish Organizations

### Council of Catholic Women



#### SHCCW Funeral Honor Guard

**Members are needed to pray the Rosary for deceased before the funeral liturgy.** This is a beautiful Spiritual Work of Mercy that is appreciated by families. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office for more



#### SWEET TREAT SALE

The SHCCW SWEET TREAT SALE last weekend was a huge success! Thank you to the bakers, customers and workers.

### MEN'S CLUB — Catholic Watchmen Update

#### 2017 Archdiocesan Men's Conference

##### Event Start Date

*Saturday, March 18, 2017*

*8 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Adoration and Confession begin at 7 a.m.)*

Anderson Fieldhouse, University of St. Thomas, 2115 Summit Ave, St. Paul

Register Online or Contact Ken Timmerman: [ken.timmerman@gmail.com](mailto:ken.timmerman@gmail.com) for more information or for a discounted price for the conference.

Join men of all ages and walks of life from around the Archdiocese for a morning filled with faith and fellowship. Archbishop Hebda will speak on *Lessons from Saint Joseph, the Ultimate Watchman*. Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Cozzens will lead a Eucharistic procession around the UST campus from 12 – 1 p.m.

The conference also includes:

- Mass
- Breakfast
- Dynamic Speakers
- Opportunity for Confession



## Calendar of Events

**Sunday February 19— 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time and Sexagesima Sunday, Trad.**

#### Coffee & Donuts

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
 10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
 10:00 AM NO Sunday School  
 10:00 AM Child Care  
 11:35 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
 4:00 PM Spirituals Concert-Church  
 6:30 PM Confirmation

**Monday, February 20—Bls. Francisco Marto 1919 & Jacinto Marto 1920**

**Presidents Day: Parish Office & School Closed**

8:00 AM Communion Service

**Tuesday, February 21— St. Peter Damian 1072**

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen  
 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
 8:30 AM Refunders— Marian Rooms  
 1:00 PM Catholicism :The Pivotal Players  
 7:00 PM Catholicism :The Pivotal Players  
 7:00 PM Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal—Caf.  
 7:00 PM Random Spirits Rehearsal— Church

**Wednesday, February 22- Feast of the Chair of St. Peter**

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen  
 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
 10:00 AM Grandfriends-Marian Rms.  
 2:15 PM Open Youth Room  
 6:45 PM Rel. Ed.  
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal Choir Room  
 8:00 PM Youth Core Team

**Thursday, February 23- St. Polycarp 166; St. Peter Damian 1072, Trad.**

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen  
 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
 8:35 AM – 8:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration  
 2:15 PM Cherub Choir Rehearsal & Junior Choir Rehearsal—Church

**Friday, February 24— St. Matthias 1st C., Trad.**

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen  
 8:00 AM School & Parish Mass: Fr. Pedersen

**Saturday, February 25— St. Tarasius 806**

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen  
 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
 9:00 AM First Confession  
 4:00 PM Confessions  
 5:00 PM Mass  
 6:00 PM High School Youth Night

**Sunday, February 26- 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time and Quinquagesima Sunday Trad.**

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
 10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
 10:00 AM Sunday School  
 10:00 AM Child Care  
 11:35 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen



## Appointed Sunday Readings

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 19, 2017

**First Reading:** The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy." (Lv 19:1-2)

**Psalm:** The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

**Second Reading:** Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Cor 3:16)

**Gospel:** "You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father." (Mt 5:43-45a)

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## Latin Mass Sunday Readings

**Epistle** - Brethren: You gladly suffer the foolish: whereas yourselves are wise. (Paul to Cor.)

**Gradual** - Let the Gentiles know that God is Thy Name:...(Ps 82: 19,14)

**Gospel** – At that time, when a very great multitude gathered...(Luke 8:4-15)

## Appointed Daily Readings

February 20—February 25

**Monday:** Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday:** Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6/Mt 16:13-19

**Thursday:** Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Mk 9:41-50

**Friday:** Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35/Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday:** Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-18/Mk 10:13-16

## Prayers of the Faithful

**IN YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE REMEMBER**

**Those Who Are Ill:** Tom Ambrose, Betty Durant, Dave Bonicatto, Eugene Haik, Richard Laliberte, Lorraine Nelson, Dorothy Leathers

**Those Serving In Our Armed Forces:**

Chad Tatur, Barbara J. Hoeben, John F. Landolt III, Philip Aubart, Sam Dahlgren-Castilla, Daniel Arnold, Justin Rathbun, Shannon Gregory, John Aubart, Joey Eckman, Joseph Mash, Liam Gregory, Jordan Reese, and Andrew Gladitsch

**Those Who Have Died Recently:** Francis Krieger and Robert Delmore

## Administration

### Stewardship

*For Weekly Contribution Information:*

*Contact Rollie Brouillard in the Parish Office.*

### Catholic United Raffle -Purchase a ticket through February 26



Our school is fortunate to participate again this year. While our participation is a wonderful opportunity for our school, your \$5 raffle ticket purchase gives you the chance to win any number of fantastic prizes; among them a 2017 Jeep Compass or \$20,000 in cash, a dream vacation, or Wisconsin Dells Family Getaways, and more. Thanks to Catholic United Financial sponsorship, every single ticket dollar you spend we keep. Tickets will be available for purchase in the parish or school office, along with selected weekends after Mass.

## News From Other Sources

**Annual Sauerkraut Supper at Church of the Holy Cross Tuesday, February 28th, 4-7PM** in the school auditorium, 17th Ave., and 4th Street NE. Menu includes Homemade Sauerkraut, Loin of Pork, Polish Sausage, Potatoes, Rye Bread, Paczki & Coffee or Milk. \$14:00 adults & \$6:00 for children under 12 years of age. Also featured will be music for dancing or your listening pleasure by Craig Ebel & DyVersaCo from 4-8PM in Kolbe Center. Information 612-789-7238



### Mark Your Calendars for the 7th Annual Empty Bowls Event

We are pleased to announce the date for the 7th Annual Empty Bowls Event. We hope you will join us to celebrate this meaningful event which benefits PRISM and NEAR food shelves.

**Save The Date**

**Tuesday, March 7, 2017**

**4 — 7 PM**

**ROBBINSDALE COOPER HIGH SCHOOL**

**8230 47TH AVENUE NORTH**

**NEW HOPE, MN 55428**

- Handcrafted bowls created and donated by community members, local schools and organizations will be available for your donation
- The community is invited to enjoy a simple meal of soup and bread all donated by local businesses
- Local singers, musicians, orchestras, and bands will be playing all evening
- Stop by for dinner and a bowl and stay for the entertainment!

# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering **hope and joy** in the Catholic faith.

February 2017

Sacred Heart Church  
Robbinsdale MN.

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Gabriel Possenti

Francesco Possenti was born in Assisi, Italy, into a large family. He was often sick as a child. He lost two sisters and his mother to illness by the time he was four. At 18, he joined the Passionists and was named Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows. He inspired others by his prayer and faithfulness in the little things. He suffered from tuberculosis shortly after entering, which he endured patiently and cheerfully until his death.



### Serve without complaint

Every job has aspects about it that are tedious, messy, and unrewarding, yet they are necessary. However, they can be opportunities to grow in virtue: humility, patience, self-discipline, etc. When you dread doing your work, smile and say a prayer, *"and your Father, who sees in secret, will repay you"* (Matthew 6:4).

*"The works of God are all of them good; in its own time every need is supplied"* (Sirach 39:16).



## Love and live your faith

Faith in God is not a passive virtue resting in the background of our lives. Belief and love for God compels us to an active life of serving, sharing, and living our faith daily.

**Embrace excellence.** All that we do becomes a prayer when we give our employers, communities, neighborhoods and families our best abilities in God's name.

**Celebrate the Eucharist.** No Catholic life is complete without weekly Mass attendance. Do what is necessary so you can receive Communion.

**Become family.** Register in your parish and look for ways to get involved in a parish ministry, such as lecturing, ushering, singing, or becoming a Eucharistic minister.

**Be joyful.** Scripture comforts us with the assurance that God will not rest until we find our way home to him. Reject earthly worry and live with joy. God is in control.

**Forgive often.** Learn to practice this critical skill – and to ask for it when needed.

**Flee temptation.** St. Peter tells us to *"escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires"* (2 Peter 1:4). Ask God often to protect you from sin, to give you the wisdom and courage to make good choices.

**Listen to God.** Be sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. God will reveal when you've messed up, and rejoice with you when you get it right.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics venerate relics?

The saints were ordinary people, like us, but they had an extraordinary love for God. Relics—their remains and personal possessions—represent those who are in glory with God. Just as we treasure things that once belonged to someone we loved



or admired—a piece of clothing or jewelry, for example—we treasure the relics of saints. Although relics themselves have no special properties, venerating them reminds us of the virtuous examples of the saints.