



Sacred Heart

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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
followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

Tuesday — Saturday:

8:00 AM Mass

followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

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

Parish Phone: 763-537-4561

Sacred Heart Catholic School

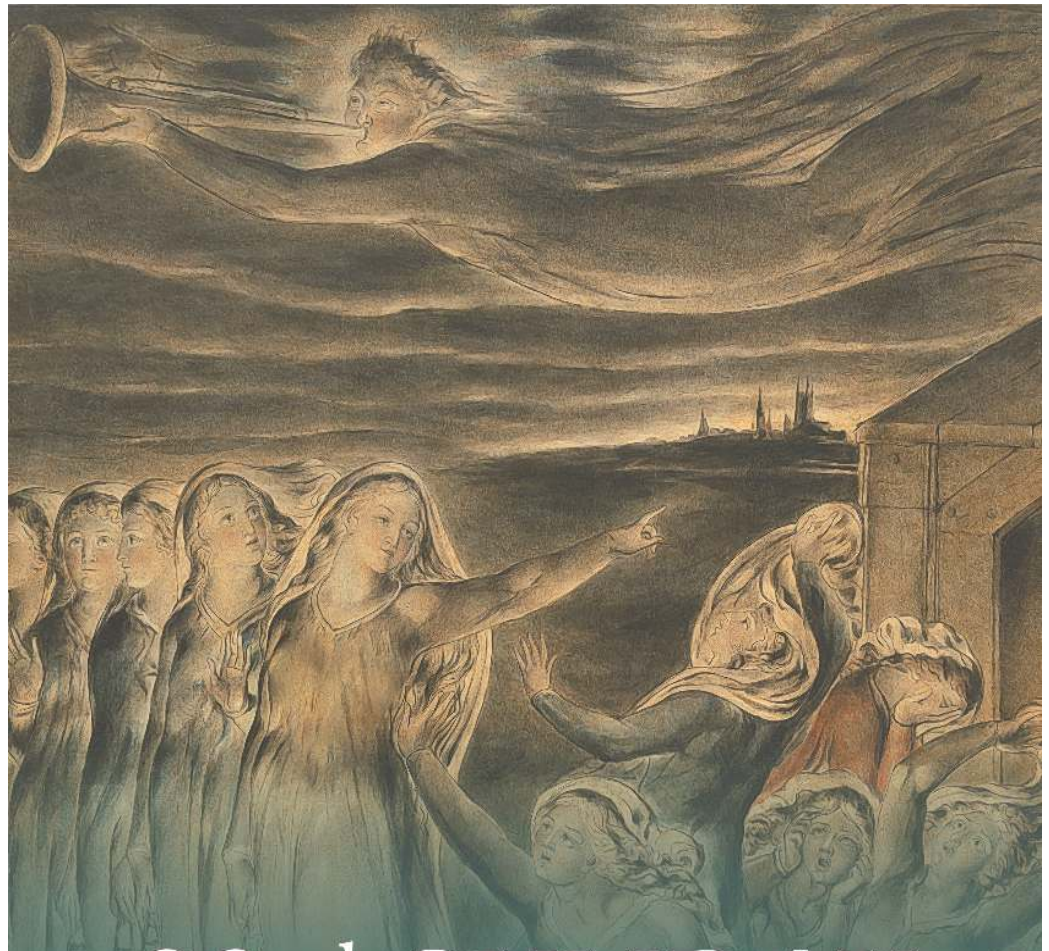
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4050 Hubbard Avenue North
Robbinsdale, MN 55422

School Web Site

sacredheartschoolrobbinsdale.org

School Phone: 763-537-1329

November 12, 2017



32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Afterwards the other virgins came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’” - Mt 25:11-12

Pastor's Page | Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen

From the Pastor — written on November 8, 2017



From the Heart

Prayers for the Dead

November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory and the faithful are encouraged not only to remember the passing of relatives and friends, but most importantly to pray for the souls of the deceased. Praying for the souls of those who have died is an ancient practice of the Church, one that is based on the Catholic teaching regarding Purgatory.

The *Catechism* offers a brief explanation regarding this state in the afterlife: “The Church gives the name *Purgatory* to this final purification of the elect... As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come” (CCC 1031). Another section reads

thus: “[E]very sin, even venial sin, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory” (CCC 1472). This purification enables us to truly love God with our whole mind, all our strength, and all our heart.

It is a Spiritual Work of Mercy to pray for the souls of the faithful departed, imploring God to purify the souls of the dead “by the fire of His charity” and to bring them at last to full glory of their Heavenly Home. When it comes to the our beloved dead I have encouraged people to first, have faith in the resurrection of the dead; second, to hope that the souls of our loved ones are already in heaven waiting for the Resurrection of their bodies on the last day; and third, to truly love the souls of our beloved dead and all the faithful departed, which means, praying for them in case they have need of assistance in their purification. We would not want presumption to stand in the way of helping them to be in heaven sooner. Here are six common practices associated with praying for the dead.

1) Offer Masses for the Dead

It is a custom in the Church to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for a particular soul, whether they are a deceased relative or friend. In particular tradition recommends having Mass offered on the “third, seventh, and thirtieth day following their deaths, as well as on their anniversaries.” To have a Mass offered, contact the parish office.

2) Pray the Novena for the Holy Souls

Composed by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, the nine days of prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory is a more prolonged way to pray for the deceased. Traditionally it is prayed in preparation for All Souls Day or in the days following the celebration. It can be prayed however, during any time of the year.

3) Visit a Cemetery

An indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the departed. Besides benefiting the Holy Souls, visiting a cemetery is a healthy reminder of our own mortality, realizing that we too will pass from this life to the next.

4) Pray the “Eternal Rest” Prayer daily.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. This prayer is used most often during the liturgical functions surrounding a funeral, but is often prayed by families in connection with prayers before and after meals.

5) Pray Saint Gertrude the Great’s Prayer for the Holy Souls

One of the most popular prayers for the Souls in Purgatory is that of Saint Gertrude the Great. She received many visions of Our Lord during her lifetime and expressed to Jesus her great desire to pray for the deceased. In return, Jesus taught Saint Gertrude the following prayer. It is piously believed that 1,000 souls are released from purgatory by praying this prayer with the heart. Whether it be 1,000 souls or one soul it is worth it to offer this prayer, as the souls in purgatory pray for us here on earth in gratitude for our prayers for them.

Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for all sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Sacred Heart Catholic School



SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Tuesday, November 28th Open House

Pre-K thru 8th grade

6:30-7:30 pm

Learn about Sacred Heart Catholic School, testimonials from teachers, parents and students, and tour the school. All welcome.

New School Mission Statement

Sacred Heart Catholic School is in the process of renewing our accreditation through the Minnesota Non-Public School Accrediting Association. Part of this process, includes revising our mission statement. The staff and our School Advisory Council wanted a clear, concise statement that will help guide us in all future decisions for the best interest of Sacred Heart Catholic School. We are proud of the hard work that everyone put forth and Fr. Pedersen gave his stamp of approval.

Sacred Heart Catholic School is committed to instilling high moral standards rooted in Catholic teachings. We are dedicated to educating the whole child through an integrated C-STEM curriculum. In collaboration with our families, parish, and local community, we maximize individual potential to ensure students are prepared to meet the challenges in the world as disciples of Jesus.

Marathon Goal---We surpassed our goal this year!

Our students and staff were committed to meeting our goal of \$33,000. As of Monday, we have collected \$34,450.00!!! Fr. Pedersen had record year of pledges from parishioners, friends, and family. As a result, our K-4 students will have a dance party on Nov. 20th and our Gr. 5-8 will have a game day in the gym. Thank you to all parishioners for their continual support of Sacred Heart Catholic School!



RAM Sports Update

Our Varsity volleyball team won 1st place in their end of the year tournament. The girls won all 3 matches. The girls worked hard all season long and displayed RAM Pride on and off the court. Thank you to Coach Katie Powell.

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

<http://www.facebook.com/SHCSRobbinsdale>

Follow us on Twitter - <https://twitter.com/SHCSRobbinsdale1>

Music Ministry

Sunday, November 19th 4:00 PM – Join the choirs and handbell ensembles of Sacred Heart and Elim Lutheran in a **Community Thanksgiving Service** held at **Elim Lutheran Church, 3978 West Broadway Avenue, Robbinsdale**. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit a local charity and a potluck will be served afterwards in the church parlor. All are invited to bring a dish to share. Come and join the musicians of Sacred Heart and Elim in a service of thanksgiving and praise.

Wednesday, November 22nd 8:45 AM – To celebrate the **Feast of St. Cecilia** (*patron saint of music and musicians*), we will be having special music at our morning Mass and a brief organ recital will be given by our own Jeffrey Patry after the Mass. Come and enjoy some beautiful music to begin your day.

Parish Directory

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The Church of the Sacred Heart is served by the clergy of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Priest Staff: Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen

Deacon: Dr. James Ramsey

Mass Intentions

NOVEMBER

Sun. 12	8:00 AM	Chuck Nelson+ Mary Nelson+
	10:00 AM	Parishioners
	11:35 AM	Shirley Beahen+ Tom Beahen+
Mon. 13	8:00 AM	Communion Service
Tues. 14	8:00 AM	Don Shafer+
Wed. 15	8:00 AM	Andy Rusinko Sr.+
Thu. 16	8:00 AM	Genevieve Schrenk+
Fri. 17	8:00 AM	William Laferriere+
Sat. 18	8:00 AM	Don Schafer+
	5:00 PM	James Zegar+
Sun. 19	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	Evelyn Murphy Gabriel Murphy+
	11:35 AM	Romero Roca+

Liturgical Ministers

November 14-18, 8:00 AM Mass

Altar Servers

Nov. 14- Matthew Gerding, Mitchell McDyre
Nov. 15- Joey Silva, Leo Fisher
Nov. 16- Khai Nguyen, Peter Fisher
Nov. 17- Daniel and Colin Finley
Nov. 18- Xavier Hakes

Saturday, Nov. 18, 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Altar Servers: Caden Wall, Peter & Leo Fisher
EMHC: Mary and Gerry Mimick,
 Hope Doerner, Dillon Frye

Lector: Stuart Culver

Sunday, Nov. 19, 8:00 AM Mass

Altar Servers: Maya Mash, Ellen Antoine,
 Gable Thissen
EMHC: Art and Marilyn Zenzen, Char Alberti
Lector: Cheri Dargis

Sunday, Nov. 19, 10:00 AM Mass

Altar Servers: Mitchell & Molly McDyre,
 Claire Riestenberg
EMHC: Pat Hargreaves, Bob Lind, Julie Harty,
 Bobbie Ramsey
Lector: Bill Blonigan

Money Counters, Nov. 19, 9:00AM

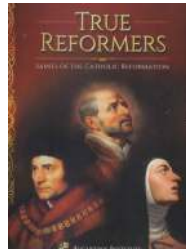
Rick Riley, Amy Fisher, Kathy Riley

Parish Prayer Line

To be placed on the prayer line call Terri at 612-247-8772. You can also send in your request via e-mail: cshadmin@shrmn.org



Faith Formation



TRUE REFORMERS SAINTS OF THE CATHOLIC REFORMATION

Session 4– Saint Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd November 21

Two sessions will be offered. During the day from 1-2:30pm and an evening session 7-8:30pm.

As the Cardinal-nephew of Pope Pius IV, Saint Charles Borromeo was one of the wealthiest and most powerful men in all of Rome. Yet he chose the extraordinary challenge of reforming the enormous archdiocese of Milan to the pampered life of a Renaissance prince and willingly spent himself in the service of his flock.

Fr. Robert Barron's Catholicism The Pivotal players

Bishop Robert Barron's CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players is a multi-part film series that illumines a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization.



The weekend of Nov. 18-19 after the 5 PM, 8AM and the 10 AM Masses

Refreshments will be served Running Time 40 Minutes

November 18-19: Michelangelo- The Artist Part 2

The master of sculpture and painting is not a saint but serves as the privileged representative of the creative potential engendered by the Catholic Faith. The Church professes that beauty is a route of access to God, and through humanity's creative artistry we glimpse the power and glory of the Lord.



PRE-BAPTISM CLASSES

Pre-Baptism Classes are offered at Sacred Heart on the Second Tuesday of the month. All parents are required to attend a pre-baptism class before the Baptism of their first child or if it has been over three years since they last attended a pre-baptism class. Our next scheduled session is **Tuesday November 14 at 7pm** in the Activities Building. If you plan to attend this session, please call the Parish Office 763-537-4561.

MEN'S CLUB — Catholic Watchmen Update

Men's Club Watchmen Evenings:



Our upcoming Watchmen evening are: Sunday, Nov 12, and Sunday, Dec 10, at 6 pm each evening. The Watchmen are a group of guys at each parish that get together about once a month for fellowship and to learn more about our faith. Each night consists of a meal, a video presentation from a priest from our archdiocese, a brief discussion, Eucharistic adoration and an opportunity for confession. This month we will view a video from Fr. Spencer Howe, "Strive to Be a Spiritual Father Like St. Joseph." Please consider joining us. Contact Ken Timmerman at ken.timmerman@gmail.com if you have questions.

Blood Drive Coordinator:

The Men's Club is looking for a coordinator to lead our twice a year blood drives, starting in June of next year. Dr. Paul Williams will lead the December drive, then would like to turn it over to someone new after that. The Red Cross always look forward to our drives as we have consistently had a large number of donors. Please contact Ken Timmerman at ken.timmerman@gmail.com if you have interest or questions regarding this.

Parish Organizations

Respect Life Ministry



To Minnesotans Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL)

For the ninth consecutive year, MCCL is participating in Give to the Max Day on Nov. 16 to raise essential funds for our pro-life mission. This year, however, you can give anytime between Nov. 1 and Nov. 16—and your gift will be doubled.

Gifts are 100 percent tax deductible and support MCCL's pro-life Education Fund programs, including youth outreach, literature, speakers, and much more. It's all matched through Nov. 16, thanks to \$25,000 in matching funds contributed by a dedicated group of MCCL members.

You can donate online at MCCL's GiveMN.org Give to the Max Day page. Giving at GiveMN.org also offers many chances to win cash prizes for MCCL. Through Nov. 15, there are \$500 daily prizes. On Nov. 16, there will be one mega-prize plus \$1,000 hourly prizes.

You can also donate on our website (<https://secure.mccl.org/donate-now>) or by calling our office (612.825.6831) or mailing a check designated for Give to the Max Day to:

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life
4249 Nicollet Ave.

Minneapolis, MN 554090).

All of these contributions will be matched.

Council of Catholic Women

Minneapolis Deaneries Council of Catholic Women Meeting will be **Monday, November 13** at St. Albert the Great Church at E. 29th St. and 32nd Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN. **Speaker**—Dorothy Fleming and Jo Tolick.

SHCCW will pay for first 10 ladies by November 7th call Mary Weber at 763-537-3370.

We will car pool from the SHCCW Broadway parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

SHCCW Ladies you are invited to:

St. Paul & Minneapolis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women presents:

Great Advent as WOMEN of Prayerful Discernment

Where is God Leading YOU?

A Morning of Prayer, Praise & Presentation

With

Fr. Troy Przybilla, Pastor;

Crystal Crocker, Director, Office of Evangelization;

Fr. Charles Lachowitz, Vicar General

Saturday, December 2, 2017, 8:30 to 1pm

St. Charles Borromeo, 2739 Stinson Boulevard NE, St. Anthony, MN 55418

Morning refreshments. Mass at noon. Christmas shop with our vendors!

Cost for the day **is \$15.00 before November 22, 2017.** \$20.00 thereafter.

SHCCW will pay for the first ten ladies but you must call

Mary Weber at 763-537-3370 by midnight Mon. Nov. 20.

We will car pool from the SH West Broadway parking lot at 8am on Dec. 2.

Otherwise

For credit card registration go to www.archspm.org/accw-advent2017

Invite your mothers, aunts, daughters, sisters and friends!

*How could I bear a crown of gold when the Lord bears a crown of thorns?
And bears it for me! -St. Elizabeth of Hungary*

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 12— 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

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
6:00 PM Watchmen Men's Club— MRms.

Monday, November 13—St. Francis Xavier Cabrini 1917; St. Didacus 15th C., Trad.

8:00 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, November 14— St. Josaphat 1623, Trad.

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
8:30 AM Coffee & Donuts
9:00 AM Home Communion
7:00 PM Pre-Baptism-Conference Rm.

Wednesday, November 15— St. Albert the Great 1280, New, Trad.

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
2:15 PM Open Youth Room
6:00 PM SAC in M-Rooms
6:45 PM Rel. Ed.
7:00 PM Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal-Caf.

Thursday, November 16—St. Margaret of Scotland 1093; St. Gertrude the Great 1302, Trad.

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
8:35 AM – 8:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Rm
7:00 PM Pastoral Council-Marian Rms.

Friday, November 17—St. Elizabeth of Hungary 1231; St. Gregory Thaumaturgus 268, Trad.

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen
8:00 AM School & Parish Mass: Fr. Pedersen
9:00 AM Grandfriends— Marian Rooms

Saturday, November 18— Dedication of Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, 1626, 1854, New, Trad.

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Mass
6:00 PM Michelangelo Video— Marian Rms.
6:00 PM Youth Night

Sunday, November 19— 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; 6th Resumed Sunday after Epiphany Hospitality Sunday— Coffee & Donuts sponsored by St. Therese Care Center

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
9:00 AM Michelangelo Video— Marian Rms.
10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
10:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Child Care
11:00 AM Michelangelo Video— Marian Rms.
11:35 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen
6:30 PM Confirmation

Appointed Sunday Readings

32nd Sunday Ordinary Time-11/12/17

First Reading: Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. (*Wis 6:12*)

Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (*Ps 63*)

Second Reading: We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. (*1 Thes 4:13-14*)

Gospel: "The bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" (*Mt 25:10b-12*)

Latin Mass Sunday Readings

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Brethren, be ye followers of me... (*Paul to Philippians, 3, 17-21; 4.1-3*)

Gradual: Thou hast saved me, O Lord...(Ps. 443. 8-9)

Gospel: At that time, as Jesus was speaking to the multitudes...(St. Matthew, 9.18-26)

Appointed Daily Readings

Monday, Nov. 13—Saturday, Nov. 18

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-10/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23--3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps /Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b--8:1/Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Saturday: Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/Ps 98:1-6/Mt 14:22-33

Prayers of the Faithful

Please remember In your prayers

Those Who Are Ill: Dorothy Smude, Gus Horal, Josephine Eldridge, John Haller, Carol Jean Keyes, mother of Laurel Murry, Tom Ambrose, Margaret Wellger, BeckyAnne Roy, daughter of Ray and Kathy Swadner

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, Cathal & Cormac O'Connor

Administration

Stewardship

For Weekly Contribution Information:

Please Contact the Parish Office.

763-537-4561

YEAR-END GIFTING OPPORTUNITIES

We are fast approaching the end of 2017. We often get questions regarding year-end gifting, and appreciate you considering Sacred Heart for your year-end donations. Here are a few ideas to help maximize the benefits of your year-end giving for you and our parish.

Christmas Envelopes

There is a Christmas envelope in your December Packet. We hope that you will consider a special Christmas contribution.

Stock Contributions

You can make a bigger impact by donating long-term appreciated securities, including stock, bonds, and mutual funds directly to the church. Compared with donating cash, or selling your appreciated securities and contributing the after-tax proceeds, you may be able to automatically increase your gift and your tax deduction. Please contact the Parish Office and we can provide you with instructions for making your gift.

Employer Matching Funds

You may wish to consult with your employer to determine if a matching gift can double the value of your contribution to our Catholic school.

Note: Sacred Heart does not provide tax advice. Please consult your tax professional to review your specific situation.

Maintenance Wish List



MAINTENANCE WISH LIST

Mark Eldridge, Sacred Heart Facilities Manager, is looking for assistance with final leave raking/disposal around the church grounds after the 8:00a.m.

Mass on Saturday,

November 18, 2017. Based on the long-term weather forecast, this currently looks to be a decent day in terms of potentially no rain/snow. Meet in the Parish Commons after Mass. **PLEASE BRING RAKE**



Join us for our bimonthly fellowship and hospitality Sunday November 19. Coffee and donuts will be sponsored by St. Therese Care Center, following the 8AM and 10AM Masses.

News From Other Sources

Church of St. Helena, 3204 East 43rd St. Minneapolis, MN.

Saturday's Men's Breakfast: Mass—8am; Breakfast—8:30am

Talk—8:45 to 9am; Option Questions and Answers—9:30 to 10am.

\$5 for Breakfast. (Complimentary tickets are available for those who have difficulty paying) Please make your reservation before 12 Noon on Friday before the Breakfast by calling 612-729-7321 or emailing johnsondag@sainthelena.us

November 18, 2017—Fred Blonigen, A.B.D.

Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

November 2017

Sacred Heart Church
Robbinsdale MN.

One Minute Meditations

St. Catherine Labouré

Born the ninth of eleven children to a French farming family, St.



Catherine eventually joined the Daughters of Charity. Shortly after, the Blessed Mother appeared to Catherine and asked to have a medal engraved with her image and the words, "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee" engraved on it. The devotion spread quickly, but no one knew St. Catherine's involvement until soon before her death. She was canonized in 1947.

Counting Blessings

How do we handle inconveniences like an irritating coworker, a last-minute schedule change, or occasional miscommunication? God allows us trials so we can grow in virtue, to encourage us to trust him and open ourselves to his grace.

The next trial you face, thank God for his "blessings" and pray for his patience, humility, and grace.

"The Mass is long, you say, and I reply: 'Because your love is short.'"—St.

Josemaría Escrivá



Do what Jesus did

It is hard to imagine how wonderful Heaven is or the joy that awaits us there. Jesus' mission of salvation while on Earth made Heaven possible for us, if we live a life of holiness and grace as he did. Jesus hoped we would do what he did ...

Service. While on Earth, Jesus' purpose was to serve God and others. He even performed servant tasks such as serving food and washing feet. He asked that we model his servant's heart.

Love. When he walked among us, Jesus reached out to those who felt unloved, comforted those who were suffering, and helped people draw closer to his Father. Try to show love in

these ways every day.

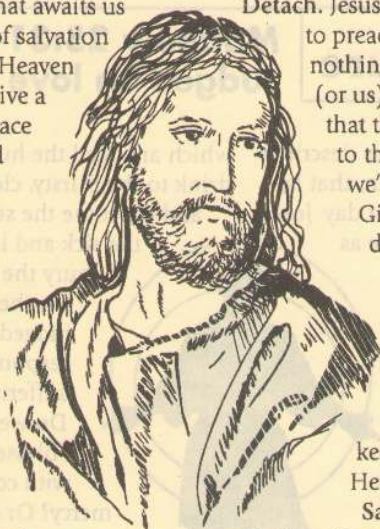
Detach. Jesus sent his disciples out to preach with almost nothing. He didn't want them (or us) distracted. He knew that the more stuff we have to think about, the less we'll think about God.

Give away whatever you don't absolutely need.

Pray. Jesus drew strength from time alone with God.

Spending quiet time with God each day will help keep you on the path to Heaven.

Sacrifice. The most perfect sacrifice offered to God was Jesus' death on the Cross. Yet, when we give up time, effort, or something we value out of love for God and others, we imitate Jesus' generosity.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics honor saints in our churches?

Saints are spiritual role models whose examples we can follow to Heaven. Viewing statues and images of them in our churches helps us to recall their heroic virtue and faithful love for God.

The statues, and the saints

themselves, are not meant to be objects of worship. Instead, we recognize the good these holy people did and honor their examples. Just as in praising a painting we honor the painter, in praising the saints, we honor God who made them.



God loves us as we are

Most of us care about how we come across to other people. Choices about how we live, work, or dress can be influenced by a desire for others' approval. While it is only human to want to be liked, it's important to remember that God's opinion matters most. The best part? God always loves us.

His love never changes. Human standards change over time. Someone considered "in" today, can be "out" in no time. God's love is unchanging and unending.

Friends come and go. Sooner or later,

friendships change or friends may move on. But Jesus said, "... behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). God never leaves.

He loves us for who we really are. There's nothing God doesn't know about us, and he adores us anyway. Go figure.

If God likes you, others may, too. To please God, we have to fill ourselves with love for him and other people, and that makes us even nicer to be around.



from Scripture

Matthew 25:31-46, Judged on love

In this Gospel reading, Jesus describes the coming of the Son of Man, that is, his glorious return on the last day. Jesus will appear at the end of time as the King of the Nations and the Judge of History. Everyone who has ever lived, from the first to the last, from the greatest to the least, will stand before Christ. All of us will be judged on how we loved, especially how we loved those who suffered among us.



The specific criteria for judgment is the basis for the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy,

which are: feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and welcome the stranger, care for the sick and imprisoned, and bury the dead.

In the end, we will be judged on our response to the suffering of others.

Do we, like the "blessed," respond with compassion and mercy? Or do we, like the others, turn a blind eye and do nothing? The goal is to see Christ in others and to minister to their needs as he did.

Q & A

What are indulgences?

An indulgence is "the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sin whose guilt has already been forgiven" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*). In other words, after certain conditions have been met, the Church prays that the punishment for one's sins – either on Earth or in Purgatory – will be reduced or eliminated.

Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross and the prayers and good works of the saints during their lifetimes make indulgences possible. The Catechism compares this idea to something like an infinite bank account. The Church draws from the "treasury" of spiritual goods – prayers and sacrifices – of the saints and applies the benefits to those completing the indulgence (CCC #1476). To gain an indulgence, certain requirements must be met, including attending Confession, receiving Holy Communion and praying for the intentions of the pope.

Indulgences are only effective for sins that have already been forgiven in the Sacrament of Confession. Otherwise, we could be in danger of presuming on God's mercy or assuming God's forgiveness without true contrition.

Feasts & Celebrations

Nov. 1 – All Saints Day – a Holy Day of Obligation. In the early Church, there was a desire to celebrate saints and martyrs by assigning each a feast day. However, the Christian persecutions were so horrible that there weren't enough days in the calendar for individual commemorations. Pope Gregory IV designated Nov. 1 as All Saints Day.

Nov. 14 – St. Lawrence O'Toole (1180). St. Lawrence was born in County Kildare, Ireland. When he was twelve, he was dedicated to God's service. St. Lawrence became Dublin's

second archbishop and a papal legate. He was canonized in 1225.

Nov. 16 – St. Margaret of Scotland (1093). Queen Margaret of Scotland was dedicated to caring for the poor. She washed beggars' feet and gave them alms. She fed orphans and destitute adults before eating her own meals.

Nov. 26 – Solemnity of Christ the King. God promised his people a king who would triumph over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under his kingship.



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