



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, Giving From 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:

7:40 — 7:55 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

Sunday Mornings:

8:30 — 11:30 AM

Parish Web Site

www.shrmn.org

Parish Phone: 763-537-4561

Sacred Heart Catholic School

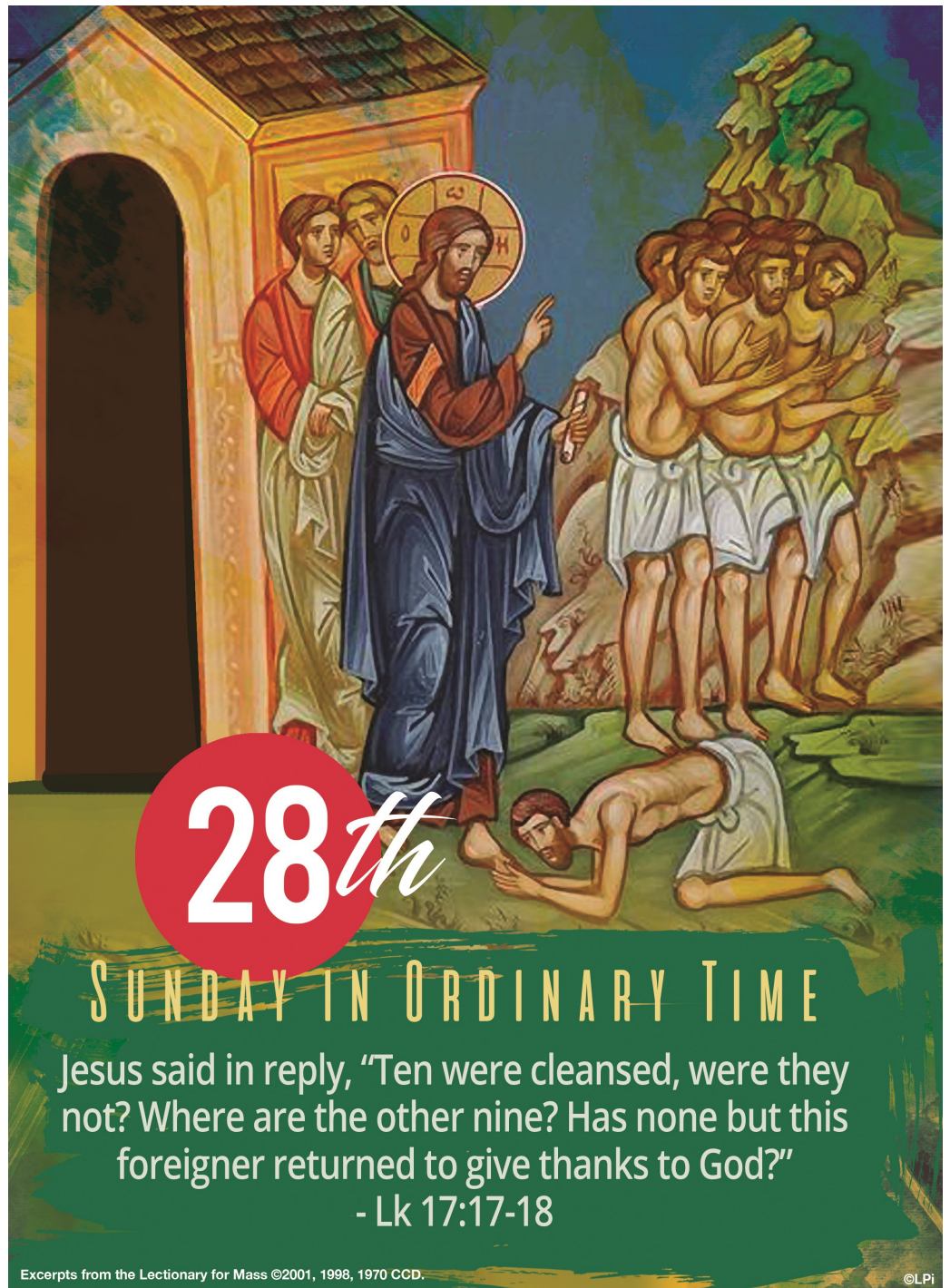
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School Web Site

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School Phone: 763-537-1329

October 13, 2019



SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"

- Lk 17:17-18

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

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

Sacred Heart Parish Mission Statement

"Sacred Heart Catholic Parish exists to foster a community of disciples in response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Worship, Fellowship, Catholic Education and Service"

In late June I received a letter from Fr. Allen Kuss, Director of Pastoral Formation at The St. Paul Seminary, noting that Archbishop Hebda would like two seminarians in the same parish as part of the Teaching Parish Program so that the older seminarian in terms of years in formation can assist the newer seminarian. After some prayer I noted to the Seminary that Sacred Heart Catholic Church and School would be open to this possibility. In early September Fr. Michael Skluzlcek who has taken over as Director of Pastoral Formation informed me that a second Seminarian had been assigned to Sacred Heart. The Teaching Parish Program is a concurrent approach to Pastoral Formation during the academic year. As the Seminarians live and study at The St. Paul Seminary they also come to the Parish usually once per week and once a month over the weekend liturgies.

Quinn Krebs, a First Year Theologian, joins Nick Stark who is now a Third Year Theologian. The course of studies for Theologians at The St. Paul Seminary is four years. Both Quinn and Nick will be at the Parish this weekend for Teaching Parish Sunday. The seminarians at St. Paul Seminary wear the roman collar. You can identify their status as seminarians through their name tags.

Below is a biography of Quinn Krebs. This week also in the bulletin is a reflection from Nick Stark concerning the concept of freedom and its meaning in the light of faith.

Yours in Christ.

Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen



Quinn Krebs is from Jamestown North Dakota studying for the Diocese of Fargo North Dakota. He is the fourth oldest of nine children. He attended Divine Mercy Academy Homeschool from kindergarten through high school. He had thoughts about the possibility of the priesthood throughout his childhood but did not really start to consider it seriously until autumn of his senior year of high school. Upon deciding to consider the priesthood more seriously, he sought the advice and spiritual direction of the associate pastor in his parish. Throughout the course of his senior year as he continued to pray and meet with the associate priest, he came to the realization that of all

the paths that he could pursue after graduating, the one which provided the most clarity was that God was calling him to discern a call to the priesthood in seminary. He was anxious about entering seminary without having figured out for sure whether or not God was calling him to be a priest but the associate priest assured him that the seminary was the best place to seek an answer to the question as the entire faculty of a seminary is dedicated to helping a man hear God's call. After graduating high school, he applied to and was accepted as a seminarian for the Diocese of Fargo. He began his formation at St. Gregory the Great College Seminary in Seward, NE in the fall of 2015 and after having graduated in the spring of 2019, he is now continuing his formation for the priesthood at St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul, MN. As part of his formation he has been assigned to Sacred Heart as his teaching parish. He is looking forward to learning from and getting know the parishioners of our parish over the course of the next four years.



Thank you to all who have responded to the 2019 Catholic Services Appeal.

We are still **\$5,280.00** away from meeting our goal of \$35,988. Sacred Heart receives 25% of its goal if met to use towards our ministries and mission.

Extra pledge cards are available in the Parish Office.

Appointed Sunday Readings

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time-10/13/19

First Reading: "For I will no longer holocaust or sacrifice to any other god except the Lord." (2 Kgs 5:17a)

Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)

Second Reading: This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him. (2 Tm 2:11)

Gospel: Then [Jesus] said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." (Lk 17:19)

Latin Mass Sunday Readings

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Brethren: I give thanks to my God always for you, for the grace of God that is given you in Jesus Christ,....(1 Cor.1:4-8)

Gradual: I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We shall go into the house of our Lord. (Ps.121:1,7)

Gospel: At that time Jesus, entering into a boat, passed over the water and came into His own city. (Matt.9:1-8)

Appointed Daily Readings

Monday, Oct. 14—Saturday, Oct. 12

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13b]/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [7]/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8a]/Lk 12:8-12

Prayers of the Faithful

Please remember in your prayers

Those Who Are Ill: Tom Ambrose, Margaret Willger, Brady Swenson, Mary Jo Faustgen, Bunny Dargis, Andrea DeOtis

Those Serving In Our Armed Forces: 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, Lisette Knaeble

Administration

For Weekly Contribution Information:

Please Contact the Parish Office.

763-537-4561

Quarterly Contribution Statements will be mailed the end of October

Nick Stark:Seminararian for the Diocese of Des Moines, studying in St. Paul, and assigned to Sacred Heart as his teaching parish.

Freedom. As we who live in America know, freedom is a concept that we cherish and we expect others to respect our freedoms. Whether it is setting off fireworks on the 4th of July or eating apple pie we show the world that freedom is important to us. However, our concept of true freedom is often mistaken and can easily morph into something else that is less savory. If one were to ask someone off the street what they thought freedom is, perhaps they would say that it is a quality or a right given to a person that allows them to do what they want to do or at least do what they think best. It seems like a perfectly good answer, but this view of freedom that many hold can lead to a sense of entitlement or selfish well-being, sometimes at the cost of the well-being of others. There are better ways to see true freedom.

Frequently one freedom conflicts with another. In fact, it wasn't lost on Saint John Paul II that this sense of freedom, especially as it pertains to families, carries with it many dangers. In his apostolic exhortation *Familiaris Consortio* (On the Christian Family), he addressed the problems facing the family in the world of 1981 including the increasing focus on the importance of the individual in relationships between spouses, authority between parents and children, divorce, abortion, and other medical interventions geared to preventing pregnancy. Many if not all of the issues he mentioned more than thirty five years ago persist in our culture today. He says:

"At the root of these negative phenomena there frequently lies a corruption of the idea and the experience of freedom, conceived not as a capacity for realizing the truth of God's plan for marriage and the family, but as an autonomous power of self-affirmation, often against others, for one's own selfish well-being." (*Familiaris Consortio* no.6)

Personal freedom isn't always bad, in fact a greater focus in recent years has led to the promotion of the dignity of women, greater social justice, and many other good things. While these good things were and are happening, frequently there still lurks a degradation of fundamental values within their promotion that threatens the family today. All of these things stem from a misunderstood notion of freedom.

So, how do we get real freedom back? How can we promote a healthy society that is called for by Saint John Paul II? It starts with getting back to authentic, true freedom. Freedom must always be seen as a good within an intricate web of other goods, otherwise we risk infringing upon another's freedom. True freedom, as Saint John Paul II puts it, is a capacity for realizing the truth, which is nothing less than God's plan and in this case, his plan for marriage and family. We know that God's plan is best for us and so we are only truly free when we are free to live it. It would be a blessing to our parish and to our society if we all took the time to pray and evaluate God's plan for us and our families and how our actions serve to promote the authentic, true freedom which allows us to follow it. In doing so we open up ourselves and our families to be free to live in God not ourselves, happy to serve God his way, not ours.

Sacred Heart Catholic School



Marathon 2019

It was a rainy Saturday but our students, parents, and staff supported our Marathon, rain or shine. They especially enjoyed the donuts and hot dogs! As of October 8th, our students/staff have collected \$28,715 in pledge money. Our marathon is our largest fundraiser at Sacred Heart Catholic School and the best thing is that 100% of the profits stay right here to benefit our students. It is not too late to sponsor Fr. Pedersen of a SHCS student. We hope to meet our goal of \$36,000.



Substitute Teachers Needed

Sacred Heart Catholic school is looking for more substitute teachers. All substitute teachers must have a background check and attend a Virtus sessions. The Archdiocese offers a substitute training class to help prepare substitutes new to the position. The next training will be November 12th and 13th. Please contact Karen Bursey for more information.

Happy Wreath Selling Season to You All!

Our students are selling Christmas wreaths, swags, pine boughs and other holiday decorations. While the Wreath campaign falls right on the heels of Marathon, we're pretty certain you understand the value of wreath sales at this time.

Stop by the parish office or reach out to a SHCS student that you know. You may also choose to purchase an item for out of town family and friends shipped via FedEx from Evergreen Industries. **Order deadline is October 25, 2019.**

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

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Children's Holy Hour

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Attention Parents of young children! Every Thursday, from 10-11am, we have an hour of Adoration tailored to young children. Bring the babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and home-school children to catch some rays in the presence of the Son! There will be songs and prayers in an environment that kids and parents can enjoy alike. This guided holy hour is a great opportunity to help teach your children how to pray and to introduce them to the beauty of Eucharistic Adoration. Silence is golden, but there will not be much of it in this hour. Questions/concerns or more information, contact Emily Fitzgerald at emilyfitzgerald317@gmail.com



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 Morgan Timmerman in the Parish Office.

Religious Education

For students grades 1—10. Meets Wed. evening 6:30pm—7:45pm, Oct. through April. Please call Morgan Timmerman or Matt Kruc in the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

OCTOBER

Sun. 13	8:00 AM	Al Zirbes+
	10:00 AM	Parishioners
	11:35 AM	Fr. Robert F. Hamel+
Mon. 14	8:00 AM	Communion Service
Tues. 15	8:00 AM	Chuck Weber+
Wed. 16	8:00 AM	Darlene Johnston+
Thu. 17	8:00 AM	Terry & Eugene Fink+
Fri. 18	8:00 AM	Mary Johnson+
Sat. 19	8:00 AM	Carl Richter+
	5:00 PM	Richard & Mary Jane Piazza+
Sun. 20	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	Tom & Jim Shannon+
	11:35 AM	Fr. Eugene J. Glothlin OSB+

Liturgical Ministers

October 15-19, 8:00 AM Mass

Altar Servers

- Oct. 15: To be Assigned
- Oct. 16: To be Assigned
- Oct. 17: To be Assigned
- Oct. 18: To be Assigned
- Oct. 19: To be Assigned

Saturday, Oct. 19, 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Altar Servers: To be Assigned

EMHC: Mary and Gerry Mimick, Diane Kunzeman, Hope Doerner

Lector: Stuart Culver

Sunday, Oct. 20, 8:00 AM Mass

Altar Servers: To be Assigned

EMHC: Art & Marilyn Zenzen, Char Alberti

Lector: Cheri Dargis

Sunday, Oct. 20, 10:00 AM Mass

Altar Servers: To be Assigned

EMHC: Pat Hargreaves, Bob Lind, Julie Harty, Bobbie Ramsey

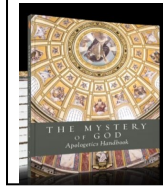
Lector: Bill Blonigan

Money Counters, 9:00AM

Rick Riley, Bill Bauer, Gerry Mimick, Cathy Jones



Faith Formation



"Mystery of God," a film series and study program by Bishop Robert Barron. **Session 2 "The Paths to God" will be Tuesday October 15 at 1:00PM and 7:00PM in the Marian Rooms.**

Pre-Baptism Class



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 12, at 7pm in the Activities Building. **If you plan to attend this session, please call the Parish Office 763-537-4561.**

Mostaccioli Dinner

It's October, and that means it will soon be time for our Men's Club annual Mostaccioli Dinner! Now in our 23rd year, the Sacred Heart Men's Club has put on a tasty dinner which helps us to support our parish, school, and charities in our community.

- Event Details
 - *Date -- Saturday, October 26
 - *Location -- Gymnasium, Sacred Heart Church/School
 - *Time -- 4:00 - 7:00 PM
 - *Price - \$10 (\$5 for kids 10 and under)
 - *What it includes -- Mostaccioli (all you can eat!), bread, salad, water/lemonade/ coffee, and dessert. Wine is available for an extra cost.
- Tickets: All men of the parish should have received tickets in the mail last week. We need each of you to sell your tickets -- whether you buy them yourselves, sell them to friends, or invite others on your dime, we're looking to have a full dining room. Tickets will also be available at the front door.
- Volunteers: Volunteers are needed for the night of the dinner, to serve, cook, and take down from approximately 3:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Additionally, we need volunteers for Friday night, October 25, to set up. To volunteer for any shift, please visit <https://signup.com/go/jvWHYYS>.
- For any questions, please reach out to Shaughn O'Neill at 612-709-4154 or email the Men's Club email list at sacredheart.mensclub@yahoo.com.

Adult Confirmation

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"Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism by a special outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which seal or 'confirm' the baptized in unison with Christ and equip them for active participation in the worship and apostolic life of the Church" (The Glossary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church).

Adult Catholics (18 & Older) who have been baptized and received First Communion and are practicing their faith but have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to begin instruction for the reception of this sacrament at the Easter Vigil on Saturday April 11. Please call Bunny in the Parish Office at 763-537-4561 for more information.

Parish Organizations

Respect Life Ministry



To commemorate **Respect Life Month**, Sacred Heart is hosting the "**Cemetery of the Innocents**" October 12–27, on West Broadway. Each pink & blue cross represents 250,000 babies killed by abortion since 1973 when the USA Supreme Court legalized abortion in the Roe vs Wade decision.

We know that Jesus is with these babies and that He brings healing and hope.

But what can we do? We can peacefully pray together during the "**40 Days for Life**", at the **Planned Parenthood mega mill**, 671 Vandalia St., St. Paul.



40 Days for Life Twin Cities thru November 3, 2019

Come and pray every hour, any hour, every day during this **40 Days for Life**, 6am to 6pm at **Planned Parenthood mega-mill, 671 Vandalia St., St. Paul, MN 55114** & "**40 Days for Life**" Closing Prayer Vigil, **Sunday Nov 3, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.** led by local pastors at **Planned Parenthood, 671 Vandalia St., St. Paul, MN 55114** Help save lives by joining with record numbers of people in 505 USA cities and around

Council of Catholic Women



Sacred Heart Treasure Hunt (aka Rummage Sale)

Sacred Heart Activities Building,

DROP Pre-Sale Event: Thursday, Oct. 17, 2 – 6 pm, \$3 at the door (children free) —first chance to shop!

Sale: Friday, Oct. 18, 9 am – 6 pm

BAG DAY: Saturday, Sat. Oct. 19, 9am – Noon, \$5 per bag!

Clean up: Noon-1pm Help! Help! Help! especially men!

OFF DAY/Sort Day: Wed., Oct. 16, 10am to 8pm

Youth Ministry

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thank you to all our COMMITTED ADORERS and to everyone who regularly attend Adoration every Thursday. We are always looking for additional adorers for each hour. If you would like to be a Adorer for any of the time slots when our regular volunteers cannot be present on Thursday or would like to commit to a regular hour of adoration please call Bunny in the Parish Office 537-4561 VM#105. Hours of Adoration are after the 8 AM Mass to 8 PM Ending with Benediction.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 13-28th Sunday in Ordinary Time; 18th Sunday after Pentecost, Trad.

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Religious Education Classes
11:35 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Monday, October 14– St. Callistus I, 1222

8:00 AM Communion Service
6:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, October 15– St. Teresa of Jesus 1582

7:40 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
9:00 AM Home Communion
9:00 AM Grandfriends– Marian Rooms
1:00 PM Adult Ed– The Mystery of God
7:00 PM Adult Ed– The Mystery of God

Wednesday, October 16-St. Hedwig 1243

7:40 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
10:00 AM Drop-Off for Treasure Hunt Till 8PM
2:15 PM Open Youth Room
6:30 PM NO Rel. Ed.

Thursday, October 17-St. Ignatius of Antioch 107; St. Margaret Mary of Alacoque 1690, Trad.

No School

7:40 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
8:35 AM – 8:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
2:00 PM Treasure Hunt Pre-Sale till 6PM

Friday, October 18– St. Luke 84

No School

7:40 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
9:00 AM Treasure Hunt till 6PM

Saturday, October 19-Sts. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & Comp, 1642, 1646, 1648, 1649

St. Peter of Alcantara 1562, Trad.

7:40AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
9:00 AM Bag Day -Treasure Hunt till Noon
4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, October 20-29th Sunday in October; 19th Sunday after Pentecost, Trad.

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
10:00 AM NO Sunday School
11:00 AM Confirmation
11:35 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Monday, October 21– St. Hilarion 171, Trad.

8:00 AM Communion Service
6:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study

Parish Prayer Line

To be placed on the prayer line call the Parish Office 763-537-4561. You can also send in your request via e-mail: cshadmin@shrmn.org

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

“Ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance ...” In the ancient world and into the Middle Ages, there was no treatment for leprosy. People thought it was wildly contagious and were suspicious of any skin diseases. Lepers were isolated from civil society. This isolation was upheld by the Mosaic Law. Should there be a healing from leprosy, the former leper was to present himself to a priest to certify the healing. Like Jesus commands, *“Show yourselves to the priests.”* The person would then undergo a religious rite to be formally reintroduced to society. In other words, a leper got their life back. So why didn't they come back?

“As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him.” Of the ten lepers healed by Christ, only one returns with a grateful heart. The others, perhaps, were thankful enough. Perhaps they couldn't believe their luck, and they hastened to the priests to confirm the healing. They were more than willing to leave their life of rejection and isolation behind. Why take any steps backward, when the way ahead was so attractive? An attitude like this is perhaps understandable, but few would admire it.

How about you? Do you come back? If you've ever had the experience of getting what you hoped and prayed for, you know that this can sometimes be easier said than done. When we've wanted something badly enough, how easy it can be to focus on the gift rather than the giver. The truth is, God is daily offering us gifts: the gift of our existence, of the created world, of family and friends, of modern conveniences. Even in times of distress, there is always something to be thankful for. This Sunday, give yourself a gratitude check. Count your blessings. Glorify God and thank Him for the gift of your life!

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When standing in a place of privilege, it is difficult to see all of the wonders, healings, and graces God bestows upon us. We can easily take God's abiding, healing, and sustaining presence for granted in our lives if our sights are too focused on earthly pleasures, status, or concerns. Those who have less often have a greater appreciation for even the smallest of gifts and tiniest of blessings. We live in a world of entitlement, and this error of thinking that things are “due me” or “deserved by me” can distort and corrupt our vision. How many times a day are you truly thankful and filled with gratitude? If you truly treasure the life God has given you, then every breath you take can be an opportunity to express joyful appreciation. Every moment of life is an occasion for healing and transformation.

And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" - Lk 17:15-18

Rosary

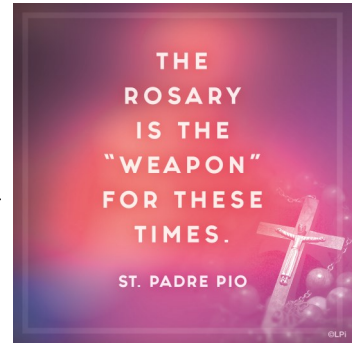
Question:

What is the story behind the rosary?

Answer:

The rosary is a sacred and popular Catholic devotion, but its origins are mysterious. Prayer beads to facilitate meditation began in the early ages of the Church. In the early medieval period, bead strings were used to count Hail Marys or Our Fathers. A tradition has developed that the rosary in its current form was given to St. Dominic by the Blessed Mother. However, the earliest biographies of the saint do not include this story. In the Middle Ages, the prayers were grouped into 50 Hail Marys with verses from Psalms and vignettes from the lives of Jesus and Mary. By the 16th century, the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries were established.

The rosary rose to prominence in the late 1500s. The Turkish Empire was spreading across eastern Europe, and pirates were raiding Christian ships. The Christian nations of Europe rallied for a great battle at sea. Pope St. Pius V urged all Christians to pray the rosary for victory. While vastly outnumbered, the Christian fleet was victorious at the Battle of Lepanto. The pope established October 7th as the feast of the Holy Rosary. Later, all of October would come to be known as the Month of the Rosary.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

To Give of Oneself

In the South, the use of “Yes, Sir,” “Yes, Ma’am,” and “Thank you,” have been drilled into many a little person’s brain. Unfortunately, as time goes by, those social conventions seem to be in danger, even in the very places that have held them sacred for so long. In fact, I have found that I sometimes will even get a strange look when I utter similar words to a stranger or passer-by. It seems manners are being traded for acceptance of ill-conceived tolerance, even tolerance of the ill-mannered.

We know this is nothing new when we look at the story of Jesus’ healing of the ten lepers. After healing ten, only one comes back to show gratitude to the healer. Why did 90% of those healed not offer thanks?

We all find our lives filled with blessings. We may sometimes think we deserve the good things we receive. We may also believe because everyone receives the same gifts — things like life, air, and the planet — that God didn't single us out, and our obligation to offer thanks is diminished. However, gratitude is never obligated. The other 9 did not get their leprosy back due to ungrateful hearts. Gratitude is simply the gift we give to the one who was generous to us in the first place. A gift for a gift. Generosity gives birth to more generosity. Without as much gratitude in the world, there is less chance for an increase of love and generosity. So, who do you need to thank today?

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