



Sacred Heart

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Formed in His Heart, Serving with His Heart, Giving From His Heart

We have ended our Mass Sign-Up process for all of the Weekend Masses. Ropes and tape on the pews in Church have been removed and you may sit where you choose.

Mass Live Streaming will continue for Daily Mass and for one weekend Mass. Join Facebook, and "Like" us: facebook.com/shrobbinsdale

Saturday—Lord's Day Vigil

4:00 PM Mass - In Church
5:30 PM - Parking Lot Mass
** Tune Radio to FM 104.9 **

Sunday— The Lord's Day

8:00 AM Mass - In Church
10:00 AM Mass - In Church
11:30 AM Latin Mass - In Church

Daily Mass Times

Monday:

8:00 AM Communion Service
followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

Tuesday:

6:30 PM
followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

Wednesday-Friday:

8:00 AM Mass
followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

First Saturday: Summer Schedule

8:00 AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

The Sacred Heart Chapel will be open for personal prayer and adoration before the monstrance on Thursdays from 9 AM - 6PM

Parish Office Hours

Open to the General Public.

Parish Web Site: shrmn.org

Parish Phone: 763-537-4561

June 20, 2021



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"
The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them,
"Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

Parish Directory

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Priest Staff: Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen

Deacon: Dr. James Ramsey

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.

That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?

Appointed Sunday Readings**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time-6/20/2021**

First Reading: Thus far shall you come but no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stilled! (Job 38:11)

Psalms: Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting. (Ps 107)

Second Reading: So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. (2 Cor 5:17)

Gospel: Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" (Mk 4:40-41)

Latin Mass Sunday Readings**4th Sunday after Pentecost**

Epistle: Brethren: I reckon that the sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come, that shall be revealed in us. (Romans 8:18-23)

Gradual: Forgive us our sins, O Lord, lest the Gentiles should at any time say: Where is their God? (Ps. 78:9, 10)

Gospel: At that time, when the multitude pressed upon Jesus to hear the word of God, He stood by the lake of Genesareth. (Luke 5:1-11)

Appointed Daily Readings**Monday, June 21—Saturday, June 26**

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [4]/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]/Mt 8:5-17

Prayers of the Faithful

Please remember in your prayers

Those Who Are Ill: Tom Ambrose, Brady Swenson, Mary Jo Faustgen, Bunny Dargis, Andrea DeOtis, Medard Keisershot, Cody Binstock, Carol Borman, Janice Luftus, Delia Roca, Lorraine Nelson, Marlene Tuschen, Ray Swadner, Eleanore Dietrich, Bob Devaney, Maya Mash, Jeanne Radermacher

Those Serving in Our Armed Forces: Sam Dahlgren-Castilla, Justin Rathbun, Liam Gregory, Jordan Reese, Andrew Gladitsch, Cathal & Cormac O'Connor, Lisette Knaeble, Zachary Wilhelmi

Administration*Stewardship-Your Commitment is Vital !*

Collections for May 29-30, 2021 (week 48)	Dollars	# Donors
Sunday Envelope Collections	\$ 2,872.15	51
Electronic Donations	\$ 6,825.88	54
Plate (non envelope) Collections	\$ 530.00	
Total Collections for week 48	\$10,228.03	105

Year-to-date Sunday Collections

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Behind</u>
Actual versus last year May 30, 2021 (week 48)	\$ 540,676	\$568,289	\$(27,613)
	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Ahead</u>
Actual versus Budget May 30, 2021 (week 48)	\$ 540,676	\$529,854	\$ 10,822

Bookkeeping Position Open

Sacred Heart has a full-time bookkeeper position available in the Parish Office.

This position is responsible for parish, school and childcare accounts payable, payroll, cash receipts/deposits, credit card processing, general ledger accounting, assisting with any special event recordkeeping and preparing financial statements. Qualifications include a minimum two-year degree in accounting, 3-5 years experience in all facets of bookkeeping preferred, proficient in word and excel at the basic to intermediate level and knowledge of computer-based systems. Full job description is available upon request. Please contact Mary Daugherty in the Parish Office at 763-285-6241 (direct line) or 763-537-4561 (main number) or at mdaugherty@shrmn.org with interest and/or further details.

Maintenance Staff Position Open

Due to some upcoming turnover within the current Sacred Heart Maintenance Staff, Sacred Heart is looking for full and/or part time maintenance staff beginning June 7, 2021. There is some flexibility in part-time vs. full-time status depending on qualified candidates. Please contact Mary Daugherty (Business Administrator) in the Parish Office at 763-537-4561 for details regarding job duties, qualifications, etc.

Congratulations to Sacred Heart Raffle Winners

Thank you everyone for your support of the 2nd Annual Sacred Heart Raffle! We celebrated Mass on Friday, June 11 - the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, played a little Bingo after Mass and announced the winners.

Congratulations to the Winners

Peter Krych - \$10,000 Grand Prize

Tony & Teri Bangasser - \$1,000 Prize

Gerry Bursey - \$500 Prize

**A Special Prayer for Fathers**

God, bless all the fathers in the world. Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children. Help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. **Amen**

Sacred Heart Catholic School

We did it! This will be a school year we always remember with the many obstacles our students, staff, and parents encountered. We are extremely proud of our community and what we accomplished together this year. A huge thank you to our students, staff, and community for the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment to Sacred Heart Catholic school throughout this school year.

As we head into the summer, the outlook for next fall is positive. We are looking forward to a sense of normalcy. We will continue to adjust where we can and while there are still many unknowns at this point, we are optimistic that this fall will look different than last fall.

Thank you for your continued support of our great school!

We say good-bye to Ms. Ekegren

Jeanne has decided to retire this spring. She has taught at Sacred Heart for 38 years and she is ready to enjoy some of her hobbies such as working at Target Field, watching the Twins, working at high school volleyball games as a referee, and so much more. Thank you Jeanne for 38 great years at Sacred Heart. You have touched many students' lives over the years! Watch for more information about a reception for Ms. Ekegren to say good-bye.

Sacred Heart Catholic School is hiring the following teachers:

- 1st Grade Teacher-full time
- Physical Education Teacher-full time
- STEM teacher-part time

Please contact Karen Bursey for more information.

Set up a Tour

Parents are welcome to schedule a personalized tour after school hours. We have many options for Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten, including half and full days. Discover our school and the activities that enhance each child's educational experience. Come see how integrated faith lessons combined with our C-STEM program enrich our classrooms each day. We are preparing our students for 21st Century skills called the 4 C's: Creativity, Critical Thinking, Collaboration, and Communication. Call the school office to schedule a tour, 763.537.1329.

Aim Higher tuition scholarships available for students in K-8----Due August 6, 2021

We encourage families to apply for a tuition scholarship thru TADS. We want to support your family in making a Catholic education affordable for your child(ren).

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$1,000 to students who meet the need-based criteria determined by the Aim Higher Foundation. The scholarship follows students through 8th grade and to other Catholic schools in this Archdiocese.

TADS applications may be filled out by the parent/guardian of a child who is currently attending or plans to attend a K-8 Catholic school in the Archdiocese of the St. Paul and Minneapolis. All scholarship applications must be completed yearly for both new and returning recipients.

Priority for the scholarships awarded during the summer application period will be given to students who are new to Catholic schools, however, all applications will be considered.

How to apply:

1. Visit <https://www.mytads.com/> Click on the purple "Financial Aid Assessment"
2. Create a new account or login to an existing one.
3. Begin filling in the application.
4. Submit the application by August 6, 2021.

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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

****This Schedule is subject to change****

JUNE

Sun. 20	8:00 AM	Bruce Johnston+
	10:00 AM	Parishioners
Latin	11:35 AM	Kenny Lehn+
Mon. 21	8:00 AM	Communion Service
Tues. 22	6:30 PM	Communion Service
Wed. 23	8:00 AM	Communion Service
Thu. 24	8:00 AM	Communion Service
Fri. 25	8:00 AM	Raymond K.Gustafson+
Sat. 26	4:00 PM	Carol Hogan
Parking Lot		
	5:30 PM	Francis Widmer+
F.M.104.9		
Sun. 27	8:00 AM	Francis Widmer+
	10:00 AM	Parishioners
Latin	11:35 AM	Leonard & Patty Anderson+

Chapel Open for Prayer:

- Monday: 8:30am - Noon
- Tuesday-Thursday: 8:30a-4:30pm
- Friday: 8:30am - Noon

****Note: No more than 10 people in the Chapel for prayer at any given time.**

Practice physical distancing.

Use disinfectant provided in Chapel to wipe your area after you leave**

Confessions

Daily Wednesday-Friday 7:40-7:55a.m.

First Saturdays 9-9:30a.m.

Tuesdays 5:30- 6:15pm

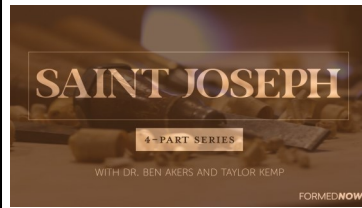
Sign is on Door #8 with Instructions.

Thursday Eucharistic Adoration

9:00am-6:00pm



Faith Formation



In this Year of Saint Joseph, proclaimed by Pope Francis to be December 8, 2020, through December 8, 2021, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down to reflect on the earthly father chosen by the Heavenly Father for his Son, Jesus Christ. This four-part series will begin by looking at Joseph from the Old Testament and comparing him with Saint Joseph from the New Testament, and then move

into reflections on three of Saint Joseph's titles; Guardian of the Redeemer, Patron of the Universal Church, and Patron of the Domestic Church.

Part 1: St. Joseph Old & New (20 Minutes)

Please join us on Tuesday July 6 to watch Part 1 of St. Joseph at 5:15pm in the Marian rooms and attend Mass at 6:30 PM.

Part 1 will also be shown after 4pm mass on Saturday July 10 and 8am and 10am masses on Sunday July 11.

Pre-Baptism Classes



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 July 13 at 7pm** in the Activities Building. If you plan to attend this session, please call the Parish Office 763-537-4561.

Thank You

This note of gratitude is from the Retirement Fund for Religious coordinator, who thanks us for our parish contribution of \$1055.00. Our donation will enable many religious communities to meet their pressing retirement needs and also support the retirement planning for newer religious communities.

"On behalf of all retired men and women religious brothers and religious order priests, I thank you for your support of the annual Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal. Your generosity, especially during these unprecedented times, is a real blessing in support of all those who have witnessed to a lifetime of dedicated service!"

Gratefully,

Sister Lynore Girmscheid, SSND

Coordinator, Retirement Fund for Religious

Archdiocese of Saint Paul & Minneapolis

Youth Ministry

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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.



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Become a Member of the SHCCW Funeral Honor Guard



SHCCW Funeral Honor Guard (a Spiritual Work of Mercy)

Members of the **Funeral Honor Guard** meet in church 30 minutes before the funeral of each deceased woman being buried from Sacred Heart Catholic Church to pray a rosary for the repose of her soul.

Members are notified by phone of the time and date of the funeral for the deceased woman. *If a member is not able to come and pray in person, they are asked to be with us in spirit.*

To become a part of this Spiritual Work of Mercy, please call Rosemary Kaisershot at 763-533-2313.

We thank Lorraine Nelson who was Chairwoman of this Spiritual Work of Mercy for many years.

News From Other Sources

Benedictine Festival: The Sisters of St. Benedict of Saint Paul's Monastery invite you to a special weekend of events in honor of Saint Benedict. **July 10, 2021, Outdoor Event 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Enjoy food and fun, play lawn games, and buy a raffle ticket for one of our fabulous prizes. Admission is free. Food, raffle tickets, and certain activities are individually priced.

Calendar of Events

****THERE ARE NO PUBLIC EVENTS SCHEDULED****

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**Sunday, June 20–12th Sunday in ordinary Time;
4th Sunday after Pentecost, Trad.**

Happy Father's Day

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
11:35 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Monday, June 21– St. Aloysius Gonzaga 1591

8:00 AM Communion Service
Morning Prayer

Tuesday, June 22–St. Paulinus of Nola 431

6:15 PM Evening Prayer
6:30 PM Communion Service

Wednesday, June 23– Vigil of St. John the Baptist, Trad.

8:00 AM Communion Service
Morning Prayer to follow

Thursday, June 24–Nativity of St. John the Baptist 1B.C.

8:00 AM Communion Service
Morning Prayer to follow.
Adoration following till 6:00 PM

Friday, June 25– St. William of Vercelli 1142, Trad.

7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
Morning Prayer to follow.

Saturday, June 26– St Josemaria Escriva 1975; Sts John & Paul 362, Trad.

4:00 PM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
5:30 PM Parking Lot Mass

Sunday, June 27–13th Sunday in Ordinary Time; 5th Sunday after Pentecost, Trad.

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
11:35 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Due to the Presbyteral Assembly this week on Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday there will be Communion Services in place of Mass.

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<https://www.facebook.com/shrobbinsdale/>

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



TOTUS TUUS

2021

Learn about the Virtues and Beatitudes and the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary while growing in your relationship with the Lord!

Register Early!

Totus Tuus is a program for 1st-12th graders coming to

Sacred Heart

June 27-July 2

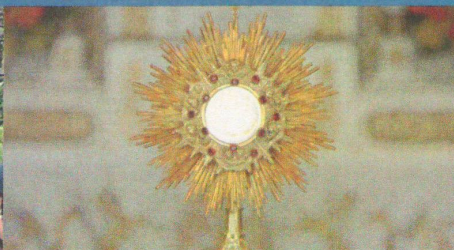
Contact Morgan Timmerman at 763-285-6246 for more details.



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June 3, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I write to you with important news and a grateful heart. After much prayer, consultation, and discussion, the Catholic bishops of Minnesota today announced that the Sunday Mass obligation will return the weekend of July 3-4. I encourage each of you to read the full text of the Minnesota bishops' statement, which may be found [here](#). It includes the rationale for the decision, the importance of the return to the Mass, and possible exceptions to the Sunday obligation.

Many of you have generously shared with me over the past 15 months stories of how difficult the pandemic has been on you, your loved ones, your jobs, your parishes, your communities and beyond. So many have lost so much, including family and friends. Please join me in remembering those who have died and those among us who continue to grieve their loss.

At the same time, many of you have shared stories of great sacrifice by healthcare workers, doctors and others who risked their own health and safety to help others in the midst of the pandemic. These women and men continue to exemplify real charity and courage as they move from treating COVID-19 patients to resuming their assigned roles in our clinics, hospitals, nursing homes and other care facilities. I know my appreciation for our sisters and brothers in healthcare and emergency services has only grown during this crisis. I am truly grateful to them and to their family members, who also endured heightened risks to health and safety.

My gratitude extends, as well, to all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Some of you have sacrificed Sunday and daily Mass attendance for more than a year to minimize the risk to the loved ones with whom you live, and often for whom you care, and to the healthcare personnel who would have to care for you in the event that you became ill. You have shared with me the heartbreak you experienced by not being able to receive our Lord in the Eucharist. Many others, thankfully, have been able to safely return to in-person Mass since the end of last May due to the diligence and extraordinary coordination and safety protocols put into place by our dedicated priests, parish staffs and volunteers. These same teams also worked creatively, instituting parking lot Masses and initiating efforts to make the Mass available through livestreaming and digital ministries. The generosity of so many has kept our parishes open and operating – providing support and services to our sisters and brothers who count on them for spiritual assistance and accompaniment and even social services.

I continue to be grateful to our parish and school staffs. Their hard work and flexibility during constantly changing conditions and directives made it possible for the work of Christ to continue. Our Catholic school and religious education students were able to learn continuously – in-person and remotely – throughout the year. Parish staffs have supported existing ministries and started new ones, often times behind-the-scenes with little or no recognition for their innovation and creativity.

The hard work of our parishes and school staff have allowed us to gather safely throughout this year. That safety has only increased as we gratefully see so many signs that the pandemic is receding. Given those positive developments, I want to encourage those who have stayed away to come back and worship together. We know that we need the strength that comes from the sacraments in order to live our Christian life and we know that our parish communities are not complete without you.

As we fully return to the Sunday Mass in early July, please join me in praying for the souls of those who have died from COVID-19, those who grieve them and for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic around the globe. Please also join my prayers of gratitude for the faithful of the Archdiocese and for those who serve so many in our parishes, schools and Catholic entities. May you know an abundance of divine blessings as we all return to the Lord's table.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

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READ THE GOSPEL AND COLOR THE IMAGE.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

The disciples of Jesus had a very scary night, because their faith was not very strong yet. They were crossing the sea in their boat, just as Jesus asked them to do, when a huge storm came up. Their boat was filling up with so much water they thought they would all die. When they woke Jesus up, he simply spoke to the wind and the waves, and the storm stopped completely. Now they were really scared. Who was Jesus, anyway? The wind and waves listened to him!

PRAYER

Dear God, sometimes I feel afraid, too. Help me to remember that you are stronger than any problem I have. Amen.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Sit down with your family, and read Mark 4:35-41 out loud. Then talk about the things you are afraid of. Pray to God, ask for help, and believe that God is stronger than any problem you have.



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