



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.

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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
11:35 AM Latin Mass - In Church

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

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

October 3, 2021



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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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



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!

Appointed Sunday Readings**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time-10/3/21**

First Reading: That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh. (Gn 2:24)

Psalm: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. (Ps 128)

Second Reading: He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. (Heb 2:11)

Gospel: "Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate. (Mk 10:9)

Latin Mass Sunday Readings**19th Sunday after Pentecost**

Epistle: Brethren: Be ye renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man, who according to God is created in justice and holiness of truth. (Ep. 4:23-28)

Gradual: Let my prayer be directed as incense in Thy sight, O Lord. (Ps. 140:2)

Gospel: At that time, Jesus spoke to the chief priests and the pharisees in parables, saying: The Kingdom of heaven is likened to a king... (Matthew 22:1-14)

Appointed Daily Readings**Monday, Oct. 4—Saturday, Oct. 9**

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28

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, Delia Roca, Marlene Tuschen, Ray Swadner, Eleanore Dietrich, Maya Mash, Cindy Reese, Terry Weasler, Paul Piazza Sr.

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 September 18-19, 2021 (week 12) | Dollars | # Donors |
|---|-------------|----------|
| Sunday Envelope Collections | \$ 3,227.10 | 62 |
| Electronic Donations | \$ 2,092.90 | 31 |
| Plate (non envelope) Collections | \$ 826.00 | |
| Total Collections for Week 12 | \$ 6,146.00 | 93 |

Year-to-date Sunday Collections

| | <u>This Year</u> | <u>Last Year</u> | <u>(Behind)</u> |
|--|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Actual versus last year September 19, 2021 (week 12) | \$125,522 | \$138,763 | \$(13,241) |
| | <u>This Year</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>(Behind)</u> |
| Actual versus Budget September 19, 2021 (week 12) | \$125,522 | \$142,638 | \$(17,116) |

Job Openings at Sacred Heart

1) Bookkeeper 2) Maintenance Staff (Full or Part-Time). Please contact Mary Daugherty for more information at 763-537-4561 or mdaugherty@shrmn.org

Contribution Statements

3rd Quarter Contribution Statements will be mailed by mid-late October.

Everyday Stewardship

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
Therein lies the...rib**

"If I were God..." is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don't verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. *If I were God, I wouldn't let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn't exist.*

I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don't look a little harder at the whole of His creation — because I can promise you, it's never lacking.

When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam's rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I'm guilty of it as much as anyone else — looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. "Why haven't you sent me what I need? I've been asking over and over again." But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don't fit the bill?

Sacred Heart Catholic School



School Marathon Update

On Saturday morning, our students, staff, and families walked or biked for our school marathon. As of September 27th, our students have collected \$9237.00 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 or a SHCS student. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and our PTC committee for helping us organize our event. The pledges support every part of our mission.

Happy Wreath Selling Season to You All!

Our students will be 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.

Forms are available at the parish reception desk. Delivery: November 16-18.

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/SHCSRobbinsdal1>

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.



Saint of the Week

St. Francis of Assisi | Feast Day October 4

St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land.

Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith.

Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day.

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 Wednesday 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****

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| October | | | |
| Sun. | 3 | 8:00 AM | Marie Lehn+ |
| | | 10:00 AM | Parishioners |
| Latin | | 11:35 AM | Rev. Anthony T Judge+ |
| Mon. | 4 | 8:00 AM | Communion Service |
| Tues. | 5 | 8:00 AM | Donald Tinker+ |
| Wed. | 6 | 8:00 AM | Donald Tinker+ |
| Thu. | 7 | 8:00 AM | Joseph Brouillard+ |
| Fri. | 8 | 8:00 AM | Donald. Tinker+ |
| Sat. | 9 | 8:00 AM | Celebrant's Intention |
| | | 4:00 PM | Darlene Johnston+ |
| Parking Lot | | | |
| | | 5:30 PM | Mary Jane Farley+ |
| F.M.104.9 | | | |
| Sun. | 10 | 8:00 AM | John Andraschko+ |
| | | 10:00 AM | Parishioners |
| Latin | | 11:35 AM | Rev. Timothy F. Nolan+ |

Chapel Open for Prayer:

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

Confessions

Daily Tuesday-Saturday 7:40-7:55a.m.
Saturdays 3:00-3:45pm
Sign is on Door #8 with Instructions.

Thursday Eucharistic Adoration
9:00am-6:00pm



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

Synod Small Groups

The Synod small groups meet every week from September 20th-November 6th **EXCEPT** for the week of October 18th-23rd because it is fall break. You can still choose the day/time that works best for you.

Monday evenings 6:30-8:30pm

Tuesday afternoons 1:00-3:00pm

Thursday evenings 6:30-8:30pm

Saturday mornings 9:00-11:00am

Archbishop Hebda wants to hear from you. Please participate. Even if you are unable to commit to all 6 weeks, come for what you can.

Appalachia Mission Program



Appalachia Mission Program -2021

Another year has passed and it is time to respond to the Appalachian Christmas Program. Sacred Heart has been so blessed with your generosity this past year. We will continue to help stock their "Christmas Tree Store." The people of Kentucky really appreciate all of the wonderful gifts that you give and we send. The gifts are not wrapped so a family member can choose the gifts that meet their family needs. Please be generous as possible for many families these are the only gifts they receive for Christmas. All gifts can be dropped off between Monday, October 4 and Monday November 1.

This year we are asking for Monetary Donations to purchase Flannel shirts, Jackets and Sweaters for Sacred Heart to donate to Appalachia.
Any amount is welcome. Checks can be made out to Sacred Heart Church.

Infants to 1 year of age: Diapers, Powder, Lotion, Blankets, Shirts, Sleepers, Rattles, Crib Mobiles, Teethers and other baby toys
Toddlers: Pull toys, Blocks, Soft toys, Balls, Cars & Trucks, Dolls (War toys are dangerous toys and are discouraged)
Ages 6-12: Games, Cars & Trucks, Marbles, Jacks, Jump Ropes, Dolls, Markers, Coloring Books & Crayons, Basic School Supplies, Socks & Underwear (No articles that can be damaged by freezing & avoid heavy items like canned goods, etc.)
Age 12 to 16 & Teenagers: Cosmetics, Jewelry, Sports equipment, Radios, Batteries, Watches, Music Boxes, Purses, Wallets, Belts, Large Sweatshirts, Fishing Equipment, Toiletries, Hunting Clothes, Camouflage vests, Socks & Underwear, Balls (soccer, basketball, football, etc.)
For the Elderly: Powder, Lotion, Slippers, Socks, Billfolds, Jewelry, Shirts, Knee Highs, Purses, Nail Clippers, Scarves, Blankets & Bedding, Sweatshirts, Towels, Kitchen items, Socks & Underwear

Respect Life Ministry



40 Days for Life Twin Cities continues thru October 31, 2021

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**

WHAT HOUR WILL YOU PRAY?

Closing Prayer Vigil, Sunday Oct. 31, 6 – 7 p.m.

Since the first “40 Days for Life” in 2007, 19,322 lives have been saved; 112 abortion centers have closed; 222 abortion workers have quit. Help save lives by joining with record numbers of people in over 1000 cities in 63 countries!



Sidewalk Counseling Training Seminar

Monday, October 11, 2021, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Church

835 2nd Ave NW, Room 206

New Brighton, MN 55112

Nearly every day in the Twin Cities, an average of 31 babies are scheduled to be killed in the area’s five abortion

centers. Attend this free seminar and learn how to save these babies and help their families by peacefully reaching out in love to those entering abortion centers.

Christians of all denominations are encouraged to come to this free seminar. Prayer supporters are also needed and are welcome to attend.

Presented by Debra Braun, who has been sidewalk counseling for nearly 40 years, Rev. Brian Walker, who has 13 years of sidewalk counseling experience, and Bill Kelly, Sidewalk Counseling Coordinator, who has been on the sidewalks to save babies for more than 20 years.

For more information or to register, contact:

debra.braun@plam.org or call (651) 797-6364.

Sacred Heart Treasure Hunt

Sacred Heart Treasure Hunt (aka Rummage Sale)



Sacred Heart Activities Building,

DROP OFF DAY/Sort Day: Wed., Oct. 20, 10am to 8pm

All women and men are welcome—an hour or two.

Sort, visit, find a treasure? Many hands make light work!

Pre-Sale Event: Thursday, Oct. 21, 2 – 6 pm,

\$5 at the door (children free) —first chance to shop!

Sale: Friday, Oct. 22, 9 am – 6 pm

BAG DAY: Saturday, Sat. Oct. 23, 9am – Noon, \$5 per bag!

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

All leftovers items will have to be boxed! “Many hands make light work!”

*****Sponsored by the Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women*****

Great opportunity to purchase gently used clothing, household items, and antiques at remarkable prices. All proceeds go to our parish, school & charitable organizations.

Calendar of Events

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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday, October 3– 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; 19th Sunday after Pentecost, *Trad.*

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

11:35 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Monday, October 4– St. Francis of Assisi 1226

8:00 AM Communion Service

Morning Prayer

Tuesday, October 5–Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos; St. Faustina Kowalska 1938

7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Morning Prayer to follow Mass

Wednesday, October 6–St. Marie Rose Du-rocher 1849

7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Morning Prayer to follow Mass

Thursday, October 7–Our Lady of the Rosary 1571; St. Mark 336, *Trad.*

7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Morning Prayer to follow Mass

Adoration following Mass till 6:00 PM

Friday, October 8– St. Bridget of Sweden 1373, *Trad.*

7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Morning Prayer to follow Mass

Saturday, October 9 – St. Denis

7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

3:00 PM Confessions till 3:45 PM

4:00 PM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

5:30 PM Parking Lot Mass

Sunday, October 10– 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time; 20th Sunday after Pentecost, *Trad.*

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

11:35 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

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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

News From Other Sources

Rachel's Vineyard



I will never leave you or forsake you... Hebrew 13:5

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. The next Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreat is at is November 5-7, 2021. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvinyardmn.org, call or text 763-250-9313 or see www.rvinyardmn.org.

Holy Spirit Academy

You are invited to Holy Spirit Academy's Outdoor Open House on Tuesday, October 5th at 6:00-8:00 PM.

Please stop to learn about our faithful, affordable and local Catholic high school and see what Holy Spirit Academy in Monticello is all about! Visit with staff and students, see the exciting curriculum, and enjoy refreshments. Please visit our website www.holyspiritacademy.org or call 763-220-2402 for more information or to schedule a visit! God Bless You.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

IS THE HONEYMOON OVER? It doesn't have to be! A Marriage Encounter weekend can rekindle the excitement and romance in your relationship. This is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are Oct 8-10, 2021 in Buffalo, MN and Feb 11-13, 2022 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.

Live the Liturgy

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"What God has joined together." We are all familiar with these words. Because man and woman are essentially of the same substance, although also distinctively different, there is an innate desire to be connected and united. Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. But they can also be celebrations of great union and happiness. This is proven by couples who have been married for many years who still have that same twinkle of devotion in their eyes that was present on their wedding day. God designed it to be this way. By God's power, the two become one. This is not of human design. The true intimacy of marriage is a Divine Intimacy. It is a bond created by a power far greater than any found in the two people who are joined. Marriage is where the virtue of love is most fully expressed.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Can a person (the mother, father, or provider) ever be forgiven for an abortion?

Answer:

For people of faith, any conversation of human sinfulness should always lead us to reflect on God's loving mercy. Because God's mercy is greater than any sin, the Church is clear that even those involved in the sin of abortion can be reconciled with God and the Church. To help make this grace more available through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Pope Francis extended the permission to absolve someone of the sin of abortion to all priests in 2016.

Even with the grace and blessings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the tragedy of abortion and the aftermath of abortion takes a toll on everyone involved. Ministries of outreach and support, such as Project Rachel, offer pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats, and other forms of care. As Christians, we are also called to help promote this healing and reconciliation in all its forms. To learn more, visit www.hopeafterabortion.com.