



Sacred Heart

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4087 West Broadway • Robbinsdale, MN 55422

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

Saturday—Lord's Day Vigil

4:00 PM Mass of Anticipation

Sunday— The Lord's Day

8:00 AM Mass

10:00 AM Mass

11:40 AM Latin Mass

Summer Schedule:

June—August

Daily Mass Times

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

Vespers: 6:15 PM followed by
Mass: 6:30 PM

Wednesday — Saturday:

8:00 AM Mass
followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

Holy Day Mass Times

Consult the bulletin

Penance and Reconciliation

Tuesday:

5:30-6:10 PM

Wednesday — Saturday:

7:40 — 7:55 AM

Saturday Afternoon:

3:00 — 3:45 PM

Or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

The Sacred Heart Chapel is open for
personal prayer and adoration before
the monstrance on Thursdays from
9:00 AM — 8:30PM.

Parish Office Hours

Monday 8:30 AM — Noon

Tue.-Fri. 8:30 AM — 4:30 PM

Parish Web Site

www.shrmn.org

Parish Phone: 763-537-4561

Sacred Heart Catholic School

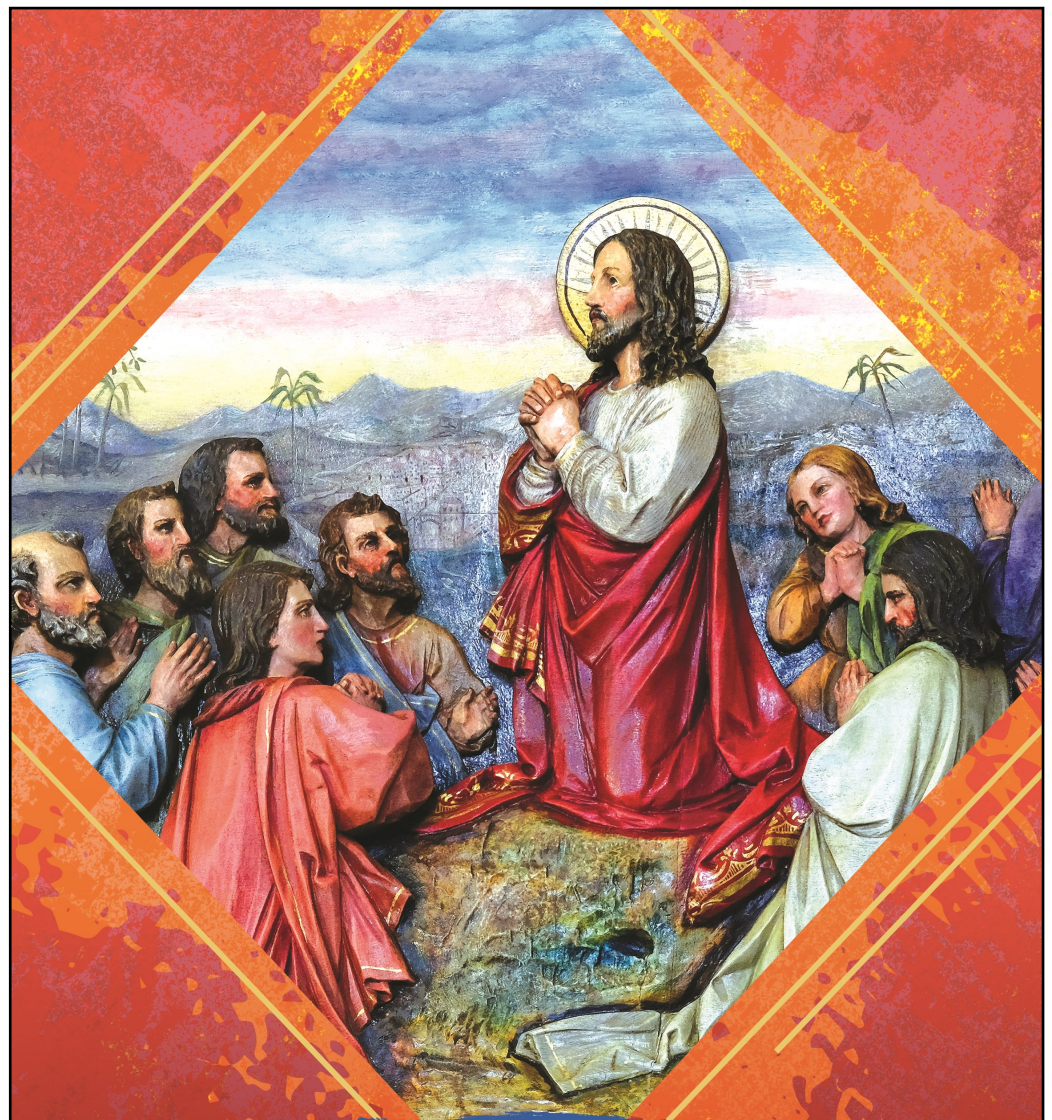
Daycare, Pre-K through 8th grade
4050 Hubbard Avenue North
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School Web Site

sacredheartsschoolrobbinsdale.org

School Phone: 763-537-1329

July 9, 2023



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.” - Mt 11:28-30

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**Pastor's Page | Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen****Welcoming Fr. Andrew Jaspers**

We offer a warm welcome to Fr. Andrew Jaspers, a priest of our Archdiocese, who is taking up residence at Sacred Heart Rectory beginning in July. Fr. Jaspers is the assigned Catholic Priest Chaplain of North Memorial Health Hospital here in Robbinsdale.

-Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen

He was recently featured in a Fox News Lifestyle article by Christine Rousselle on Foxnews.com which is reproduced below. Published July 2, 2023 6:30am EDT **God has 'extraordinary and omnipotent mercy' toward penitent sinners, Minnesota priest says** God's mercy is available for all who desire it, a Catholic priest told Fox News Digital about faith. "As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:10-11). This verse comes from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, the longest of Paul's epistles. The book is the "most systematic unfolding of the apostle's thought, expounding the gospel of God's righteousness that saves all who believe; it reflects a universal outlook, with special implications for Israel's relation to the church," said the United States Conference of



Catholic Bishops (USCCB). This verse carries special meaning for Fr. Andrew Jaspers, a priest within the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. He is also a hospital chaplain at North Memorial Health Hospital in Robbinsdale, Minnesota. "As a Catholic priest who has worked for the past three years in inner city hospitals, I see daily the life that God brings to those who are physically and often spiritually dying," he told Fox News Digital.

Fr. Jaspers is shown administering the sacrament of Extreme Unction, also known as Last Rites or Anointing of the Sick, to a coronavirus patient. Jaspers said he witnessed firsthand the effects of absolution on someone who was weighed down by sin, he told Fox News Digital. (Liz Flores) During the coronavirus pandemic, Jaspers was part of a cohort of priests known as the "Anointing Corps. "They were specially trained to administer the sacraments safely to those who were dying. "I was able to visit people who could not even see their family in their final hours," he said. "But through Confession and Holy Communion, they were able to see the Lord in their last days. "One of those patients was a man in his 80s that Fr. Jaspers referred to as Jim." "Among Jim's ailments was suicidal ideation," said Jaspers. "I visited his room and saw his elderly wife tending to him," he went on. "She left the room and he said, 'You should be here for her rather than me, because she's the one into religion. I only go along with it.'" Jim, explained Jaspers, "was very depressed and swore that his wife was about to leave him." Fr. Andrew Jaspers (shown here at left) is a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Fox News Digital spoke to him about penitent sinners — and God's great grace for those who want and work for salvation. (David Hrbacek) "This defied reason in my mind, as a devoted wife does not abandon her husband in time of need," he said. Jaspers said he led Jim through the Catholic sacrament of Confession "of a more general sort, not touching on details." He said, "And though it barely passed sacramental muster, I thought it might help him." In Catholic, Orthodox and other faith traditions, adherents believe that the priest acts "in persona Christi" — a Latin term meaning "in the person of Christ" — and can absolve sins in the Sacrament of Confession, which is also referred to as Reconciliation or Penance. "Jesus Christ, in his abundant love and mercy, established the Sacrament of Confession, so that we as sinners can obtain forgiveness for our sins and reconcile with God and the Church," says the website Catholics Come Home. "The sacrament 'washes us clean' and renews us in Christ," said the website.



When Fr. Jaspers visited Jim the day after he heard his confession, "he was like a new man," he said. "I was amazed," Jaspers told Fox News Digital. "It was like a heavy weight of many years that had been lifted from his shoulders." "He told me of how he hadn't felt like this in years. He said that he cannot imagine taking his life and that this is the furthest thing from his mind now." Jim also revealed another detail of his story: He had previously been unfaithful to his wife. "He confessed this to her, and she forgave him," said Jaspers. "Jim said that it was like a heavy weight of many years that had been lifted from his shoulders." Even Jim himself was confused as to how he was able to reveal such an intense secret to his wife. "I said, 'You made a confession, Jim.' He said, 'I don't have a cubicle for that' — meaning that he had no category for that." And while this was, in one sense, the "most simple and un-extraordinary exchange," said Fr. Jaspers, he said it was also something more. It "was a glimpse at the extraordinary and omnipotent mercy of God — which stands ready to pour into a sinner's life when they open the door only a little."

Appointed Sunday Readings

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time-7/9/2023

First Reading: See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. (*Zec 9:9*)

Psalm: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (*Ps 145*)

Second Reading: For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. (*Rom 8:13*)

Gospel: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. (*Mt 11:29*)

Latin Mass Sunday Readings

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: "Brethren, all we who are baptized in Christ Jesus..." (*Rom 6:3-11*)

Gradual: "Return, O Lord, a little: and be entreated in favor of Thy servants..." (*Ps 89:13, 1*)

Gospel: "At that time, when there was a great multitude with Jesus..." (*Mk 8:1-9*)

Appointed Daily Readings

Monday, July 10—Saturday, July 15

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/ Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, and 15/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/ Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

Prayers of the Faithful

Please remember in your prayers:

Those Who Are Ill: James Hamann

With Chronic Health Concerns:

Tom Ambrose, Brady Swenson, Mary Jo Faustgen, Andrea DeOtis, Medard Keisershot, Cody Binstock, Carol Borman, Kelly VanSchalk, Tori Prince, Joyce Hanauska

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, Lily Wilson, Joseph Eckman

Those Who Have Died Recently: Helen Willger

Administration

Stewardship-Your Commitment is Vital !

Collections for June 24-25, 2023 (week 52)	Dollars	# Donors
Sunday Envelope Collections	\$ 2,877.00	53
Electronic Donations	\$ 884.51	14
Plate (non envelope) Collections	\$ 1,114.22	
Total Collections for week 52	\$ 4,875.73	67

Year-to-date Sunday Collections

	This Year	Last Year	(Behind)
Actual versus last year June 25, 2023 (week 52)	\$ 605,308	\$ 615,110	(\$9,802)
	This Year	Budget	(Behind)
Actual versus Budget June 25, 2023 (week 52)	\$ 605,308	\$ 622,710	(\$17,402)

Save the Date-Fun Fest 2023: Sept. 23, 2023

September 23, 2023 from 4-10:30pm
Watch for more details both in the bulletin
and on our website to follow soon!!

Volunteer Needed-Eucharistic Adoration



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thank you to all our COMMITTED ADORERS and to everyone who regularly attend Adoration every Thursday.

We are in need of an extra adorer during the 9-10am time slot.

If you can help for this time slot on Thursday please call Bunny at 763-537-4561

Quarterly Contribution Statements

2nd Quarter Contribution Statements will be mailed by the end of July, 2022.

Volunteer Rain Garden Maintenance

If you or anyone you know is interested in helping us maintain the Rain Garden on 41st Ave next to the church this summer and fall, please contact the Parish office at 763-537-4561.



Whiz Bang Days Parade

Come check out our Sacred Heart Church and School float at the annual Robbinsdale Whiz Bang Days parade this **Sunday, July 9th at 3:00PM!**

Sacred Heart Catholic School



Whiz Bang Day Parade July 9th @ 3 pm, Please join us on Sunday!

Please consider walking with us in the parade to show our school and parish spirit. Our goal is to have 75-100 people joining us.

Set up a Tour and Explore our PreK-8th grade program at Sacred Heart

We are scheduling personalized tours this summer. We have openings in our kindergarten program along with grades 1-8. Come in and explore our Believe and Read program that focuses on the Orton-Gillingham instructional methods. Learn how our integrated faith lessons combined with our C-STEM program enrich our academic program 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.

Hiring a 2nd and 5th grade teacher

We are hiring a full time 2nd and 5th grade teacher for the 2023-2024 school. Please contact Karen Bursey for more information. kbursey@shcsr.org

- Committed, practicing Catholic, enthusiastic about modeling and teaching our faith
- MN teaching experience
- Strong communication skills
- Ability to communicate well with parents/guardians of students
- Ability to develop and maintain positive relationships with colleagues
- Committed to teaching our young children

Aim Higher tuition scholarships available for students in K-8----Due August 11, 2023

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, K-8, 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.

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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 Leisgang in the Parish Office.

Religious Education

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

Mass Intentions

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

July

Sun. 9	8:00 AM	Dave Urban+
	10:00 AM	Parishioners
Latin	11:40 AM	Patricia Mitchell+
Mon. 10	8:00 AM	Communion Service
Tues. 11	6:30 PM	Fr. Frances Nolan+
Wed. 12	8:00 AM	Shirley Ertel
Thu. 13	8:00 AM	Jim Goering+
Fri. 14	8:00 AM	Mary Lanier+
Sat. 15	8:00 AM	Richard Bellert+
	4:00 PM	Joseph Willenbring+
Sun. 16	8:00 AM	Jim Goering+
	10:00 AM	Parishioners
Latin	11:40 AM	Celebrant's Intention

Chapel Open for Prayer:

- Monday: 8:30am-12:00pm
- Tues.-Wed.: 8:30am-4:30pm
- Friday: 8:30am-4:30pm

Confessions

Daily Tuesday-Saturday 7:40-7:55a.m.
Saturdays 3:00-3:45pm

Thursday Eucharistic Adoration

9:00am-8:30pm

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



Faith Formation



A Bible Study on the Joyful Mysteries

After Mass on Saturday, July 22 and after the 8 and 10am Masses on Sunday July 23, in the Marian Rooms

Session 2: The Presentation: Have you ever wanted to grow in your understanding and devotion to the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary? Join Dr. Ben Akers and professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School as they walk through these Biblical mysteries and seek to grow in understanding and love for Christ through them.

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

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Four of our catechists have completed their Level I training for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd! This training consisted of over 90 hours preparing them to develop and facilitate an atrium for 3–6-year-old children. The atrium walls are currently being painted, and soon the catechists can begin setting up the materials. Here are some ways you can help:

-Donate floor lamps or a medium wall mirror similar to the one pictured.

-Purchase this Lectionary and Missal Wooden Books set: <https://app.etapestry.com/cart/CatechesisGoodShepherd/default/item.php?ref=628.0.1158171803>

If you have any questions, please contact Morgan Leisgang at 763-285-6246 or mleisgang@shrmn.org.



Totus Tuus

Meet our Totus Tuus Team 2023!

Trevor, Laura, Katlyn, and Matthew will be serving our parish July 15-22!

The focus of the Totus Tuus program is on the youth of our parish; however, the entire parish can be involved! We need volunteers to help during the day program and host families to house and feed the team during the week. We also have an opportunity for intercessors.

While the team is at Sacred Heart, and even before they arrive, please pray for the team, the youth, the volunteers, and Fr. Pedersen. Also, **there is still time to register your 1st-12th grade student for the program!** Contact Morgan Leisgang to find out how to register or for more ways you can be involved: mleisgang@shrmn.org.



Respect Life Ministry

Please include these intentions in your daily prayers...

Pray for

- The closing of the mega- Planned Parenthood in St. Paul**
 That Planned Parenthood's mega-abortion facility would close and not relocate anywhere else. That the efforts of Planned Parenthood to expand the killing of innocent babies and the harming of women and families would be thwarted. That those who donate to Planned Parenthood would realize the evil being wrought by this organization and cease giving to it. That legislation be enacted to stop our tax dollars from funding Planned Parenthood.
- Everyone involved in Planned Parenthood**
 That those who are involved in promoting abortion and performing abortions would abandon these efforts and practices, repent, and come into the kingdom of God. That those who reach out to Planned Parenthood workers with God's love would be graced by God and be amazingly successful. That those who have left Planned Parenthood would continue to come into a fuller knowledge of Christ and become full members of His body, the church.
- Families experiencing a crisis pregnancy**
 That they will seek life for their children and not abortion. That boyfriends, husbands, friends and family members of the women will hear God's truth and aid in saving the lives of the unborn. That they will find help from churches, family, friends, pregnancy help centers and other pro-life agencies. That any desperation they experience will cause them to turn to God and find hope and strength in Him for all things.
- Sidewalk counselors and prayer supporters**
 That they be successful in reaching out to women who are scheduled to abort their children. That their prayerful presence outside Planned Parenthood will deter women from aborting. That they be protected from all spiritual and physical harm. That they remain prayerful, peace-filled and graced by God for this important work.
- Pro-Life Action Ministries**
 That God's will be done through our ministry.

You Are Invited:

Come see our new space!

Robbinsdale Women's Center is now doing business as

Crystal Women's Clinic, and we've moved to

5640 W Broadway Ave, Crystal, MN.

We would love to show you our beautiful new facility. There are two open house dates available: Saturday, July 15th (11 AM - 2 PM) and Sunday, July 16th (2 PM - 5 PM). Please register for your chosen date.

Call (763) 273-8140 or email awolff@rwcmail.org

Walk through the admin, clinic, and boutique/classroom spaces at your own pace. CWC staff will be available throughout the building to answer questions.

N.E.A.R



Funding available to **NEAR** from charity supporter; **Open Your Heart.**

Monetary donations received during July 2023, help **NEAR** qualify.

See **NEAR** website for online giving.

Checks can be placed in SHC collections or mailed to **NEAR.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 9– 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 AM Rosary Prayed
- 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
- 9:00 AM Bible Timeline Session 3
- 10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
- 11:00 AM Bible Timeline Session 3
- 11:40 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Monday, July 10– Saints Rufina & Secunda, 257(Trad.)

- 7:35 AM Rosary Prayed
- 8:00 AM Communion Service
Morning Prayer

Tuesday, July 11– St. Pius I, 167 (Trad.)

- 5:30 PM Confessions
- 6:15 PM Vespers
- 6:30 PM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Wednesday, July 12– Sts. Louis & Zelig Martin, 1894, 1877)

- 7:35 AM Rosary Prayed
- 7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM
- 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
Morning Prayer to follow Mass

Thursday, July 13– St. Henry II, 1024

- 7:35 AM Rosary Prayed
- 7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM
- 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
Morning Prayer to follow Mass
Adoration following Mass till 8:30 PM

Friday, July 14– St. Kateri Tekakwitha, 1 680

- 7:35 AM Rosary Prayed
- 7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM
- 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
Morning Prayer to follow Mass

Saturday, July 15– St. Bonaventure, 1274

- 7:35 AM Rosary Prayed
- 7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM
- 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
Morning Prayer to follow Mass
- 3:00 PM Confessions till 3:45 PM
- 4:00 PM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
- 5:15 PM Vespers

**Sunday, July 16– 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Coffee and Donuts after 8 and 10am masses**

- 7:30 AM Rosary Prayed
- 8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
- 10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
- 11:40 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

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News From Other Sources

Seminary Information Night

On Tuesday, August 15th, the Saint John Vianney College Seminary is hosting an information night. The seminary Information Night is for Catholic Junior and Senior High School men and their parents who would like to learn more about St. John Vianney College Seminary. The event, sponsored by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis Office of Vocations, will be held on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will begin with 5p.m. Mass, followed by dinner, informational program and seminary tour. **RSVP is required before Friday, August 11** www.10000vocations.org/assumption.



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

A Ballad of Flesh and Spirit

“My yoke is easy and my burden is light,” says the man hanging from a cross. And if we only went on what we see with our eyes — flesh driven through by nails and sword, swollen from beating and inches from expiration — it would seem like a joke.

I’ll tell you something we all know: this life on earth is hard. It’s either too long or it’s too short. It’s frequently painful. It’s riddled with problems that seem to make no sense. It is, as Dickens wrote, “made of ever so many partings welded together.”

But it’s also shockingly, senselessly beautiful. It is full of physical experiences of love, joy, and peace that are so powerful they leave you breathless.

It is both these things — good and bad, hard and wonderful, just as we are both body and soul, spirit and flesh.

No one knows the Father except the Son, who entered into our bodily existence to free us from enslavement to it. No one knows the Son except the Father, and the means by which they know one another — the love passing between them, the Third Person himself — has been shared with us, has made its dwelling within us through baptism.

“Brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.”
— Romans 8:12

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God’s grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

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