Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:15 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Weekdays: 8:30 am Tues., Wed. & Fri.,
7:00 am Thurs,
Television Mass on Channel 8: 9:20 am Sunday and
4:00 pm Monday/Mediacom Channel 8 and 107.2

Reconciliation:
Saturday - 4:00 pm and
1/2 hour before Masses on Sunday

Baptism Preparation Sessions
Class for all expectant parents is required.

Marriage
Arrange at least 6 months in advance.

Parish Office Hours
9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday thru Thursday
9:00 am to 1:00 pm Friday

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School & Parish Custodian: Bradley Bartz
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Faith Formation Co-Coordinators Gr. 5-12:
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RCIA: John Manfield
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School Administrative Assistant: Carly Broughten
Children’s House: 835-2780
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Endowment Fund: Mary Williams
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Fall Festival: Kellie: 521-2266; Angie: 837-9412;
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Eucharistic Adoration: Laura Rohde 461-3123
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St. Vincent de Paul help line: 507-201-7075

Dear God,
Bless the people of Sacred Heart as we celebrate 150 years as a Catholic
Faith Community.
With gratitude, we remember those who have gone before us. Have mercy on
them, We pray.
Give us your guidance and direction as we continue to live our Catholic faith,
and bless our desire to pass this faith to the next generation. Amen
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are now in the fall season with September upon us. Things are going to be a bit busier especially with schools and some sporting events starting to open up a little bit more. Thank you all for your patience during this time especially with the phone lines that are down from the school and church but God has been so good to us because we kept going and made things work. Good news, we have found new phones and will be replacing them soon. You can still call the number of the parish office and the school as well.

Amidst all this, the Church continues to grow and live out its mission to know and love Jesus and spread that love to make disciples of all nations. We have several big feasts coming up within this month. The first was the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8th and the next one will be the Exultation of the Cross on September 14, 2020. I want to spend this article talking about this feast. We celebrate this feast because it started out in the 4th century where Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, who was a Christian got rid of temples that were sinful in the eyes of God. These temples were built on top of previous Churches, so when Helena was constructing a new basilica, she found three crosses. Legend has it that one of the Cross was the True Cross that Jesus died on. From here, the Catholic Church has celebrated this day because of the anniversary of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher (place of Jesus burial and Calvary).

The Cross is a stumbling block for many people including us Catholics because it reminds us of suffering and this is an unpleasant topic to talk about. This is true but it could also be a beautiful thing in which we can re-teach our families about a deeper love. A love that says God first, a love that challenges us to move away from ourselves to love others around us. We see this very concretely in our daily lives within our families. We see parents waking up early to go to work to provide for their children, we husbands and wives show affectionate love in their greeting as well their children. We see family members learning to forgo their wishes and desires to take care of each other. The Cross helps remind us that great love requires great sacrifice and this isn’t necessarily a bad thing. It helps build the family up in realizing that it is ok for us to struggle at times and how out of these difficult moments. Families healed together and the bond of love grew stronger throughout all the years.

Please spend some time on Monday in recalling those blessings which came out great hardships, being uncomfortable and sufferings of daily life.

Sincerely,
Fr. The

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**Offering of First Fruits**

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**Catholic Ministries Appeal**

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**In Memoriam**

Our sympathy to the Family on the passing their Sister, Mother, Grandmother, Jean Miller

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**GARY STEPHEN DEML** passed away peacefully April 24th, 2020 at home surrounded by family after a courageous battle with cancer.

A public celebration of Gary’s life will be held from 2-5PM on Sunday, September 20, 2020 at the State Street Chapel of Dennis Funeral & Cremation Services in Waseca.

**Dennis Funeral and Cremation Services**

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“Forgiveness”

Readings for the week of September 13, 2020

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Sharing the Gospel with Children
Sharing the Gospel
You sin, just like everybody else does. God forgives you even if your sin is very bad. God washes all of your sins away and treats you with kindness. The next time someone hurts your feelings, remember how God forgives you. Follow God’s example.

Prayer
God, teach me to forgive other people the way you forgive me.

Something to Draw
Draw a picture of Jesus dying on the cross for your sins

Mission for the Week
Name one person you are angry with. Pray to God. Ask God to help you let go of your anger and really forgive.

“Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?” Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.” — Mt 18:33-35

Wishing you the grace and peace to help your child grow!

LeAnn M. Dahle

Two natural disasters have recently affected our brothers and sisters in Christ. Hurricane Laura in Louisiana and the California wildfires have created widespread destruction. We are asking you to respond with the Catholic community across the United States to a special emergency collection. Catholic Charities USA is the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church and is already responding to urgent needs for shelter, water, and food of those affected by these two disasters. Checks should be made payable to your local parish. For more information, go to www.usccb.org or www.catholiccharitiesusa.org.

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September 13, 2020
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want forgiveness, we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others?

For the Week of …
September 12-13

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY
5:15 pm  Mass Dominic & Evangeline†

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 am  Mass People of Sacred Heart†
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
5:00 am Monday to 5:00 pm Friday  Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 OUR LADY OF SORROWS
8:30 am  Mass George Kubista†

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 STS. CORNELIUS, POPE AND CYRIAN, BISHOP
8:30 am  Mass John Priebe †

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
7:00 am  Mass Gary Deml †

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
8:30 am  Mass Florine Skorczewski †

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
5:15 pm  Mass Dick Roessler, John Klug & Bob Conner,†

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
8:00 am  Mass People of Sacred Heart †

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Life is not always easy on us and it can be hard to figure out the next step to take in our journey. We can even become immobilized by indecisiveness and fear about making the wrong move or choosing the incorrect path. I think of the song, Should I Stay, or Should I Go, as a mantra for many times in my life. Should I stay in this house, this job, or this car? Should I go here or there? When those times of decision surface, I usually turn to my wife, my friends, or even my children. Talking it out can help, and their perspectives give me more data to consider. When I lean on others to help me make a decision, it helps me become more confident in my choices.

Discerning the will of God is not easy either. Rarely do we understand God’s calling clearly at first. God’s calling is always more easily discerned within a community of faithful disciples. Our stewardship way of life can suffer greatly if we refuse to allow others to assist us in the process of discernment. What gifts or talents are needed for the task at hand? Where do I fit best into God’s plan? Where is God leading me? No one should have to decide the answers to these questions alone. We need to always lean on the Body of Christ to help us see the path that God has laid before us. Without a little help along the journey, over time we might find ourselves stuck in the same place where we started.

– Tracy Earl Welliver

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Welcome to the Faith Formation Corner!

Congratulations to our first batch of confirmation students! Welcome into the church and we look forward to seeing you continue to share your amazing talents. We will continue to confirm our 2020 Confirmation Students at the end of this month. Please continue to keep all of our confirmation students in your prayers.

Many thanks to Catholic Daughters for the amazing blankets, Karen Roessler for the beautiful rosaries and Catholic Financial for the donation of bibles. Our confirmation students are well prepared for the next part of their faith journey. We are blessed to have such amazing support here at Sacred Heart!

We are continuing to develop a plan for this year. Keep your Wednesday nights open and hope you can all join us in our adventure!

With the grace of Hope, Edna and Shane

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Faith Formation 835-1500

Our phone system is still down. Letting everyone know we are in the process of getting a new phone systems in the next 2 weeks or so... You are still able to call Sacred Heart Church phone number and leaving a message on the answering service so sorry for the inconvenience. From the Rectory

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.” — Mt 18:21-22