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
Televised 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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Parish Councils & Boards
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Social Concerns: Karen Johnson
Eucharistic Adoration: Laura Rohde 461-3123
Secular Franciscans: Carol Tollefson
Prayer Chain: Pat McShane 835-1298
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St. Vincent de Paul help line: 507-201-7075

Church of the
Sacred Heart

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 27, 2020
“Committed for Life, Service & Sacrament”

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.” - Mt 21:32

“Vino a ustedes Juan, predicó el camino de la justicia y no le creyeron; en cambio, los publicanos y las prostitutas, sí le creyeron; ustedes, sí siquiera después de haber visto, se han arrepentido ni han creído en él”. - Mt 21, 32

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you so much for all of you who helped and participated in the Fall Festival Fish Fry! I was so grateful for the generous response of this faith community. The cars were coming in steady for it and I was happy for the opportunity to be able to meet several families that I normally wouldn’t be able to see on the weekends. Congratulations to all of the winners of the Big Tickets and the raffle tickets as well! I pray that you and your families continue to respond to God’s love in your life with this much grace and enthusiasm.

For this bulletin, I wanted to take the time to write about the prayers that the priest at Mass silently especially during the Liturgy of the Word. Have you ever wondered about what the priest is quietly praying at various parts of the Mass? These prayers are often known as “secret prayers”. They are referred to secret in that they are prayed silently and not addressed to the congregation.

We see this happening before the reading of the gospel. The priest goes over and bows to the altar praying, “Cleanse my heart and my lips, almighty God, that I may worthily proclaim your holy Gospel”. This is a good reminder for the priest that these actions of proclaiming the Gospel is holy and that he too should be transformed to live a great life of holiness and respect for the Word of God.

After the proclamation of the gospel, the priest kisses the gospel book to show reverence and great intimacy to delve deeper into the word of God. He also prays this prayer as he kisses the Book of the Gospels, “Through the words of the gospel may our sins be wiped away”. This calls for a great sense of humility in that we are sinners yet God loves us so much that He has given the greatest gift of His Son, Jesus, to us. We are unworthy of the gift of the Eucharist and we are forever grateful for God’s love and mercy in bestowing us this wonderful gift. I greatly encourage all of you to strive to be more involved at the Mass and pray during the readings. God, what are you trying to teach me through the readings for today? Allow ourselves to sit in the silence of prayer to ponder His Word and allow ourselves to hear His voice. More to follow in the next bulletin!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. The
We often associate Back to School and the Fall Festival with the beginning of autumn and the harvest. The image of the harvest is a great one to help your child understand the beauty of our Catholic parish. One way to do this is to share with your child our parish bulletin each week.

Our parish bulletin offers information about liturgies, outreach and organizations in the parish, as well as prayer requests. Perhaps you will notice in the bulletin an opportunity for your family to increase the harvest by participating or joining in community outreach activities. COVID-19 has made this challenging. However, outreach through prayer is powerful.

We enjoy a bountiful harvest of goodness through our labors as faithful Catholics. Help your child become aware of the love and care our parish offers in the name of Jesus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
LeAnn Dahle

The Tradition of Genuflection

Question: Why do Catholics genuflect?

Answer: Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means “to bend the knee.” For many Catholics, it’s an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of “bending the knee” is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord’s Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus.
GOSSIP MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 27, 2020
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual's level of development.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and heightened sense of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect. ©LPI

GRACE is the answer to the terrible mess in the world, so let us turn to the Mediatrix of all Grace, our Lady of Fatima. Please join the Family of Sacred Heart in prayer and sacrifice of offering in reparation for the sins and offenses committed against God by our country. Especially, the crimes of abortion when an innocent life is taken away from the womb and the attacks on the Christian families. All are invited to pray at the steps of Sacred Heart Church, Saturday Oct 10. Registration will begin at 1130 am, prayer at 12pm. If inclement weather we will meet in the church. If you are coming from work over the lunch hour please contact Lorie Spear(507-676-1529) for the prayer guide to be sent to you.

We look so forward to praying with you and may Mary take these prayers to the throne of God and appeal to His Sacred Heart.
Faith Formation/Youth Ministry News and Notes

Save the Date!

Faith formation kick-off for ALL students and families is on Wednesday, October 7. We will go live at 7pm.

More information will be coming with the details and registration information.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

In Recognition of CDA Sunday, the weekend of October 17-18 Catholic Daughters will be handing out Gummi Bear candy at all Masses to support a STATE fundraiser for HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. A free will donation would be appreciated to support this cause. And a big THANK YOU to all who donated to this cause at the Fish Fry.

2020 BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

We will have a Baby Bottle Campaign Gives Alternatives to Abortion
Help Catholic Charities’ Pregnancy, Parenting, and Adoption Program provide assistance to pregnant women and women with babies through the Mother and Child Assistance Fund by Having a on Respect Life Sunday, Weekend October 3rd and 4th And October 10th – 11th there will a Special box before and After Mass filling it with your spare change during the month of October. Donations go directly to assisting women across Southern Minnesota who are choosing life for their babies. Catholic Charities assists more than 150 women with financial assistance each year. Please mail your donation directly to Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Campaign, PO Box 379, Winona, MN 55987 or give online at www.ccsomn.org/donate and designate your donation to the Baby Bottle Campaign in the notes section.

“(The Mother and Child Fund) will eliminate a major barrier that is preventing me from getting approved for housing.” —Jessica

ROSARY RALLY FOR OUR POLICE

Sunday, September 27, 2020, at 3:00 PM, there will be a ROSARY RALLY IN SUPPORT of OUR POLICE, held in front of the Mankato Department of Public Safety, 710 South Front Street, Mankato.

Some misguided people are calling for dismantling of police departments, which would lead to a country of chaos and destruction. In defense of the Police, we will pray for the protection of St. Michael upon them, through the intercession of the Blessed Mother in the Most Holy Rosary. Please join us. Bring a chair if needed. Questions? Call Marie Meyer @ 507-387-3000.

Let us love God, my brothers, let us love God. But let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brow.

—ST. VINCENT DE PAUL