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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Carly Broughten
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School Website
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have wrapped up the main format at what happens within the Mass. There is still much more to cover, however, we will move into a new topic for these upcoming weekends. I had attended a virtual conference last fall to talk about what ways we can vitalize our schools and our parishes especially with a difficult culture that likes to express itself without the aid or acknowledgment of a loving God.

Within this conference, we talked about how a Catholic parish needs to help its members to have a personal encounter with Jesus. The issues that we are facing as a church is that we view this encounter as more of an institutional approach of fulfilling all of my obligations to "know God". This is not the relationship that God desires to have with us. He has bestowed upon us the gift of free will to be able to choose him. This is what makes our human lives and experiences so unique and fulfilling. We long to hear Jesus. We long to know the truth of who we are through our identity in Jesus. We desire to hear from his very lips that we are made good and that he desires us because we give him great joy in our existence.

We are seeing a new resurgence within the universal Catholic Church as well as the local parishes. Sacred Heart Catholic Church and School has this potential. Are we willing to be humble enough to look at the necessary changes that need to occur within our parish? Deacon Keith writes about these things in his book, Ablaze: 5 paradigm shifts for Parish renewal. In this book, Deacon Keith takes a hard look at the aspects of the culture of the parish at its strengths and weaknesses. He proposes 5 paradigm shifts that need to occur in order for a great renewal to occur. I would like to spend these next weeks talking about this in my bulletin articles as well as my homilies.

The five paradigm shifts are being intentional with our faith instead of an institutional approach. We also need to move from a maintenance model to more of a mission outreach vision. From Programs to People; to promote Accountability, not Avoidance; and help others to Encounter, not simply be Engaged.

Sincerely,

Fr. Thê

Offering of First Fruits

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Please remember in your prayers all those of our parish who are ill or injured, especially, Jean Byron, Marlene Robinson, Darcy Barnes, Donna Harguth, Richard Olsen, Tom Collins, Lowell Denn, Lorette Sexton, Harold Schlepp, Jeanne Hofmeister, Loraine Smith, Russ Ingram, Theresa Neigeubauer, Angel Teran, Betty McIntire, Carol Anthony, Esther Quevedo, Rich Perreault, Norma Bonnie-Bafoe, Marilyn Smith, Max Lande, Alice Waligoski, Greg Pittman, Dorothy Davis, Sam Baidoo and Kathy Splett. Call the parish office at 835-1222 if you or anyone you know is in need of prayers.

In Memoriam

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Sherry Tuohy on the passing of husband, Bill Tuohy.
**Readings for the week of February 13, 2022**

**Sunday:** Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16 -20/Lk 6:17, 20-26  
**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13  
**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21  
**Wednesday:** Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mk 8:22-26  
**Thursday:** Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 8:27-33  
**Friday:** Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 8:34—9:1  
**Saturday:** Jas 3:1-10/Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8/Mk 9:2-13  
**Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

**Sharing the Gospel with Children**  
**Sharing the Gospel**  
Luke says that God will take care of your needs. If you are hated and others make fun of you for his sake, he may bless you with friends. If you need a bed to sleep on, he may provide it. If you need food to eat, he may send you food. If you are hurt, he may send a doctor to care for you. If you need money, he may help you earn it.

**Prayer**  
Lord, show me ways to share with a smile.

**Something to Draw**  
Draw a picture of you sharing an extra coat with your friend.

**Mission for the Week**  
If I get money for a gift, I will share it with the needy.

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**Priests & Marriage Counseling**  
**Question:** How can a priest counsel people about marriage when he has never been married?  
**Answer:** If a marriage counselor is in a bad marriage does that mean that he or she will be a bad counselor? If one’s counseling ability depended upon first-hand experience, would that require counselors to be perfect before they can help others? Obviously not. Some of the skills necessary to help others do come out of personal life experience. But you don’t need personal, first-hand experience in order to understand something. We would not think that a doctor, who is an oncologist, would not be able to treat cancer because he himself has never been sick. We also would not expect every doctor to treat cancer. It is the same with priests.

Essentially marriage is a relationship and we’ve all been involved in different kinds of relationships: in our family, with our friends, and with God. And so counseling people about marriage is really helping them to look at the issues that really are part of their relationship, finding ways to better understand themselves in relationship to one another and in relationship to God. In many ways a priest’s training, background, and experience, as well as his personal knowledge of many different relationships in families and couples, gives him a broad background from which to draw upon. Most priests are quite capable of helping couples prepare for marriage and discussing the issues that are important as they begin their life together. And they do not do it alone. With the help of married couples and specially trained counselors, most parishes offer a very good preparation for the sacrament of marriage.

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**“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.”**  
— Lk 6:22, 23b

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 13, 2022
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What has been the most difficult challenge you faced in your life? Many difficult human experiences can “turn up the heat” in our lives, causing us to question the why of things or even fall into despair. Some people just somewhat passively accept what life brings, even death, and chalk difficult experiences up to happening “because they do.” They seemingly endure and move on. Taking life at face value, there really is no ultimate meaning to things. It’s easier to ignore that inner prompting calling us to understand why. It’s there whether we admit it or not. To question or not to question – that is the question! People sometimes give up the God search because it causes too many questions. Once we open the door to the possibility of God’s existence, then all of the awkward, challenging, and tragic pieces of life have to find their place.

It gets messy. But the search is so important to living. We can easily dry up and become arid, abandoning any hope for purpose and meaning because it’s too difficult and non-rational at times. In searching for answers to the how and why of life, human beings also embark on a search for God. When one finally stumbles upon the real living tangible presence of God, then that discovery allows life’s ironies and tensions to be held side by side with the all-encompassing totally unconditional, unmerited love of God! Then when life’s heat gets turned up, difficulties and challenges abound, dryness and heartache become the norm, the soul remains in joyful repose. There is no fear.

The beatitudes celebrate life’s ironies and tensions, holding them all together in the Kingdom of God. Poverty, hunger, weeping, being insulted and hated are not things we would normally associate with being God’s friends. But they are! In fact, those who experience these uncomfortable realities of life are actually better off than those who do not. This is what makes Jesus’ message so intriguing! Don’t give up questioning. Questioning the apparent inequities and polarities of human experience will certainly challenge one’s faith. But it’s the only way to deepen it.

What does it mean today, this very moment, for us to Come and Follow Him? How do we do that? Why? How do we answer His call? Eucharistic Adoration is a wonderful opportunity to explore and deepen our relationship with Jesus. He will help us find the answers we seek when we say “here am I Lord.” Everyone...individuals, families, couples, friends...are welcome to spend some precious time and really BE with Him. Come to the chapel for a few minutes, an hour each week, or an hour a month. He is waiting and loving us always! Contact 461.3123 for more information.
Totus Tuus Fundraiser | VFW Breakfast – Sun Feb 13th, 8 AM – 12 PM
Join us for an all-you-can-eat hot breakfast: pancakes, French toast, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon, and sausage. Funds raised will be applied to our summer VBS program: “Totus Tuus”.

Youth Faith Formation Topics: February 13th – 19th

Sun. Feb 13th @ 3:00 PM
Pre-Confirmation: “Revitalized”. This session will explain Anointing of the Sick and who can receive this sacrament. It will also help the teens understand that the healing power of Christ is both physical and spiritual. Confirmation: (with Sponsor). Discipleship and prayer. Candidates will also receive instructions for their saint reports and letters to the bishop.

Wed. Feb 16th @ 6:00-6:45 PM
Grade 2: God speaks to us through the Bible. Jesus wants his followers to listen to God’s Word and act on it.
Grades 3-4: Live in Truth. Because God is truth, his people are called to live in the truth. The Eighth Commandment forbids lying. “The Truth Will Set You Free” (John 8:31-32, 14:6)

@ 6:30-8:00 PM
Grades 5-8: “Live Free”. The goal of this Edge Night is to show the youth how the Ten Commandments are God-given steps to teach them how to live freely.

Camp Summit 2022 registration is open!
Camp Summit is an overnight Catholic adventure camp for middle school youth entering grades 6-8. Nestled in the bluffs of Lanesboro, Minnesota, Camp Summit provides a fun, formative, and faith-filled experience for parish groups throughout the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. Our parish group is attending Camp Summit August 1-4. Cost is $300 per person. Please make payments to Sacred Heart Church. Visit the parish Faith Formation page for more details and to register.