Saturday: 5:15 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Weekdays: 8:30 am Tues., Wed. & Fri., 7:00 am Thurs, (Church)& 9:15 am Thurs. (Lake Shore Inn)
Televised Mass on Channel 8: 9:20 am Sunday and 4:00 pm Monday/Mediacom Channel 8/107.2

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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First Sunday of Lent March 6, 2022
“Committed for Life, Service & Sacrament”

Stations of the Cross
Wednesday’s at noon
At March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6
Friday’s at 5:00pm March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8
Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

Last week I wrote about the second paradigm shift. We will focus on the third shift: Maintenance to Mission. This is the hardest shift to change especially when we are hit with some crises. For example, these past two years we had suffered the temporary closing of parishes and watching Mass online. We have seen a decline of attendance at Mass and we are also combating a hostile culture that isn’t welcoming as they seem to be when it comes to religion. Covid has accelerated the decrease of people attending Mass drastically when the decline could have been a lot slower.

When we hear about these things, the initial reaction is to stop the bleeding of a bad wound until the person is stabilized to prepare them for surgery. We start to venture within and keep things local which is done prudently to watch the finances of the parish to make sure that it is able to continue to function as well as our school. It soon becomes all about the numbers and we start to count the successful programs and ministries. These are all good things but they describe a church that is in the mindset of maintenance. We want to maintain what is good and how we can survive in the future. Deacon Keith writes, “In a paradigm of maintenance, however, mission is rarely considered, and maintenance is seen as an end in itself”.

To move from this mindset requires humility and trust that God will take care of us if we trust in him. The mission of the Catholic Church is to go out into the world and to show the people what a kind and loving God that we have. We are called to be present to those who are around us. We live with Christ amidst our presence and we encourage everyone around us to foster that awareness that I am never alone because I have Christ with me. Mission forces us to go out of ourselves and to truly live for Jesus. In order to do this, one must forget about counting numbers and worry about how I have shown the love of God and the gospel to my neighbor today.

This is slightly uncomfortable in the beginning but it gets easier as time goes by. Jesus talks about this in the gospel of Matthew to go out into the nations and make disciples by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We talk with people and not with them. We ask how things are going. We ask about their families. We build trust with each person that we meet in order to go deeper into their lives so that we could share about the gospel and the wonders of our living God.

Sincerely,

Fr. Thê Hoang
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**Temptation**  
**Readings for the week**

**Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13  

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46  

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15  

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32  

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12  

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26  

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48  

**Next Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

**Sharing the Gospel with Children**  
**Sharing the Gospel**  
One night your parents tell you to go to bed. You do not want to go to bed, so you cry and stomp. You shout, "I won't go to bed." Then you feel badly because you pitched a fit. This is a good time to pray. Ask God to help you. He will give you the power to say, "Mom and dad, I am sorry. I will jump in bed right now."

**Prayer**  
God, help me say, "Yes," to my parents.

**Something to Draw**  
Draw a child crying, stomping, and shouting. Then draw the child obeying his parents.

**Mission for the Week**  
Every morning I will pray that my family and I say, "No" to evil.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan  
and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days,  
to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days,  
and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." — Lk 4:1-3

Excerpts from the Liturgy of the Hours 1998, 1978 CCCB.
GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 6, 2022
1st Sunday of Lent

One of the greatest temptations human beings face is leaving the truth of who they are, where they come from, and who created them in pursuit of more personal satisfactions. When we consider all that desires our attention in a given day, there are many lures that attract us to illusions about ourselves. We can easily find ourselves distracted or tired, preoccupied with preserving our status in life, social relationships, current trends, and corporate demands, and intruded by pursuing what we perceive to be the “path of least resistance.” The daily concerns of life can quickly take our eyes off of our truth, making the empty promises of worldly accomplishments and ideologies seem so attractive. What is at risk in giving into this temptation?

We cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. We replace the “true God” with a substitute system in which we find our happiness and fulfillment. We replace the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ’s death, died to sin and evil, and placed into a substitute system in which we are told to believe this to be true. The Evil One is very convincing. But he can only gain control if we allow him to.

About temptation, St. Basil remarks, “As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm, as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle and the hero in adversity, so is the Christian tried in temptation.” And here is found the reason for Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity to get a handle on the attractive lures of illusion that easily captivate us and bring us off track. It is also a time for the honest, heartfelt prayer, fast, and selfless giving that can bring us to temptation’s remedy: love. Love of His Father gave Jesus resistance. It can do the same for us.

Eucharistic Adoration Notes

**Why Lent?** Lent is a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord’s Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms, and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ’s will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ’s death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ. ~USCCB

Our Lenten Sacrifices can be valuable if they help increase our reliance on Jesus and if the void we create by giving something up opens up space in our hearts for God to fill. Whenever you notice the subtle reminders that you are in a desert of pain, sorrow, concerns, worries, come with all your hopes and desires, come with all your fears and unmet dreams; come with all your sin and what burdens you down; come as you are. But most importantly come with your heart. Place it all before Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Thank you to four of our parishioners who spoke recently at Masses sharing their words of love and encouragement for Eucharistic Adoration. We welcome five individuals who have signed up as new adorers on our chart each week to Jesus. We thank the more than 110 parishioners of all ages who have prioritized an hour for many years, as well as many substitutes. Come to the chapel any time. Then when you are ready, sign up to devote an ongoing, regular hour to deepen your relationship with Our Lord. There is a substitute system in place when needed. You can also substitute on specific dates/times as written in the notebook at the chapel bookshelf. Contact 461-3123 for more info.

**Dear Lord, this Lent, help us seek you in prayer, reading Scripture, demonstrating internal conversion, help us repent, avoid distractions, and focus on truly living the Gospel.**

**Weekly Schedule**

*SATURDAY, MARCH 5*
5:15 pm  Mass  † William Fredrick

*SUNDAY, MARCH 6 1st Sunday of Lent*
8:00 am  Mass  † People of Sacred Heart
10:00 am  Mass  † Thomas Hernandez
MONDAY, MARCH 7 St. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
5:00 am Monday to 5:00 pm Friday  Eucharistic Adoration

*TUESDAY, MARCH 8 St. John of God, Religious
8:30 am  Mass  † Rita Haley
10am to 12pm Rosary Makers in youth room

*WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9 St. Frances of Rome, Religious
8:30 am  Mass  † Alvin Miller
12pm Stations of the Cross in the Church

*THURSDAY, MARCH 10*
7:00 am  Mass  † Louie Miller

*FRIDAY, MARCH 11*
8:30 am  Mass  † Ray Frederick
5:00 pm Station of the Cross in the Church

*SATURDAY, MARCH 12*
5:15 pm  Mass  † People of Sacred Heart

*SUNDAY, MARCH 13 2nd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time
8:00 am  Mass  † Joe Colling

**SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

**RESTORE THE CHURCH BUILD THE FUTURE**

We should no longer say that I have neighbors to help, but that I must be a neighbor to others.~ Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, no. 11

In the past 30 years, Croatia has undergone significant change. The end of the communist era was followed by the breakup of the former Yugoslavia, of which Croatia was a part. Today, although Croatia is a member of the European Union, the country’s economy still struggles with poverty levels close to 25%, and many young people who are educated have difficulty finding jobs. At the same time, new and vulnerable populations such as persons with disabilities, homeless persons, orphans, and refugees bring both essential and social needs. The Christian legacy in this region demands solidarity and voluntarism, but young Catholicos in Croatia, guided by the Church’s social teaching, are being empowered to respond and make a difference.

The 73-hour Without Compromise action was held behind the Zagreb’s Town Hall to draw attention to the ways we participate in the culture; help young people such as the participants to see their fall into action; and to create a sense of society’s values and acquire skills that improve their job opportunities.

More information about the collection and the project it supports can be found at www.ucharity.org.
Youth Faith Formation Topics: March 6th-12th
Confirmation: No class. Closing interviews with Fr. Thé are scheduled from 5:45-9:00 PM on March 6th and March 13th. Candidates will also work on their saint reports and letters to the bishop at home. An initial draft of these should be ready to share with Fr. Thé during closing interviews. Final drafts are due March 27th.

Sun. Mar 6th @ 7:00-8:30 PM
Pre-Confirmation: “Immaculata. Mary’s Role in Salvation History”. The goal of this session is to demonstrate that Mary plays an important role in salvation history and that she never ceases to lead us to her Son, Jesus. The teens will try to complete an Escape Room challenge with this theme.

No K-8 Classes on Wednesday, March 9th – Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition @ St. Ann, Janesville.
Faith Formation classes on 3/9 have been cancelled to allow the youth and their families to view the exhibits any time between 3 PM-9 PM. Attendance at this unique event is strongly encouraged.

Camp Summit 2022 registration is open! Reserve your spot before April 1st.
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.

Faith Formation/Youth Ministry News and Notes

When nothing is Sacred, then everything is permitted. John Horvat II

America needs Fatima
Let’s unite our prayers with others across our great nation to pray for America. The strength and protection of the sanctity of Holy Marriage, our children and the biological truths of man and woman.
Bring a friend and a prayerful heart on Saturday March 19, 2022, 12 noon at Sacred Heart church, as we gather to beg for our Blessed Mother’s intercession to transform hearts.
Any questions contact Judy Pipke at 833-2511.

40 Cans For Lent
The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring this event designed to help fight hunger. This is an opportunity to take a small sacrifice and turn it into a big difference in the lives of others. As you prepare for Easter by sacrificing during Lent, remember the 40 days and nights that Christ spent in the desert, without food or water, praying and preparing for His sacrifice on behalf of mankind. The KC’s challenge each person/parish family to donate one can of food per day during the 40 days of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday. Drop off your cans at any time throughout Lent in the KC box located in the church entrance and the KC’s will deliver them to the Waseca Area Neighborhood.