We say ‘see you soon’ to Father Tom and Deacon Todd and welcome to our NEW leadership, Father Scott and Mr. Gary Cumberland!

God is with you – no matter what life brings

Joshua 1:9

Thank you so very much
Father Tom Farrell  Father Scott Valentyn
Dear Parishioners,

I was always impressed with “The Pulse” as the name of the parish newsletter. It’s insightful to see our vision, our parish activities, and our parishioners, as the means to keep the heart of our parish beating. We need to be in rhythm with one another and we have come to see communication as the best means - to keep that rhythm.

We are fortunate to have a great parish and school staff members, to have great teachers and to have so many people invested in the parish. I am grateful for our Deacons, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans, musicians, cantors, ushers, servers, greeters, and those who visit our hospitals and home bound and all our volunteers. I am grateful for the members of our parish and finance councils and school board members who care deeply about our parish and school, and who make sure everything is overseen well and in good order. I am grateful to the members of our building and grounds committee who see that everything is run efficiently. I am grateful to those who make prayer shawls given to those in poor health or who lost a loved one. Finally I am grateful for everyone in the pews who come to Church to pray, or lead prayer, especially the morning rosary, and to those who lead bible study groups, and to all those who are members of various committees.

I was asked by Autumn Gee to write a farewell in my last edition of the Pulse. I have come to see my farewell as acknowledgment and gratitude to everyone who has been so dedicated to Sacred Heart. You are an incredible parish. Though I only had the privilege to be with you for two years. I want you to know the impact you made on me. To see how invested so many of you are in this parish gives me great joy in serving you. At the same time - maybe we could re examine our own pulse, to see how much it is actually beating to keep the heart of our parish going.

Your pulse is revitalized when you express your love and your joy and your commitment to something you truly believe in. As long as you continue to believe in your Church, in your faith community and most importantly in your love for God.

I pray “the pulse” of this parish will always beat in the name of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and that you will always show others the love and commitment Jesus has always shown to you.

Sincerely in the Name of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Your shepherd,

Father Thomas J Farrell
Help us WELCOME Father Scott Valentyn!

I was asked to write a brief article as the incoming priest for this edition of the Parish Pulse and it felt like a great opportunity to introduce myself. One quick thing about me: I’m notorious for making bad first impressions so hopefully this can alleviate that!

I’m originally from Little Chute where EVERYONE is Dutch and the town motto might as well be, “If you ain’t Dutch, you ain’t much.” No joke, up until I went to Madison for college, I assumed having a last name that starts with a ‘V’ puts someone in the middle of the group when arranged alphabetically since ‘Valentyn’ came before ‘Van-Anything.’

After two years at UW-Madison, I transferred to a college seminary called Saint John Vianney at the University of Saint Thomas in St Paul, Minnesota. I spent three years there and then four years at the North American College in Rome before being ordained a priest in the summer of 2016. For the past three years I was fortunate enough to serve at Saint John the Baptist in Howard working with my good friend, Father John Bergstadt, and I’m looking forward to joining all of you at Sacred Heart come July 1!!

The two most recent pastors of Sacred Heart, Father Luke and Father Tom, have spoken so well of the parish and community in Shawano that I feel truly blessed to have received such an amazing assignment. Our school is growing, our parish is vibrant, and I have to believe that we are in a position to keep growing in our love for Jesus and each other in order to be the disciples that we’ve been commissioned to be.

Please pray for me as we all make this transition and know of the prayers I’m already offering for all of you.

-Fr. Scott Valentyn

A NEW BEGINNING . . . .
Your Journey Has Just Begun

Welcome Mr. Gary Cumberland
(New School Principal)

Hello, my name is Gary Cumberland and I am excited to be the new principal of Sacred Heart Catholic School. I come to Sacred Heart with 37 years of educational experience. I taught elementary school for 12 years and spent the last 25 years in a variety of administrative roles. My 12 years of teaching were spent teaching fourth through eighth grades. In my administrative roles, I spent 13 years as an Elementary Principal and the past 12 years in central office roles as the Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent of the Shawano School District. I recently retired from the Shawano School District and when I saw that Sacred Heart was looking for a Principal I was excited for the opportunity to do what I love which is being an Elementary Principal.

My wife Barb (pictured above) and I have been married for the past 37 wonderful years. She is my rock and always there to support me in all of my successes and challenges. We have four children all boys (pictured in bottom right). Two of our sons are married and one of them has two little girls, a two-year-old and an eight month old. We are excited when we are able to spend time with our granddaughters.

I feel blessed and honored to have the opportunity to be the Principal at Sacred Heart Catholic School. I am looking forward to meeting with the staff and together charting a course that will provide the best possible education for all the students of Sacred Heart Catholic School. You will find that I am a very positive and collaborative person with a strong sense of team. I truly believe that Together Everyone Achieves More (TEAM) and I look forward to meeting all of you as we begin this educational journey together.
See You Soon Deacon Todd!

Until we meet again...

To be honest, this is the fifth time I’ve started writing this article. Saying good-bye to Sacred Heart Parish and its wonderful people is so hard; there are so many of you to say thank you to that I could fill up the entire article and still not name everyone. We console ourselves by the fact that we will only be 8.3 miles down the road, but it still seems like a long way. I will definitely miss interacting with the students at the school, and all of the high-fives and hugs I receive every day.

Simply put, Mary and I will miss all of you.

Please know that it is the Holy Spirit working through you who’ve made me who I am, for that I thank God. Sacred Heart is a vibrant and growing parish and we will miss it dearly. Many of you have seen me grow up and raise our family while attending Sacred Heart. Our dearest friendships have come through those relationships, and those will never end.

Many of you have expressed sadness that we will be leaving, but I often like to say that it’s never good-bye it’s just “until we meet again.”

Let me leave you with my favorite Irish Blessing:

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

A Special Message from our NEW Youth Minister, Kate Ruth!

I am so excited to be joining the Sacred Heart community as your new Youth Minister in July! I am originally from Port Washington, WI and went on to the University of Wisconsin Green Bay for my Bachelor’s in Social Work. While at UWGB, I was very involved in the campus ministry program and continued to fall more in love with Jesus, and the Catholic Church. After college I spent two years with a Catholic organization called SPIRITUS, and traveled all over the state leading retreats for students in first grade through high school. For the past five years, I have been coordinating faith formation and evangelization at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Green Bay.

I am very much looking forward to getting to know all of our wonderful families here at Sacred Heart. It is such a blessing to be able to walk with so many people on their faith journeys. Each of us are called through our Baptism to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ, and to live a life of discipleship. Ultimately discipleship grows in the context of community, especially the family community.

Please introduce your family to me, and let me know how I can help support your family grow as a household of disciples!

Change and Growth

Director of Admissions & Development

Through my five years at Sacred Heart I have seen a lot of change and growth for both our school and parish, and the time seems to have flown by. I loved getting to know and work with Father Luke, Elisha Wagenson, Father Tom, Deacon Todd, and Aleta Young over the past five years. With each administrative change I have tried to look at it as a God given opportunity to grow both professionally and personally. Each new person I encounter is sent to me by God for a specific purpose—it’s the trusting in Him and working towards His Will that I find to be the biggest challenge. It can be so easy to get side tracked with what I want or to listen to the drama or gossip that always seem to follow big changes, and so at first it’s hard to see the wonderful opportunity God is giving me. But, I have come to believe that liking change isn’t the most important thing, it’s being open to change and embracing the idea that in His changes are where we reap the greatest rewards. Change is an opportunity for something new and wonderful to happen for all those who are involved in the change. Change can be hard, because of the emotional connections and bonds we form—the heart plays a big role in our acceptance of change. Asking the Holy Spirit for guidance and grace has been a huge benefit in my life. I am truly looking forward to getting to know and working with both of our new administrators. They both bring special perspectives, gifts, experiences, insights, and wisdom that will be wonderful benefits to Sacred Heart Catholic Parish/School. God sure knows what He’s doing!

By: Autumnne Gee
Greetings Parishioners,

Two years ago in January I took on the position of Religious Education Coordinator. It was a completely new world having come from a twenty-one year military career. As I set forth on this journey, my goal was to make Religious Education a Wednesday night that students do not dread, but rather look forward to. As any new leader in a new position, you observe what is happening and do not fix something that isn’t broken. As the 2017-18 year ended, I saw the changes that had to happen by talking to the volunteers and observing the whole program. My first of three goals was to implement a new book series for the students in both the school and the Religious Education Program. The school teachers and I decided on the Be My Disciples book series. I then wrote 32 lesson plans and ten projects for every grade level, so any volunteer could teach the lessons and be prepared for the whole year. With working projects together as staff and school we implemented a military tactic called One Body, One Mind and One Mission. We were no longer going to be the Religious Education program and the School program for faith lessons. We needed to work together as a team as we are one parish. I believe now that because we have worked so well together we are on the same page. My second goal was to find a better way to engage our middle school students in learning about their faith. We found a scholarship program and flew to Arizona for the conference. We implemented the Edge Program for the 2018-19 school year. Deacon Todd and his Core Volunteer Team did an amazing job and the students truly seemed to enjoy Wednesday nights. My third goal was to engage more volunteers to help teach the students, so the Board of Total Catholic Education approved moving Religious Education to Wednesday nights for first through fifth grade. We added five more students, and six more parent volunteers, making our classes richer with parent involvement. The side effect of Wednesday nights is competing with Shawano Community sports and music programs for the high school students. That is still a very difficult situation, because we are asking our students to choose extra circular activities over their faith, and that is so disheartening. We are working on a solution with the Shawano School District asking for more support on events being over by 6:30pm.

The 2018-19 year gave me the greatest working partner a CRE could ask for. I was given the chance to work with a remarkable Deacon, who helped me grow in my faith and help me see the Holy Spirit working in our youth. Deacon Todd truly has a way with young people, and he will be missed, however, the ideas and the goals that we set for 2019-20 school year will move forward.

What is in the future for 2019-20? I have three goals:

1. To implement Life Teen into the High School ninth and tenth grade. The eleventh grade we will continue through their Alpha Journey with Doug Erdman and the students will help with the EDGE Program.

2. To increase enrollment numbers for Religious Education. I believe that if we have a great program parents will consider investing in their child’s faith education, and bring them to Sacred Heart Catholic School. We are now a Choice Program which does help support the tuition cost and that helps many young families. By bringing in modern youth faith based programs such as EDGE and Life Teen, I believe we will see more of our students stay in the Religious Education Program and not just be around for the sacramental years.

3. To see our confirmand students come back and help teach the young students about their faith. Not only do I want to see our confirmand students come back and help teach, but also give back to the church. We have students that are seniors in high school that have so many God given talents who can sing, read, distribute communion and talk to our elderly. We have catholic camps that need counselors and volunteers. If only these students could give back to their faith right away.

Finally, I want to thank all of the parents/guardians, and volunteers who believe in me and Deacon Todd. Thank you for devoting your time to the Religious Education Program this year. Without you, Religious Education would not be possible. I truly believe God was watching over me, as He knew I needed another mission to accomplish that would allow me to be the mom I wanted to be. I feel blessed to be the Religious Education Coordinator and give back to parish and school that made me who I am on my journey through life. I will continue to set high goals and make great changes for not only the Religious Education Program and for the school too. I believe in a Catholic Education and faith based life and will continue to work hard so many more young children, will walk through Sacred Heart Catholic School for Religious Education on Wednesday nights or every day all school year long.

Thank you Father Tom for believing in me and giving me the abilities to grow this program. I will miss you. Yet, as I learned in many leadership changes in the military, I will embrace Father Valentyn, and his knowledge and the change he brings to Sacred Heart Parish as I hope all of you do. Please enjoy your summer and as I tell my own children, always think to yourself what would Jesus do? Love God with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself.

God Bless,

Lori Mathwich
Our students receive a faith-based and academically challenging education from caring/licensed educators, administrators, and support staff!

Low student/teacher ratios—average is 11:1

STEM Curriculum in grades 6-8

All Day Option for Preschool & 4K students

Christmas & Spring Showcase/Concert

Science Fair & Art Show

Culturally diverse student population

Field trips to enhance classroom instruction

Day trips to Camp Tekakwitha

Specialized instruction in phy-ed, music, and art

Technology integrated throughout the school

Service Projects to help us Live our Faith

8th grade Class Trip

Band & Instrumental Lessons for grades 5-8

Read Across America Week Activities

Catholic Schools Week celebrations

Tuition grants, scholarships, discounts, and credits

Wisconsin School Choice (Voucher) Participant

(Applications accepted Feb.– Apr.)

ATHLETICS

Volleyball, Girls’ and Boys’ Basketball, Cheerleading, and some off-season activities like Co-Ed Volleyball.

(Available for grades 4-8)
A WONDERFUL School Year of Memories!

Around 100 guests had an amazing time at the end of the year GLOW PARTY on May 29.

Our enrollment has already grown by over 10% for 2019-20!

8th Grade Class Trip
The 8th grade class enjoyed their trip to the Outdoor Wisconsin Leadership School near Lake Geneva. Special thanks to all those who bought stock and made the trip possible. The 8th grade class includes Derrick Webster, Awan Weso, Jeffrey Lyons, and Lucas Steel. Thank you also to Deacon Todd and Emanuele Badalamenti for leading and chaperoning this trip.

Congratulations to our 18 three-year-old preschool Little Blessings on their promotion to 4K, and our 12 Shining Stars in 4K who graduated to kindergarten! How blessed WE are to offer these programs.

We wish the very best to Emma Follett, Art Teacher, who is starting a new chapter in her life next school year. God bless you, and we cannot wait to meet baby Follett in August!

We completed 20 Service Projects this year!
Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Church Picnic

Meet our NEW Priest, Father Scott Valentyn

302 S. Main St. – Shawano
Cash ONLY

Rain or Shine Sunday, August 11 11:45am-3:45pm

FREE ADMISSION!!

Outdoor Polka Mass @ 10:45am
Maroszek Bros. play until 2:00pm
DJ~ Wisconsin Party Starters 2:00-3:45pm

NEW this Year

Meet our NEW Priest, Father Scott Valentyn
French Fries
Corn on the Cob
Super Hotdogs
Cherry Sundrop Slushies
40ft. inflatable obstacle course
Giant Connect Four Game
MORE Children’s Games

Come and Enjoy

Cotton Candy
Ice Cream
Food & Beverage Tents
Bake & Craft Sales
INDOOR Silent Auction
Bucket Raffles
Large Raffle~ 1st Prize is $2000 cash
And More!

For more information on the Church Picnic, Large Raffle, or ways you can get involved, please call the Parish Center at 715-526-2023. (Courtesy of Mickelson Funeral & Cremation Service...Rob & Nancy Mickelson, parish members)
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Shawano

GOLF OUTING

Sunday, August 25

1:00pm Shotgun Start

4-Person Scramble

Shawano Lake Golf Course
Shalagoco, LLC

$65 per person
Includes golf, cart, dinner and 2 drink tickets

Join us at Dinner for only $20

Prize awarded for 1st Place!
Hole Prizes & Many Others

Register your team today....Call Shawano Lake Golf Course at 715-524-4890! If you are joining us for dinner only, please call to reserve your seat. For more information, please contact Ron 715-853-5254 OR John 715-851-6461.
Our beautiful Ten Commandments (Beautitudes) monument was installed and blessed the morning of May 21 on the northwest corner of the church lawn. Father Tom, Deacon Jim, school staff, students, parishioners, and contributors were all present for this important event.

The Ten Commandments/Beautitudes monument was an idea of the Parish Council along with Father Tom’s approval. Over the past year our Parish was able to raise the funds necessary to purchase it. A special thank you to Sacred Heart Stewardship Committee and Rob Mickelson of Mickelson Funeral & Cremation Service. The monument would not have been possible without generous donations from the Knights of Columbus, Bishop Fox Council 2836 and private parish donors. God bless you all! The monument is absolutely stunning!

2019 EMMAUS RETREATS
Camp Tekakwitha Retreat & Conference Center
Shawano, WI

Women’s
October 4—6, 2019

SAVE THE DATES

Men’s
October 25—27, 2019

Emmaus is a ministry for everyone from Sacred Heart (Shawano) and St. Martin (Cecil) Parishes and the surrounding areas. It offers the opportunity to enter into a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and introduces a support system that builds a feeling of family and fellowship within the church.

Emmaus begins with a weekend retreat that enhances the spirituality of the participants and launches new friendships through the events of the retreat. The retreats take place once a year in the fall; beginning on Friday evening and ending mid-afternoon on Sunday. You will return home and to your workplace refreshed and renewed.

For more information or a registration form, please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Center, Gail Bartz at 715-853-1428 or Linda Olson at 715-524-3550.
Through the sacrament of Baptism, we welcome the following individuals into our parish community:

Lucija Maria, daughter of Matthew & Maria Catalano
Harper Drew, daughter of Michael Kleinschmidt and Melissa Wojcik
Mya Jaymes, daughter of Benjamin & Stacey Dickmann
Andrea Nathalie, Vivian Cecilia, Sophia Denisse and Alejandra Maria, daughters of Luis & Vivian Castro, Jr.
Easton Elijah, son of Ryan & Kary Cappaert

The following parishioners have gone to their eternal rest since the last publication of The Pulse:

Elizabeth Shames
Reinhold Schultz
Eugene Tahlier
Harold Monette
Robert ‘Roy’ Caulfield
Dorothy Paterick
Joseph Schwebl, Jr.
John Rupple
Beatrice Martin

Following is Sacred Heart’s method of accepting and dispersing donations, memorials and gifts:

† Donations, memorials, and gifts are not considered part of the normal church support. They are means of giving thanks for the many blessings one receives.

† Special Donations, memorials, or gifts will not be used to support the general operating fund unless so designated by the donor.

† All donations, memorials, or gifts over $100 will receive special recognition by having the donors name placed in the church bulletin if so desired.

† Anyone wishing to give a donation, memorial or gift should present their request to the Pastor.

† The Pastor and Pastoral Council will oversee the proper use of special donations, memorials and gifts.

Please contact our Parish Secretary, Linda Mathieu, at 715-758-8535 if you would like to have a Memorial in the next edition of our Parish Pulse (mid-October 2019).

CCW is able to pay for updates to the Cafeteria Kitchen and for the cleaning of the cloths used for the Altar. We assist the RE program and the school if there are monies available. Each year we help pay for the cost of camperships to Camp Tekakwitha and for the eighth grade trip. These are a few of the items paid for by all of your hard work working at the Rummage Sales.

Our next event where we will be asking for help is at the Community Meal at The Presbyterian Church Hall. This will be held June 25. Set up is at 4:00pm, the meal will be served at 5:30pm and clean up begins at 6:00pm. Anyone wishing to bring a dessert would be appreciated. We especially need help with the clean up. The Community Meal is open to everyone, it is a way to bring our community together to share in conversation and food.

We will be looking for donations of food/produce for the bake sale at our Church Picnic on August 11.

All women of our parish are encouraged to join the Council of Catholic Women. We meet September through December and February through May. Our meetings are the second Monday of the month at 3:00pm in the Cafeteria Conference Room.

We will not be having any monthly meetings during the summer. Our next meeting will be the second Monday in September at 3:00pm. If you have questions about CCW, please feel free to contact Rita Simon at 715-758-8535.
Congratulations to the following School/Parish staff members who were recognized during the final All School Mass on June 5 for reaching milestones in their service at Sacred Heart. They are greatly appreciated, valued, and they each play a very important role in Sacred Heart’s success.

Linda Mathieu (Parish Secretary): 11 years
Autumne Gee (Director of Admissions and Development for our parish and school): 5 years
Scott Marohl (Middle School Teacher & Athletics Director): 5 years
Tanya Myerchin (Food Services Manager- school chef): 10 years

Rural Life Day 2019: Parishioners, school children, families, and fellow Christians from within the Diocese of Green Bay experienced a wonderful Rural Life Day again this year at our beautiful church with Msgr. James Dillenburg.

Thank you to every one who helped to support Sacred Heart’s Youth Ministry Food Booth at Sundrop Dayz the weekend of May 31. We appreciated all the great volunteers who helped plan, set up, work, and tear down! We could not have done it without you. A special thank you to Deacon Todd Raether!