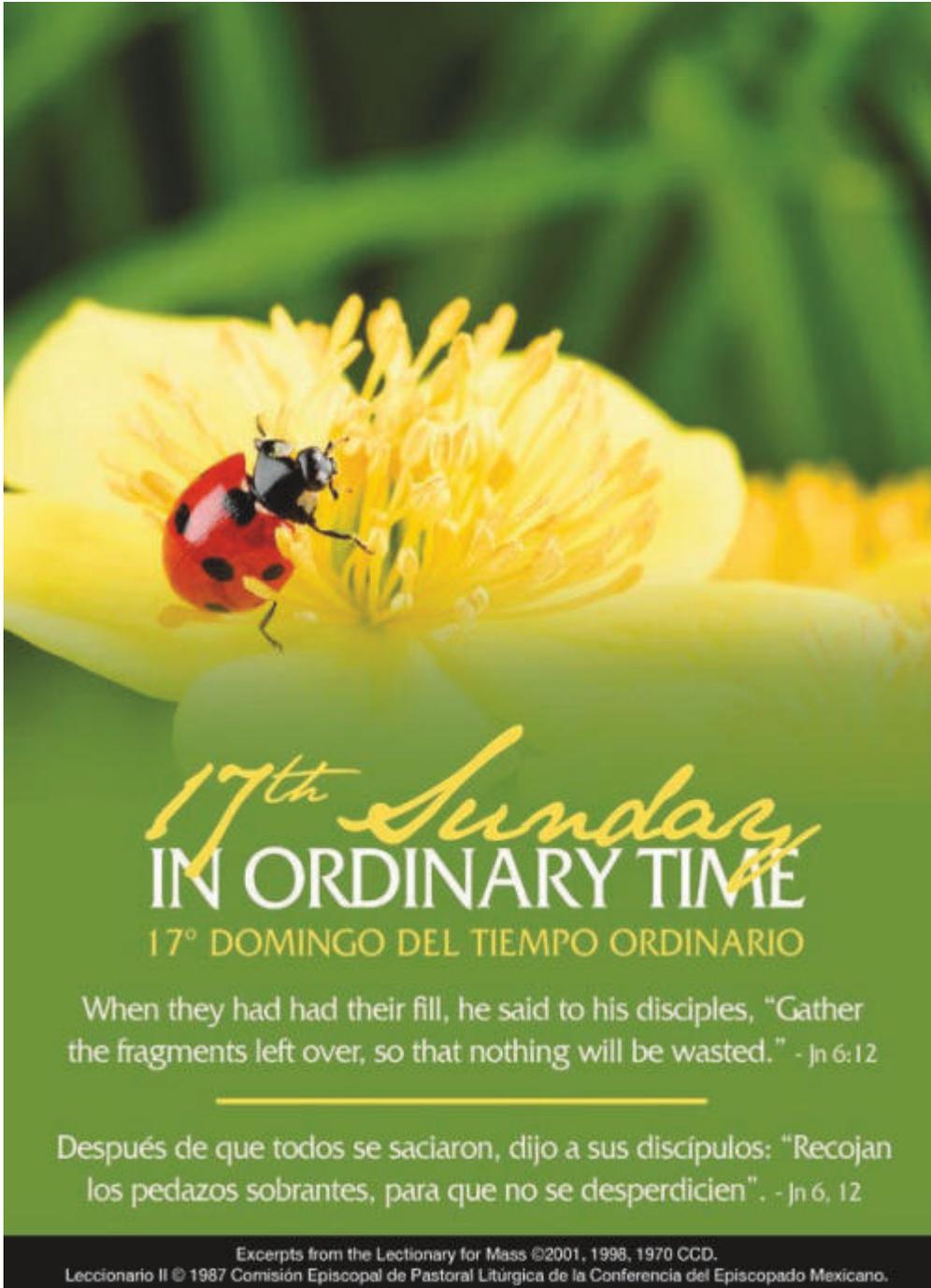




17th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 25, 2021

Rev. Swaminatha Pothireddy, Pastor
Deacon Placido Zavala
Deacon Scot Berkley

Drawing our life from the Eucharist, our parish family will live the mission of Jesus Christ through prayer, faith formation, and service.



Tuesday, July 27

7:15 am Daily Mass

Wednesday, July 28

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

7:15 am Daily Mass

9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Thursday, July 29

7:15 am Daily Mass

8:00 am-7:00 pm Adoration

Friday, July 30

6:45 am Reconciliation

7:15 am Daily Mass

12:00 pm Cenacles of Life

Saturday, July 31

4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass

Fellowship Sunday, August 1

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Spanish Mass



Catholic Ministries Appeal
Share the Light of Hope.

Welcome! If you're new to our parish, call the office and register with us. We're happy you're here!
¡Bienvenido! Si es nuevo en nuestra parroquia, llame a la oficina. ¡Estamos felices de que estén aquí!

A WORD FROM FR. SWAMY



Signs are all around us. There are signs of affection from loved ones, tokens of appreciation from the grateful, pats on the back from well-wishers. We all too easily become immune to signs, failing to recognize their deeper meaning. This weekend's sacred Scriptures teach us that signs are personal demonstrations of God's concern. Signs, by their very nature, evoke awe, gratitude, and praise. Signs are actually a reflection of God's involvement in our living. Elisha was a great prophetic figure of the ninth century B.C., a successor of the mighty Elijah (see 2 Kings 2:1-18). While Elijah was a solitary figure, Elisha was a colorful leader with a dynamic personality. Elisha had twenty barley loaves and a group of a hundred to feed. In spite of the disproportion between supply and demand, there was food remaining. The leftovers demonstrate Elijah's concern and the fidelity of the Lord's word. Like Moses on Mount Sinai, Jesus is on the mountain. Like Moses, who is concerned about the availability of food, Jesus must entertain Philip's observation about insufficient funds to buy food for so many. Yet the multitude fails to see Jesus as the sign of God's presence. Instead, they see only the miracle and want to make him king.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP—RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

It's All in the Basket

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship—thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

GOD STORIES—PERSONAL ENCOUNTERS WITH THE LORD

Almost nine years ago as the parishioners sat after communion, a man stood up at the pulpit and gave a talk about there being some interest in starting a conference of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul in Owatonna. He stated that there would be an informational meeting on a day and time in a couple of weeks hence.

As I sat there and listened to his talk, I experienced a strong sense that God was talking to me, saying that He was giving me a chance to take a new direction in my life, not unlike a young man who receives a calling to the priesthood

I sat spellbound for a few minutes, finally realizing that I had just experienced something like never before. I did attend that meeting, and a conference of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul was indeed formed in Owatonna, of which I became a charter member. I've been an active member in a group where our members go out in pairs to help the poor among us. Every time I meet with a person in need, I feel God's love and care for me, and I thank Him everyday that I can indeed experience two things that he gave all of us. "What so ever you do for the least of my children, that you do unto Me," and probably the greatest of all, "Love your neighbor as yourself, for the love of God."

I continue to feel blessed for having answered God's call, for doing a mission that brings me untold joy, and will continue to do so for as long as my good Lord allows me.

-Edward, age 74

If you have a God story that you would like to share, please email it to office@sacredheartowatonna.org. Thank you!

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY



Baptisms

Eve Ann Terpstra
Child of Derek and Caitlin Terpstra
July 17, 2021

“A clean heart create for me, God;
renew within me a steadfast spirit” -Psalms 51:12



Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week
NFP Awareness Week is July 25-31. Natural Family Planning is a beautiful celebration of marital love. Fertility is not something to be ashamed of but celebrated. For more info on NFP, please visit www.usccb.org. Click on “Issues & Action” and then on “Topics.” Scroll down and click on “Natural Family Planning.” There you can find information on what NFP really is, on what the Church teaches, and more. A big misconception is that people who practice NFP have to have a lot of children. This is not accurate. NFP teaches couples how to naturally plan having children while still allowing God’s will to be part of the equation.

What is Cenacles of Life?

Can you help us protect the unborn? Do you want to preserve the sanctity of life? Cenacles of Life is a prayer group that meets each Friday at 12:00 pm at Sacred Heart to pray for an end to abortion and for a greater respect for all life. We pray two rosaries: one at 12:00 pm and one at 12:25 pm. Please join us for one or both rosaries.

Next Sunday is Fellowship Sunday

Next Sunday is Fellowship Sunday. Join us after Mass in the Parish Center for coffee and donuts. We would love to spend time with you and your family! All are welcome!



Marcella Fedders

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life.” -John 3:16

Catholic Ministries Appeal Mini Story:

Fr. Jason Kern, Director of Vocations—Vocations
Our Diocese currently has 17 men studying in the seminary, and over 45 young men and women are active in discernment and formation groups. I am grateful for being able to see that God is at work and calling young men and women to serve the church. As the vocations director, I speak at schools, parishes, conferences, and youth events about growing closer to Christ. Gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal allow me to better support our young men and women as they say “yes” to the Lord. To donate to the Catholic Ministries appeal, please visit <https://www.catholicismn.org/catholic-ministries-appeal> or grab a donation envelope in the church narthex.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2021

Sacred Heart Church Goal: \$45,750
Total Cash Received as of July 16: \$37,355
Amount Under Goal: \$8,395
Outstanding Pledges: \$1,310
Number of 2021 Donors: 142 (160 Donors in 2020)

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Bible Trivia

Question: Three of Adam and Eve’s children are named in the Bible. What are their names?

Stay tuned for the answer in next week’s bulletin. Hint: The answer can be found in the book of Genesis.

Answer to last week’s trivia question:
Esau and Jacob (Genesis 25:19-26)

Catholic Fair Booth

If you have any items to donate to the Catholic Fair booth, they can be dropped off at the office at St. Joseph’s through August 6. We also have a few spots open for volunteers to staff the booth. Please contact Deb McManimon at dmcmanimon72@gmail.com or 507-271-1737. Thank you and God bless.

MISSION PRIEST VISITING SACRED HEART THIS WEEKEND

Basic Information on South Sudan

On July 9, 2011, South Sudan became the newest independent country. After over 50 years of civil unrest with northern Sudan, southerners had finally attained peace. But just two years after triumphantly breaking away from Sudan and becoming the world's newest nation, South Sudan plunged itself into a civil war that has been called one of the most destructive conflicts of the 21st century.

The conflict erupted in December 2013, when President Salva Kiir accused his vice president Riek Machar, a political rival, of attempting a coup. Since then, there has been mass killing, rape, looting and other atrocities that have destabilized the nation of over 12 million. Almost 4 million South Sudanese have been internally displaced, with half of them seeking refuge in neighboring nations to avoid being caught in the crossfire.

The odds are not good, but the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Juba which is the metropolitan for the ecclesiastical province of Juba in South Sudan, finds itself in this critical juncture. The Archdiocese's 14 parishes and Terekeka Pastoral Region offers a ray of hope. The ongoing war has left a devastating impact. Yet, despite the staggering challenges in the South Sudan capital of Juba, the Archdiocese still sees a nation thirsty for spiritual growth and the sacraments to be administered.

The Archdiocese remains committed to God's call to respond for those entrusted to her care. The priests and the Religious of the Archdiocese of Juba remain central to restoring hope for the Christian community of the Archdiocese. Their compassionate care for the Christian community is the face of the church to the world.

The ongoing civil war, Covid-19 virus and food insecurity in South Sudan are causing havoc. The Priests and the religious of the Archdiocese need food and basics to carry out their mission. There are not enough Christian Community members available with the necessary resources to care for the local church.

Ultimately, the core of our communion in the church flows from our being joined by Jesus in the communion of life in the Trinity: Father, Son and Spirit, and in our baptism call to share in Jesus' mission.

Archdiocese of Juba Schools

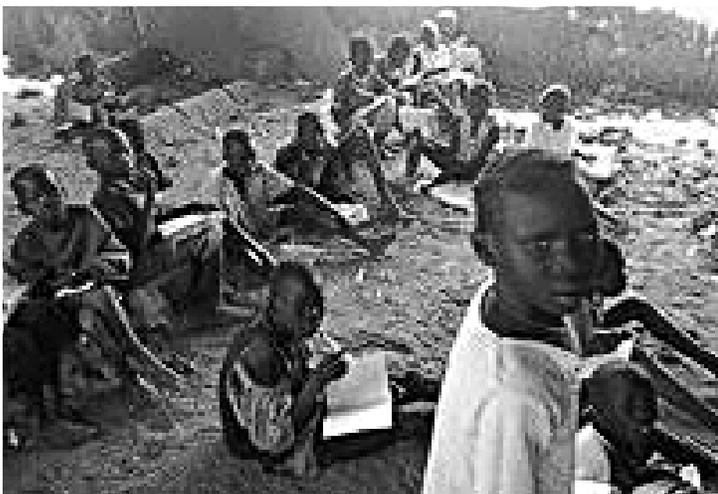
The school provides children with the strength of our community's faith, the power of our prayer and the living witness of our belief and values. At the Archdiocese of Juba, children achieve academic excellence while growing in faith and love of Jesus Christ and developing pride in their Archdiocesan heritage.

Students begin each day with prayer and grow academically while learning respect and compassion for others. Because most families live in poverty, we depend on generous supporters to help our school provide a quality Catholic education for our students.

The Archdiocese of Juba schools strive to carry out the mission of Christ by building a just, loving and Christian Community in the Archdiocese. By planting the Gospel in the rich values of our community's culture, we hope to enrich all of our lives as a church that aspires to be "Catholic".

If you can ignite faith, inspire hope and empower love, you can change the world! Thank you!

-Fr. John L. Lasuba



NEWS AND EVENTS IN OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

St. Vincent de Paul

July 25—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: In the Gospel, Jesus supersedes both the apostles' and the crowds' expectations: with little he feeds many...Jesus is the sign of God's lavish presence and love. Your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is indeed a sign of God's extravagant love to the lonely and the poor. Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you enable the members of the Society to bring bread to the hungry as a sign of God's love. On Tuesday, Vincent's Table served 85 take-out meals. Membership: We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at St. Joseph's at 6:30 pm. If you would like further information on growing your spiritual life and serving those in need in our community, please join us at a meeting or contact Deb McManimon at dmcmanimon72@gmail.com. Our phone is 507-676-5508.

Give a Prayer Shawl

Do you know someone who is in need of prayers? Maybe someone who is sick or struggling with something? Why not give them a prayer shawl? Here at Sacred Heart, we have a group of wonderful ladies that knit and crochet prayer shawls. These shawls are prayed over and blessed. When you give someone a prayer shawl, you let them know that there's a whole community here walking with them through their trials. Every time someone uses their prayer shawl, they are being physically wrapped in prayer. If you would like to get a prayer shawl for someone, please call us at 507-451-1588.

Scam Alert

If you receive calls, emails, or texts claiming to be from one of the churches or priests asking for money, gift cards, etc. please know we would never make requests of this kind. Disregard any such communications as they are scams.

Catholic Charities Dispels Adoption Myths

Please join us for a free, one hour training on Modern Adoption. This online course will go over the types of adoption, who birthparents are and why they choose adoption, positive adoption language, and how to support those exploring their options. It's estimated that 40% of American adults know someone who has been adopted. Our goal is to dispel some common myths about adoption and give you confidence in talking about adoption with someone who is considering their options! This course is geared toward professionals and community members who want to learn what adoption is all about. This training is offered via zoom on August 19 at 1 pm. Register at <https://www.ccsomn.org/calendar/modern-adoption/> or by emailing adoption@ccsomn.org. We are also happy to schedule this training at no cost for your entire team.

Stay Informed on Sacred Heart News and Events

There are many ways to stay informed on what is happening at Sacred Heart. Besides reading our weekly bulletin, you can do any of the following:

- Read blog posts and view an events calendar on the Sacred Heart website at www.sacredheartowatonna.org
- Join our email list by contacting Jordan at office@sacredheartowatonna.org
- Like our Facebook page, to find us please search @SacredHeartOwatonna on Facebook
- Stop and read flyers posted on the bulletin boards in the church narthex

Prayer Chain

Sacred Heart will pray for your intentions on our Prayer Chain. If you have a Prayer Request, please email it to Sharon Stiles at sharonstiles@msn.com



NOTICIAS DE LA COMUNIDAD EN ESPAÑOL

La Campaña de Ministerios Católicos: Fr. Jason Kern, director de vocaciones

Nuestra Diócesis tiene actualmente 17 hombres estudiando en el seminario, y más de 45 hombres y mujeres jóvenes están activos en grupos de discernimiento y formación. Estoy agradecido por poder ver que Dios está obrando y llamando a hombres y mujeres jóvenes a servir a la iglesia. Como directora de vocaciones, hablo en escuelas, parroquias, conferencias y eventos juveniles sobre cómo acercarnos más a Cristo. Las donaciones a la Campaña de Ministerios Católicos me permiten apoyar mejor a nuestros hombres y mujeres jóvenes cuando dicen que sí al Señor. Contribuya generosamente a la apelación de los ministerios católicos a www.catholicismn.org.

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Los Bautismos

Eve Ann Terpstra
Hija de Derek y Caitlin Terpstra
El 17 de Julio de 2021

"Crea en mí, Dios mío, un corazón puro, y renueva la firmeza de mi espíritu." -Salmos 51, 12

Pláticas para Bautizos

Pláticas para Bautizos serán el segundo sábado de cada mes de 10 am a 12 pm, se tendrá que avisar con 1 mes de anticipación si es posible. Los bautizos se llevarán a cabo los sábados a la 1 pm o el Domingo durante o después de la misa en español. Informes con el diácono Placido 507-319-0031.

VOLUNTEER SECTION

Calling all young musicians!

Calling all young musicians! We are beginning the YCW (Youth Called to Worship) choir as we transition from Summer into the school year. This is a wonderful opportunity to sing and/or play an instrument as we praise God as a church family! To begin the year, we will sing at the 10 am Mass on August 15. If you are a student entering 2nd through 12th grade and would love to be part of Sacred Heart's music ministry, please plan to join us for the rehearsal on August 11 (time TBD) and for the Mass on August 15 at 10 am (we will also meet for rehearsal at 9 am that morning before the Mass)! If you have any questions, please contact Ray Bissen at 507-686-0905 or Amy Smith at 507-440-2418. Thank you and God bless!

Volunteers Needed as REP Teachers

Have you been wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith and how to share that with others? Please consider the crucial need of our parishes for REP teachers this upcoming year. There is no teaching experience required. You will be guided weekly about what to teach the students from our REP Coordinator as well as the books we will be using. Please contact Brittany Boubin if you are interested or have any questions at rep@rep-cyo.org or 320-241-2748



Attention Volunteers: New Schedules

The new ministry schedules are now available that run from August 7-November 30. You should have gotten an email regarding this. You can also find the schedules on the Sacred Heart Website. Limited paper copies are available in the Narthex to the right of the bulletin board. If you cannot serve on a particular day, please line up a substitute for yourself. Thanks for serving in our ministries!

Volunteer Spotlight

Ray Bissen

Thank you for your dedication and service!
You are a blessing to Sacred Heart!



July 31-August 1, 2021

Sacristans

Lead: Becky Berkley
5:00 pm Dale Springer
8:00 am Becky Berkley
10:00 am VOLUNTEER

Altar Servers

5:00 pm Craig Wencil
8:00 am Megan Rysavy, VOLUNTEER
10:00 am Marcus Haggerty, VOLUNTEER

Readers

5:00 pm Mary Herzog, VOLUNTEER
8:00 am Gerry Gunderson, Barbara Schaffner
10:00 am Dave Effertz, Tom Walker

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm Ron Starman, Craig Wencil
8:00 am Mary Boettger
10:00 am John Haas, Tony Nowak

Greeters

5:00 pm Tracey Lindholm, Jay Lindholm
8:00 am Mary Ann Wanous, VOLUNTEER
10:00 am Rich Gerdts, Sue Gerdts

Rosary Leaders

5:00 pm Mary Herzog
8:00 am F. Wayne Starman
10:00 am Peggy Keller

August Ushers

5:00 pm Craig Wencil, Howard Engen,
TWO VOLUNTEERS
8:00 am Rich Gerdts, Sue Gerdts, Jed DeWitz,
Gavin DeWitz
10:00 am Dave Effertz, Tom Schmitt,
TWO VOLUNTEERS

Church Dusters

Week of July 25: Margaret Supalla
Week of August 1: Kay Wagner

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PARISH INFORMATION SECTION

Readings for the Week of July 25, 2021

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46
 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12
 Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Las lecturas de la semana del 25 de Julio de 2021

Lunes: Ex 32, 15-24. 30-34/Sal 105, 19-20. 21-22. 23 [1]/Mt 13, 31-35
 Martes: Ex 33, 7-11; 34, 5-9. 28/Sal 102, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11. 12-13 [8]/Mt 13, 36-43
 Miércoles: Ex 34, 29-35/Sal 98, 5. 6. 7. 9 [cfr. 9]/Mt 13, 44-46
 Jueves: Ex 40, 16-21. 34-38/Sal 83, 3. 4. 5-6 y 8. 11 [2]/Jn 11, 19-27 o Lc 10, 38-42
 Viernes: Lv 23, 1. 4-11. 15-16. 27. 34-37/Sal 80, 3-4. 5-6. 10-11 [2]/Mt 13, 54-58
 Sábado: Lv 25, 1. 8-17/Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 7-8 [4]/Mt 14, 1-12
 Domingo siguiente: Ex 16, 2-4. 12-15/Sal 77, 3-4. 23-24. 25. 54 [24]/Ef 4, 17. 20-24/Jn 6, 24-35



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Tuesday, July 27 ● Weekday
7:15 am Kathy and Robert Meier †

Wednesday, July 28 ● Weekday
7:15 am Gordy Hofius †

Thursday, July 29 ● St. Martha
7:15 am Margaret Schneider

Friday, July 30 ● St. Peter Chrysologus
7:15 am Eutiquio Baliong Jr. †

Saturday, July 31 ● St. Ignatius of Loyola
5:00 pm Goldyne and Ken Deetz †

Sunday, August 1 ● 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am Gerald "Bucky" Rysavy Jr. †
10:00 am Bruce Nash †
12:00 pm Parishioners

PARISH DIRECTORY

Sacred Heart Church Sanctuary Hours

Monday: 8 am-3 pm
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8 am-6 pm
 Thursday: 8 am-7 pm
 Saturday: times may vary, will open by 4 pm-close after 6 pm
 Sunday: times may vary, will open by 8 am-close after 1 pm

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Monday-Thursday: 8 am-3 pm
 Friday: 8 am-12 pm
 Saturday-Sunday: Closed

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Custodian: Dennis Paulson
Religious Education: Brittany Boubin, 320-241-2748, rep@rep-cyo.org
St. Mary's School: 507-446-2300
St. Mary's School Principal: Jennifer Swanson

Sacred Heart Cemetery

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 St. Vincent de Paul Society: 507-676-5508 (Gas, Rent, Utilities)

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 Repairs for the Poor Ministry: 507-390-4785

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 Crisis Response Team: 844-CRISIS2 (844-274-7472)
 South Central Mobile Crisis Team: 877-399-3040
 National Suicide Prevention/Veterans Crisis Line: 800-273-8255
 Crisis Text Hotline: Text MN to the number 741741
 Farmer's Suicide Line: 1-800-600-2670
 Spanish: 1-888-628-9454

Family Violence:
 Crisis Resource Center, Steele County: 507-451-1202
 Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women: 866-223-1111
 National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233

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