

Sacred Heart

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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Sacraments & Liturgies

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am (Spanish), 10:30am

Holy Days of Obligation:

9:00am & 7:00pm

Daily Mass:

Tues, Wed & Fri.: 9:00am

Thurs.: 5:30pm

First Friday Mass: 12:00 p.m. at

St. John's Chapel

Confession:

Saturday: 4:30-5:15pm & by appt.

Baptism: By appointment, contact Parish Office.

Weddings: Six months notice required. Please contact the pastor to begin the preparation process.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday 9:30-10:30am & Friday

6:00-7:00pm.

August 16, 2020 • 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION

We are hardwired for wholeness and crave it. When something is broken, we want it fixed. If a part of our body is not working properly, we want it healed. How often do we find ourselves saying, "I'm tired of struggling with this cold, I can't wait for my surgery to heal, or I want my treatments to make me better." Wholeness and healing restore our relationships and make us free to love as we desire. We know very well how our limitations, imperfections, and brokenness really limit us. They can easily prevent us from being and doing what we want to do.

Our physical and emotional wounds and maladies are easier to identify. If my back hurts, I feel it and know what part of my body needs attention. If I am feeling intense anger, I can identify the emotion and take necessary steps to uncover its cause. Being persistent often brings greater and quicker results. But will pursuing and even achieving our physical and emotional healings really be enough? We forget that there is a deeper healing that we seek and desperately need. As we look around at humanity, there are some physical and emotional wounds and scars that cannot be made whole. They are limitations that must remain and, for one reason or another, cannot be rectified. Does this mean that the wholeness and healing that my being longs for is not possible for me? Must I settle with less than what God promises?

The answer is no. Ultimately, there is a desire that goes deeper than the physical and emotional. It is a desire that resides in our soul. What we really seek and thirst for is healing and wholeness for our soul. Inner strength, conviction, focus, grounding, love, hope, faith, courage, determination, peace, and connectedness are all words that center us on eternity. They direct us to a presence we discover in our core, which is none other than the presence of God. In God, we are healed. When we are persistent in reaching out to and establishing our relationship with God, real healing and wholeness begin to happen.

There are some limitations and some of our brokenness with which we may simply have to live. This does not mean that we have to abandon our journey to wholeness and healing. If we have done our inner soul work, we have worked toward and acquired what and who we ultimately need and desire.

Catechetical Corner

Have a safe and blessed summer

Prayers for the Sick:

Please pray for:

Dale Wilson, Laurie Boyne, Jean Beesley, Alan Craig, Don & Mary Louise Boyne, Carolyn Schmidt, Betty Conway, Don Perno, Judy Diskin, Rhett Crawford.

Happy Birthday to:

Charles Gebetsberger (15); Teresa Schuler (16); Sue Ann Williams (19); Cindy Cavenah (21).

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please contact the office so we can update our information.

Mass Intentions: August 15 - 21, 2020

Saturday Special Intentions of Charles Gebetsberger
Sunday 8:00 Special Intentions
Sunday 10:30 Jim & Willine Ryan t / Buddy & Stacy James
Tuesday Bob Cunningham t / Jake & Vicki Dunkel
Wednesday Special Intentions of Sue Ann Williams
Thursday Dorothy Speakman t / Hatta & Speakman Families
Friday Special Intentions

Readings for the week of August 16, 2020

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's Gospel is very disturbing to me because it reminds me of a dear friend. She was from a very small town where everyone was acquainted and gossip was sport. She married into a family that was one of the elites of the town and never accepted her as good enough. Although her husband was kind to everyone, he was abusive to her behind closed doors. His family spread lies about her and treated her with disdain. There are many churches in the small town each a different denomination. My friend felt that the only way to live with the abuse was to reach out to her faith community for help, including the Catholic Church. In every instance the result was the same because they all believed the lies and she was shunned. To this day she has never been able to have the joy of a church family. The pain of rejection runs deep. Like the disciples in today's Gospel the community asked Jesus to send her away. Like the mother, my friend also has demons at home. If this woman were to come to our doors, would we listen to the gossip or would we open our hearts and be like Jesus who loved her? Everyone we meet has a demon they are living with, some worse than others. Be kind. Jesus needs us not to turn others away from Him but to give others the faith to accept His love. Please pray for all those living in fear of the demon under their roof. - Sue Ann Williams, Parishioner



Sacred Heart Church Collections Aug. 2, 2020 Collection

Envelope.....	\$ 2,866.00
Loose	\$ 318.00
Total Weekend Collection.....	\$ 3,184.00
Capital Account	\$ 100.00

Aug. 9th, 2020 Collection - Not Available

WHY DO WE DO THAT?
- CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?

Answer:

Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called "tithing," in which 10 percent of a person's goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that, "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities" (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice "tithing" in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, "As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied graces" (4:10).

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

As much as some folks may not want to admit it, we all want to be healed. Human beings suffer physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually. There are many wounds. Of all of the maladies that can afflict us, the ones that require the greatest attention are of a spiritual nature. What can happen if we are healed inwardly, brought back to center, and restored in our relationships, especially in our relationship with God? We will find the courage, strength, conviction, and hope needed to deal with the more tangible struggles that may not find an easy remedy. Inner strength, gained by persistent faith, is what allows strong, determined, and courageous people to overcome incredible challenges and hurdles. Be persistent in your faith, and seek the inner spiritual healing that you so desperately desire and need.

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Parish Organizations

Knights of Columbus: The Sacred Heart Council meets at 7:00 pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month.
Contact Grand Knight Robert Mulvihill 918-906-7170.
Prayer Network: For prayer requests, contact Sheila Ford at (918) 695-8796 or email at skfgma14x@gmail.com or contact the office.
Women's Bible Study Group: Meets Tuesday mornings 10:30-11:45am. Contact Julie Pittman 918-519-2029.
Fatima Ladies: Every 3rd Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:45 a.m.
Contact Sue Johnston 918-227-1431.



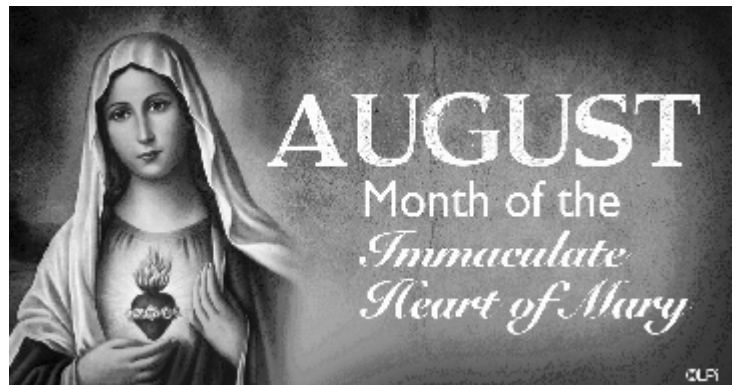
MINISTRY SCHEDULE: Volunteer basis until further notice.

Due to the uptick in COVID 19 cases we strongly recommend everyone follow these basic guidelines:

We strongly urge everyone over the age of 18 years to wear a mask when entering the building. It may be removed once you reach your pew. After Mass, please wear the mask until you exit the building.
Please sanitize your hands when entering the building
Please continue practicing social distancing guidelines.
Please no gathering before or after Mass in the Gathering Area.
Please throw the green Mass Flyer away after Mass. They cannot be reused.

Thank you to all our parishioners who remain after daily Mass and weekend Mass to disinfect the Church.

We thank all our parishioners for their generous donations during the Knights of Columbus Food Drive. The food drive has officially ended but please remember our neighbors in need as we still are distributing food items from the Church Food Pantry.





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