

SACRED HEART PARISH FAMILY

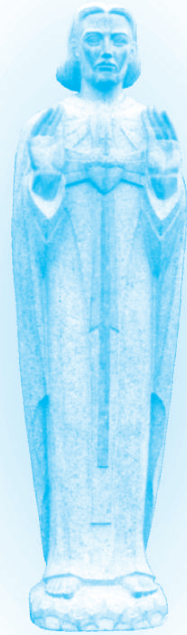
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SACRED HEART MISSION STATEMENT

"We the community of Sacred Heart are committed to serving God and each other through our faith in Jesus Christ. We strive to do this through a joyful celebration of the Eucharist, a spirit of hospitality, a commitment to community outreach, a sense of responsibility to others and through the ongoing nourishment of our minds and hearts."

SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday 4:30-6:00 PM

or by appointment

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

As listed inside

WE WELCOME YOU TO SACRED HEART PARISH FAMILY. If you are new to the parish please introduce yourself to Father Stan after Mass. We would also appreciate it if you would come to or call the office and register. We need to know who you are so that we may serve you better.

SHUT INS

Please notify us of parishioners who are in the hospital. If any parishioner is unable to celebrate Liturgy with us because of illness or handicap, please notify the office so that we may bring Eucharist to them.

"Handicapped Accessible"

Third Week of Ordinary Time

The **Third Sunday of Ordinary Time** brings us to a cycle of **Matthew's gospels** during every Sunday of Ordinary Time this year. This week we see the call of the first disciples as Jesus stops Andrew and his brother, Peter on the beach. "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men'. At once they left their nets and followed him."

Monday is the **Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the Church**. Tuesday is the **Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, the apostle** with its own special readings. Wednesday is the **Memorial of Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, bishops**. Friday is the **Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church**.

The first reading this week continues with the **Letter to the Hebrews**, which teaches that Jesus is mediator of a new covenant and a priest who "offered one sacrifice for sins. He took his seat forever at the right hand of God."

In **Mark's Gospel** this week, the ever-critical scribes accuse Jesus of being possessed by demons. Jesus responds clearly, "If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand." When told his family has arrived to see him, he replies that "whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." He tells the imaginative story of the sower and the seed and after the crowd dispersed, Jesus explains to the disciples that the seed is the word of God, accepted at various levels. He encourages his disciples to show their light: "Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket or under a bed, and not to be placed on a lampstand?" Jesus compares the Kingdom with the tiniest of mustard seeds which grow to "the largest of plants." He calms the seas during a storm. His disciples wonder, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"

On the **Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**, Matthew's Gospel gives us the essence of Jesus teaching in the Beatitudes. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Readings for the Week

Sunday:	Is 8:23---9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/ Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
Monday:	Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/ Mt 5:1-12a

Thank You

Dear Father Stan and Sacred Heart Parish Family,

Thank you for the beautiful Mass Card for my grandmother. It means a lot, we appreciated your thoughtfulness and I know my Gram would as well.

*Sincerely,
Jennifer & Michael Vrissis*

Daily Prayer This Week

This week is set at the beginning of Jesus' ministry and the pictures we get of how challenged and pushed he is prepare us to hear the simple parables he tells us. All of us get challenged and pushed in our daily lives. Even when we are on the right road and following a faithful path, there are forces, conflicting demands, tempting alternatives, differing values that batter us. It takes grace and courage to trust our real mission and that our Lord will be with us through it all.

Each morning this week, we can take a moment, to ask for what we desire. The entire day will be different just by spending 20 seconds sitting at the edge of the bed saying, "Lord, I want to keep my eyes open today. Whatever comes at me today, I want to stay in touch with you. Thank you." Another morning I may be aware of a big decision I have to execute that day or a conflict I am planning to face, and I might pray, "Okay, Lord, this is the day. This is how I live out my relationship with you. Be with me and give me what I need. Keep reminding me I can't do it without you."

Each day will offer a different brief moment of connection with our Lord, but each will ground the day. Then it is so very easy, while in the shower or walking down a hall, for just brief moments here and there in the background of our day, to stay in touch with our Lord. These guides can help keep us focused on the nourishing Word which interacts with our daily life. Every day can seem like a living Parable of the Sower. There is seed being scattered all around us and we can see and experience our degrees of receptivity. And while we are doing the best we can, all day, every day, in a variety of things, we can be consoled by the Lord's smile reminding us that the Kingdom is like a mustard seed. The real graces come from very small seeds, the smallest of efforts that make a big difference. Most of all, when things get rough, during any day, we can pause and take a breath and ask him to calm the wind and sea in our hearts.

Every night we can thank him for his presence and ground our growing relationship with him.

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html> Used with permission.

Valentine Project

On this Valentine's Day we would like to reach out to those who are homebound, in nursing homes, elderly, grieving, lonely or sick. We would like to brighten this sometimes dreary season by **sending them a Valentine card**. But to do this **we need your help**. First, if you know anyone who would enjoy receiving a card, let us know their name and address. Second, on the weekend of February 5th and 6th, pick a slip from the Valentine heart display and send a card to that person. You may add a note or it may be anonymous. The names may be given in person or by phone to Edie Hilton, 860-896-1812 or Larry Deraleau, 860-749-4139. **The names are needed as soon as possible as the time is short.** Valentine's Day is February 14.

Welcome

The parish family of Sacred Heart welcomes you!

Whether this is one of your first visits with us or your first visit in a while; know that you are always welcome here.

Whatever called you to be with us today; know that we were all called here once, just like you were. Pray with us. Celebrate with us. Walk together with us in faith. We eat together a lot; there's always plenty of food and it's always good so please join us for that, too.

Above all, please let us know when there is anything we can do, any question we can help you answer, any need we can fill – anything at all that we can do to help you on your journey of faith.

Youth Group at Cornerstone

Some members of the Youth Group will be helping to prepare and serve lunch at Cornerstone on Saturday, January 29th. We will be leaving the church parking lot at 9:55am. Questions? Please contact Rella.

Welcome to Sacred Heart Parish

The following families have recently joined our parish:

Earle, Jr. & Linda Armstrong and their children, **Christopher & Kaitlin**
William & Juvy Clarke and their child, **Liam**

We welcome these families and look forward to getting to know them.

Married Couples Retreat

Partners in Faith and Family - Deacon Michael Berstene and Mrs. Mary Frances Berstene. February 11-13, 2011 – St Edmund Retreat, Enders Island, Mystic CT

And the two shall become one flesh.” (Ephesians 5:31) Married couples are a gift for each other and for the Church. As lifelong partners in marriage we share life, faith and family and in this sharing we celebrate and recognize the wonder of God's great gift of love. We seldom have the time and opportunity to refresh, renew, and celebrate the gift that our spouse is for us and that we are for each other. Come and spend some quiet time away from the busyness of life to rediscover the gifts that we are to each other as a married couple. Come celebrate being partners in faith and family through reflection, prayer and the simple pleasure of being with each other. St. Paul reminds us that love is kind and patient, that love rejoices in the truth, bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things. Come away for a retreat with other couples and celebrate love, the greatest gift we give each other. For more details check <http://www.endersisland.com>. Please call St Edmund Retreat at 860.536.0565 to sign up!

The Deacon's Corner

DISCIPLES IN MISSION PRAYER

Loving God,
you called us each by name
and gave your only Son to redeem us.
In your faithfulness
you sent the Holy Spirit
to complete the mission of Jesus among us.

Open our hearts to Jesus.
Give us the courage to speak his name
to those who are close to us
and the generosity to share his love
with those who are far away.

We pray that every person
throughout the world
be invited to know and love Jesus
as Savior and Redeemer.

May they come to know his
all-surpassing love.
May that love transform every element
of our society.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen

Assumption School Open Houses

Are you looking for an exceptional, faith-enriched, solid educational experience for your child? We invite you to come and meet our dedicated teachers and families and see what a wonderful educational future we can provide for your child. Open Houses will be held on Sunday Jan. 30th 10:30am-1pm at the Main Campus, and 1pm-3pm at the Upper Campus, Feb. 2nd 9am-11:30am and Feb. 3rd 6pm-8pm on both campuses. Our Main Campus is for students in Pre-K - 5th grade, and our Upper Campus is for students in 6th-8th grade. If you are unable to attend one of our open houses or have any questions, please contact our school office at 860-649-0889 to arrange a personal tour at your convenience. Assumption School's Main Campus is located at 27 South Adams St, Manchester and our Upper Campus is located at 45 Ludlow Rd, Manchester. www.assumptionschoolct.com "Come for a day, we are sure you will want to stay."

East Catholic High School Entrance Exam

East Catholic High School will give a make-up entrance exam Saturday, January 22nd at 8 a.m. to all eighth graders who were unable to take the December exam. The exam will be given at the school. Pre-registration is recommended but not required. A fee of \$25, which covers the cost of processing the exam, is required. ECHS continues to accept transfer students from other high schools. Questions? Contact the Admissions Office at (860) 649-5336 x238 or x456.

The Word of God This Week

Set time aside each day this week with other members of your household, with other members of your parish or alone to listen to and reflect on the living Word of God. Use these passages from the Lectionary that are assigned for Liturgy this week. Reflect on how the Lord is inviting you to a deeper union with him.

TODAY

Isaiah 8:23–9:3

1 Corinthians 1:10–13, 17

Matthew 4:12–23

MONDAY

Mark 3:22–30

"... people will be forgiven for their sins..."

TUESDAY

Mark 16:15–18

Go into all the world and proclaim the good news..."

WEDNESDAY

Mark 3:1–20

"You are the Son of God!"

THURSDAY

Mark 4:21–25

"... the measure you give will be the measure you get..."

FRIDAY

Mark 4:26–34

"... the harvest has come..."

SATURDAY

Mark 4:35–41

"Have you still no faith?"

A Church Confident in Christ

"We are the Church." This slogan, which grew in popularity after the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, points to a major theme of the Gospel of Matthew. More explicitly than the other evangelists, Matthew situates his telling of Jesus' life and mission around the formation of a community of disciples.

Of course, no writer in the New Testament understands faith as a purely individualistic relationship. All authors in the Bible recognize that God deals with humanity through the establishment of a people, a network of lives joined together in a common call. Yet it is Matthew who regularly brings the issue of the faith community into the spotlight. Matthew's Jesus is the Lord who founds a Church.

In today's Gospel, Jesus takes the first step in forming the Church: he calls his disciples. The

narrative stresses the initiative of Jesus in calling a community together. In Jewish culture, it was expected that disciples would seek out their teachers. This is the pattern presented in the Gospel According to John (1:35–42).

In Matthew's scene, however, Jesus is the one who finds his disciples. This is Matthew's way of stating that the Church is called together by the choice of Christ.

In a society that exalts the importance of the individual, faith can narrow to "me and Jesus." The Gospel of Matthew forestalls such a limited understanding of salvation. Our way to God is not a private adventure. We follow Christ together in a community of brothers and sisters. And if Christ has called us and Christ is with us, we have every reason for confidence. We need not be afraid.



The Faith of the Church

The bishops of the Second Vatican Council reaffirmed the ancient truth that Christ is always present in his Church. This is especially true when the Church gathers for liturgy. At the Mass, Christ's presence can be perceived in the minister who presides; in the consecrated bread and wine; in the scriptural word, which is proclaimed; and in the Church, which gathers to pray and sing (Cf. *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* 7).



Questions of the Week

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls Peter, Andrew, James, and John. From this beginning, the Church will grow. But the Church is not for itself. Those who are called must call others. They must be fishers of people.

Adults

Do I understand that Christ who has called me expects me to call others? How have I recently shared my faith?

Children

I know that Jesus loves me. Do I understand that I respond to his love by the way I love others?

Responding to God's Word . . .

Coming to God as part of a community is often challenging. We can become frustrated or impatient with aspects of the Church. Differences between ourselves and others over theology or worship, poor judgments by our leaders, or the slow pace of a worldwide ecclesial structure can be discouraging.

Matthew anticipates such difficulties and provides encouragement. Not only has Christ called us together. Christ remains with us. In a verse found only in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus reminds his disciples: "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them"

(18:20). Matthew also carefully frames his entire Gospel with this truth.

In the first chapter, he tells us that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us" (1:23). In the very last verse of the Gospel, the risen Christ assures his community with the pledge, "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (28:20).

None of these declarations eliminate the difficulties that can arise in Church life. But the words of Jesus show us the value of church community. We are the Body of Christ. We find Christ in each other. Our difficulties need not overwhelm us. His presence is our strength.

SUGGESTIONS

Use one of these suggestions or one of your own to respond to God's Word this week.

In the home. When the family is gathered, discuss the ways you see Christ in each other—when two or three are gathered in his name.

In the workplace or in school. Identify someone who is difficult to love. Ask Christ, who is with you, to help you act with kindness toward that person.

In the community. If you find yourself in a conversation with complaints about the Church, express your conviction that Christ is still found in the Church.



Meditation Moment

Psychologist Abraham Maslow has an interesting response to the question of why so few people "leave all" to follow a dream—or to pursue a noble goal. He says they are afraid to become what they are capable of being. They thrill at the possibility, but they also shudder at it.

For reflection . . .

How do I respond to the thought of stepping out in faith and following Jesus more closely? How do I react to the idea of embarking upon a noble goal with Jesus?

WHAT I AM IS GOD'S GIFT TO ME.

WHAT I BECOME IS MY GIFT BACK TO GOD.

ANONYMOUS

FROM VISION BY MARK LINK, SJ

A Prayer for the Body of Christ

Lord, we are not always the people we need to be. We are not always the Church we need to be. Time and again our wants override our call, our inadequacies cloud your message, our sins betray your Good News. When our failures pull us down, when our smallness hides your greatness, revive us with your call; renew us with your love. Remind us that we are still your people, your Body, your Church called to serve the world. Amen.

Carry this thought in your heart as a guide for your faith journey this week.

Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed.

Matthew 8:8

Words similar to these are used at Mass as the assembly's response to the invitation to communion.

Profile in Faith

The Centurion of Capernaum

Matthew (8:5–13), Luke (7:1–10), and John (4:46–54) all report Jesus' cure of the servant of a centurion who lived in Capernaum. This centurion was so sure of Jesus' power that he believed that Jesus could heal from afar. He believed that Jesus could be present, even when physically distant.

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JANUARY 23, 2011

Prayer, Praise and Sacrament

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY

4:30pm **Mass: *Sally Chapparo***, requested by John & Jeanne Swart

SUNDAY

8:00am **Mass: *Al Bousquet***, requested by Sally Bousquet

10:30am **Mass: *Rita Marquis***, requested by the Wellington Senior Center

TUESDAY

9:00am **Mass: *For an End to Abortion***

WEDNESDAY

9:00am **Mass: *For the People of the Parish***

THURSDAY

4:30-6pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, Living Room

7:00pm **Mass: *Placido & Maria Minnisale***, requested by Frank & Maria Neri

7:30pm **Intercessory Prayer**, Eucharistic Chapel

FRIDAY

9:00am **Mass: *For Peace in the World***

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY

4:30pm **Mass: *Maria Mercieri***, requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family

SUNDAY

8:00am **Mass: *Joseph Aiello***, requested by Frank & Maria Neri

10:30am **Mass: *Ernest Golnik, Sr.***, requested by Mary Kuhn

Meetings

SATURDAY

7:30pm **Narcotics Anonymous**, North Activity Rooms

SUNDAY - Fellowship before and after Mass

9:10am **Faith Formation, Grades 1-5**

6:15pm **Faith Formation, Grade 6 – Confirmation Prep**

7:30pm **Youth Group**

MONDAY OFFICES CLOSED

WEDNESDAY

8:00pm **Alcoholics Anonymous**, South Community Rooms

THURSDAY

10:00am **Bible Study**, South Community Rooms

7:30pm **Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book**, South Community Rooms

SATURDAY

7:30pm **Narcotics Anonymous**, North Activity Rooms

SUNDAY - Fellowship before and after Mass

9:10am **Faith Formation, Grades 1-5**

6:15pm **Faith Formation, Grade 6 – Confirmation Prep**

7:30pm **Youth Group**

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