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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”

You Are Important

Your participation in our Increased Weekly Giving Program is important. Please give prayerful consideration to Father's request for a reasonable increase in your weekly offering.

Attention:

Faith Formation Classes & Youth Group

ALL Faith Formation classes (morning and evening), as well as the Youth Group, will **NOT meet** today, **Sunday, October 9th** because of the Columbus Day Weekend.

Faith Formation classes for **grades K-8 will resume the following weekend at their regularly scheduled times.**

Youth Group News

Some members of the Youth Group will be going to **Lake Compounce** on **Sunday, October 16th** (rain date – **October 23rd**) for their annual Haunted Graveyard.

We will **leave Sacred Heart parking lot at 4pm.** If you plan on attending, please notify Rella and PLEASE remember to bring your forms.

Also, please note that we will **not be holding the Confirmation Preparation session on this evening and that Youth Group meeting will not be held.** We will resume the following Sunday, October 23rd at the regularly scheduled time.

The Deacon's Corner

O' GREAT SPIRIT

Whose voice I hear in the winds
all and weak. I need your strength and wisdom.

Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. Make my hands respect the things you have made and my ears sharp to hear your voice. Make me wise so that I may understand the things you have taught my people. Let me learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

I seek strength, not to be superior to my brother, but to fight my greatest enemy - myself. Make me always ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes, so when life fades, as the fading sunset, my spirit will come to you without shame.

american indian - lakota - chief yellow lark - 1887

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Silver and Gold Jubilee Anniversary Mass

Sunday, October 16, 2011 at 2p.m.

Inviting all couples married 25 & 50 years, also those celebrating a significant anniversary year, to participate in and renew your wedding vows in a Pontifical Mass which will be celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich. Family and friends are invited to share in this special testimony and witness to love and marriage. Light refreshments will be provided in the Cathedral Hall following the Mass. Please call your Rectory/Parish office to register for this beautiful Jubilee Anniversary Celebration. For information call Susan Williams at 860-889-8346 ext. 283 Office of Family Life. Sponsored by Annual Catholic Appeal.

What could be a big expense for our parish would be taking care of the gardens and grounds. Because of the volunteers who offer their time and talent our grounds look nice and don't add to our expenses. I offer sincere thanks to all those who have taken care of our grounds especially to Rich Bernabucci who mowed the lawn every week and to Larry Deraleau who, even on the hottest days, took care of the gardens and also to Arlene Furey and Ann Noel.

May all of you be blessed for your dedication.

Father Stan

PS – Would someone be willing to take down all of the weeds and growth around the pyramid? It will be greatly appreciated and will prevent us from being accused of blight.

If you are willing and able please just come and do it.

Thanks.

Our Mass Language is Changing

GLORIA
(the changed words are in **bold**)

All: Glory to God in the highest,
and **on earth peace to people
of good will.**

**We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your
great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God,
almighty Father.**

Lord Jesus Christ, **Only
Begotten Son,**
Lord God, Lamb of God, **Son
of the Father,**
you take away the **sins** of the world,
have mercy on us;
**you take away the sins of
the world, receive our prayer;**
you are seated at the right hand of
the Father, **have mercy on us.**

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Haiti Needs

Does anyone have any

Plastic Needlepoint Canvas

to donate to a boy in Haiti? He can do the most amazing things with it.

Haiti needs

Soap and Washcloths and Towels

Open House & Entrance Exam

Come visit **East Catholic High School** during our **Open House on Thursday, November 10 at 6:45pm.** The entrance exam for eighth graders will be given on **Saturday, December 3 at 8am** at East Catholic High School. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. Visit www.echs.com or call the Admission Office at 860-649-5336 extension 456 for more information.

Wisdom

The Sacred Heart Bible Study Group began opening up **The Book of Wisdom** on Friday October 7th. If you would like to join us please call Denice Jones @ 860-647-0159 to sign up.

Cornerstone Needs

Ed Keune at The Cornerstone Clothing Bank can use help sorting and hanging clothes. Call Ed at the Cornerstone - 860.871.1823 or email info@Cornerstone-Rockville.org

Thank You

Dear Father Stan and Parish Family,

Thank you for the gift of a Mass in honor of Chris.

He had been dealing with a chronic illness and fought a good fight. He is home now.

Sincerely,

Susan & Ryan McNally

Thank You

Dear Father Stan,

Thank you for your kind words and prayers. And thank you and the parish family for the Masses to be offered for Philip on November 12, 2011 and September 9, 2012.

God's grace has sustained all of us at this time, especially Aggie and Chuck.

Yours in Christ,

Carol White

Catholic Men's Conference

The 4th annual CT Catholic Men's Conference will be held on October 22, 2011 from 9 am to 6pm at St. Dominic Church in Southington. Speakers include Randy Raus, President of **Life Teen**. Tom Peterson, founder of **Catholics Come Home** will give us tested ideas on how to get Catholics back into our pews. Returning this year by popular demand is Doug Barry co host of EWTN's **Life on the Rock**. Deacon Paul Kulas, a member of the ACTS community will speak about getting involved in small church communities like ACTS and others. As in past years, the bishops of Connecticut and many priests will concelebrate the closing 5pm Mass. Confessions and adoration will be available throughout the day. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased on line at www.CTCatholicMen.org or by calling David Craig at 860 739 4607. Lunch is included this year in the price as well as free coffee, water, etc. Come join hundreds of CT Catholic men for this once a year event.

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 25:6–10A

Philippians 4:12–14, 19–20

Matthew 22:1–14

MONDAY

Luke 11:29–32

“... something greater than Solomon is here!”

TUESDAY

Luke 11: 37–41

“... inside you are full of greed and wickedness.”

WEDNESDAY

Luke 11:42–46

“Woe to you . . .”

THURSDAY

Luke 11:47–54

“... you have taken away the key of knowledge.”

FRIDAY

Luke 12:1–7

“Nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered . . .”

SATURDAY

Luke 12:8–12

“... everyone who acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man also will acknowledge . . .”

God Will Provide for All

While the reading from Isaiah 25 begins with fabulous banquet imagery, the focus of the reading is more on the reason for the celebration than on the feast itself. A great banquet is held because God has been victorious over sin and death. Where the people had been overcome with grief, God lifts their gloom and brings them again to happiness. It is God who provides everything.

In Philippians 4, Saint Paul makes this same point. Being ever the realist, Paul acknowledges that sometimes he has been well-fed and sometimes he has been hungry. But what he has learned from it all—“I have learned the secret,” he writes—is that he can do all things if he simply remembers that it is God who provides. And he can do nothing when he forgets this point.

Jesus’ parable about the invitations to the wedding feast, while cryptic, seems to emphasize that God continues

to invite us to partake in his feast, no matter how many times we reject him. Truly, God provides.

But, as is true for most of his parables, Jesus changes the story just enough to keep us from taking it for granted. What are we to make of the person who is cast out into the darkness because he isn’t wearing the proper garment?

As he does throughout the Gospel, Jesus proclaims a God who loves us beyond measure and beyond what we deserve. But he also proclaims that it isn’t enough for us simply to show up. We must also be prepared—have the right garment—to do what God demands of us.



The Faith of the Church

The Eucharist unites us with God and makes us one in the People of God, the Church. Through this sacrificial meal of bread and wine, God feeds us on the body and blood of his Son, Jesus Christ, and redeems us from our sins. In the Mass, the sacrifice of the cross that saves us from sin and death is made present in a sacramental way (Cf. *US Catholic Catechism for Adults*, Ch 17).



Questions of the Week

As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to bring the love of God to the world. How can we share this love with others this week?

Adults

What can I do this week to bring Christ to everyone that I meet?

Children

Who at my school or in my neighborhood most needs me to bring Christ’s love to them? What is one thing I can do to show them that God loves them?

Responding to God's Word . . .

Most Americans have missed a meal now and again, so we know what it is like to feel hunger pains. But how many of us *really* know what it means to be hungry, to be malnourished, to go days or weeks without adequate food and not know when we might eat again?

The answer to that question is shocking: according to U.S. government data, at least 50 million people in the United States and over a billion worldwide go hungry every day.

While we can trust completely that God will provide, we also must

remember that he counts on us, the People of God, to do our part to see that those who hunger are fed.

People suffer from all kinds of hungers. Some hunger for food or clean water; some for health or a safe, warm, and dry place to live; and some to be treated with dignity and respect. All of these hungers shape people's attitudes toward God. Will God provide for them or not?

Remember, how people perceive God is shaped by what they see us do and say. What will people think about our God based on our words and actions this week?

SUGGESTIONS

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

In the home. Agree as a family on one thing you can do this week to feed people who are hungry. Perhaps you can donate canned goods to the parish pantry or give up eating out this week and give the money you save to feed the hungry.

In the workplace or in school. Identify a co-worker or fellow student who seems to need encouragement. Help that person gain self-confidence.

In the community. Volunteer with a program to help feed those in need. Be willing to donate your time, talent, and treasure to make this effort a sign of God's presence.



Meditation Moment

The "cast of characters" in Jesus' parable of the wedding banquet is as follows:

- the king is God;
- the *wedding feast*, God's kingdom;
- the *first guests*, God's Chosen People;
- the *latter guests*, Gentiles and sinners.

For reflection . . .

Jesus' parable invites me to ask: To what extent am I responding to God's invitation to the wedding feast the way the first guests did: giving priority to my business rather than to the invitation?

CHRISTIANITY IS A BATTLE—NOT A DREAM.

WENDELL PHILLIPS

FROM *VISION* BY MARK LINK, SJ

We Sing Your Praises

We sing your praises Lord. Thank you for your generous love for us. Thank you for providing all that we need. We sing your praises Lord. Thanks for providing us with the Eucharist. Thank you for giving us a family of faith. We sing your praises Lord. Help us to give freely of what you have given us to feed those in need. Help us to be generous and compassionate to all who hunger for you. Amen.

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

I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret . . . I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:12–13

Profile in Faith

Blessed Carlos Manuel

Rodriguez (1918–1963) was born and raised in Puerto Rico.

He dedicated his life to feeding people with spiritual food, helping them to participate more fully in the Eucharist. He helped young adults to live out the liturgy and the mystery of Christ's death and Resurrection.

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OCTOBER 9, 2011

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY

4:30pm **Mass: *Millie Mae Poinatale***, requested by the
Sacred Heart Parish Family

SUNDAY

8:00am **Mass: For the People of the Parish**

10:30am **Mass: *Virginia Latulippe***, requested by the
Family

MONDAY

No Mass

TUESDAY

9:00am

Liturgy of the Word With Communion

WEDNESDAY

11:00am (At Welles Village) **Liturgy of the Word With
Communion**

THURSDAY

NO

Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00pm

Liturgy of the Word With Communion

7:30pm

Intercessory Prayer

FRIDAY

10:30am (At Vernon Manor) **Liturgy of the Word With
Communion**

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY

4:30pm **Mass: *Christopher McNally***, requested by the
Sacred Heart Parish Family

SUNDAY

8:00am **Mass: For the People of the Parish**

10:30am **Mass: *Connie Glennon***, requested by her
husband, Bob, - *and* -

Steven Michael Brown, requested by his
family

Meetings

SATURDAY

7:30pm

Narcotics Anonymous, North Activity Rooms

SUNDAY

NO

Fellowship before and after Mass

Faith Formation, Gr. K-Youth Group

MONDAY

OFFICES CLOSED

TUESDAY

OFFICES CLOSED

WEDNESDAY

8:00pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, South Community Rooms

THURSDAY

7:30pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book, South
Community Rooms

FRIDAY

10:00am

Bible Study, South Community Rooms

SATURDAY

7:30pm

Narcotics Anonymous, North Activity Rooms

SUNDAY

Fellowship before and after Mass

9:10-10:25am **Faith Formation**, Gr. K-5

6:15-7:30pm **Faith Formation**, Gr. 6-8

Youth Group at Lake Compounce

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

– BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Parents please call three months prior to baptism date for an appointment with a Pastoral Team member who will detail the program for parents.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY –

Couples planning to marry take part in marriage information program at least nine months prior to the wedding date.

FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS –

October through May
Call 875-4563 for information

MONTHLY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Oratory

The first Friday of each month
– 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

ROSARY – Oratory

Monday Thru Friday - 8:30 AM

INTERCESSORY PRAYER – Oratory

Thursday - 7:45 - 8:15 PM

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