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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.

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Storm Cancellations

When nasty weather strikes, our meeting and class cancellations are listed on television channel 3 (www.wfsb.com) and channel 30 (www.nbcconnecticut.com)

Information may also appear on our website (www.sacredheartchurch.net) if provided to us.

We do not announce cancellations on any radio stations.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

Sacred Heart wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

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Online Giving lets you go to www.sacredheartchurch.net at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office

The Deacon's Corner

PARADOX

I asked God for strength that I might achieve...

I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for health, that I might do greater things...

I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy...

I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men...

I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life...

I was given life, that I might enjoy all things,

I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I had hoped for
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered,

I am, among all, most richly blessed!

Our Mass Language is Changing

We used to sing:

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

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 the Father.

Amen.

But now we will sing:

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will. ¹

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, ²
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, ³
you alone are the Lord, ⁴
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Scripture References:

¹ "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests" (Lk 2:14). ² "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29). ³ "For you alone are holy" (Rev 15:4). ⁴ "Let them know that you alone, you whose name is the LORD, are the Most High over all the earth." (Ps 83:19).

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Our Mass Language is Changing

GREETING

Whenever the priest said

Priest: The Lord be with you.

We used to respond:

People: And also with you.

Now, whenever the priest says:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

We will respond:

People: **And with your spirit.**

Baptized into the Family of God

The following child was recently baptized into the Catholic Church:

Leo Dziadul, son of **Richard & Robyn**

We congratulate him and his parents and family. May God continue to pour out blessings on them.

Welcome to Sacred Heart!

Kelly Shepard and her daughter, **Raeann**, have recently registered with our parish. We welcome them and look forward to getting to know them better as we come together to worship our God.

Fundraiser – Help Needed

Volunteers are needed for a **bake sale to be held on November 19** to benefit our Fuel Fund.

For information please call Dolores Betti at 860-643-1164

Prayer Shawl Ministry

There will be a meeting on November 10 at 10am for anyone who is interested in joining a Prayer Shawl Ministry.

The meetings will be held once-a-month on Thursday mornings at 10am in the fellowship rooms. Questions? Call Dolores Betti at 860-643-1164.



41st Annual Saint Maurice Church Sleigh Bells Ring Christmas Fair

Saturday, November 19 from 9am to 3pm

Homemade Apple Pies & Baked Goods Handmade Dolls,
American Girl Clothes, Christmas Ornaments & Tree
Skirts, Fresh Holiday Evergreen Baskets — Quilt Raffle,
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School Open House

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.

At Holy Family Retreat Center

THE TWELVE STEPS AND PROMISES FOR EVERYONE Presenter: **Fr. John Powers, C.P. Saturday, November 12 10:00am – 5:00pm (includes lunch)** Fr. John will share how the Twelve Step program has helped him and can help you, non-addicts and addicts alike, find the experience, strength and hope to live one day at a time. The day will conclude with a Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. Offering: \$45 **ROLLER COASTER READY? FAITH, VALUES AND DISCIPLINE FOR THE TEENAGE YEARS** Presenter: **Rick and Fay Lenz Sunday, November 13 4:30 – 8:00p.m. (includes dinner)** This evening retreat is for anyone concerned about the physical wellbeing and the spiritual health of teenagers today. Parents, grandparents, friends, teachers, youth ministers, and relatives of teens are welcome to attend. Offering: \$35

Register online at www.holyfamilyretreat.org or send name, address and offering to: Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford, Ct 06107 860.521.0440

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

Wisdom 6:12–16
1 Thessalonians 4:13–18
Matthew 25:1–13

MONDAY

Luke 17:1–6
“Occasions for stumbling are bound to come . . .”

TUESDAY

Luke 17:7–10
“. . . we have done only what we ought to have done!”

WEDNESDAY*

John 2:13–22
“Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!”

THURSDAY

Luke 17:20–25
“. . . the kingdom of God is among you.”

FRIDAY

Luke 17:26–37
“Those who try to make their life secure will lose it . . .”

SATURDAY

Luke 18:1–8
“. . . will not God grant justice to his chosen ones . . . ?”

The Wisdom of Readiness

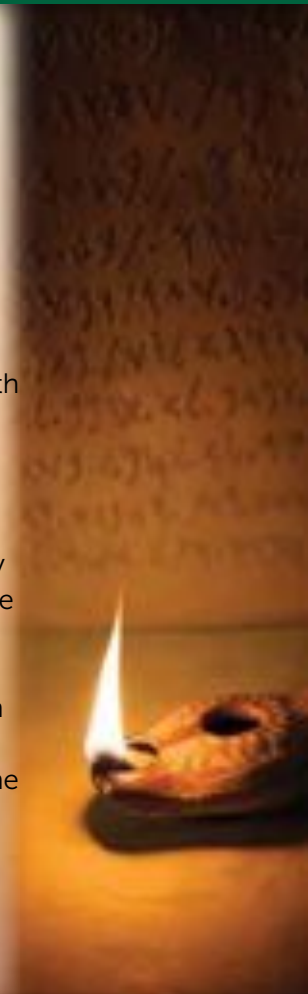
Today’s readings are fitting as the liturgical year comes to a close. To understand the depths of the parable of the wise and foolish virgins in the Gospel, it is important to understand the Palestinian wedding customs of Jesus’ day.

The whole village was invited to the ceremony. Negotiations between the groom and the bride’s father took hours and sometimes days. The more time involved, the more the bride was valued and treasured. Thus, an evening or midnight wedding was not out of the ordinary. Several virgins, chosen by the groom, were to stand ready to meet him and light his way to the ceremony and eventually the village banquet. The waiting bride would then be brought to the groom’s home and the week’s feasting would begin.

Unique to Matthew, this parable was probably meant to indicate that some were ready to accept the reign of God and others were not. Oral tradition and interpretations of the written Gospel further developed its meaning.

The wise virgins are ready with the oil of good works to light their lamps in welcome. The foolish virgins are unprepared and at the last minute try to remedy their situation. But they are too late, and the door to the banquet is locked.

Some say that Matthew used the parable as a reflection upon the end times. Allegorically, Christ is the bridegroom and the wedding feast is the heavenly banquet. The arrival time of Christ’s coming is unknown, but we should all be ready and waiting at all times.



The Faith of the Church

The reign of God is at hand, and we are called to watchfulness through prayer. In prayer, we are devoted to Jesus who dwells among us. Prayer is our communion with the One who gifted us with life. Through vigilance in prayer, we can stand up to temptation and evil, ready for the Risen Christ who will come again (Cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 2565, 2612).



Questions of the Week

Merely crying out “Lord, Lord!” is not enough to enter the banquet. And we mustn’t just wait for God to do something. Rather, we are to participate in helping to bring about God’s reign. We must use our gifts in the service of others, illuminated by the light of God’s presence.

Adults

What gifts do I bring to making the world a better place?

Children

How have my parents, grandparents, or teachers shown me God’s love?

*Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Responding to God's Word . . .

It is wise to be prepared in anticipation of Christ's coming. Yet, the second coming of Christ is not always forefront on our minds. Perhaps our perception of this event should not be confined to a single moment in time. Instead, we should consider all the ways Christ breaks through into human history and into our personal lives.

In our lifetime, the wall came down in Germany and the Soviet Union broke apart, freeing thousands of Eastern Europeans. The Second Vatican Council opened the windows of the Church, allowing the Holy Spirit to breathe forth a new vision. World

autocrats and dictators have been toppled by the courageous protests of the people. Christ comes again and again into the chaos, pain, and losses we experience in the world.

Today's parable calls us to reflect on how we can develop the wisdom that readies us for these Christ encounters. This wisdom calls us to further the reign of God through actions that spill over in love, actions that incorporate the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. We are called to use our gifts wisely and generously. We are commissioned for a full life of service, and we should expect the unexpected at all times.

SUGGESTIONS

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

In the home. Schedule a specific time each day for prayer and/or reflection on the Scriptures.

In the workplace or in school. Organize a food collection or meal delivery to help the hungry during the up-coming holidays.

In the community. In your parish, host a conversation on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Decide how your faith community can better encourage them.



Meditation Moment

Swiss psychiatrist Dr. Paul Tournier dates his conversion to a day when he chose to spend an hour praying. It proved to be a dry, painful experience. But when the hour was over, something told him to pray a bit longer. He did and ended up experiencing God's presence in a way that changed his life. It frightened him to think how close he had come to missing it.

For reflection . . .

Do I sometimes tend to shorten or prolong my period of prayer when it is a dry, painful experience?

IT IS BETTER TO BE PATIENT THAN POWERFUL. IT IS BETTER TO WIN CONTROL OVER YOURSELF THAN OVER WHOLE CITIES.

PROVERBS 16:32

FROM *VISION* BY MARK LINK, SJ

Guide Me and Prepare Me

Gracious
God, teach me to
reach out in love using
the gifts you have poured
into my being. Guide me as
I try to care for the spiritual and
physical needs of my neighbor.
Grant that I might discover ways
to feed the poor, clothe the naked,
quench the thirst of the parched,
shelter the homeless, and console
the grieving. Fill my spirit and
compel me to forgive those who
have wronged me, offer hope
to those in doubt, teach the
innocent, and pray for all
in need. In your wisdom
and grace, allow me to
work for the coming
of your reign.
Amen.

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

The highest form of wisdom is kindness.

The Talmud

Profile in Faith

Saint Agnes of Assisi

was the younger sister of Saint Clare. She joined Francis and Clare in forming the Order of the Poor Ladies. Agnes was known for her virtue, and eventually, she established several communities of women in northern Italy. All were dedicated to poverty and prayer.
Feast day: November 16.

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NOVEMBER 6, 2011

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY

4:30pm **Mass: Joseph Baranowski**, requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family

SUNDAY

8:00am **Mass: For the People of the Parish – and – For All Whose Names Are In the Book of Remembrance**

10:30am **Mass: Ed Kayan**, requested by his wife, Hilda, - and – **Harry Godi**, requested by his wife, Flo

MONDAY

No Mass

TUESDAY

9:00am **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**

WEDNESDAY

11:00am **Liturgy of the Word with Communion at Welles Village**

THURSDAY

LEO THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR
Sacrament of Reconciliation today

7:00pm **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**

7:30pm **Intercessory Prayer**

FRIDAY

MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP

10:30am **Liturgy of the Word with Communion at Vernon Manor**

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY

4:30pm **Mass: Philip White**, requested by the Sacred Heart Parish Family

SUNDAY

8:00am **Mass: Sam & Sammy Marino**, requested by their family – and –

For the People of the Parish

10:30am **Mass: George, Sr., Madeline & George, Jr. Germain**, requested by Helen Jakielo

Meetings

SUNDAY

Fellowship before and after Mass

9:10-10:25am

Faith Formation, Gr. K-5

6:15-7:30pm

Faith Formation, Gr. 6-8

6:15-8:45pm

Conf Prep & Youth Group

MONDAY

OFFICES CLOSED

7:30pm

Finance Council, Living Room

WEDNESDAY

8:00pm

Alcoholics Anonymous, South Community Rooms

THURSDAY

7:00pm

1st Reconciliation Parents, Parish House Living Rm

7:30pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book, South Comm Rms

FRIDAY

OFFICES CLOSED

10:00am

Bible Study, South Community Rooms

SATURDAY

7:30pm

Narcotics Anonymous, North Activity Rooms

SUNDAY

Fellowship before and after Mass

Faith Formation, Gr. K-5, Faith Formation, Gr. 6-8,

Conf Prep & Youth Group

- Undecided at press time -

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

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– 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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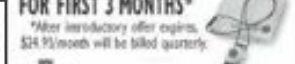
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