Sacred Heart Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community



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Liturgical Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 P.M.
Sunday: 8:00 A.M. and 10:15 A.M.

Daily Mass Schedule
8:00 A.M. (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)

Holy Days:
8 a.m. & 12:10 p.m..

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 3:30 P.M.- 4:15 P.M.
or anytime by appointment.

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Stewardship: The Gift you have been given, give as a gift (Mt 10:8)

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time — Sunday, November 8, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 7 ***32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time***
4:30 p.m. Alfred, Ethel, and Matthew Melanson
By The Melanson Family

Sunday, November 8 ***32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time***
8:00 a.m. Vincent Chidozie & Family
By Vincent Chidozie

10:15 a.m. Bernadette Frasier
By Janete Harwell

Monday, November 9 ***The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica***
8:00 a.m. Intention available

Tuesday, November 10 ***St. Leo the Great***
8:00 a.m. Intention available

Wednesday, November 11 ***St. Martin of Tours***
No Morning Mass

Thursday, November 12 ***St. Josaphat***
8:00 a.m. Intention available

Friday, November 13 ***St. Frances Xavier***
8:00 a.m. Intention available

Saturday, November 14 ***33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time***
4:30 p.m. Irene Owens
By Chris & Tom Owens

Sunday, November 15 ***33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time***
8:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

10:15 a.m. The O'Connor & Burg families
By Patty Brecker



ADORATION

Join us at 6:00 p.m. on ***Tuesday, November 10th*** for Adoration and the Rosary. There will also be adoration on Friday, ***November 13th*** from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

GIVING TREE HELP!



Each year, we help various organizations with our giving tree. On Thursday, November 19th at 11:00 we are looking for help making the ornaments. If you are able, please join us in Fr. Picher Hall. (Please bring scissors).



SACRED HEART BOOK CLUB

The next gathering of the book club will be on Wednesday, November 18th at 1:30 p.m. in room 3. This month the group is reading "This is your Brain on Music" by Daniel Levitin. In this groundbreaking union of art and science, rocker-turned-neuroscientist Daniel J. Levitin explores the connection between music—its performance, its composition, how we listen to it, why we enjoy it—and the human brain.

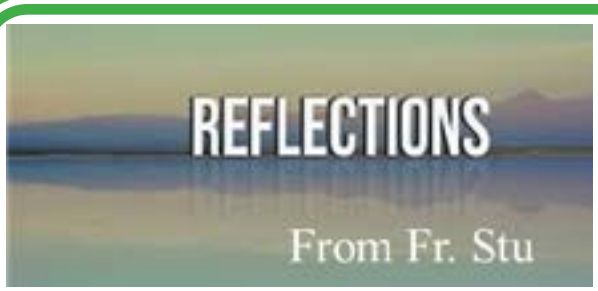
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Visting Clergy
November 19th, 23rd, 24th **-Fr. Richard Roy**
November 20th, 21st**-Archbishop Blair**
November 22nd **- Fr. Mark Jette**

Christ the King Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, November 22nd
after the 8 and 10:15 Masses
Host: Northwest Catholic Students



Thanksgiving Day Mass
November 26th - 9AM



(Here is a summary of Fr. Stu's homily from last weekend.)

Awhile back, there was a documentary movie entitled Sacred Alaska depicting the history of the Russian Orthodox Church in Alaska. It focused on an indigenous village in the outskirts that was struggling with issues of addiction and other daily hardships. One of the elders interviewed, a devoted Christian, said that when he wakes up, he's thankful that each day is a gift from God.

There was also a woman named Olga, a faith-filled widow. She was a midwife and a traditional healer, reminding us that saints are everyday people who share their gifts in the ways they can. The only people who knew about Olga's generous ways before she passed were those who benefited from her down-to-earth wisdom and support as she knit hundreds of pairs of socks and freely gave them away while welcoming anyone who needed a helping hand or words of support. An Orthodox priest said "she did what God called her to do. Indeed, saints are those who do the work God has given them."

Each year on All Saints Day, we hear Jesus share the beginning of his Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's gospel. These words of blessing, beatitudes of the Kingdom of God, were meant to inspire the disciples around him to find hope in their everyday lives. Unlike the Ten Commandments with their "Thou shall not" approach, the Beatitudes are the Lord's vision of how to draw closer to God in the strains and blessings of everyday life. When we feel poor in spirit, mourn a loss, strive to be meek and gentle and try to be a person of peace, we sense God's presence, a touch of grace that inspires and sustains us. And, as our second scripture reading for the Feast points out, we become more like Christ in the process. First John tells us that we are all sisters and brothers who are moving towards the blessings that await us at the end of our lives. But in the meantime, we are learning more about who we can be, the possibilities that can shape us to be blessed followers of Jesus.

And as the first reading from the Book of Revelation points out, we don't do it alone. When the seer John gets caught up in a mystical vision of the heavenly chorus made up of people from every place on earth, he is struck by their variety and common purpose. As he tries to understand their meaning, one of the angelic elders tells him that they have washed their robes clean in the sacrificial ways of the Lamb, the Risen One who sustained them in their trials and now fills them with joy praising God together. They are a heavenly community, a communion of saintly folks who pray for us and model the way of walking together in Christ.

Our recent financial report for the past year emphasizes this common pilgrimage as a Catholic parish. Following on the heels of our recent stewardship initiative, when we embraced anew our mission to share our gifts from God of time, talent and treasure, our financial resources are part of our call to tend to the needs of our parish while reaching out to care for others in need. The past year we were a bit short on our offertory budget but due to the generosity of many now and from years past, we were able to utilize our endowment to meet our yearly parish expenses. The many snowy days from last winter surpassed the amount we budgeted for snow removal, and the increase in the group insurance rate for all the clergy in the diocese – active and retired – also exceeded the total we estimated. But in the end, we had a 12K surplus due to the commitment of so many in our parish as we continued to serve the needy and support other ways of Gospel care. As we move though the coming months of our new fiscal year, the sacrificial, faithful ways of being stewards of Christ will continue to mark our devotion to the Lord as the heavenly ones pray for us.

Last year, Olga of Alaska was made a saint in the Russian Orthodox Church, the first woman from North America. In the icon that was created to mark her canonization, she is shown wearing her midwife clothing, holding a bowl of water with a towel over her shoulder ready to do her work. It's a reminder to all of us that trying to be beatitude saints and followers of our servant Lord means doing the work that God has called us to do.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly:	$4,918.00
On-line:	$ 905.00
Total Received:	$5,823.00
Budgeted:	$5,000.00

Thank you!

A MESSAGE FROM POPE LEO

Faith in Christ tells us that our bond with the faithful departed is not broken, but transformed. Through our prayers for the repose of their souls, we accompany our loved ones toward full communion with the Lord, of which we already have a true foretaste here, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Inspired by this faith filled with hope, let us continue our earthly journey, awaiting the day when the Lord will wipe away every tear.



DINNER CLUB

Help us celebrate 50 years! We are hoping to get 50 new members!

Join today and maybe next year, you can be one of our big winners!

As of Friday, November 6th we have

21

New Members!

We welcome to our Dinner Club:

Jake, Katherine and Rafael Battle
Rev. George Couturier
Freddy Cruz
Kathleen Davis
Theresa Emery
Rian Grimmer
Mary Ann and Bob Kalinowski
David & Constanza O'Brien
Jim Pudelka
Amy Ranallo
Kathy & Jerry Spitler
Helene Stech
Tony & Jennifer Tubliola
Kathy Wentworth
Cathy Williams

Thank you!

29 more to go!

To join, please call, email or fill out the membership form found at the entrance of the church or online. Dues are $180 per year. We can't wait to welcome you!

CARDS ANYONE!

IT'S WHIST TIME!
(and of course dessert time!)

Our annual card party will be held on Saturday, November 14th at 6:00 p.m. and we hope you will be part of the fun!

Whist is a classic English trick-taking card game that was widely played in the 18th and 19th centuries. Although the rules are simple, there is scope for strategic play. The game takes its name from the 17th-century word whist (or wist) meaning quiet, silent, attentive, which is the root of the modern wistful.

For those who have never played, it is easy to learn. For those who play cards, the game is similar to "Hearts".

Come join the fun! Tickets are on sale in the parish office and after all Masses this weekend. Tickets are $5.00 per person and include a fun evening with a special dessert!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes for grades Kindergarten through 9th have begun. Please contact our religious education coordinator Doris Battle is you have any questions: doris_battle@hotmail.com.

THANKSGIVING PANTRY REQUEST



We have been asked to try to collect 400 shelf stable pie crusts (oreo, graham cracker) and boxes of pudding for a thanksgiving dessert for the Cathedral Food pantry. We need everyone's help to get this done! Please drop your donations in the boxes at the entrance to the church.