



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

Welcome to all visitors and parishioners!

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The First Sunday of Lent, Year B



Jesus in the Desert by Kramskoi

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Parish Mission Statement

We, the faith community of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, in striving to be like Christ, are committed to living the Gospel by participating in the Sacraments, promoting spiritual growth and religious education, and being an example of His Eucharistic love.

MASS TIMES

Saturday
Reconciliation 3:30PM - 4:30PM
Mass 5:00 PM
Sunday Mass
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM,
1:00 PM (Misa en Español)

Holy Days

7:00 AM, 12 Noon and 6:30 PM

A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

Lent is a sacred and special time of the year to renew oneself spiritually and draw closer to God. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has called us to embrace this Lent as a journey in which “God leads us through the desert to freedom.”

At the beginning of His earthly ministry, Jesus was called out into the desert by the Holy Spirit. In fact, the Scriptures tell us he was “driven by the Spirit.” In that desert place, Our Lord was separated from every daily convenience of life...no shelter, no food, no chit-chat, no entertainments, nothing. It is in this place, however, that we hear that the angels, God’s messengers, came to minister to Him. What we learn from this is that when we keep a good Lent, in some fashion stripping away all the unnecessary complications we cultivate in our lives, we can encounter God in a new way.

As we move into that “desert place” our attachments become clear and what we find might look different for each Christian. Pope Francis has pointed out that with the violence, poverty, and oppression that so many suffer in this world that there seems to be a “deficit of hope” in our world. It is the Christian who is called to be an apostle of hope.

Pope Francis exhorts us: The exodus from slavery to freedom is no abstract journey. If our celebration of Lent is to be concrete, the first step is to desire to open our eyes to reality. When the Lord calls out to Moses from the burning bush, he immediately shows that he is a God who sees and, above all, hears: “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey” (Ex 3:7-8). Today too, the cry of so many of our oppressed brothers and sisters rises to heaven. Let us ask ourselves: Do we hear that cry? Does it trouble us? Does it move us? All too many things keep us apart from each other, denying the fraternity that, from the beginning, binds us to one another.

Let us each pray with great intensity this Lent for those who suffer. In our parish, there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross at 5:30 and Benediction at 6pm each Friday. There will be penance service on March 14th at 6pm for those who have not yet made their good confession for Lent. These simple things, above all the prayer and adoration of the Lord, will help us realize more deeply the gifts of Faith, Hope, and Love. Invite a friend and pray in unity and solidarity for our whole people!

Heartfelt blessings to you all!

Fr. John

The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on “almsgiving,” which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is “a witness to fraternal charity” and “a work of justice pleasing to God.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2462).



**Scout Troop 6
Scout Sunday**



**Family Christian Movement
Valentine's Dance**



Immaculate Heart of Mary
Parish Life Center Pledged: \$526,765.20
Total Collected Last Week: \$175,265.00
Total Collected Overall: \$585,073.00

Tossed and Found
Total Sales: \$10,400.00

All proceeds benefit the building fund.



Second collection for Black and Indian Missions



This Week

Monday

St. Hildegard's Health and Wellness group will meet at 10am

Tuesday

Choir Practice 6:00pm-church
 Scouts 6:00pm-8:00pm-Activity Center

Wednesday

Religious Education Night-6pm

Friday

Adoration-Exposition 8am
 Stations of the Cross 5:30pm
 Benediction 6:00pm
 Knights of the Columbus Fish Fry 5pm-7pm

Property Donation



This past summer, our parish was the recipient of a generous donation of property by one of our parishioners. The property sold last month and we were able to deposit \$169,000.00 to the parish life center fund.

Grass Cutting Ministry



It's time to sign up to be a member of the grass cutting team! If interested please contact the church office.



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Week One | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  IGNATIUS PRESS

Penance Service

Thursday, March 14th
6:00 pm

Congratulations



To Darrin and Allison Wood on the baptism of their daughter Gabriella Marie Wood

Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 17th

5pm-----+Matt Pepe

Sunday, February 18th

9 am ----- +Nathan Powers

11am -----+Joan Cheatwood

1 pm ----- Parish Family

(Misa en Español)

Tuesday, February 20th

7am----- Ida Jo Pilletary

Wednesday, February 21st

7am----- Sharon Truce

Thursday, February 22nd

7 am ----- Tram Tren

10 am -----Roberta Fippen

Friday, February 23rd

7 am ----- +Lois Taffee

Saturday, February 24th

5 pm ----- +Leo Elmore

Sunday, February 25th

9 am -----Parish Family

11am -----+Leo Elmore

1 pm ----- +Guadalupe Morales

(Misa en Español)

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Feb 24th and 25th

Lectors

5 pm ----- Allen Smith

9 am -----Teresa Kauffman

11 am ----- Nan Estes

Eucharistic Ministers

5 pm ----- Sally Smith

9 am ----- Yvonne Boothe

9 am (choir) ----- Robie Grana

11 am-----Shari Doyal

Ushers

5 pm -- Tim and Donna Barton

9 am ---Pat Quillian, Kenny Steppe

11am ----Kim and Ron Johnson

Sacristans

5 pm ---- Kristen Neu, Susan Watson

9 am ----Laura Pratt, Matt Graessle

11am---Glori H Whitaker, Kelly Matson

Hospitality

5 pm -----Kristen Neu

9 am ----- Suzanne Johnson

11am -----Margaret Roberts

Hospital Ministry

Feb 20th-26th-----Gina Reaves

Feb 27th-March 4th--Toni Zinn

Mass Attendance

January 27th-28th

5:00 pm-----183

9:00 am -----210

11:00 am -----185

1:00 pm -----461

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

Feb. 24th &25th, 2024

2nd Sunday of Lent

GN. 22: 1-2, 9a,10-13, 15-18

Psalm 116:10, 15-19

Romans 8: 31b-34

Mk 9:2-10

Weekly Offertory

Offertory:\$7,803.00

Online:\$1,197.88

Total Collected:9,000.88

Building Fund:\$5,515.00

Online:\$570.00

Total Collected:6,265.00

Online Giving

You can make your offertory gift by scanning the QR code which links directly to our online giving website.

SCAN ME!



Lord Jesus, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a
sinner.

Prayer Requests

Cathy Little, Kitty Moore, John Winn, Migdalia Santiago, Chris Giamer, Jim Roberts, Andrew Wackerle, Teresa Atkins, Greg Bavonese, Nan Estes, Carolyn Brouillette, Isabela Gomez, Telly & Michelle Munn, Robert Pate, Janet Reese, Brenda Marcelino, Connie & Everett Pollard, Bobby Yates, Lillian Jennings, Jessica Haas, Benny & Marilyn Holderfield, Gail Foster, Cirilo Vizcaya, Stephanie Velasquez, Dan and Judy Myers, Rita Lindsey, Janet Griffin, Brandon Mancillas, Alex Navarro, Elizabeth-Anne Heathcock, Diane Seales, Debbie Buzan, Julianne & Oliver Semmes, Tom Beam, Sharon Coverstone, Chris Warden, Michael Ingram, Sandie Pasquinelli, Bob Anderson, Allison Doyal, Sandy Demarois, Sheri Ballard, Mark Scheuring, Beverley Pletcher, JoAnn Nelson, Manuel Becerra Acevedo

Our Holy Father's Prayer Intention



"The mass seems long when your devotion is short."

-Traditional Proverb

For the terminally ill.

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

