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FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

Dear Parishioners,

June 23rd we will be celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart at 8:30 a.m. The devotion to the heart of Jesus has a long history in the tradition of the church. The heart has always been a symbol that is most powerful. The ancients thought that the heart was the center of all emotion, wisdom and life. The brain was not seen as all that important. Of course, people hundreds of years ago did not know what we know about anatomy. They did know that when someone died the heart stopped beating.

Since the heart was thought to be the most important organ in the body, the wounded heart was a potent symbol. In the gospels, we hear how a soldier thrust a lance into the heart of Jesus at the end of his crucifixion. Water and blood flowed out of the chest cavity. Jesus' heart was broken along with the rest of his body out of love for the world.

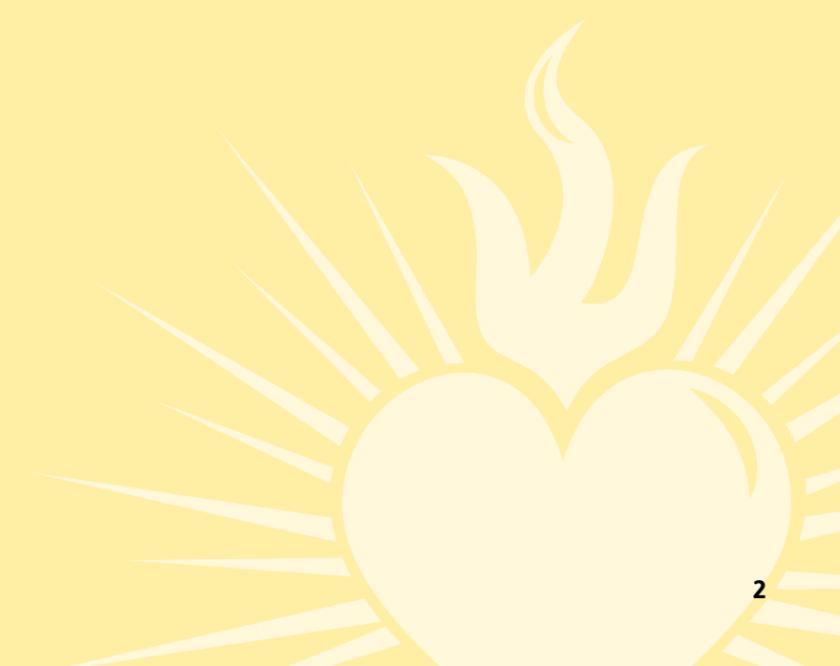
There was a long struggle in the history of the church to establish a feast day in honor of the Sacred Heart. Debates went on for hundreds of years as to whether it was a good idea or not to have devotion to the Sacred heart, but in 1899 Pope Leo the XIII consecrated the world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This act seemed to give the devotion to the Sacred Heart new energy. The French Church advocated forcefully for a Feast in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

When our parish began at the beginning of the 20th century I am sure that Fr. Culemans and others were inspired by the renewed emphasis on devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. For that reason, they named the new Belgium parish in Moline Sacred Heart. Many new Sacred Heart parishes were started in our country at a time of great growth for Roman Catholicism in America.

The Sacred Heart is a powerful symbol of the love of God. It speaks of our Lord's mercy toward all of us as we struggle with the problems of this life. Certainly, as we leave the winter and spring behind and move into the summer months it is good to rest in the Lord and it is important always for each of us to reflect on the Love of God. This is a very reassuring spiritual exercise. I hope many of you come to pray on our parish feast day.

Enjoy your summer.

Fr. Mark DeSutter,
Pastor



VBS: TOTALLY CATHOLIC MAKER FUN FACTORY: CREATED BY GOD, BUILT FOR A PURPOSE!

We are so excited for our Vacation Bible School theme this year, it is the Totally Catholic Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, built for a purpose! The camp will be July 10-14 from 8:30AM to 12PM. It is for children in Pre-K through 5th grade. 6th grade to 100 years young are needed as volunteers. Anything from helping with snacks, leading groups, making crafts, and many more.

Sacred Heart participants look forward to two unique opportunities! Sacred Heart students have a time for prayer, in the St. Francis Chapel, every day. They also learn about a new Saint every day, so they can see how our theme connects to people they have heard about in Sunday School or at Seton.

Another amazing opportunity our students will have is working with Catholic Relief Services to learn, and donate if they would like, about underprivileged countries that need clean water. Our games will focus and use a lot of water to show kids how lucky we are as a city, and a nation, to be able to not only have enough water to drink, cook, and shower; but, also to play in. Any donations the children bring in, even pennies, will go to Peru. This year Catholic Relief Services focusing on Peru because of devastating floods throughout the country that have led the people to have even LESS access to clean water than normal. To give an example of how bad the floods were, imagine the Mississippi river reaching up to the I-74 bridge, but a road and homes underneath that bridge.

The children will also learn they will built by God for a purpose, no matter if that means at singing, being kind to others, or any other talent they have. Not only that God created them for that purpose, but He made them with love and that He wants



us to share that Love with the world. If you are interested in signing your child up you can register online at <https://sacredheartmoline.coursetorm.com/> or print a copy registration at <http://sacredheartmoline.org/parish-life/religious-education/> the cost for each child is \$35 with a family max of \$100. We hope to see you there!

Lastly, we need financial help. Some of our families struggle financially. To put on an exceptional Vacation Bible School for 100-150 youth, we need a lot of snacks and supplies. Even if you no longer have children at home, would you consider supporting us financially. Any amount would help! Envelopes will be available at all exits of the Church and you can just drop it in the collection basket. If you have further questions contact Ivy Padula at 309-762-2362 ext. 210 or at her e-mail at ivygoes2church@gmail.com.

SECOND HAND SALE IS FAST APPROACHING!

This year's Second Hand Sale is fast approaching. We hope you have been setting items aside to help fill our hall. If you haven't started going through your attic or your basement yet, there is no time like the present. Don't forget your garage and your closets. You never know where you may find some of those treasures that you forgot about and someone else would love to be its proud new owner. Even if you don't have time to clean out your closets, you will want to stop by our sale to see what you can find. From clothing for all ages and sizes, to dishes, toys, curtains, rugs, shoes, books, Christmas and other holiday, glassware and jewelry. You are bound to find something you can't live without. Bookman's Boutique is back this year and you can always find something special in their room, like collectables, china, and crystal. You will need to stop by to see what finds they have in there. The kitchen will be busy making sure you have all the 'fuel' you need to be able to get through all of the rooms in hall. So be sure to stop and get something to eat. And always, we have Martha's Bakery. She will have items sold by the each and even some things that can be purchased whole that you can serve your family or your guests that are stopping by that weekend. I would like to tell you the calories have been removed, but I would need to go to confession right away. Her table is worth the stop.

All of the proceeds from this sale will be put towards the upkeep of the Fellowship Hall.

The drop off dates for the sale are as follows:

- June 3 – 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**
- June 4 – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
- June 5 – 7 – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

The sale dates are June 8, 9 and 10. Please note the hours of the sale are changing this year. We hate to not give an equal opportunity to all of our parishioners. So new this year is an Early Bird sale on Thursday, June 8th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be no sale in the morning on June 8th. But the doors

will open as normal on Friday, June 9th at 8:00 a.m. and will be open until 4:00 p.m. Don't forget us on Saturday as our famous \$2 a bag sale will begin at 8:00 a.m. and continue until noon. Everything you can fit in a grocery sack will only be \$2. If it doesn't fit in the sack, it will be ½ price. The exception to this is anything that can be found in the Bookman's Boutique and the bake sale. The Bookman's Boutique will all be ½ price.

If you have been to our sale in the past, you know it takes a lot of work from many of our parish volunteers to make this happen. We need help on all of the drop off dates, to help people empty their cars and then to sort through all of the donations. We can definitely use some muscle on those days. During the sale we need people to work in the different departments to help customers and to help make sure the merchandise is organized. If you have not helped us out before, I hope this will be the year you decide to join us. I am sure you will have fun, you will be tired, but you will have fun. There are many types of jobs that need to be done, so I am sure we can find a way to put your talents to use. There will be many ways to sign up to help. Watch the bulletin or the doors of the church for forms where you can get a form to fill out for your availability. There will also be sign-up sheets in the front vestibule of the church. If you misplace your volunteer sheet, you can always contact Connie Morris and she will be sure to add you to the volunteer list.

If you'd like to volunteer or help out please contact Connie Morris at sixverybusypeople@mchsi.com or (309) 799-5865. There will also be sign-up sheets in the front vestibule of the church. If you misplace your volunteer sheet, you can always contact Connie Morris and she will be sure to add you to the volunteer list.

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POPE FRANCIS: ALWAYS JOYFUL WHEN SEEING YOUNG PRIESTS

Recently Pope Francis spoke with the Vatican department in charge of priests, saying he is always happy when he sees young priests, because they are important for Christ and represent the youthful face of the Church.

“I am always joyful when I meet young priests, because in them I see the youth of the Church,” the Pope said June 1. He pointed to various young biblical figures, such as David, who was not presented by his father as a potential king because of his young age, and the prophet Jeremiah, who thought that he was too young for the mission the Lord entrusted to him. Speaking directly to young priests, Francis said “you are chosen, you are dear to the Lord! God looks at you with the tenderness of a Father and, after making your heart fall in love, will not let your steps waver.”

“You are important in his eyes and he has confidence that you will be at the height of the mission to which you have been called,” he said, stressing that it’s important for young priests to find pastors and bishops “who encourage them in this perspective, and not only wait for them because there is need for a replacement and to fill empty places!”

Pope Francis spoke to members of the Congregation for Clergy currently participating in their plenary assembly. The gathering takes place just six months after the promulgation of the congregation’s new “Ratio Fundamentalis,” the Vatican’s document on priestly formation, which was released Dec. 7, 2016.

This document, Francis said, “speaks of integral formation, capable of including all aspects of life; and so it indicates the path to form the missionary disciple. A fascinating and demanding path.” In reflecting on the fascinating and demanding aspects of this path, the Pope said he immediately thought of young priests, who “live the joy of the beginning of ministry and, together, feel the weight.”

A young priest, he said, “lives between the enthusiasm of the first projects and the anxiety of apostolic fatigue, in which they immerse themselves with a certain fear, which is a sign of wisdom.” While the joy and strength of his recent anointing is acutely felt, the new priest’s shoulders gradually become “burdened” by the weight of the responsibility of his various pastoral commitments and the expectations of his flock, the Pope observed. “How does a young priest live all this? What does he carry in his heart? What does he need so that his feet, which run to bring the joyful

announcement of the Gospel, are not paralyzed in front of the fear of the first difficulties?” the Pope asked. He noted that young people today are frequently judged “a bit superficially, and are too easily labeled as a ‘liquid’ generation, deprived of passions and ideals.”

Consistent prayer is essential in the life of a priest “because we can be fishers of men only if we first recognize that we have been ‘caught’ by the tenderness of the Lord,” he said. Like the fishermen of Galilee who dropped their nets and followed Jesus, priests have also left behind their own personal plans in order to take up their own nets and “catch” the faithful entrusted to them, the Pope said, adding that “if we are not strictly linked to (the Lord), our fishing will never be successful.”

To live in harmony in prayer, work and rest “represents a precious resource to face apostolic fatigues,” Francis said, stressing that “every day we need to stop ourselves, putting ourselves in a position to listen to the Word of God and to pause in front of the tabernacle.” A priest, Pope Francis said, can never “feel satisfied” or let go of a certain “healthy apprehension that makes him stretch out his hands to the Lord” in order to be trained and fulfilled.

He told priests to always “be open to the surprises of God,” adding that with this openness to what is new, young priests especially “can be creative in evangelization, frequenting with discernment the new places of communication, where faces, stories and the questions of people are met, developing the ability to socialize, to relate and to announce the faith.” Finally, Francis pointed to the need to share with one’s heart, because “priestly life is not a bureaucratic office nor a collection of religious or liturgical practices to get through.”

To genuinely share their experiences “means having a heart full of passion and compassion, above all toward youth,” the Pope said, adding that these three qualities imply the priestly life is lived by “looking up and thinking big.”

“It’s not an easy task, but one can full trust in the Lord, because He always precedes us on the journey!” he said, and asked for Mary’s intercession and guidance.

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- Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.
- Daily Masses (M-F): 6:30, 8:30 a.m.
- Our Friday Mass, when school students are present is at 9:00 a.m. instead of 8:30am, unless otherwise noted in the parish bulletin
- Saturday Morning: 8:30 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday: 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. and by appointment, call 762-2362.

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

(St. Francis Chapel)

- Wednesday: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- First Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

