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HOLIDAYS & PLANNING

Dear Parishioners,

It is the holidays! Can it really be that time again? The years just keep rolling by. As I get to the end of the calendar year, like all of you, I reflect on my life and what went on in the past.

It has been nine and a half years since I became pastor at Sacred Heart. Most of my predecessors were here longer. But today, nine years is considered a long pastoral tenure. The universal church's circumstances have changed and continue to change.

Therefore, the Peoria Diocese is engaged in a study of parishes and institutions. The *Growing Disciples* pastoral planning process is looking at whether parishes can be consolidated so the Church might be better served. The vocation crisis continues to become more acute. The number of priests continues to decline. Things can change rapidly, but there must be an attempt to look to the future.

The diocesan planning will take place over the next two and a half years and recommendations will be made as to how we move forward. Presently, there are five parish representatives recruited from each church community who will give input. Wider consultation takes place in the upcoming months.





ORDINATION OF MATT MARTEL AND MIKE MAYNARD

Join us on Saturday, December 3, at 9:30 a.m. in the Audio-Visual Room of Culemans Memorial Hall to watch the Ordination of Matt Martel and Mike Maynard. This is an exciting time for our parish as we will be gifted with two extraordinary men who have studied for almost six years to get to this day. Let us gather as a parish family to pray and support our soon-to-be Deacons.

On Sunday, December 4th, Deacon Matt and Deacon Mike will assist at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Following Mass, a reception in their honor will be held in Culemans Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to take part in this exciting day filled with grace, holiness, and anticipation.

For more information, please call the parish office, (309) 762-2362.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We are excited to celebrate Sister Kathleen with a retirement event planned for her on Sunday, January 8th. Watch the bulletins and January Heartbeat for further details.

As we get more information I plan to share it with everyone. The Catholic Leadership Institute is leading this effort. I encourage everyone to pray that the best decisions possible will be made and that the Holy Spirit will guide our efforts.

I wish all of you a happy Advent-Christmas season. I thank all of you for your kindness to me and for being so generous to the parish. If we always share our gifts we will make it through even the most difficult of times. There will be many wonderful liturgies at Sacred Heart during this season. Please come and pray with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Blessings,

Fr. Mark,
Pastor

ADVENT VESPERS

Sacred Heart has a long tradition of having an Advent Vespers service. The service takes place on Sunday afternoons in December. Together we sing evening prayer and have a spiritual reflection. This year the services will happen on December 4th, 11th, and 18th. Evening prayer starts at 4:00 p.m. in the church.

- December 4 - Katie Young
- December 11 - Sister Bobbi Bussan
- December 18 - Christie Coverdill

Each service lasts about a half hour. Advent is a time of prayerful preparation. As the Christmas rush unfolds, please consider coming together to pray with the parish community.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is “a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.” At Sacred Heart, we offer person-to-person service to members of our parish or citizens of Moline. Thanks to our generous donors, we assist people within our boundaries with a one-time financial need.

As we go into this holiday season, please keep those in need in your prayers and consider donating to our mission. You can contribute by placing your donation in an envelope marked “St. Vincent de Paul” and dropping it in the collection basket at Mass.

If you need assistance from our parish Society of St. Vincent de Paul, please contact the Lee Parish Center at (309) 762-2362. If you have questions about our mission, please contact Angie Rule at (309) 236-7009.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

- 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass *PLEASE NOTE Time change

Thursday, December 8, 2022

- 6:30 a.m. (No 8:00 a.m.)
- 10:15 a.m. School Mass
- 6:00 p.m.

Advent Communal Penance Service

Monday, December 19, 2022

- 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 2022

- No 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass or 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 4:00 p.m. Mass | Choir: Children's Choir (Carols begin at 3:45 p.m.)
- 6:00 p.m. Mass | Choir: Sacred Sounds (Carols begin at 5:45 p.m.)
- 10:00 pm Mass | Choir: Cantor Mass (Carols begin at 9:45 p.m.)

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25, 2022

- 7:00 a.m. Mass | Cantor
- 10:00 a.m. Mass | Cantor

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, December 31, 2022 (New Year's Eve)

- 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass
- 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation
- 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass | Cantors Pami Triebel and Cheryl Bolt

Sunday, January 1, 2023 (New Year's)

- 7:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:15 a.m. Mass
- 11:00 a.m. Mass

GATHERING CENTER

Each day, we get farther along in our new Gathering Center. We are excited that we are ahead of schedule. God has blessed us with wonderful weather this summer. Much of the outside work is complete, and the men are inside moving the rooms along. Be sure to watch our Facebook Page as we continue to add pictures to the video that shows our progress from the very beginning of this undertaking.



Our covered entrance takes shape over our newly poured ramp.



Southwest facing windows open up to a view of Seton Catholic School.



Exterior lighting now illuminates the east side of the Gathering Center in addition to our parking lot.

COOKIE WALK

Our 2022 Cookie Walk is on Saturday, December 10th! We can't wait to see all of the wonderful cookies and candies that you are baking for our sale this year. Please drop your goodies off at Culemans Fellowship Hall on Friday, December 9th, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Use the north doors to enter the building.

The sale on Saturday, December 10th, is from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or until we are sold out, whichever comes first. The cookies and most candies are \$8 per pound. The breads are priced separately. Arrive early to shop all those edible sweets. Sacred Heart is known for our Belgian Cookies, in addition to the other holiday fare, so we hope our Belgian bakers are ready to get their 'irons' heated up. Coffee Corner is back again, so please stop by and visit a spell. The Sacred Heart Quilting Ministry is joining the fun with their beautiful quilted items for sale. Shop for Christmas now!

Can you help at the Cookie Walk this year? There are two shifts on both Friday and Saturday for our volunteers. Friday, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. We also have Yard Signs available. If you are able to help out at the sale or put a sign in your yard, please email Connie at sixverybusypeople@mchsi.com or call (309) 799-5865.





POPE HOSTS LUNCH FOR ROME'S POOR & HOMELESS

As the Church marked the 6th World Day of the Poor on Sunday, Pope Francis presided over Mass in St. Peter's Basilica and reflected on this year's theme: "For your sakes Christ became poor".

In his homily, the Pope focused his remarks on Jesus' twin exhortations in the day's Gospel (Lk 21:5-19): "beware that you are not led astray and bear witness". Jesus was warning His disciples not to be overly concerned even when terrible events come to pass, such as wars, insurrections, earthquakes, and plagues.

Pope Francis noted that Jesus' apocalyptic words are a reminder not to get lost in defeatism when world events frighten us. Rather, we must resist the temptation of superstition or fear-mongering by trusting in God. When faced with trials, said the Pope, Christians should instead ask themselves "What good can I concretely do?"

The Pope then considered Jesus' second exhortation to "bear witness", saying bad times are really an "opportunity to testify". Every person faces their own unique situation in life, but each has the chance to do something good, even in the midst of a crisis.

"It is a skill typically Christian not to be a victim of everything that happens, but to seize the opportunity that lies hidden in everything that befalls us, the good that can come about even from negative situations," he said. "Every crisis is a possibility and offers opportunities for growth." We should not become distracted, added Pope Francis, but rather turn every event into an opportunity to bear witness to the Gospel.



SACRED JUSTICE AT SACRED HEART

In response to the Deep Listening Campaign, a Sacred Justice committee has been formed in our parish! Mark your calendar to join us on the second Wednesday of each month.

The Mission:

“We strive to build relationships with our brothers and sisters to advocate for sacred justice for all people.”

Sacred Justice recently sponsored a town hall meeting with our Floreciente neighbors, and several issues were raised concerning schools and education. Please join community and committee members in a follow-up discussion to be held

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Culemans Memorial Fellowship Hall
1400 16th Avenue, Moline, IL 61265**

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” - Margaret Mead

For more information, please contact Janet Hunt at (309) 781-6232 or Christie Coverdill at (309) 236-0620.

Pope Francis went on to tie the day’s Gospel in with the celebration of the 6th World Day of the Poor. “On this World Day of the Poor, Jesus’ word is a forceful admonition to break through that inner deafness which we all have and which prevents us from hearing the stifled cry of pain of the frailest.”

“If our heart is deadened and indifferent,” said the Pope, “we cannot hear their faint cry of pain; we cannot cry with them and for them; we cannot see how much loneliness and anguish also lie hidden in the forgotten corners of our cities.”

In conclusion, the Pope launched a series of appeals for Christians to resist the “prophets of doom” and the “sirens of populism, which exploit people’s real needs by facile and hasty solutions.” Pope Francis said we can find strength to embrace justice and peace in the arms of God our Father, who will “strengthen us with the capacity to love.”

“Let us care for the poor,” concluded the Pope, “in whom we find Jesus, who became poor for our sake.”

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Please check the bulletin for any updates.

Mass:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday - Friday: 6:30 a.m.
Monday - Wednesday, Friday, Saturday:
8:00 a.m.
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. School Mass

Confessions:

Saturday 2:45 - 4:00 p.m. in church.

Adoration:

Wednesday and First Fridays:
7:00 - 11:30 a.m.