

Readings for the Week

Mon 6-9	1 Kings 17:1-6 Matthew 5:1-12
Tues 6-10	1 Kings 17:7-16 Matthew 5:13-16
Wed 6-11	Acts of Apostles 11:21b-26;13:1-3 Matthew 5:17-19
Thurs 6-12	1 Kings 18:41-46 Matthew 5:20-26
Fri 6-13	1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16 Matthew 5:27-32
Sat 6-14	1 Kings 19:19-21 Matthew 5:33-37
Sun 6-15	Exodus 19:2-6a Romans 5:5-11 Matthew 9:36-10:8

****Weekend Offerings ****

Envelopes (87)	\$2,243.00
Plate	\$ 493.63
Children (2)	\$ 2.25
Building Maint.	\$ <u>278.00</u>
Total	\$3,016.88
Budgeted Amount	\$2,925.00

**** Church Donations ****

Candles	\$ 5.26
Cemetery	\$ 139.00
Mission Trip	\$1,108.00
Plant Sale	\$ <u>53.00</u>
Total	\$1,305.26

**** Other Donations ****

Sabbatical Fund	\$2,270.00
Global Solidarity	\$ <u>11.00</u>
Total	\$2,281.00

Against Rituals!

After Confirmation Sarah quit church and her mom reminded her of the "Sunday obligation." She felt guilty and mom kept reminding. Impatient at it Sarah blurted out: "Why the fuss? Jesus never went to church. He even taught 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice'" Mom didn't anticipate it, nor could she counter that surprise argument. In our generation there are many who claim that God doesn't care whether we go to church or not so long as we live a decent life. For them that quote becomes convenient too.

Was Sarah right? At Jesus' time there were no churches. He frequented synagogues until he was expelled from there. He did attend temple regularly. Quoting prophet Hosea he said "I desire mercy and not sacrifice." But neither Jesus nor the Prophet denied the importance of external rituals including sacrifices. Jesus was trying to bring home the point that religious ritual should be consistent with an attitude of mind and heart. Jesus offered himself as the greatest sacrifice and instituted the Eucharist. He never denounced sacrifices.

It's not so much going to church that is relevant here but receiving God's justifying mercy through the Eucharist. Then only will we be able to offer that mercy to others. Let's be on our guard lest we become guilty of presumption.

Fr Xavier

Our New Website

The Church of the Sacred Heart has a new website address:

www.sacredhearttrushcity.org

Prayer Corner

We pray for all the families that have newly joined our parish community, that they feel involved and supportive of our activities at Sacred Heart.



This Week at Sacred Heart

Sunday, June 8

After Mass New Member Welcome
6:30 pm Gamblers' Anonymous

Monday, June 9

7:00 pm Parish Family Picnic Mtg

Tuesday, June 10

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 11

12:00 - 4:00 pm Adoration
7:00 pm Finance Committee Mtg

Thursday, June 12

1:00 - 4:00 pm Project Group

Friday, June 13

7:15 pm Softball at Rush City

*"Choose a job you love, and you will
never have to work a day in your life"*

~Confucius

Mass Intentions

For the Week of June 8 - 14

Tues	8 am	Andy & Peggy Saloka †
Wed	8 am	Harold Tyler †
Thurs	8 am	McDonald Family †
Sat	5 pm	Paul Rohlf †
Sun	9 am	Parishioners

Happy Anniversary!

Raymond and Cay Vu Dulski (8 years)
Dennis and Sandra Kaufmann (27 years)
John and Jeanne Kay (26 years)
Ronald and Judie Peltier (49 years)



Birthdays of the Week

6-8 Lil Jungels, Alison Kay, Robert Kind, Louis Perreault, Dorene Tryon
6-9 Maureen Puziewicz, Rita Youngbauer
6-10 Charles Bergman, Linda Hermanson, Albert Petschl
6-11 Linda Cook, Sara Murphy
6-12 Amy Prickett, Joshua Stenmo, Susan Youngbauer
6-13 Carly Anstett, Brandon Henricks, Marcella Henricks, Virginia LeVasseur, Christine Nowak

Happy Birthday

Parish Family Picnic Meeting

On Monday, June 9 at 7:00 pm in Wey Hall we will hold a meeting for our Parish Family Picnic. Anyone interested in helping with this event please plan to attend.

Photo Directory Follow-Up

Olan Mills will be here on Wednesday, June 25 from 3:00 - 9:00 pm for those who were unable to attend the photo dates in April. Please sign up today in the back of the church.

Feast of the Sacred Heart

The Feast of the Sacred Heart was solemnly celebrated on June 6, 2008 with an outdoor Mass at the Centennial Grotto, music procession, and Benediction. Debbie Prudhomme helped to organize and set up. Cathy Gamaiche and Mark Prudhomme were musicians and Phyllis Keating the accompanist. Wayne Herberg and Wendell Swanson were the lecturers of the day; Elaine Schneider and Pat Mihm organized the Ice Cream Social. We thank all of them and all those who attended. May the blessings of Sacred Heart be on all of them and on the entire parish community.

Saints of the Week

June 9 *Ephrem, deacon, doctor of the Church*; † 373; Syrian theologian and poet who authored biblical commentaries, homilies, and composed hymns; founded a theological school at Nisbis; lived in Edessa (in Mesopotamia).

June 11 *Barnabas, apostle*; † 1st c.; preached the gospel in Antioch; companion of Paul; attended the Council of Jerusalem; martyred on, and patron of, the island of his birth, Cyprus; name mentioned in the Roman Canon.

June 13 *Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor of the Church*; † 1231 at age 36; from Lisbon; O.F.M.; devoted student of scripture; first friar to teach theology to his fellow friars; gifted orator and preacher; known as the "Evangelical Doctor"; patron saint of lost articles, harvests, the poor and of Portugal.

**** Next Week Liturgical Roles ****

Saturday, June 14, 2008 5:00 pm

Lector: Lois Anderson
Commentator: Kevin Smith
Communion: Chuck Debevec, Rick Kosloski
Bev Mollberg
Gifts: Opatz Family
Ushers: Al Petschl, Butch Anderson
Jim Thorn
Servers: Becky Johnson, Cortney Granat

Sunday, June 15, 2008 9:00 am
Father's Day

Lector: Bryanna Koehnle
Commentator: Wayne Herberg
Communion: Doug Heinrich, Beth Churchsmith
Scott Tryon
Gifts: Walz Family
Ushers: Ed Cunnien, Ron Peltier, Dick Ordner
Servers: Heather & Samantha Herberg

Family Center Needs Donations

The Rush City Family Center, which provides Early Childhood services and preschool opportunities, is holding their 4th Annual Scholarship Fund Drive. These scholarships allow approved families and children to participate in the available programs that may otherwise be unaffordable. If you would like to donate to this worthwhile cause, please contact Julie Thom at (320) 358-3635. No amount is too small!

Salad Luncheon

The Women of First Ev. Lutheran Church invite you to their Annual Salad Luncheon on Wednesday, June 22 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. See their flyer on the bulletin board.

Those Who Need Our Prayers

Ralph Anderson, Julie Cooper, Samantha Forliti, John Gorman, Michael Kalkbrenner, Betty Odendahl, Roy Ortner, Connie Pechous, Rose Peloquin, Vivian Peltier, Renee Schmidt Frank Storm, and Marilyn Walker.



Rural Life Sunday Celebration

Mark your calendars for this year's Archdiocesan Rural Life Sunday Celebration, June 22, 2008. It begins at 11:30 am and includes the Eucharistic Liturgy of the Sunday with Fr. Shane Wasinger presiding, a prepared message from Archbishop Nienstedt, a creation blessing, and essay and poster contest awards. All are welcome! Please see the insert in today's bulletin for full details.

Bulletin online & Email Addresses

Did you know you can view our weekly bulletin online? Go to www.sacredheartrushcity.org and check out our website. We expect that in the future the bulletin will only be available online and printed versions will be obsolete. We do communicate via email and each week Fr Xavier sends a link to his most current blog with interesting stories. Please share your email address with us!

Archdiocesan Marriage Day

Saturday, June 14, 2008 the Cathedral of St. Paul will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage beginning at 10:00 am. Specially honored will be those couples who have been married for 25, 50 and over 50 years and engaged couples are welcome!

World Youth Day 2008

World Youth Day is the largest youth event in the world and will be held July 15-20 in Sydney, Australia. Watch the bulletin for more information.

New Member Welcome

Please join us for fellowship in Wey Hall after Mass this Sunday, June 8 to welcome our newest members of the parish. New members include Bradley & Nicole Browman, Shawn & Amber Buboltz, James & Mary Jo Buttgerit, Andrew & Amanda Duerr, Elizabeth & Ron Erickson, Donna Heaton, Robert & Katherine Kind, Jacob & Justine Schroeder, and James & Debora St. Michel.



♥ women ♥ share ideas ♥ encouragement ♥ fun ♥ advice ♥ knit
 quilt ♥ crochet ♥ done ♥ company ♥ sewing ♥ finish ♥ projects ♥
 Do you have unfinished projects?
 Come join others for encouragement and
 Set aside time for completion!
 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month
 Beginning May 8th
 Wey Hall - 1 to 4 PM
 Come when you can, leave when you must!
 Bring your needed supplies and an extension cord.
 Coffee, conversation and company provided!
 Hope you can join us!

What were “archdeacons” and why did bishops have them?

As dioceses grew in size, sometimes a bishop would ask one of his deacons to assume even greater responsibility and serve as primary assistant on almost every matter. One writer has suggested that if we want to know what an archdeacon did, we should look at what a vicar general and a diocesan chancellor do now (and you could add the office of chief financial officer as well), and then combine them into one person: That was what the archdeacon did. The archdeacon often exercised juridical authority, would conduct official visits to parishes to examine pastoral practices and revenues, and carried out a wide assortment of other duties. As time passed and deacons were being ordained to the priesthood, the office of archdeacon remained, but it was filled most often with a priest. Eventually the office itself died out, especially as more modern legislation created specific offices (such as vicar general, chancellor, and chief financial officer) to take care of the archdeacon’s functions. It’s interesting to note that the term “archdeacon” still exists in other churches. For example, in the Episcopal Church, a person who is the director of the Office of Deacons is often referred to as an archdeacon.

Deacon William Ditewig ~ executive director of the Secretariat
for the Diaconate at the USCCB

Q. Why doesn’t God always answer my prayers?

A. The Bible tells us that if we trust God, we will always get what we need and much of what we want too (Matthew 6:25-33). But what we ask may not always be in our best interests or in harmony with God’s will. That’s why it may feel like you’ve gotten a “no”.

There’s no magic formula to always get what we want. But you can make sure what you ask is more in keeping with God’s will. For example, you can strengthen your friendship with God. *“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you”* (John 15:7). Daily prayer is the key to building that friendship.

Also, un-confessed sin creates static in the connection to God. The sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance helps to clear that line. In Psalm 32, David said that his life was miserable when he avoided responsibility for his sin. As soon as he confessed it, God answered his prayers.