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A Letter From Our Pastor

Embrace the Holy Spirit

Dear Parishioners,

Pentecost, which falls on June 12, was the day when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles while they were gathered for prayer in Jerusalem. Coming nine days after Jesus' Ascension into heaven, the descent of the Holy Spirit turned the apostles from a collection of fearful followers looking for some direction into a band of courageous witnesses ready to declare their faith in Christ to the whole world. That day marked the beginning of the Church's public mission, which continues to the present.

While many parishes and dioceses are on maintenance mode, we at Sacred Heart have certainly been on a mission. This Pentecost Sunday, we will celebrate the closing of our 75th Anniversary Year. We began our celebration on June 13, 2010 (see p. 4-5), and



how wonderful it is that our closing of the Jubilee year falls on the Feast of Pentecost! We could not ask for a better reminder that we are to be always on a mission, led by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This Anniversary Jubilee Year has certainly been a joyous one. Anyone present for Holy Week noticed the joyful celebrations of each and every one of our gatherings, from the Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday through the gathering in prayer during the Easter Sunday Masses. Truly, the awareness of the Resurrection was present as we opened our eyes in faith and witnessed the new life happening all around us.

So, let's all gather together as a parish family and celebrate who we have become, whose we are, and what God promises us we will be as we journey in mission. We will

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Sacred Heart, Celebrating 75 Years!



Preparing for the Third Edition of the Roman Missal

As you may have heard, Catholic parishes throughout the United States will be implementing a new English translation of the *Missale Romanum* (Roman Missal) on the First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27, 2011. The Roman Missal is the ritual text that contains prayers and instructions for the celebration of the Mass. It outlines the acclamations and responses that we proclaim each week during the Liturgy, the Eucharistic prayers that the celebrant says when consecrating the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, and some of the music and chants that we sing during our liturgical celebrations. The forthcoming implementation of the new translations represents the first major changes to the English text in over 35 years.

But how did the text that we currently use come about in the first place? What is the need for a new translation of the Roman Missal now and, most importantly, how will this affect how we celebrate Mass on a daily and weekly basis?

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has set up a Web site at www.usccb.org/romanmissal that outlines the history of the Roman Missal and gives answers to some frequently asked questions.

According to the bishops, the Roman Missal “was promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1970 as the definitive text of the reformed liturgy of the Second Vatican Council. That Latin text, the *editio typica* (typical edition), was translated into various languages for use around the world; the English edition was published in the United States in 1973. The Holy See issued a revised text, the *editio typica altera*, in 1975. Pope John Paul II promulgated the third edition (*editio typica tertia*) of the *Missale Romanum* during the Jubilee Year in 2000.”

“Among other things, the third edition contains prayers for the celebration of recently canonized saints, additional prefaces for the Eucharistic Prayers, additional Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Intentions, and some updated and revised rubrics (instructions) for the celebration of the Mass.”

In 2007, the Congregation for Divine Worship outlined specific rules for the translation of the third edition of the Roman Missal into English. And after the hard work and



consultative dialogue of many authoritative groups including the International Commission on English in the Liturgy and the USCCB, and approval by the Vatican, the official English translation is now ready for implementation on the parish level.

In coming issues of this newsletter, we will outline in further detail some of the changes to things we will be hearing and proclaiming during Mass each week starting in November, what they mean, and why they are taking place. While change can sometimes be uncomfortable, please know that these efforts are being made to more closely reflect the original Latin texts of the Roman Missal.

As you reflect on these changes, please remain open to the possibility that you will find things to appreciate in the rich language of the new texts. The more you read, study, and pray them, the more familiar and comfortable they will become, and the more you will appreciate the theological depth they convey.

In the meantime, please continue to pray for our Parish Worship Team as they prepare to implement the new translation of the Roman Missal here at Sacred Heart. If you'd like to further study the new texts and learn more about the changes, please visit the USCCB's Web site listed in the first column.



Serving at a Young Age

The Koch Family

Rachel and Molly Koch were homeschooled, which means that they weren't in the classroom as much as most other children – which Molly sees as an advantage.

“One of the nice things about being homeschooled is that you can be out in the world more than when you're just in a classroom,” Molly says. “That means that you can spend a lot more time with adults, and not just learning from them, but having real conversations.”

The ability to talk with adults is also a sign of something important: maturity and self-confidence – which are exactly what these two committed Sacred Heart parishioners demonstrate.

So it should come as no surprise that Rachel, 19, sits on the Pastoral Planning Team. Last year, Rachel joined the team when her name was drawn from a list of nominees.

“I was really surprised to have my name drawn, but I guess that means it was God's will,” she says.

Her time on the team has also helped her understand what makes a place like Sacred Heart run efficiently.

“It's really interesting to see how things work at the church, even though sometimes they'll talk about things that I don't know much about, like building maintenance,” she says, laughing. “But occasionally, I will have a suggestion to offer.”

Rachel first became a lector during the annual Stewardship Renewal two years ago, when she looked at the

Commitment Card and realized that, even though she was a teenager, it was still addressed to her.

“I was asked to do something, and that's what I chose to do,” she says, humbly. “When I was in CCD, we all did a reading, and I remembered doing that and really liking it.”

And once Rachel got involved, the rest of the family followed. Her dad, Brian, became an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and Molly, 17, became a cantor.

“In a way, her enthusiasm had something to do with everybody else being willing to dip their toe in the water,” Brian says. “But I also think that Fr. Bill's enthusiasm and the development of our new charter really infused new life into the parish. It really brought home that the parish belongs to us, the people, and not just to the clergy.”

As an Extraordinary Minister, Brian now feels more connected to each Sunday's liturgy.

“I think it adds another dimension to my worship experience,” he says. “It feels less like a spectacle, and more like I'm a real part of the liturgy. I think that's a good thing, and that makes me feel closer to Christ.”

And Molly sees her ministry as a way of living out a famous biblical instruction.

“It says in the Bible to make a joyful noise unto the Lord, and I think that's important,” Molly says.



Top Left to Right: Mom holding Skippy, Brian Koch. Bottom Left to Right: Rachel holding Jack, Molly holding Jill

In addition to their service and attendance at Sacred Heart, the Kochs also attend the Community Bible Chapel with their mom, Laura. And Laura does the same, attending Mass at Sacred Heart.

“When I am at Sacred Heart, I feel like I'm hearing the Word of God,” Laura says. “This is a really strong group of believers, who ask, ‘What can I do today to bring the love of Christ into the world?’ – and that makes it a wonderful place for me to be.”

Each church has its own feel – Sacred Heart, for one, is much larger – and the Kochs bring their gifts to each.

“At Sacred Heart, everyone's trying to be involved, and it's a very happy place,” Rachel says. “We're actively trying to better ourselves and affect our world – and you can tell that God is really there.”



75th Anniversary to Culminate in Sealing



After a year of celebration, Sacred Heart's 75th Anniversary year is set to come to a close on the weekend of Pentecost.

The commemoration started last year on June 13 with a special Mass and gala brunch. Celebrated by former pastor Bishop George Rueger, the Mass featured concelebrants Fr. William Konicki and Fr. Charles Heron, OMI, and the assistance of Deacons Joe Manella and Roland Michaud.

"The highlight of the celebration was the liturgy itself," says Michael Matondi who, along with Donna Rajcula, played a key role in coordinating the anniversary celebrations. "Bishop Rueger has always been known as a great homilist; when he preaches you know there won't be a dry eye or an untouched heart. He spoke of the three

generations in the parish: the memory generation, the executive generation and the generation of hope. And he made a point of pointing to the altar servers and other young people in attendance and impressing upon them that they will soon be the executors of the parish – they are the future of the Church."

Following the Mass, the parish gathered together for a splendid meal in the Fr. O'Reilly Center. The hall and the tents set up outside were filled with the din of happy conviviality.

"For four hours it was like a wonderful family homecoming," Michael says. "People of all ages were gathered together to celebrate our parish history. It was like a family reunion for us, no less so than our biological family. After all, it is through our parish family that we're connected to the Lord. It was also inspiring going through all the records and books and remembering those that have moved on to the next life; it reminded us that we don't disappear but remain connected in Christ's Body."

In conjunction with the celebration, Michael Matondi and Dan and Elaine Malloy put together an exhibition of parish history called the "Room of Memories." The exhibit was filled with pictures and a variety of artifacts from the 75 years of the parish's history. Including Bishop Rueger, a great many people gravitated toward the exhibit during the gala to reminisce.

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of “Time and Talent Treasure Chest”

To mark the occasion, a parish quilt was created, and a parish cookbook was put together along with a new parish photo-directory, featuring pictures of all the staff and committees, as well as many of the parish families.

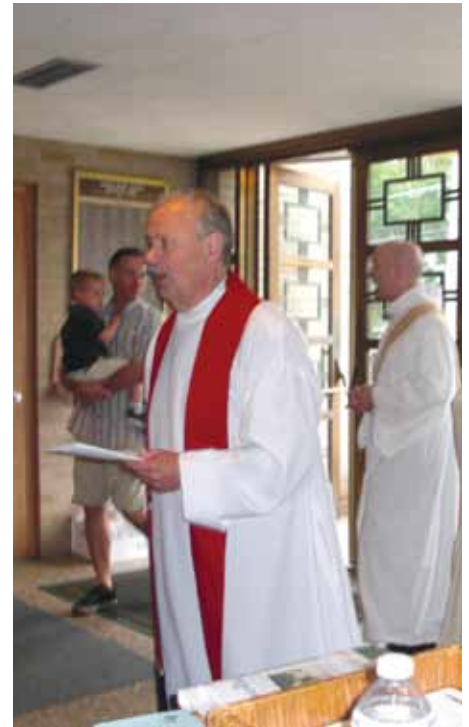
“The directory really did a fine job of bringing the parish together as a family,” Michael says. “You see so many people at Mass and don’t know their names, but I think the directory allowed us to branch out and come together.”

To conclude the 75th anniversary year, the parish is gathering items for a collection called the “Time and Talent Treasure Chest,” which will be sealed at Pentecost and kept closed until the parish’s 100th anniversary. It will contain our hopes and dreams for the community that opens it in June of 2035. Many of the items will come from the “Room of Memories” exhibit, but all items will represent the past, present and future of the parish.

Michael beautifully summarized the hope for the anniversary commemorations and for the treasure chest itself: “Over the years, we have been a family sharing hopes and dreams, consoling ourselves in pain and loss, and celebrating our shared faith in the Good News and the Blessed Hope in Hopedale. It’s that mosaic of humanity that lives with us to this day and was in full evidence on that Sunday last June when, in both spiritual and social celebration, we remembered who we were, what we are, and where we want to be in our future as a Catholic Christian community. We remain in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, hope-filled, alive, and thriving in the wonderful town of Hopedale and in the wonderful parish of Sacred Heart.”

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*– Michael Matondi,
coordinator*



FEEL SEPARATED FROM THE CHURCH BY:

Lifestyle? Divorce? Clergy Abuse? “Invalid” Marriage?

We would like to hear from you!

Name: _____

I prefer to be contacted by:

Phone: _____

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Stewardship *Summer Giving*

We've stopped the newspaper.
We've stopped the mail.

We've taken the dog to the kennel. The iron is unplugged, and the stove is turned off. Is there anything else we need to do before we leave on vacation? Aren't you forgetting something? Did you remember to write a check to your parish for the Sundays you'll be gone?

"But I won't be at Mass at home those Sundays. Can't I skip those envelopes when I'm away? After all, I'll put a dollar or two, or maybe even five, in the collection at the church where we visit. Isn't that enough?" Can't our giving go on vacation during the summer, too?

Many Americans, whether we have school-aged children at home or not, mentally operate on a school-year calendar. We assume our organizations operate September through May, too.

God continues to sustain us each and every day throughout our lives. He persists in pouring out blessings on us, even during the hottest weather. He keeps on meeting us in His sacramental presence when we go to Mass wherever we travel. As God remains faithful to us during the summer, we are called to be faithful in our commitments to Him and our parish family, even during our vacation time.



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God's steadfastness in giving to us is the primary reason for us to respond by being faithful in our stewardship toward Him. But there is also a practical reason why we need to keep up our commitments of time, talent, and treasure throughout the summer: Sacred Heart needs our involvement year-round. Even though some parish activities are reduced during the summer months, the parish's expenses are not. There are still Sunday Masses and daily Masses, operating expenses (including air conditioning!) and parish staff members still need their salaries. Faith Formation expenses are the highest in the summer, as resource materials and other supplies are bought for the upcoming year. Our parish has to pay its bills on a year-round basis, just like your family.

Our parish plans a budget for the year, taking into account the commitments you, the members, have made. If parishioners do not live out their financial commitments to the parish, the budget will not balance.

Our giving needs to be maintained throughout the year, including the summer months, just as God maintains His generosity to us. Our stewardship is a response to God's gifts. And God pours out His gifts and His grace upon us all year long.

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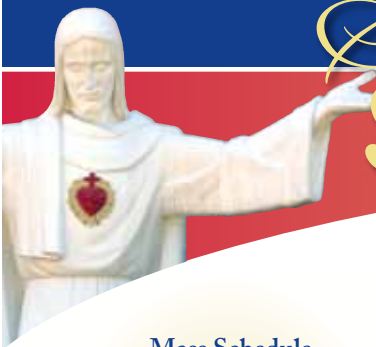


Sacred Heart Church Calendar

Please see page eight of the newsletter for daily and weekly Mass times. This calendar is compiled a month before publication, and dates and times of events may have changed. Please confirm with the parish office, or check our Web site, www.shchopedale.org.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 May 9:30a Mass 10:30a Coffee and Conversation	30 7:00a Mass Memorial Day - No School Office Closed	31 9:00a Mass	1 Jun 9:00a Mass 9:30a -11:00a Mom To Mom	2 9:00a -3:30p Thrift Shop 9:00a Mass 7:30p -9:00p Women's Prayer Group	3 9:00a -12:00p First Friday Adoration 9:00a Communion Service	4 8:30a -9:30a AA Meeting 3:00p Reconciliation 4:00p Vigil Mass
5 9:30a Mass 10:30a Coffee and Conversation 10:30a Baptismal Preparation in the Parish house	6 9:00a Mass 9:30a Job Search Workshop 7:00p -9:00p Girl Scout Leader Meetings	7 9:00a Mass	8 9:00a Mass 9:30a -11:00a Mom To Mom	9 9:00a -3:30p Thrift Shop 9:00a Mass 11:30a -2:30p Senior Lunch Club 7:00p -8:30p Men's Prayer Group 7:30p -9:00p Women's Bible Study	10 9:00a Communion Service	11 8:30a -9:30a AA Meeting 3:00p Reconciliation 4:00p Vigil Mass
12 9:30a 75th Anniversary closing Mass... WEAR RED! 10:30a Coffee and Conversation	13 9:00a Mass 9:30a Job Search Workshop	14 9:00a Mass 10:30a Draper Place Communion Service 7:30p -9:30p Parish Life Night	15 9:00a Mass 9:30a -11:00a Mom To Mom	16 9:00a -3:30p Thrift Shop 9:00a Mass 7:30p -9:00p Women's Prayer group	17 9:00a Communion Service	18 8:30a -9:30a AA Meeting 3:00p Reconciliation 4:00p Vigil Mass
19 9:30a Mass 10:30a Coffee and Conversation	20 9:00a Mass 9:30a Job Search Workshop	21 9:00a Mass 5:00p Mustard Seed	22 9:00a Mass 9:30a -11:00a Mom To Mom	23 9:00a -3:30p Thrift Shop 9:00a Mass 7:00p -8:30p Men's Prayer Group 7:30p -9:00p Women's Bible Study	24 9:00a Communion Service	25 8:30a -9:30a AA Meeting 3:00p Reconciliation 4:00p Vigil Mass
26 9:30a Mass 10:30a Coffee and Conversation	27 9:00a Mass 9:30a Job Search Workshop 7:30p -9:30p Pastoral Planning Meeting	28 9:00a Mass 10:30a Mass at Draper Place 11:30a -2:00p Senior Lunch Club~ BBQ	29 9:00a Mass 9:30a -11:00a Mom To Mom	30 9:00a -3:30p Thrift Shop 9:00a Mass	1 Jul 9:00a -12:00p First Friday Adoration 9:00a Communion Service	2 8:30a -9:30a AA Meeting 3:00p Reconciliation 4:00p Vigil Mass



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Mass Schedule

Saturday

3 p.m. Reconciliation
4 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday

8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses
(September through May –
in effect after Labor Day)
9:30 a.m. Mass ONLY
(Memorial Day through Labor Day)

Weekdays

9 a.m. Mass – Monday through Thursday
9 a.m. Communion Service
and Adoration – Friday

Holy Days

7:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
(Evening before Holy Day)
9 a.m. Mass

Embrace the Holy Spirit *continued from front cover*

close our Jubilee celebration at our 9:30 a.m. Mass on June 12, followed by a shared potluck brunch. I am asking everyone to **WEAR RED** to celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst. I am sure that anyone acting now can order their “Heart Wear Gear” from the Heart Wear Store in time for our celebration.

As we close this Jubilee year, the Pastoral Planning Team is reading *The Mission Driven Parish* by Fr. Patrick Brennan. We will be asking all of you to prioritize our mission plans for the next 10 years at Sacred Heart Parish over the summer months, and will share your efforts in the September newsletter. Be sure to share your wisdom as we plan for our future together.

Pentecost is not merely a feast celebrating something that happened a long time ago; nor is our anniversary celebration about looking at the past 75 years. The Holy Spirit remains active today, guiding the Church as a whole, but also working in the lives of each individual

Christian to make us holy. It is in the sharing of our time, talent and treasure as individuals that we become the parish God calls us to be.

This Pentecost, make this your personal prayer:

*Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful;
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.*

If you do, you’ll find the Holy Spirit working even more strongly in your life, and our parish will remain on a vibrant mission in the years ahead.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. William C. Konicki, I.V. Dei