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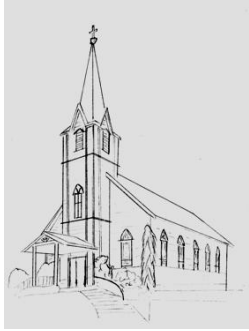
PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon – Thursday, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Office is closed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday's

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:00 – 4:15 pm

Masses: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 11:00 am

Saturday, 4:30 pm; Sunday 10:00 am



February 2nd, 2025

Padre's Portion.... This is an unusual "Padre's Portion." I have been asking from time to time for you to send in your thoughts on various topics. This one came in on the topic of "Peace" from last week. It definitely gave me pause to reflect. This was written by one of you, and I really wanted to share it. I hope it is as thought-provoking for you as it was for me.

Evil destroys peace. It can only live by feeding on fear. It preaches hate and doubt among us. It rejoices in walking through the ruins of its own creation. Destroys mankind's souls, hearts, minds and bodies. It does nothing but sit back laughing and celebrating, as it watches the chaos of its own creation, without a heart or conscience. It uses what it destroys, the ruins, as a stepping block to cause even more hate, suffering and distrust. It tells us to separate from each other and to refer to each other as "they" or "them" when in truth it's "we".

Some humans can't move, out of shock of seeing what evil is capable of doing. Some stand back out of fear of what evil will do to them if they resist. Some despair that all is lost and without hope, do or say nothing. Some let evil into their own soul and lash out their own anger and outrage. Some pray; some pray for guidance, to forgive and to do or say what God asks of them. Calmly, with humility, say how they feel or what, as they see it, would be best. Really listen, without stacking up in our mind how we are going to respond before the other person is finished. Sometimes it is so hard, but we must strive to listen without interrupting or talking over the top of the other person. Listen without downing or worse yet, treating them like they are invisible. Listen with love and a soft heart.

Each one's soul is stronger, has more power than they know. All the "little" goodness and kindnesses add to the scale of change. A steady stream of drops of water will eventually cause a hard rock to break. So let's not let evil's lies deceive us. It may take time but enough souls making kind and loving changes, like those droplets of water, will break evil and tip that scale, so that goodness will win.

God bless,

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Mass Intentions for Feb 1st – Feb 9th

Sat, Feb 1 st	4:30 pm	+Barb Forni – Bev Parscale
Sun, Feb 2 nd	10:00 am	Parishioners
Wed, Feb 5 th	11:00 am	Mary Sue Kretsch – JoAnne Hoffart
Thur, Feb 6 th	11:00 am	Alice Rose – Bill Rose & Family
Fri, Feb 7 th	11:00 am	+Ethel Hays – Sue Hays
Sat, Feb 8 th	4:30 pm	Katie Jewett – Char Parr
Sun, Feb 9 th	10:00 am	+Richard Ditter – Bev Parscale

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8(75C)
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or
Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

This week at Sacred Heart

Wednesday	Mass at 11:00am , Rosary precedes Mass at 10:40am. Scripture Study after Mass.
Thursday	Mass at 11:00am , Rosary precedes Mass at 10:40am.
Friday	Mass at 11:00am , Rosary precedes Mass at 10:40am. CIR Mtg @6pm in the Rectory basement
Saturday	Saturday Mass at 4:30pm Wine & Cheese after Mass in the Fellowship Hall.
Sunday	Sunday Mass at 10:00am. Children's Liturgy at Mass. Coffee and Donuts after Mass

The Pope's inaugural greeting to President Trump:

"Inspired by your nation's ideals of being a land of opportunity and welcome for all, it is my hope that under your leadership the American people will prosper and always strive to build a more just society, where there is no room for hatred, discrimination or exclusion.

At the same time, as our human family faces numerous challenges, not to mention the scourge of war, I also ask God to guide your efforts in promoting peace and reconciliation among peoples."

Let us pray with the Pope that his vision will happen.

Statement from Archbishop Alexander K. Sample, Archdiocese of Portland, on Executive Orders regarding immigration:

January 22, 2025

In response to the new administration's executive orders focused on immigration, I am in accord with the statement given by the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio.

Please read it here: <https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/statement-archbishop-broglio-executive-orders-signed-president>

It is important to note that we do not yet fully understand all the repercussions of the executive orders. The leadership of the USCCB continues to study this question and advocate on behalf of the most vulnerable. As Catholics, we are called to uphold the sacredness and dignity of every human person and respect all people as children of God. I want to acknowledge that this is a time of fear and anxiety for many. To them I offer the words of Isaiah, "Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."

While there are many divisions in our country, now is the time for us to stand united in the love of God with all of our brothers and sisters, especially those who are most vulnerable. Along with your pastors, I am holding all Christ's flock in prayer and entrusting them to the care of Our Lady of Guadalupe. May God guide our new President and his administration to justly govern with care and compassion.

Next weekend is the collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Our support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions

Grow Love! On February 15, 2025, Sacred Heart Parish is on a pilgrimage to grow love for a small project in Medellin, Colombia that is transforming the lives of young children with no other resources. Founded by Fr. Raul Marquez in 2021 in response to Pope Francis's call to support the lives of girls on the margins, Francis House provides a safe and educational environment, based in the Catholic faith, for a cohort of 12 girls. They will be supported through high school: an unimaginable attainment before Francis House. This fall a partner program opened for boys. This is not a massive organization: it is a powerful effort led by a visionary priest with the support of people who say "We can do this." Won't you join us? Learn more about Francis House at <https://francishouse.us>

Gala at Sacred Heart Parish,
Saturday, February 15, 2025
Gala Tickets available after Masses at Sacred Heart
or at: <https://francishouse.us>

Mark your calendars for the Men's Group Activities coming up for this year! March 2nd they will be hosting their Pancake Breakfast starting at 10:30am, next up will be their Spaghetti Dinner on April 26th starting at 4:30pm and finally they will be hosting the Parish Golf Tournament on September 20th at Stone Creek Golf Course in Oregon City.

Ministry Schedule for the weekend of Feb 8th & Feb 9th

Greeters	Joe & Sue Rivelli	Michael Gerhards & Andrew Schoenheit
Lectors	Maria Ruckwardt	Mark Pavlakovich
Cups	Mary Koeber & Theresa Rivelli	Diane Boland & Joyce LaBarre
Altar Server	Char Parr	Clayton Stacey
Ushers	Jim Kost & Joe Rivelli	2 Needed
Coffee & Donuts	NA	Bruce Alley, Margaret Barilko, Karen Mowrey
Sacristan	Walter Englert	Liz Richard

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