



# Sacred Heart

C a t h o l i c C h u r c h

4087 West Broadway • Robbinsdale, MN 55422

Phone: 763-537-4561

*Formed in His Heart, Serving with His Heart*

## Sunday Mass Times

### Saturday Vigil:

5:00 PM Mass of Anticipation

### Sunday — The Lord's Day:

8:00 AM Mass

10:00 AM Mass

(Child Care Available)

11:35 AM Latin Mass

(1962 Missal)

## Daily Mass Times

### Monday:

8:00 AM Communion Service  
followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

### Tuesday — Saturday:

8:00 AM Mass

followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

## Holy Day Mass Times

Consult the bulletin

## Penance and Reconciliation

### Tuesday — Saturday Morning:

7:30 — 7:50 AM

### Saturday Afternoon:

4:00 — 4:45 PM

Or by appointment.

## Eucharistic Adoration

### Thursdays in the

### Sacred Heart Chapel:

8:35 AM — 8:00 PM

## Parish Office Hours

### Monday — Friday:

8:00 AM — 4:30 PM

### Wednesday Evening:

5:00 — 8:00 PM

(October — April)

### Sunday Mornings:

8:30 — 11:30 AM

## Parish Web Site

[www.shrmn.org](http://www.shrmn.org)

**Parish Phone:** 763-537-4561

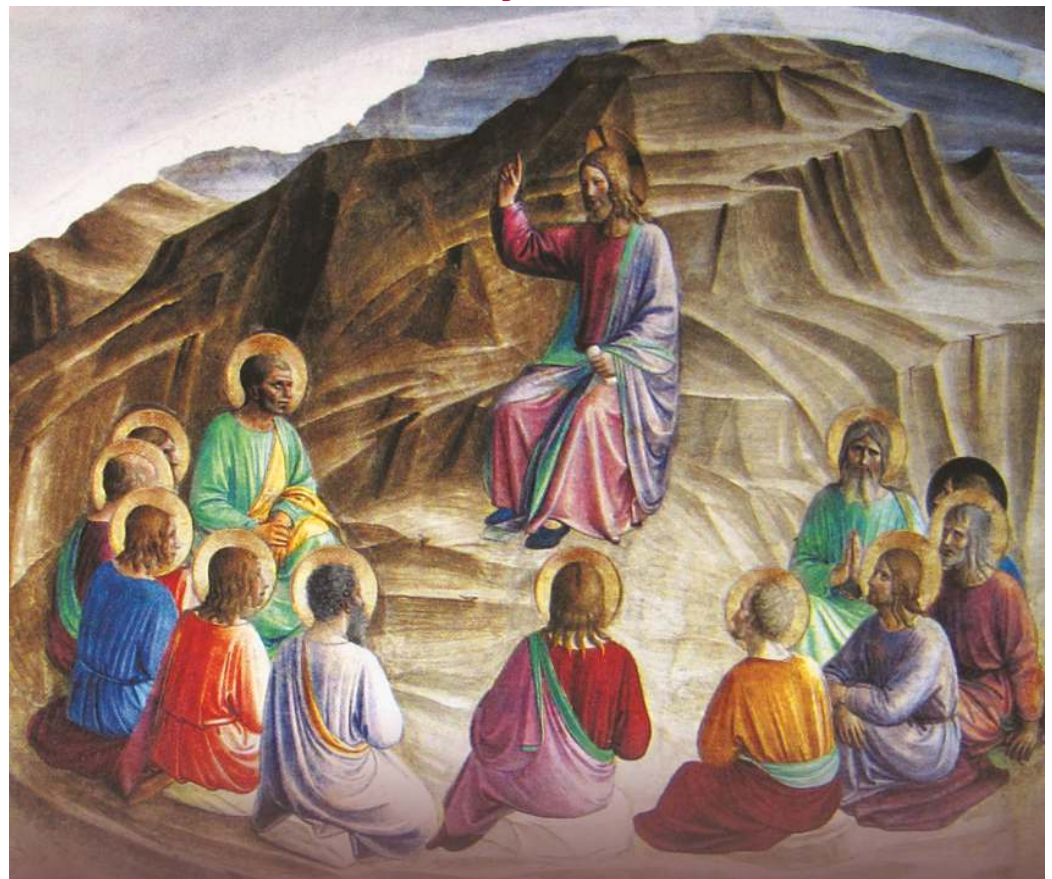
## Sacred Heart Catholic School

Daycare, Pre-K through 8th grade  
4050 Hubbard Avenue North  
Robbinsdale, MN 55422

## School Web Site

[sacredheartschoolrobbinsdale.org](http://sacredheartschoolrobbinsdale.org)

## February 12, 2017



# 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’*” —Mt 5:33-34a, 37

**Parish Directory**

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**The Church of the Sacred Heart is served by the clergy of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis**

**Priest Staff:** Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen  
**Deacon:** Dr. James Ramsey

**Pastor's Page | Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen**



**Postmodernism and President Trump**

**Written on Tuesday February 6, 2017**

Last week I read an intriguing article about President Trump and Postmodernism, that helps explain where we are at as a culture in 2017. In order to derive benefit from the article it is necessary to detach from your own feelings on President Trump, whether you support him or loathe him, or are in between. In the article the electoral success of President Trump is compared to the popular fascination in our culture for the Anti-hero. Figures such as Walter White from the FX series Breaking Bad, Frank Underwood from the Netflix series House of Cards, Tony Soprano, from the HBO series The Sopranos are all examples of the anti-hero. Most people would agree that in times past the vitriol of the last presidential campaign was out of the ordinary. While many would blame the two candidates there are some other deeper issues that are at work in our culture. The ascendance of Postmodernism in our culture today with the accompanying embrace by the elite and popular culture, and culture at large of moral relativism explains a lot about the America we live in today and the backlash against it. I want to share with you a few of the main points from the article written by David Ernst, which you can read in it's entirety on the Federalist website.

<https://thefederalist.com/2017/01/23/donald-trump-first-president-turn-postmodernism/>

Below are some excerpts from the article:

“Many have argued that Trump is the product of political correctness (PC). This is true only in part. Rather, both PC and Trump’s response to it are fruits of the postmodernism that has long ascended to the heights of our culture: the nihilism in the common presumption that all truth is relative, morality is subjective, and therefore all of our individually preferred “narratives” that give our lives meaning are equally true and worthy of validation.

Postmodernism is the source of the emphasis that our culture puts on authenticity, and the scorn it directs towards phoniness. After all, if the only one true thing in the world is that all truth and morality are relative, then anyone who pretends otherwise is either an idiot or a fraud. Hence the contemporary appeal of the antihero, and the disappearance of the traditional hero.

Heroes who stand for traditionally good things in a world where everything supposedly “good” has long been discredited are corny Dudley Do-Rights who are at best too stupid to know better. Antiheroes, by contrast, ingratiate themselves with their audiences for their gritty realism and their candor, no matter how bad they are. Frank Underwood breaks the fourth wall with his viewers and brings them along for his evil schemes; Walter White’s moment of redemption is his final admission to his wife that he sells meth because he likes to, and not to do right by his family; and Tony Soprano establishes a close bond with his daughter early on when he admits to her that he’s not actually a “waste management consultant.” In the postmodern world, there is no greater virtue than authenticity, and there is no greater vice than phoniness.”

Postmodernism is also the source of the assumptions underlying the glib jokes of late-night comedians who exhibit disdainful prejudice towards patriotism or religion, but show bitter judgment towards any form of perceived prejudice. It is the baseline for just about every plotline in funny shows about aimless, self-centered people like “Seinfeld,” “It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia,” and “Archer.” It is hyper-prejudice against prejudice, or in the words of Evan Sayet, “a cult of non-discrimination.”

In contrast to the many religions, systems of moral thought, and other ancient traditions that have distinguished every effort to better the human condition, (cont. pg. 7)



## Sacred Heart Catholic School

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### Exciting Academic Opportunities Happening at Sacred Heart Catholic School

**1. Congratulations to our Lego Robotics team "Extreme Robots"** on earning a trip to the State Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> in St. Paul. The students won the Innovation Award for their robot design and programming sessions. They performed a skit and presented their solution to the problem of dead zones in the Gulf of Mexico while demonstrating Sacred Heart values during their core values challenge. There are 640 teams in the state, only 10% of those still competing. Way to go RAMS.

**2. Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be attending STARBASE at Fort Snelling**

Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be participating in a STEM Day Camp called STARBASE. Our students will attend Feb. 9-15 during the school day. Some activities our students will participate in:

- Program and test rovers to travel a planned route using a speed graph and data charts
- Explore renewable energy resources on Mars
- Recreate a map of surface craters on Mars using coordinates of latitude and longitude
- Design wind turbines using 3D \*CAD software
- Investigate Newton's Laws of Motion using indoor rockets

And so much more!

Come see what makes Sacred Heart A Great School!

Register for the 2017-2018 School Year

Registration is now open for Preschool-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Forms are available on our website. To arrange for a personalized tour or shadow visit, please contact our school office at 763.537.1329 or email Karen Bursey [kbursey@sacredheartschoolrobbinsdale.org](mailto:kbursey@sacredheartschoolrobbinsdale.org)

**Middle School Open House- February 21, 2017 6:00-7:00 pm**

We invite 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grader students and parents to tour our middle school to meet teachers, learn about curriculum, and all that we have to offer.

Like our Facebook Page - [Sacred Heart Catholic School Robbinsdale, MN Alumni/Parent](http://www.facebook.com/SHCSRobbinsdale)  
<http://www.facebook.com/SHCSRobbinsdale>

## Council of Catholic Women



### SHCCW Funeral Honor Guard

Members are needed to pray the Rosary for deceased before the funeral liturgy. This is a beautiful Spiritual Work of Mercy that is appreciated by families. If you are interested, please call Lorraine for more information. at 763-208-4223

## To Join Sacred Heart Parish

If you are new to our community, or have been attending Mass here but have not yet joined Sacred Heart call 763-537-4561 or stop in the parish office to register.

### Sacrament of Initiation — RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

To join the Catholic Church call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

### Sacrament of Baptism for Infants and Children (RCIC)

Baptism for Infants and young Children is celebrated on the first & third Sundays of the month at 1 PM. Pre-Baptism Class meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. To make arrangements call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

If you are in High School or an Adult who has yet to receive Confirmation contact Matt Kruc or Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office to make arrangements.

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

If you or your child have not yet made your First Holy Communion contact Bunny Brouillard. If you are shut in and would like to receive Holy Communion contact Deacon Ramsey to make arrangements

### Sacrament of Penance

See the schedule for confessions or contact Fr. Pedersen to make an appointment. To receive instruction on making a first confession contact the Parish Office.

### Sacrament of Anointing

To make arrangements to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Last Rites contact the Parish Office.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Registered Parishioners should call Father Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey at least 8 months in advance of the wedding date to make arrangements.

### Sacrament of Holy Orders

Catholic Men contact Fr. Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey for more information on joining the Diaconate or Priesthood.

### Sunday School

Open to children ages 3 years through Kindergarten. Meets during the 10 AM Mass October through April. Please call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

### Religious Education

For students grades 1 through 12. Meets Wednesday evening 6:45pm—8pm, October through April. Please call Bunny Brouillard or Matt Kruc in the Parish Office.

## Mass Intentions

### FEBRUARY

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Parishioners
		<b>10:00 AM</b>	Jerome Ditter+
		<b>11:35 AM</b>	Rev. Marvin R. O'Connell
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Communion Service
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Britton Toensing+
<b>WED.</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Glen Murray+
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Thomas Fursman+
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Friends & Benefactors of Sacred Heart School & their intentions
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Glen Melin+
		<b>5:00 PM</b>	Betty Rudolph+
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Cliff & Tiny Eckman+
		<b>10:00 AM</b>	Parishioners
		<b>11:35 AM</b>	Rev. Marvin R. O'Connell

## Liturgical Ministers

### February 14-18, 8:00 AM Mass

#### Altar Servers:

February 14: Lily Wilson, Grace Sticha  
 February 15: Mac Murphy, Lucas Patterson  
 February 16: Andrew Thibault, Peter Fisher  
 February 17: Molly McDyre, Gable Thissen  
 February 18: Jacob Dalland, Xavier Hakes

### Saturday, Feb. 18, 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

**Altar Servers:** Joey Silva, Caden & Gable Thissen

**EMHC:** Mary and Gerry Mimick, Hope Dorer, Dillon Frye

**Lector:** To Be Assigned

### Sunday, Feb. 19, 8:00 AM Mass

**Altar Servers:** Nick & Grace Sticha, Tristan Brodala

**EMHC:** Art and Marilyn Zenzen, Char Alberti, and Stuart Culver

**Lector:** Cheri Dargis

### Sunday, Feb. 19, 10:00 AM Mass

**Altar Servers:** Mark & Andrew Thibault, Lucas Patterson

**EMHC:** Pat Hargreaves, Bob Lind, Julie Harty, Bobbie Ramsey

**Lector:** Bill Blonigan

### Money Counters, Feb. 20, 9:00AM

Rick Riley, Bill Bauer, Gerry Mimick, Cathy Jones



## Faith Formation



### Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism — The Pivotal players

In our next session Bishop Barron will lead us in considering G.K. Chesterton – The Evangelist: Part 1. A session is scheduled for Tuesday February 21 at 1 PM and repeated at 7 PM.

## Music Ministry

**Sunday, February 12 4:00 PM** – If you missed **Movie Music** here at Sacred Heart, you have another opportunity to hear Dr. John Salveson and Jeffrey Patry entertain you with movie tunes. This will take place at **Christ the King Lutheran Church, 8600 Fremont Avenue South, Bloomington 55420**. Please come and enjoy an afternoon of cinema delight!

**Sunday, February 19 4:00 PM** – Please join the musicians of Sacred Heart in a **Spirituals Recital** in commemoration of Black History Month. You will hear solos, duets, handbells, piano and organ music to energize your Sunday afternoon! All are welcome!

## Hospitality Sunday



Join us for our bimonthly fellowship and hospitality Sunday February 19.

Coffee and donuts will be sponsored by the 3rd Grade of our School and Religious Education Program, following the 8AM and 10AM Masses.

## Youth Ministry

### Middle School Extreme Faith Camp

Start thinking about the best week all summer! Extreme Faith Camp 2017 will be June 19th -23rd this year. More details to come!

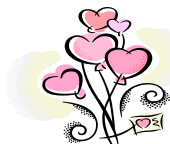
### BUY COFFEE-SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

WE HAVE A NEW SHIPMENT OF COFFEE FOR SALE FROM OUR YOUTH GROUP. MEDIUM ROAST-WHOLE BEAN, OR GROUND BAGS OF COFFEE ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE PARISH OFFICE. \$13.00 A BAG. THANK YOU.



To Sacred Heart Parish from the Jaimes Family, Daniel, Diana, Victoria, Anastasia and Joseph.

A special Thank You to all of you for your generous contributions to help us through our crisis. We're so grateful for the monies given, the gift cards and toys. The special quilt that was given in memory of Domino really touched our hearts. Anastasia was so happy over the card from the second grade that honored Domino's memory. We are proud to be a part of this wonderful parish. You are all remembered in our daily prayers.



### SWEET TREAT SALE

After all Masses this weekend the SHCCW is having their Valentines Sweet Treat Sale. So stop over to the Activities Building and pick up some delicious Valentine Treats.

## Parish Ministries

### Respect Life Ministry



#### Catholics at the Capitol

*Protect Life & Human Dignity*

Thursday, March 9, 2017, 9am to 4pm

**Saint Paul RiverCentre / State Capitol, St. Paul**

**Early bird registration is going on right now!** For a limited time, registration is **only \$20**. This **Early Bird** special pricing will end on **February 15<sup>th</sup>**. **Registration is re-**

**quired** and includes access to the entire event; including presentations, a continental breakfast and boxed lunch, transportation from the RiverCentre to the Capitol, program materials and much more! Plus, students and kids 22-and-under are **free** and complimentary tours of the newly-renovated State Capitol will be available. **Learn more and register at [www.CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org](http://www.CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org) or call 651.227.8777.**

Our state faces real challenges. Assisted suicide threatens the vulnerable. Underprivileged kids are stuck in failing schools. And too many families are trapped in poverty. Christ asks us to boldly step into the public square to protect life and human dignity. Will you answer the call?

Join Minnesota's bishops, dynamic Church leaders, and 1,000+ Catholics from across the state for **Catholics at the Capitol**, a day of inspiration and advocacy at our State Capitol.

- Be **INSPIRED** by dynamic Church leaders and the power of prayer
- Be **INFORMED** about the critical issues impacting life and human dignity in Minnesota
- Be **EQUIPPED** to effectively engage your elected officials

Legislators pay attention to their constituents. We WILL influence what they do.

**This is our moment. Let's go!**

### MEN'S CLUB — Catholic Watchmen



**Our next Sacred Heart Watchmen Meeting is Sunday, February 12, at 6 pm in the Marion Rooms.** This month we will have a video presentation by Fr. Thomas Dufner on the sacrament of reconciliation. All men are welcome. We start each evening out with a delicious meal and fellowship, view the video, then

close out with adoration and an opportunity for confession.

**Note:** We will not be having a March meeting as originally planned. Instead, we are inviting all guys in our parish to join us at the Archdiocesan Men's Conference, on Saturday, March 18. Details to follow. Our next meeting after the February meeting will be on Sunday, April 2. Please consider joining us. Contact Ken Timmerman at [ken.timmerman@gmail.com](mailto:ken.timmerman@gmail.com) with any questions on this.



## Calendar of Events

**Sunday February 12– 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time and Septuagesima Sunday**  
**SHCCW Candy Sale**

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
10:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Child Care  
11:35 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
6:00 PM Men's Club Watchmen– MRs.

**Monday, February 13– St. Catherine deRicci 1589 , St. Polyeucte 259, Trad.**

8:00 AM Communion Service  
**Tuesday, February 14–St. Cyril & Methodius 885; St. Valentine 269, Trad.**

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen  
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
8:30 AM NO Coffee & Donuts  
9:00 AM Home Communion  
7:00 PM Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal—Chu.  
7:00 PM Random Spirits Rehearsal– Choir Rm.

**Wednesday, February 15— St. Faustius & Jovita 121, Trad.**

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen  
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
2:15 PM Open Youth Room  
6:00 PM SAC in M-Rooms  
6:45 PM Rel. Ed.  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal Choir Room  
8:00 PM Youth Core Team

**Thursday, February 16— St Onesimus 95, St. Juliana 305, Trad.**

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen  
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
8:35 AM – 8:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration  
2:15 PM Cherub Choir Rehearsal  
3:00 PM Junior Choir Rehearsal—Church

**Friday, February 17—Seven Holy Founders of the Order of Servites 1233**

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen  
8:00 AM School & Parish Mass: Fr. Pedersen

**Saturday, February 18— St. Bernadette Soubirous 1879, St. Simeon 107, Trad.**

7:30 AM Confession: Fr. Pedersen  
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
4:00 PM Confessions  
5:00 PM Mass  
6:00 PM Middle School Youth Night

**Sunday, February 19— 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time and Sexagesima Sunday, Trad.**

**Coffee & Donuts sponsored by 3rd Grade School and Religious Education**

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
10:00 AM NO Sunday School  
10:00 AM Child Care  
11:35 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen  
4:00 PM Spirituals Recital– Church  
6:30 PM Confirmation Class

**Monday, February 20– Parish Office & School Closed**

8:00 AM Communion Service



## Appointed Sunday Readings

**First Reading:** Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him. (Sir 15:17)

**Psalm:** Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Ps 119)

**Second Reading:** But as it is written:

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him. (1 Cor 2:9)

**Gospel:** "Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes' and your 'No' mean 'No.'" (Mt 5:33-34a, 37)

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## Latin Mass Sunday Readings

**Epistle - Brethren:** Know you not that they run in the race... (Paul to Cor. 9:24-27:10.1-5)

**Gradual - A helper in due time in tribulation:** ... (Ps 9: 10,11,19,20)

**Gospel - The Kingdom of heaven is like...** (Matt. 20:1-16)

## Appointed Daily Readings

**February 13- February 18, 2017**

**Mon:** Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

**Tues:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

**Wed:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

**Thurs:** Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

**Friday:** Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-15/Mk 8:34-9:1

**Sat. Vigil:** Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13

## Prayers of the Faithful

**IN YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE REMEMBER**

**Those Who Are Ill :** Betty Durant, Tom Ambrose, Dawn Haberle, Dave Bonicatto, Eugene Haik, Richard Laliberte

**Those Serving In Our Armed Forces:**

Chad Tatur, Barbara J. Hoeben, John F. Landolt III, Philip Aubart, Sam Dahlgren-Castilla, Daniel Arnold, Justin Rathbun, Shannon Gregory, John Aubart, Joey Eckman, Joseph Mash, Liam Gregory, Jordan Reese, and Andrew Gladitsch

**Those Who Have Died Recently:** Helen Weiss

## Parish Prayer Line

To be placed on the prayer line call Michele at 763-717-0444. You can also send in your request via e-mail: [cshadmin@shrmn.org](mailto:cshadmin@shrmn.org)

## Administration

### Stewardship

*For Weekly Contribution Information:*

*Contact Rollie Brouillard in the Parish Office.*

### Welcome, Janelle Roban!



This past week we welcomed Janelle Roban to our staff as our new Bookkeeper. Janelle comes to us with many years of accounting experience in both large and small business operations. Her experience on the Finance and Pastoral Councils at her home parish of Saints Peter and Paul in Loretto, Minnesota, has led her to seek to utilize her accounting skills in a church setting. She and her family live in Independence, Minnesota, and are active members of the parish in Loretto.

We are pleased that she has brought her skills to serve on our staff.

## Help Wanted

### Help Wanted-Kids Club After School Care

Sacred Heart School is looking for an adult to work at our after school program a couple days a week beginning at 1:45 pm. Adults supervise children in all activities along with taking part in crafts and games. Please contact Karen Bursey at 763.537.1329 for more information.

### Catholic United Raffle -Purchase a ticket through February 26



Our school is fortunate to participate again this year. While our participation is a wonderful opportunity for our school, your \$5 raffle ticket purchase gives you the chance to win any number of fantastic prizes; among them a 2017 Jeep Compass or \$20,000 in cash, a dream vacation, or Wisconsin Dells Family Getaways, and more. Thanks to Catholic United Financial sponsorship, every single ticket dollar you spend we keep. Tickets will be available for purchase in the parish

or school office, along with selected weekends after Mass.

### Dear Church of the Sacred Heart



**Northwest Suburban Dinner At Your Door** would like to thank you for your total contributions of \$200 to our organization during 2016. We'd also like to thank you for any volunteer drivers you may have provided to help us. These volunteer drivers are crucial to our organization and

we cannot operate without them. Thanks to your support, 26,528 meals were delivered by volunteers in 2016!

**KC Breakfast, Sunday Feb. 19th @ St Raphael's Church, Crystal, 9:00 AM- Noon**, serving Pancakes, sausage, hash browns, scrambled eggs, fruit cup, orange juice and coffee. Adults \$8 and children under 10 years \$4, KC families \$20.00. The proceeds from this event will be donated to the St Raphael's Improvement Fund.

## Pastor's Page Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen , Cont.

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postmodernism presumes that all of these endeavors are the cause of human failure. It therefore operates according to just one moral imperative: discredit anything that other people presume to stand for goodness, because the belief that anything is superior to anything else inevitably results in prejudice, interpersonal strife, and inequality.

Thus, the Venus de Milo has no more aesthetic value than a crucifix in a jar full of urine; Beethoven's symphonies are no more profound than the latest round of top 40 hits; all religions are fundamentally the same, and their "moderate" postmodern adherents are all comfortably represented on the "Coexist" bumper sticker. In a sense, it isn't culture at all, but rather an anti-culture that measures success insofar as it deconstructs anything that other people value.

Provided that the postmodern man believes in nothing and values nothing, one wouldn't be unreasonable in concluding that he cares about nothing. But anyone who knows postmodern man also knows that nothing could be farther from the truth. Rather, the "cult of non-discrimination" is filled with bright-eyed idealism about making the world a better place, and in the cases where it challenges baseless prejudice, it *does* make the world a better place. Like other utopian visions that seek to remake human beings into something alien to their nature, however, it is incapable of compromise, and thus lends itself to hypocrisy and fanaticism. This hypocrisy is evident in the selective application of PC outrage. The disingenuousness of much "offense" taken is perhaps best exemplified by MSNBC, a self-appointed watchman against prejudice of all kinds in American life, repeatedly failing to live up to the very standards that it sets for others. The striking contrast of Melissa Harris Perry and other commentators mocking Mitt Romney's family for adopting a black baby, then tearfully apologizing for it shortly thereafter, smacks of a person who isn't so much contrite as she is ashamed: she and her colleagues weren't really thinking when they made fun of the Romneys, *and let their true sentiments show*. How else could someone who unmasks the implicit racism in something so trivial as Darth Vader's character make a mistake like that? It shows that all the righteous fury that these folks direct at *other* people for doing things just like this is an affectation: a contrived performance put on for other purposes.

PC's fakeness is only outdone by its fanaticism, which has grown with considerable intensity in recent years. Everything from Brendan Eich's firing from Mozilla for donating to Proposition 8 in California, to the eruption of protests on college campuses over the offensiveness of Halloween costumes, to the controversy over state laws that restrict bathroom usage according to biology rather than gender identity, suggest that the postmodern "cult of nondiscrimination" only grows more desperate the more it succeeds. What gives?

The answer is that the postmodern man ultimately finds satisfaction in the only thing that is left for him: power. Moral superiority is an undeniable source of power over other people, and postmodernism's moral imperative offers it cheaply to anyone who accepts its premises. The power to shut others up by merely insinuating that they are a bigot is subtle, but its potency is difficult to overstate.

Consequently, even as American society becomes more diverse and accommodating, more people nevertheless see senseless discrimination everywhere. As they run out of traditions, institutions, and customs to deconstruct, however, the more diluted the power rooted in their outrage becomes. Hence the growth in moral hysteria over ever smaller and more trivial things.

All this raises an uncomfortable question for people who have no use for PC's agenda, and who value the freedom to think for themselves. How do you respond to someone who is determined to smear you for your alleged bigotry regardless of what you think and why? How do you win an argument against someone who willfully changes the meaning of words, maintains that the truth is completely relative, and feels perfectly justified in accusing virtually anyone of the gravest moral failure?

Enter the right-wing postmodern antihero. Unlike just about every other presidential candidate who ran on the Republican ticket, Trump grasps our postmodern culture intuitively, and put it to use with devastating effect.

If our opponents are going to accuse us of being evil-minded bigots, regardless of what we say or think, then what's the point in bothering to convince them otherwise? Let's play by their own rules of relativism and subjectivity, dismiss their baseless accusations, and hammer them mercilessly where it hurts them the most: their hypocrisy. After all, if there is no virtue greater than authenticity, and no vice worse than phoniness, then the purveyors of contrived PC outrage are distinctively vulnerable.

Most importantly of all, Trump understood that postmodern America loathes nothing more than a self-righteous fraud. Hence his reputation for "counterpunching" when confronted with breathless expressions of "offense." Such was evident in his response to Clinton's "penchant for sexism" remark by bringing up her husband's history of sexual assault. Rather than doing what was expected and taking the high road, apologizing, and moving on, Trump opted to call his accusers out for the most certain fact that their professions of moral outrage are cynical power grab and nothing more. Indeed, Trump *provoked* PC outrage precisely for this reason."

The article is very fascinating for what it says about where we are as a culture. Our response as followers of Christ is the same. Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Which is why we reject postmodern deconstruction, moral relativism, and what flows from it, the idea that the only thing in the end that matters is the acquisition of power, which both sides of the aisle are guilty of in spades.