God has a reason for allowing things to happen. We may never understand His wisdom but we simply have to trust His will.

If you are new to our parish or just visiting - WELCOME!

If you would like to officially claim Sacred Heart as your Parish Home - we would love to have you! Contact the Parish Office (319-283-3743) for information and a registration form. Forms can be mailed or e-mailed or you can stop in and pick them up.

Sacred Heart Parish
“A Eucharistic Evangelizing Community”
February 17, 2019
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A barren bush in the desert or a tree planted by running water – which of these images reflects your choices in life? Have you chosen to trust other people or are you trusting in the care of the Lord? Jeremiah reminds us that, if we choose to trust in the Lord, then together we can face whatever life brings to us. God is with us, nourishing us even in the heat and drought of daily living. Jesus asks us to take our trust in the Lord with us into our world and find ways to share it with the less fortunate – people who are poor, hungry, suffering and alienated. Jesus’ presence and message is meant for those who are ready and willing to focus on God rather than themselves, in order to experience the blessings of God given through others rather than holding on to the good things of life for themselves.

Alumni Committee - We would like to create a Sacred Heart Alumni committee. Our 1st meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 28th at 7pm at the Parish Center. This is the start of a new committee and we would like anyone who is interested in building this committee to attend the meeting. The committee will build a “Sacred Heart Alumni” list to help keep the alumni “In Touch” with Sacred Heart. Please come and join us at the meeting with ideas for this project. If you have names, addresses and email addresses of alumni that you can share with this committee, please send them/email them to the Parish Office. We will have updates in the bulletin as progress is made.

Youth Choir - No singing next week. Our next singing date is March 3rd at 10:30 Mass.

Adult Choir - sings next Sunday, February 24th at 10:30 Mass. Choir members are asked to meet at 9:20am for rehearsal.

Rosary Society - will meet on Tuesday, February 19th, at 6:30pm in the social hall. Plans for this year will be discussed and finalized. All members of Sacred Heart are welcome to attend and get involved.

Kindergarten Round up is open to any family with a student entering kindergarten in the 19-20 school year. It will be held on Wednesday February 27 from 6:30-7:30. Everyone will meet in the Kindergarten room. Parents will have a short informational meeting with Principal Jim Gieryng and then return to be with the students. Please call 319-283-1366 for more information or to make reservations as spots are limited.

Omelet Breakfast - today, February 17th, 8am-12noon, Columbus Club, Oelwein. Free will donations, omelets, hash browns, cinnamon rolls. Carry-outs call 283-1571.

Have you included Sacred Heart Parish in your will? Your gift is your final legacy to your spiritual family. Please remember Sacred Heart Parish in your will. We have received memorial donations recently given in memory of Erwin “Ollie” Fratzke. We thank his family for their generosity.

Wednesday Night Meals - The Columbus Club will continue to hold meals during the month of February. This Wednesday, February 20th, they will be serving Ribs starting at 5:00pm. Reservations would be appreciated by calling either 283-1571 or 283-0562.
ASh FATHER

This is a follow up to last week’s question & answer about communion in the hand:

St. Cyril was a bishop who wrote about Catholic Liturgy. He never “decided” that we must receive Communion in the hand, he simply expressed a view that the proper way to receive Communion was on the hand. The custom of receiving Communion on the tongue rose in the Middle Ages, when the church became more concerned with reverence for the Blessed Sacrament. Communion in the hand was one of the reforms allowed after the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965).

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Homily Notes:

Anointing - If you, or someone you know, is having surgery, or dealing with a serious illness, and would like to be anointed, talk to Fr. Atwood at church or call 283-9577.

Communion to Shut-Ins: If you are unable to attend Mass and want to receive communion, call Carol Hamilton (283-2917) or the parish office (283-3743).

In Our Prayers - If you are facing surgery, a serious illness, cancer treatments or some other health concern, there is a group of people who are willing to pray for you in your time of need. Call Kay Troupe at 283-4409.

Catholic Daughters - REMINDER—if you have not written your $25 check for Catholic Daughter Dues yet, please do so as soon as possible. Please make the check payable to Catholic Daughters and send it to: Barbara Rundle 107 12th Ave. SE Oelwein Iowa 50662. You may also drop them in the collection basket in an envelope marked Catholic Daughters. This is for Catholic Daughters only—not Rosary Society!!!!

Catholic Charities - Last weekend there was a flyer attached to your bulletin with information about Catholic Charities. If you wish to make a donation use the form on the flyer and mail your donation directly to the address provided. You may also drop your donation in the collection basket in an envelope clearly marked Catholic Charities on the envelope. All donations should be in by the end of February. Thank You!

World Day of Prayer - will be held this year on Friday, March 1st at 1pm at Grace United Methodist Church in Oelwein. This year’s theme is “Come—Everything is Ready” is the invitation from Luke: The table is ready and open to everyone. God’s house is to be filled with joy and presence, to smell like food, to be occupied with conversation. The door of God’s house is open to those from the streets. Come there is a place for you. Let’s build and strengthen the communities around God’s table. All women are welcome to attend!

Milk Moola - Kwik Trip has decided to discontinue its Milk Moola program. All bag tops and bottle caps need to be collected by March 24th so that we can send them in before the deadline. Remember they have to be the specially marked bag tops and caps that say Milk Moola on them. There is a dark green container in the east entrance of church to put them in. Thank you for your continued support of the program - please turn them in by March 24th!!!!!!

Sunday Breakfast - Sunday, February 24, Aurora Legion Hall, 8am-12 noon. Pancakes, Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage, Ham, Scrambled Eggs.

Oelwein Kitchen Cupboard - We are collecting 46 ounce cans of tomato juice for the months of February and March.

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a 1st and 2nd Degree into the Knights on Sunday, February 24th at noon at the Columbus Club. If you or someone you know would like to join, please contact Mike Schulmeister (563-920-8345). There are envelopes at the entrances of church entitled “Welcome to our Council” for more information.

The Oelwein Knights of Columbus Council 1168 are offering a scholarship to a graduating high school student going on to a higher level of education. Please pick up an envelope with the Application at the entrances of the Church if you know of a candidate. Or contact one of the officers. The Application is also on the Parish Website.

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Parish Financial Report
July 1, 2018 - January 31, 2019
INCOME $311,827.84
EXPENSE $280,941.00

Formation for All is an online program designed to help Catholics of all ages to learn and pray about Respect Life and Social Justice issues. The current session during the month of February focuses on human trafficking. Sessions are designed for all ages. Go to: dbqarch.org/dsl/formation