Instead of living in the shadows of yesterday, walk in the light of today and the hope of tomorrow.

Sacred Heart Parish
“A Eucharistic Evangelizing Community”
February 24, 2019
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s Gospel offers us a great challenge for a disciple of Jesus. “Love your enemies, do good to those who dislike you, bless those who speak ill of you and pray for those who mistreat you.” “Be merciful just as your heavenly Father is merciful.” We all know how difficult this is to do. We’ll never be able to do it without God's grace, without learning to be very conscious that God is present with us each day, without asking God for the strength of His grace many times each day. The invitation of Jesus to love our enemies goes against our natural feelings of irritation and anger. Jesus seems to be asking too much. What Jesus is asking of us is to be all that grace enables us to be. Because of grace, we are able to be merciful as our Father is merciful. Jesus has shown us how to love those who irritate us, how to forgive those who injure us. The key is learning the discipline of remembering that we share divine life. Then we will more likely become dependent on the grace God makes available to us. Then the challenge that Jesus offers—to love our enemies—is not so impossible for us to meet because we trust in God who lives in us.

Love your enemies—be merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful.

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.

Graduating Seniors -
We are trying to make sure our list of graduating seniors is up to date—please send your name and contact information to Nancy Kastli at dbq151ff@dbqarch.org

Menu for Mardi Gras Meal
BBQ Pork or Hot Dog
Potato Salad or Potato Chips
Baked Beans
Vegetable Sticks or Fruit
Cookie or Bar
Water or Coffee
Cost = $7.00

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Homily Notes:

Ash Wednesday Schedule
8:45am Mass at SH
5:15pm Mass at SH
7:15pm Mass at IC

ASH WEDNESDAY

SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS
Sat. Feb. 23 4:30pm SH Warren Smith
Sun. Feb. 24 8:30am IC For the People
Sun. Feb. 24 10:30am SH John Barry
Mon. Feb. 25 8:00am SH Mary Dingbaum
Wed. Feb. 27 8:00am IC Jedidiah Wilson
Thur. Feb. 28 8:00am SH Robert & Phillip Rubner
Fri. Mar. 1 8:45am SH Don & Lola Jean Woods
Sat. Mar. 2 4:30pm SH Bruce Jessen
Sun. Mar. 3 8:30am IC Norbert Kleitsch
Sun. Mar. 3 10:30am SH For the People
Mon. Mar. 4 8:00am SH Marilyn Ralls

Confessions on Saturday are from 3:30-4:15pm.
Rosary is recited on Sat. at 4pm & Sun. at 10am.

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Question: A priest in the area tells us that ALL Fridays are days of abstinence, and yet another priest says it is a sin if we do not perform some act of Penance on Fridays. Has there been a recent change in obligations? What are the current rules?

Answer: The current Code of Canon Law states that the penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year and the Fridays of Lent. Abstinence from eating meat or some other food according to the prescripts of the conference of bishops is to be observed on every Friday of the year unless a Friday occurs on a day listed as a solemnity (e.g. the Annunciation). Abstinence and fasting, however, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (CCL 1250-51). That means we are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. And we are to abstain from SOMETHING of our choosing on Fridays OUTSIDE of Lent. Friday is the day that Jesus died for our sins, so it is required that we honor His death by abstaining from something. This rule dates back to 1966.

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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 interested in building this committee to attend. 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.

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 Gieryn and then return to be with the students. Please call 319-283-1366 for more information or to make reservations as spots are limited.

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!

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

Wednesday Night Meals - The Columbus Club will their final meal of the season on this Wednesday, February 27th, starting at 5:00pm(weather permitting) Reservations would be appreciated by calling either 283-1571 or 283-0562.

Youth Choir - sings twice during the month of March, on the 3rd and 17th. We will sing next Sunday, March 3rd, at 10:30 Mass. Members are asked to report at 9:45am for practice.

Adult Choir - the next singing date is March 10 at 10:30 Mass. Members are asked to come at 9:20am for rehearsal.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Thursday, March 7, following 8am Mass, in the chapel. Please enter church through the southwest door. You are invited to come and spend some time in prayer. Adoration will conclude at 5:45pm with benediction.

Catholic Daughters will meet on Monday, March 11, at 6:00pm in church for the rosary, led by Deacon Jim. After the rosary, members will remain in church where Diane Stejskal will lead us in the Stations of the Cross. The meeting and social time will follow the stations in the social hall. Members are reminded to bring their $25 payment for dues if they have not paid them already. All members are asked to think of the name of someone they know that they would like to invite to our Membership Drive which will take place in April.

Milk Moola - Reminder: All bag tops and bottle caps need to be collected by March 24th! 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.

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

Lenten Fish Fry - Friday, March 8 and Friday March 22, Columbus Club, 2102 South Frederick, 4:30pm - 7pm, carry outs available