Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Mass Schedule and Intentions: Sunday, January 31st – 8:00am + Mel & Kay Kruckenberg Thursday, February 4th – 5:30pm + Mary Skyles Sunday, February 7th – 8:00am + Josh Knowles January 31, 2021 Sacred Heart Mission: We, the Sacred Heart Catholic Church parish, are a community of Christian faith striving to teach the word of God, to minister the sacraments, and to share Jesus' love.

SACRED HEART UPCOMING EVENTS: SUNDAY, JANUARY 31st – Guild Meeting SUNDAY, JANUARY 31st-SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6th – Catholic Schools Week

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

**COVID-19 GUIDELINES** – Please follow all guidelines put in place and social distancing to keep everyone safe. These apply to both Sunday and Tuesday Masses. If you have a fever or are not feeling well, please stay home. Masks are required and will be provided to those that do not have one. Everyone must enter through the North Parish Center doors from the parking lot and have temperatures taken – if you have a fever, you will be asked to leave. All other doors will remain locked. Pews are will be marked where people can sit to help ensure social distancing. Hand sanitizer will be available and should be used by all. The church will be sanitized prior to and after Mass.

**THANK YOU** for the generous monetary donations for the Northern Lights Men's Shelter. Even though church was cancelled for a few weeks during this donating time, we managed to get \$800.00 in donations from the congregation and the Ladies Guild donated \$500.00 for a total of \$1,300.00 going to this worthy place! Hopefully next Christmas we will be able to take ornaments off the tree and get the much needed items to help this organization succeed. Thanks again and God bless!

**THANK YOU** from Larry Doane and Matt Doane for all the donations and kind thoughts and words at the time of Janice & Melissa's death. It was greatly appreciated.

**PARKING LOT FUND** – Spring will be here before we know it and the plan is to get the parking lot blacktopped in the spring provided we have enough money to do it. At this time we have over \$52,500.00 towards the blacktopping. We still need to raise around \$40,500.00 to be able to complete it. In your packet of envelopes there is an envelope each month marked for parking lot. Please consider donations to the fund so we can finish the lot. It has been three years that we have been in the new building, which was paid for with insurance money, so finishing the parking lot will just put the icing on the cake. Please consider donations at this time.

**TOOTSIE ROLLS FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** are on the table in the Parish Center. The annual drive was scheduled when we were shut down with COVID. Please help yourselves and leave a donation if you wish.

LADIES GUILD will meet TODAY after Mass. Agenda items: update our current guild book; if any of the leaders want off their positions, please make it known at the meeting; if anyone is interested in taking over the Guild president, please make it known at the meeting. It is time for the current president to be done. Lenten Breakfasts - can we have them?

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IS THIS WEEK!** Activities scheduled: Monday: Celebrating our Community! Students will decorate placemats for local care centers. Penny Wars will begin with proceeds benefiting the baby pantry. Tuesday: Celebrating our Students! Students will get donuts and watch a virtual pep assembly celebrating winter sports, activities, and the nearing of our 100th day in school! Wednesday: Celebrating our Nation! Students will make valentines for veterans and make a donation to the VA Hospital in Des Moines in order to dress in jeans and red, white, and blue for the day. Thursday: Celebrating our Vocations! Students will be delivering lunch to our local priests, sisters, and deacons, as well as a special thank you to them. Friday: Celebrating our faculty, staff, and volunteers! We will celebrate our hardworking faculty and staff with an appreciation lunch. Saturday: Celebrating our families! For more details, visit newmancatholic.org/csw2021

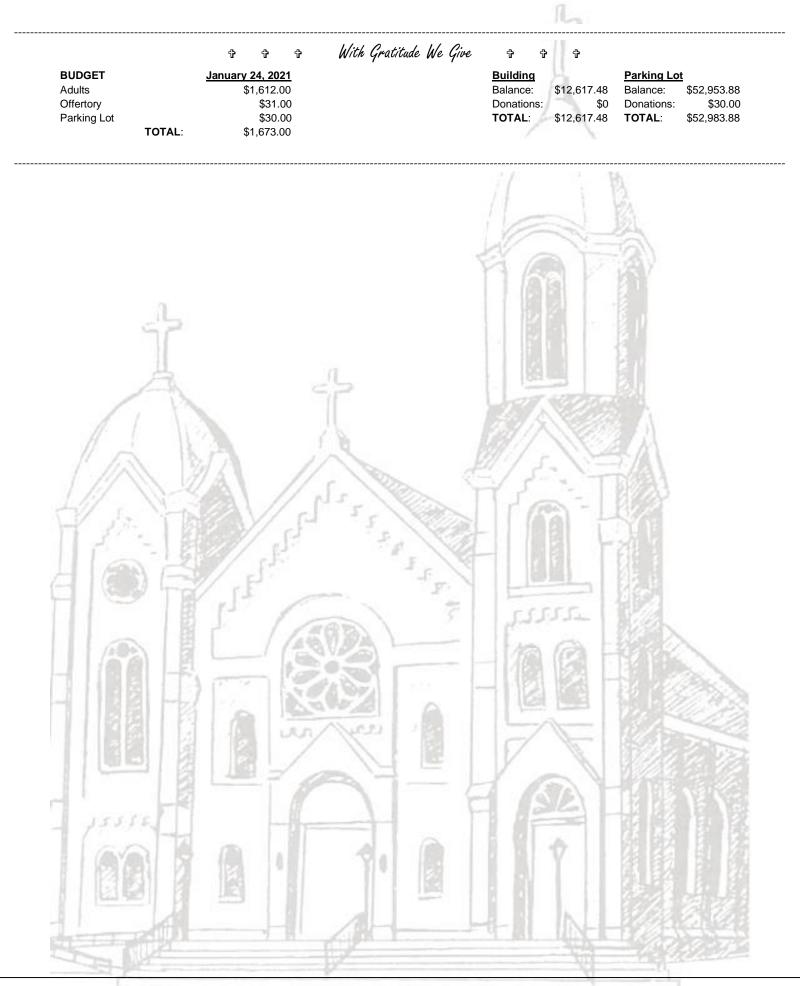
**OFFICE POSITION** – Looking for someone interested in learning the jobs the office position entails. Just want someone to come in and learn what goes on at this time and be ready to take over when needed. For a full list of duties, stop by the office. CEMETERY is now taken care of in the office, but if someone was interested in handling the cemetery - sale of lots, etc – it could certainly be worked out. Call 641-822-4950 or email h.cahalan@sacredheartrockwell.org, if interested.

WEST FORK FOOD PANTRY – This food pantry is open to residents of Franklin County or residents of the West Fork School District. Need to bring a current bill or ID to verify residency. It is located out of Zion St. John Lutheran Church at 422 West Sherman in Sheffield. The phone number is 641-892-4010. If in need, please bring bags, laundry baskets, or boxes to carry your food. The Food Bank is open the 1st Thursday of each month 10:00am-12:00pm and the 3rd Thursday of each month from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. During the month of December they served 300 families and 90 individuals. AWESOME!! Some of the food left at Sacred Heart has been given to West Fork Food Bank because we are West Fork.

HAWEKYE HARVEST FOOD BANK in Mason City is always in need of donated items. Since we did not have Mass during most of Advent, we did not get a lot of donations. Lent is coming soon; hopeful we can make more of an effort to donate items toward the food bank. There are baskets in the entry to the church to leave any items you want to donate.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** – Attached to the bulletin today is a schedule for Ministers for February. If you cannot be there, please try to switch or give the office a call. There are a few places where we need volunteers. If any of the ministers want to be put on the list let Helen know. Thank you!

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