Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Mass Schedule and Intentions: Sunday, February 14th – 8:00am + Cecil and Lonnie Bosch Wednesday, February 17th – 6:00pm – Ash Wednesday For the Parishioners Thursday, February 18th – 5:30pm + John Welling Sunday, February 21st – 8:00am + Ray McLaughlin

February 14, 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:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th – Ash Wednesday Mass THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18th – Knights of Columbus Meeting

TODAY'S RESPONSORIAL PSALM: "I turn to you, Lord, i time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation."

**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.

FELLOWSHIP AFTER MASS - Coffee, rolls and juice are back! Please feel free to join us after Mass. We still need to social distance and limit the amount of people at each table and spread out. The rolls will be provided, we are just looking for volunteers to help serve and clean up afterwards.

ASH WEDNESDAY is the beginning of Lent. Mass will be held THIS Wednesday, the 17th, at 6:00pm. Rice Bowls, as well as daily Lenten book, are on the back table. Please take them home with you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet this Thursday, February 18th, at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. PLEASE NOTE: masks must be worn and social distancing will be practiced.

**NEW CARPET** has been laid in the sacristy. This is ongoing from the laying of the carpet in the church and is a Guild project. Check it out. Once again, thank you to the Building Committee for moving things out and putting everything back. Some of the doors will need to be shortened a little. There is some left over carpet in the Parish Center if anyone is interested. The size is marked on the carpet and the padding. If you can use it, please leave a donation with the office.

**BANNERS** – We have purchased some new banners for the various seasons of the church. The first one will be out on Ash Wednesday. We used memorial money from Lou Schlorholtz for most of the cost and then 2 small ones from Charles Callahan and Maxine O'Connor. The cost of the banners was \$1170.45. We have 6 different sets.

**SPEAKER SYSTEM** – A new speaker system will be installed shortly for the Parish Center and the viewing area. The cost will be around \$4,700.00 and most of it will be covered by memorial money, with the remaining balance from the building fund. The system on the wall in the viewing area will be removed. Thanks again to the Building Committee for getting the bids and setting it up.

**THURSDAY NIGHT MASSES** for the rest of the winter season, PLEASE NOTE: If school is canceled due to the weather, the Thursday night 5:30pm Mass will be canceled. You will not be called.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS –** If you are a minister who has indicated you are ready to start to lector, distribute communion, or count money, a schedule is ready for February and is on the table in back. Please pick one up. As always if you cannot be there on the Sunday you are scheduled, please try to find a replacement or let the office know at 641-822-4950 or h.cahalan@sacredheartrockwell.org. Thank you!

LADIES GUILD NEWS – We will not be having our Lenten breakfasts this year. The Religious Education students are having donuts again, so we will open it up for adults to have coffee and donuts for anyone that would like to stay. Please remember masks and social distancing need to be practiced. At our last meeting, we worked on updating our guild book. New books will be out later for all the ladies. We discussed and approved making a donation to the nursing home for them to use for whatever project they want. As we have done for many years, we will honor the graduating seniors from our parish in the spring. It has been the practice that the Junior Class Moms plan and serve the event and the Guild pays. We have changed to having an evening meal the last couple of years. Each graduate receives a gift bag from the Guild, as well. We will schedule this later in the spring.

**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 \$53,000.00 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.

**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.

