

**Saturday, July 12:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, July 13:**

9:30 a.m. Mass

**Monday, July 14: Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin**

Is 1: 10-17, Mt 10: 34-11: 1

No Mass today

**Tuesday, July 15: Bonaventure, bishop, doctor**

Is 7: 1-9, Mt 11: 20-24

No Mass today

**Wednesday, July 16: Weekday, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**

Is 10: 5-7, 13-16, Mt 11: 25-27

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Thursday, July 17: Weekday**

Is 26: 7-9, 12, 16-19, Mt 11: 28-30

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Friday, July 18: Weekday, Camilus de Lellis, priest**

Is 38

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

Wis 12: 13, 16-19, Rom 8: 26-27, Mt 13: 24-43

**Saturday, July 19:**

5:00 p.m. Service in Absence of Priest

**Sunday, July 20:**

9:30 a.m. Mass

**FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**

We are grateful for your kindness in remembering and donating non-perishable food for the less fortunate of our community. Next weekend the baskets will be at the entrances of the

Church to receive your donations. May you be blessed by "seeing Jesus in the faces of the poor".

**K OF C SENIORS**

The K of C Seniors will meet Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at noon at the K of C Hall, with the regular potluck and with chicken provided. All K of C members, wives and widows over 55 are invited to attend. We also extend an invitation to all seniors of Sacred Heart parish. Please join us!

(Sharon Vandenbossche, Secretary)

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGES**

Sacred Heart Parish would like to congratulate all married couples who will be celebrating wedding anniversaries this year (from January 2008 through December 2008) in any five-year increment, such as 5 yr. 10 yr., 20 yr. 25, 50 yr., **or more**. Couples are invited to share in the Wedding Anniversary Mass this Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup> (9:30). A special blessing will be given to these couples. After the Mass you are invited to join in a reception at the Parish Center.

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 19 & 20****LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Mary Knoll

9:30 a.m. Carolyn Graff

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:**

5:00 p.m. Paul Langlois\*

9:30 a.m. Becky Learman\*

Ann Reinelt, Dick Bertrand

Lil Guild, Vic Guzman

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

5:00 p.m. Absence of Priest

9:30 a.m. Brittney Quick, Kyle Sharp

**GREETERS:**

5:00 p.m. Onna Lee LaPratt, Lynn, Mark Petiprin, Mandy Knox, Margaret Cockerill

9:30 a.m. Foor Family, Rick, Ann Reinelt, Dick, Janet Bertrand, Richard, Barb Tetil

**USHERS FOR JULY:**

5:00 p.m. Dave Kolacz\*, Austin Hessling, Mark McKervery, Kyle Kausch

9:30 a.m. Bob DeLorenzo\*, Doug Prosser, Robert Kamrad, Paul Ellsworth

**Rest in Peace**

We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of Walt Albin who was buried from Sacred Heart this past week. May the angels lead him into Paradise where he will find eternal peace and joy with Jesus the Lord.

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY**

Please note there are pink envelopes in your Church envelope packets to be used if you wish to have the Catholic Weekly sent to your home. The cost is \$7.00 for six months. (Your parish pays the remainder of the cost.)

**VA GRAVE MARKERS**

It has come to our attention there are some VA graves in Sacred Heart Cemetery that do not have VA grave markers. It is a simple process to obtain a free VA marker/flag holder. Anyone can fill out the application, even as far back as WW1. For more information on grave markers and flag holders contact Ed Jagosz @ 673-8226.

**IN APPRECIATION**

We wish to thank our Church family, who, when called, donate food for funeral meals. The workers for Fern Bell's funeral were: Shirley & Ben Sizemore, Betty & Al Gorleski, Barb & Willis Beecher, Ruth & John Kopko. We especially welcome Sue O'Kelly as our new volunteer. Mary LaPratt & Carolyn Graff donated homemade bread & rolls. How blessed Sacred Heart is. (Christian Service)

**THANK YOU**

We are grateful to Rich & Donna Hartman who donated a new roaster & serving trays to be used for meals in the Parish Center. Thank you for your kindness.

**BAPTISM**

We are happy to welcome into our Catholic Faith Community Bailey Cre Stewart who was baptized at Sacred Heart recently. May she always follow the path of the Lord.

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Our weekly need.....	\$5800.00
Last Weekend.....	\$4975.74
476 Envelope Holders	187 Envelopes Used Last Weekend

**TODAY'S GOSPEL**

(Matthew 13:1-23)



Methods of farming in Jesus' day were very different from the methods modern farmers use. Today's farmer plows the field before scattering the seed, but in biblical times farmers reversed the process. The first-century farmer scattered the seed on the ground first and then turned over the soil. We must keep this in mind when reading today's Gospel.

Because the seed rested on top of the ground for a while before the farmer plowed the soil, the wind sometimes blew it to an area the farmer did not intend it to be. This explains how some of the seed landed on the footpath and how some of it ended up on the rocky ground or among the thorns.

In the analogy in today's Gospel, the seed represents the word of God and the different places where the seed landed represent different kinds of people and their response to the Gospel message. The rocky soil stands for the person who hears God's word but does not allow it to take root. Letting the seed take root means letting the Gospel message make a difference in a person's life. It means living out one's commitment to Jesus by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and visiting the sick or lonely.

Some of the seed landed among thorns, which represent worldly cares like fame, power, and money. When these become the center of a person's life, there isn't much time or energy left for prayer and spiritual matters.

Some seed landed on the footpath. This symbolizes the person who hears God's word but doesn't take time to study Scripture and, therefore, doesn't understand it. As a result, the Gospel message cannot make much of a difference in this person's life.

Finally, some of the seed fell on good soil where it produced a yield of thirty-, sixty-, or a hundred-fold. The good soil represents people who are spiritually fruitful because they not only hear God's word, but also understand it and live it. Since a farmer in Jesus' day would have been extremely proud of such a large harvest, we can assume Jesus is proud of us when his word takes root and grows in our lives.

**For Reflection**

How well rooted is God's word in your life? Does it find life in what you do and how you treat others? Do you spend time reading and studying Scripture? How often do you pray?

**HOPE AND A FUTURE**

*"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* (Jeremiah 29:11)

**†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†**

**Registration for Faith Formation 2008-2009** is taking place now. Forms are available in the parish center office or call 673-2276 for more information. The fee is \$20.00 for one child or \$25.00 for a family. Early registration will help guarantee the class time you want! **Forms are in the back of Church.** They may be mailed in or dropped off at the Parish Center.

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME  
(Loons game at Dow Diamond in Midland)**

Please note the bus trip to the baseball game with the Great Lakes Loons in Midland on August 6 has been filled.



Cost is \$20.00 per person, which includes transportation and admission to the Diamond.

Small coolers are allowed on the bus.

It would be helpful to have the checks, (made out to Sacred Heart Church) by July 17.

**BEFRIENDER MINISTRY**

The Befriender Ministry at Sacred Heart is a Ministry of Listening designed to help individuals through grief, sickness, loneliness or any need that represents a time of pain or crisis. If you feel you could benefit from a visit with a befriender or, if you have someone you would like to refer, please call the church office (673-2346). ALSO- anyone who would like to learn about becoming a part of the Befriender Ministry should call the church office for contact info.

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CSA 2008**

Parish Target.....	\$58,000.00
Pledges.....	\$47,630.00
Balance Needed.....	\$10,370.00

We are grateful to those who have already pledged to CSA. Our prayer is that God will inspire each of us to realize this sacrificial work of stewardship is for the honor and glory of God, and for the service of His people. During the month of July we will need to contact those who have not yet responded to our CSA drive.

**ST. ROCH CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL**

St. Roch (Caseville) invites you to a special presentation of "marvelous Mozart & Haydn" on Sunday July 20 @ 2:00 pm.

The concert includes presentations by Steven Lubiartz, violin, Greg Kostraba, piano, Sandra Halleran, cello, Robert Garcia, horn. \$12.00 adults, \$10.00 seniors, \$5.00 students. Tickets available at the door one hour prior to performance. Concert held @ Caseville High School auditorium, 6609 Vine St., Caseville. Info: [www.strochcmf.com](http://www.strochcmf.com).

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