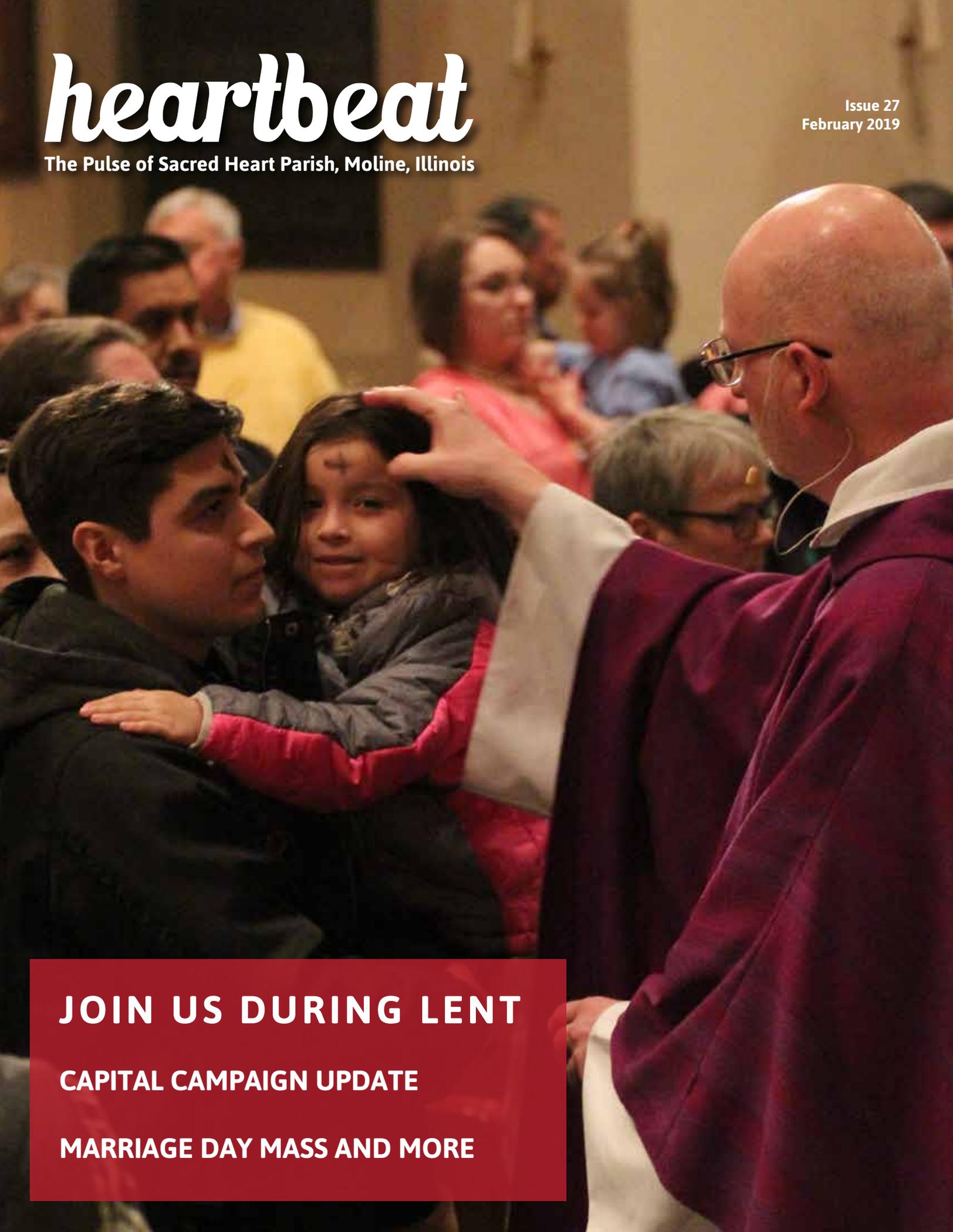


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LET US PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF LENT

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is behind us. Ash Wednesday is fast approaching. The gray skies of winter are hanging over our heads. Isn't this an upbeat beginning? But I think we all get a little down in the trough this time of year.

I often find people make life-changing decisions this time of year. Maybe we decide to end commitments or end relationships that are important to our lives. This is probably not a good idea. Having studied the spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola I know that we never want to make a decision when we are in desolation. Better that we wait until we have thoroughly had time to pray over choices.

One of the blessings of the Lenten season is that we have a period for intense prayer and penance. We live healthy spiritual lives for six weeks. The pace of life slows a bit. One of our Lenten resolutions could be to use Lent as a time to enter prayerful discernment about some issues we might be struggling with. It is very possible that we will find the enlightenment we seek.

In this issue of Heartbeat, we outline some of the activities that we will be hosting this Lent. I encourage all of you to think about what you might want to do for your spiritual renewal. One good option is to come to daily Mass. We have 6:30 a.m. Mass





JOIN US THIS LENT

Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019

MASS TIMES:

6:30 & 8:30am Masses (distribution of Ashes)
 10:15am All School Mass (distribution of Ashes)
 6:00pm Mass/New Spirit Singers (distribution of Ashes)

Simple Lenten Soup Supper following Mass in the Cafeteria of Culemans Hall

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Confessions will be offered at 5:00pm on the following days during Lent. Stations of the Cross will begin at 5:30pm every Wednesday during Lent. Simple Potluck Suppers will follow Stations of the Cross in Fellowship Hall:

March 13	March 20
March 27	April 3
April 10	April 17 (There will be no Simple Potluck Supper this night)

LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, April 15, 2019 - 7:00 pm - Church

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday's during Lent

7:00am to 4:45pm – St. Francis Chapel

Evening Prayer from 4:45pm to 5:15pm – St. Francis Chapel

FIRST FRIDAY

9:00am to 4:00 pm with Evening Prayer beginning at 4:00pm

HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY MASS (Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper) April 18, 2019 - 7:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY (Friday of the Passion of The Lord) April 19, 2019 - 3:00pm Service

Blessing of Easters Baskets

SATURDAY, April 20, 2019 - 10:15am/St. Francis Chapel

HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL - April 20, 2019 - MASS TIME TBD

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 21, 2019

7:00AM, 9:00AM & 11:00AM MASSES

Monday through Friday or any of our other daily Masses. The liturgical readings are geared toward conversion, so this is a great way of entering the spirit of the season of Lent.

I pray that Lent is a fruitful time for all of you.

Blessings,

Fr. Mark DeSutter,
 Pastor

P.S. Thanks for all who are participating in our *Today Tomorrow Together* Campaign. The generosity of all involved has been inspiring. Please continue to pray for the success of the campaign.

MEET OUR DEACON CANDIDATES: MIKE MAYNARD

How has your faith impacted your life, in big or small ways?

My faith has always been an integral part of my life. My mom was a devout Catholic and my dad Presbyterian, but I was raised Catholic and attended Catholic Schools through high school. Like many “Cradle Catholics” I took my faith for granted most of the time. I really didn’t take ownership of my faith until after I married Denise. Denise has a very strong Catholic faith and she challenged and encouraged me as my relationship with Christ grew. Raising our children in a loving Christian home was also hugely important for us. We realized how important it was to give our kids a solid foundation and to plant those seeds of faith. About 10 years into our married life, Denise and I were invited to dinner at a neighbor’s house. Our neighbors were fallen-away Catholics and were now part of the “Born Again” movement. During the evening we were shown some anti-Catholic videos and they challenged the teachings of our Church. I am embarrassed to admit that I could not effectively defend the Catholic Church that night. What could have led to a crisis for us instead led to a time of rediscovery for Denise and I... and we began to study. I particularly enjoyed reading books written by Scott Hahn who has authored several books on apologetics. We also felt a call to action and became more involved in the church: serving as youth group leaders, working with the T.E.C. (Teens Encounter Christ) community and also with Cursillo. Having the assurance of a loving Father, a redeeming Savior, and the gift of the Holy Spirit always by my side gives me great confidence as I discern His role for me in my life.

What led you to consider becoming a deacon? How did you make the decision?

My decision to discern the diaconate started with an invitation from Father Mark. During the weekend Masses a couple of years ago, Fr. Mark shared that there was a need for Deacons in the parish and had asked the congregation to pray for men to consider the ministry. He invited men who felt called to come forward and asked the congregation to prayerfully submit names of men that they felt could serve the Church as a Deacon. I fell in the second category. Fr. Mark told me that my name came up and asked me to pray about the

Diaconate. I know in my heart that we are all called to serve our Lord and that we are to be open to His invitation, so after much prayer, and with the support and encouragement of Denise and our family, I began the discernment process.

How has the discernment and training process impacted you and your families’ lives?

My family has been very supportive throughout the discernment process. Denise and I are required to attend training in Peoria for one weekend each month for 5 years. Our son Sam, who is 16, still lives at home. Sam is involved in EVERYTHING!!!! – so when we are in Peoria, our daughter Carolyn, my sister Barb, and my favorite mother-in-law, Leona, help to make sure that the house is still standing (and the debris from all the wild parties has been cleaned up) when we return home Sunday evening.

What have you learned through this process? What things have been most interesting to you?

The classes are fascinating. It is always fun to discover new aspects of our Catholic faith. We have explored philosophy, Vatican II documents, Canon Law and have started learning about homiletics. My favorite class so far has been on apologetics where we are taught to defend our teachings with a 3-pronged defense using scriptural passages, from writings from the early Church Fathers and from non-Christian historical documents written around the time of Christ. We also learn from each other as we share our faith stories. We have a class of 22 faith-filled men eager to follow God’s call. Eight of these men are from the Quad City region and three are from here at Sacred Heart (Joe Terronez, Matt Martel and myself). We have formed a study group that meets between our Diaconate weekends in Peoria to study and pray together. Please keep us all in your prayers as all of you will be in ours.

What do you hope to share with parishioners as a deacon?

We have a wonderful community at Sacred Heart and I am honored that someday I can play a part in helping the members of Sacred Heart discover the incredible, absolute, and unconditional love that God has for each of us.

MARRIAGE DAY MASS AND DINNER / DANCE AT SACRED HEART

For many decades the parish has created different ways to honor our married couples for their special anniversaries. On February 9th (a new date from initial announcements) the 4:00 Mass will feature rituals and music by the New Spirit Singers appropriate for the annual Marriage Day Mass. Following the Mass the celebrating couples are invited to Fellowship Hall for a festive dinner provided by Bridges Catering Co. To continue the anniversary party, members of the River City 6 band will entice guests to dance.

The couples who received invitations for this event celebrated significant anniversaries of 50 plus, 50, 45, 40, 35, 30, 25 and 20 years in 2018. Reservations are required.

Throughout the United States and beyond, the Catholic Church requests parishes and dioceses to affirm married couples for living out their marriage vows. Some places do this for silver and golden jubilarians. At Sacred Heart we are privileged to have expanded the anniversary groupings.

Parishioners are invited to come to the 4:00 Mass on February 9th to acclaim the celebrating couples.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We are now deep into the public phase of our *Today Tomorrow Together* campaign. This is the time where we appeal to everyone in the parish to support the campaign. Now we are well over \$1.3 million dollars in pledges and donations. This money has come from roughly 140 households (we have over 1,300 families registered in our parish). Seton Catholic School has collected over half a million dollars in pledges and donations from only 100 households. There are many more people to approach and we will ask everyone we can to help us. If everyone gives a sacrificial gift, we will do very well.

Sacred Heart Parish is hoping to collect \$3 million dollars in gifts so that we may improve our facilities. We have already drawn up contracts to complete the tuckpointing on the church. That will begin this Spring. Seton Catholic School has already bought new technology for the school. The campaign is having a positive impact on our campus. As we collect the money, we will spend the money as we said we would. Every dollar stays here and is used for the Catholic community of Moline.

In the days ahead, we will be asking people to make \$6,000-dollar pledges over a three year period to help restore the Resurrection window in our church. This is an \$118,000 dollar project. This stained-glass window is the most damaged of all our windows. If just twenty people, make this commitment we will have the money we need to do this project. Donors will be recognized on a plaque that will be on display in our church (hopefully in our new gathering space).

The bitter winter weather has illustrated why we need access to our church for those with disabilities. It has also reminded us that a covered drop off area is essential to allow the members of Sacred Heart to get into the church safely. Please pledge when asked. If we pull together as a Catholic community, we can do far more than we ever imagined.

The bad weather on kick-off weekend kept a lot of parishioners from seeing our campaign video and the virtual tour of our proposed addition. You can see these items on our campaign website at www.catholictogether.com.



POPE FRANCIS: MARRIAGE REQUIRES GENEROUS UNITY, FAITHFUL LOVE

“Fidelity is possible, because it is a gift, both for spouses and for priests.”

In a recent address in Rome, Pope Francis praised the virtues of unity and fidelity, which he said members of the Roman Rota frequently experience in their service. The Roman Rota tribunal is the Catholic Church’s highest court, and primarily hears cases regarding the nullity of matrimony, though its jurisdiction extends to any type of judicial and non-administrative case related to Canon Law.

The Holy Father said the two “marital goods” of unity and fidelity first of all pertain “to the essence of the Church of Christ”. Society, he said, frequently does not help couples live these virtues. “The society in which we live is becoming more and more secularized, and doesn’t promote growth in faith, with the result that the Catholic faithful must struggle to witness to a way of life modeled on the Gospel”.

Pope Francis said unity and fidelity are necessary, not only in a married couple’s relationship, but also in all interpersonal and societal relations. “We are all aware of the inconveniences that arise in civil society when promises are not kept”, he said.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Our students at Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Seton Catholic School are working towards the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. This is an exciting time of the year and we are very proud of all our students. We greatly appreciate all the hard work that their teachers and parents put into helping prepare them for the milestones in their Catholic identity.

The children of Sacred Heart Parish have adopted the “Good Shepherd” window as a part of the Capital Campaign. What an awesome opportunity to make a difference in the future of their church!

The Church’s ministers, said the Pope, need to help prepare couples for a life of generous unity and faithful love. This preparation should be done long before marriage and as couples near their wedding date, as well as throughout their married life.

“Pastors are the main actors in this matrimonial formation, by virtue of their office and ministry,” he said, though all layers of the Church community need to be involved in preparing couples.

Pope Francis then turned to the example of Saints Aquila and Priscilla, a married couple who helped St. Paul in his evangelizing mission. The Apostle to the Gentiles calls them his *synergoi*, or fellow workers.

“We are struck and moved by Paul’s high recognition of the missionary work of these spouses, and at the same time we recognize how this synergy was a precious gift of the Spirit to the first Christian communities.”

The Pope also listed several ways in which the Church can help married couples live in unity and

fidelity: nearness to the Word of God, catechesis, frequent reception of the Sacraments, spiritual direction, and charitable works towards other families and those most in need.

Married couples who live generous unity and faithful love, said Pope Francis, are a special resource for the Church’s pastoral work. “They offer everyone an example of true love and become witnesses and co-workers in the fruitfulness of the Church itself.”

This type of married couple, he said, “reflects the image and likeness of God.”

Pope Francis invited members of the Roman Rota tribunal to deliver justice with their juridical sentences.

Their rulings, he said, help “to correctly interpret Marriage law” and promotes the spiritual health and faith of spouses.

Source: Vatican News



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- Sundays: 7, 9, 11 a.m.
- Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.
- Daily Masses (M-W): 6:30 am, 8:30 am; TH: 6:30 am, 9:00 am (when school is in session or unless otherwise noted in the parish bulletin); FRI: 6:30 am only
- Saturday Morning: 8:30 am

Confessions

Saturday During Lent: 2:45 p.m. - 4 p.m.
and by appointment, call 762-2362.

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

(St. Francis Chapel) During Lent:

- Wednesday: 7 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
- First Friday: 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

