



Welcome to The Church of the Sacred Heart

The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

When I am Afraid, in you I place My Trust!
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Saturday @ 4:00 pm

Sunday @ 9:00 am

Weekdays:

Wednesday@ 9:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

First Saturday of each month@ 3:15 pm –3:45 pm

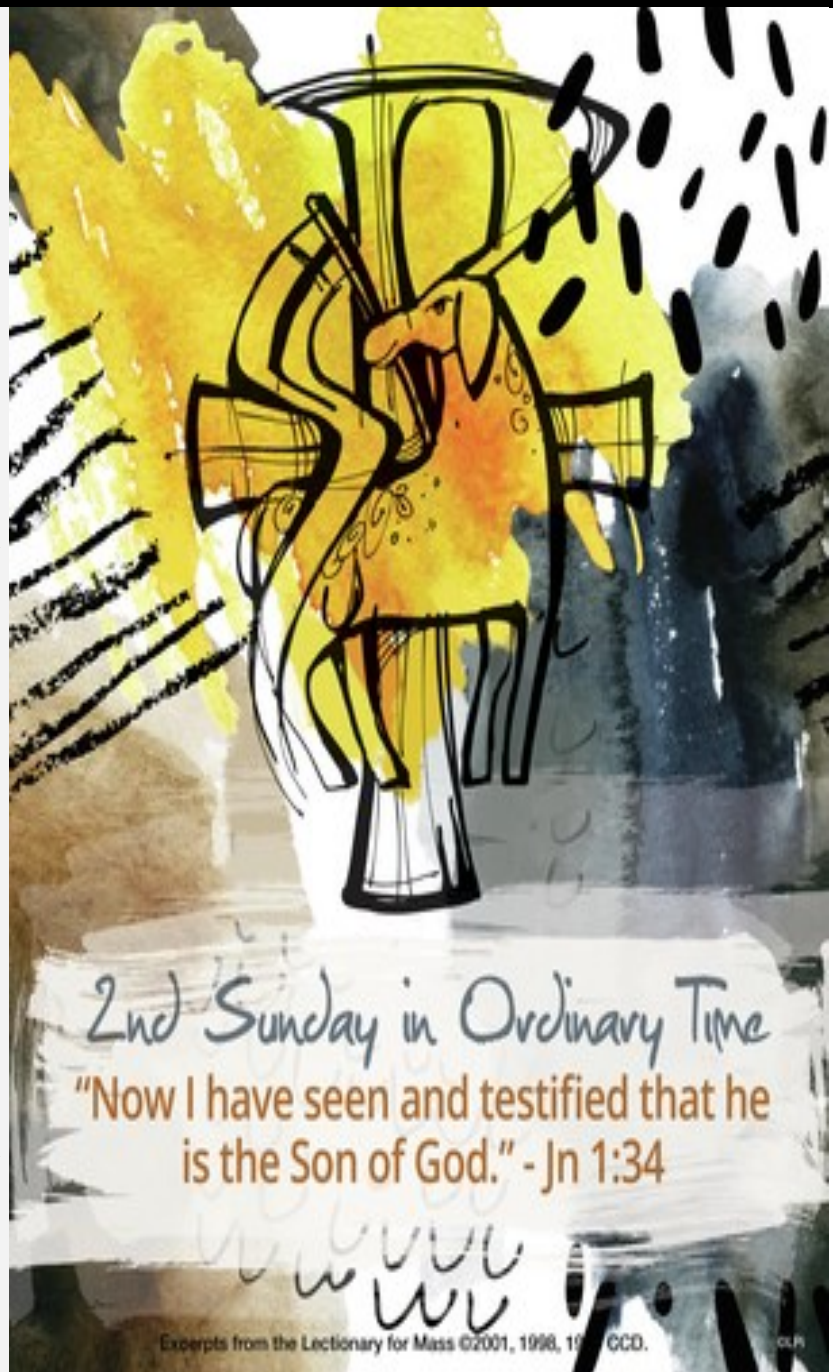
Or by appointment

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday @

8:00 am. - 1:00 pm.

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Meditation: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

On the cusp of fame, power, or influence, would you turn it down?



Today's Gospel again features John the Baptist. Controversial but popular, John has gathered quite a group of followers. He has disciples. People come from near and far to be baptized by him. Pharisees and government leaders are drawn to his preaching. If John was another man, a lesser man, he would have claimed his own greatness. Instead, John the Baptist is a witness to humility.

"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God ... he is the one of whom I said, "A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me." ... the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known.' " Rather than point to himself, John points to Christ. John could have grasped at what he had accumulated. He could have seen Jesus as a Messianic competitor. Instead, John knows who he is. He knows his place as forerunner. Because John knows who Jesus is. "I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

A life of humility, a life for others, can be challenging to live. So much of our culture is built around achievement and individualism. We can justify it, too, in pursuit of "greater goods" and higher ideals. In the process, however, we might miss our own participation in the kingdom of God. John, for all of his humility, was not an afterthought. In another Gospel passage, Jesus calls him "the greatest prophet," even the greatest of men. Why? Because he fulfills the mission given to him by God: to announce the coming of the Messiah. We too are prophets and forerunners. Our witness to the Gospel is meant to point people to Jesus. Consider your own mission this week. To whom are you called to announce the good news of the Son of God?

Financial Update

Totals for weekend	1/12/2020
Plate	415.25
Envelopes (41)	1511.00
Bldg. Maint. Env.	90.00
Food Shelf	10.00
Anniversary Bldg. Improv.	145.00
Solemnity of Mary	5.00
Initial Offering	45.00
Total	\$2221.25



ATTENTION MEMEBERS— If you are making monetary contributions to more than one fund, we need separate checks for each. It causes a lot of confusion on the bookkeeping end when we have to split up a check. Also, please use your envelopes whenever possible. Thank you.



Saint Margaret Clitherow, sometimes called "the Pearl of York," was an English saint and martyr of the Roman Catholic Church. Margaret was born in 1556 in Middleton, England, one of five children of Thomas and Jane Middleton. Her father was a respected businessman, a wax-chandler and Sheriff of York in 1564. He died when Margaret was fourteen. She married John Clitherow, a wealthy butcher and a chamberlain of the city in St. Martin's church July 8, 1571. She converted to Roman Catholicism in 1574.

Although her husband belonged to the Established Church, he was supportive as his brother William was a Roman Catholic priest. He paid her fines for not attending church services. She was first imprisoned in 1577 for failing to attend church. Two more incarcerations at York Castle followed. Her third child, William, was born in prison.

Margaret risked her life by harboring and maintaining priests, which was made a capital offense by the Jesuits Act of 1584. She provided two chambers, one adjoining her house, and with her house under surveillance, she rented a house some distance away. There she kept priests hidden, and Mass was celebrated through the thick of the persecution. Her home became one of the most important hiding places for fugitive priests in the north of England. Local tradition holds that she also housed her clerical guests in the Black Swan Inn at Peaseholme Green, where the Queen's agents were lodged.

She sent her older son Henry to the English College that had been relocated in Reims, France to train for the priesthood. Her husband was summoned by the authorities to explain why his oldest son had gone abroad, and in March 1586 the Clitherow house was searched. A frightened boy revealed the location of the priest hole. She was finally arrested on March 10, 1586.

On March 14, Margaret was called before the York Judges Clinch and Rhodes and several members of the Council of the North at the York for the crime of harboring Roman Catholic priests. She refused to plead, thereby preventing a trial that would entail her three children being made to testify and subjected to torture. She was therefore condemned to be pressed to death. "God be thanked, I am not worthy of so good a death as this," she said. Although pregnant with her fourth child, she was executed on Lady Day, March 25, 1586 (which also happened to be Good Friday that year) in the Toll Booth at Ouse Bridge.

The two sergeants who should have carried out the execution hired four desperate beggars to do it instead. She was stripped and had a handkerchief tied across her face; she was then laid across a sharp rock the size of a man's fist. The door from her own house was put on top of her and loaded with an immense weight of rocks and stones so that the sharp rock would break her back. Her last words were "Jesu! Jesu! Jesu! Have mercy on me!" Her death occurred within fifteen minutes, but her body was left for six hours before the weight was removed. Her right hand is preserved at St. Mary's Convent, York, but the resting-place of her sacred body is not known.

Margaret Clitherow was canonized on October 25, 1970 by Pope Paul VI among the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. Their feast day in the current Roman Catholic calendar is May 4 in England and October 25 in Wales. She is also commemorated in England on August 30 along with martyrs Anne Line and Margaret Ward.

Article courtesy of Bob Rawson, Guest Writer

Celebrants

Wednesday, January 22nd

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

Saturday, January 25th

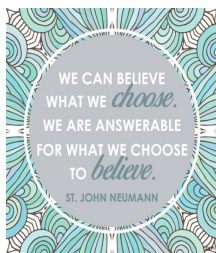
Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 4:00 PM

Fr. Shane St. Gregory's 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 26th

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

Fr. Shane St. Gregory's 9:30 AM



Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Jan. 25th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Jeremy Albright

Communion: Annette & Frank Storm

Gifts: Stenger Family

Ushers: Dave Peter

Servers: Mikayla Ertz

Youth Sunday, Jan. 26th at 9:00 am

Lectors: Sue Roth, Wayne Herberg

Communion: Liz Herberg, Scott Tryon, Jean Peno

Gifts:

Ushers: Joe Moore, Rodney Swanson

Servers: Maggie Roth

Mass Intentions



Jan. 22nd

† For the Unborn

Jan. 25th

† Fr. John Fitzpatrick

Jan. 26th

Abby Sylvester

Needing our Prayers



Jim Thorn

Gerald Mollberg

Danielle Peter

Judy Strandmark

John Hatcher

Savannah Yurick

Janet Yurick

Sue Roth

Jim Kirchberg

Elaine Schneider

Margarette Brooker

Jean Isackso

Ann Roth

Faith Formation & Family

Please remember that the 2nd Sunday of the month, during the school calendar, is Youth Mass Sunday. All youth involved in Faith Formation are expected to attend mass with their families, and we love seeing all of you there!

The second Sunday of the month is also our collection for the food shelf. Please bring non-perishable items and put them in the food shelf bin, or make a monetary donation using the food shelf envelopes in the pews.

Hey Kids! - Please take a Children's bulletin every week. These are located on tables by both exits. The Children's Bulletin has a story and games that relate to the Gospel and readings each Sunday. It also includes a cartoon about a saint. These are great resources to share our faith with our children.

Upcoming Meetings

* Finance Council meeting will be held on January 30th at 7:00pm in the Parish house.

* Parish Council meeting will be held on February 11th at 7:00 pm in the Parish house.

"Capital Campaign Corner"

Financial Update:

Project Goal

\$ 100,000.00

Pledges Received (56)

\$ 61,460.00

Paid to Date

\$ 40,409.00

If you have not returned your pledge card please do so soon.



faith + love + generosity

Thank you for supporting Capital Campaign— A Call to Restore and Preserve.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you or someone you know is in need of a prayer shawl please contact the office or feel free to take one from the rack in church.

320.358.4370



Shawls are provided by the CCW of Sacred Heart.

Parish-wide survey! Please Read!

St. Gregory the Great and Sacred Heart Parishes will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute as part of the Archdiocesan Synod Process! **Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online.** The survey can be accessed via smartphone, tablet or computer at www.disciplemakerindex.com from February 1 – March 1 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. Hard copies will also be available. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be valuable to Archbishop Hebda, Father Shane and our parishes as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring, at which time we will share what we have learned.



With the Cold and Flu season in full swing, you are encouraged to stay healthy and to use good judgement when deciding whether to shake hands at the Sign of Peace or receive the Blood of Christ from the common cup at the Communion time. Let's help

each other to stay healthy during these winter months.

Elevator Update:

Our service provider, Arrow Lift, had advised us that the maker of the elevator's broken rollers was no longer in business and Arrow had been unable to locate a source for compatible rollers. Arrow called this past week to say they did locate compatible rollers and expect to have the elevator repaired within two weeks. Thanks to Arrow Lift for their diligence.