

Welcome to The Church of the Sacred Heart

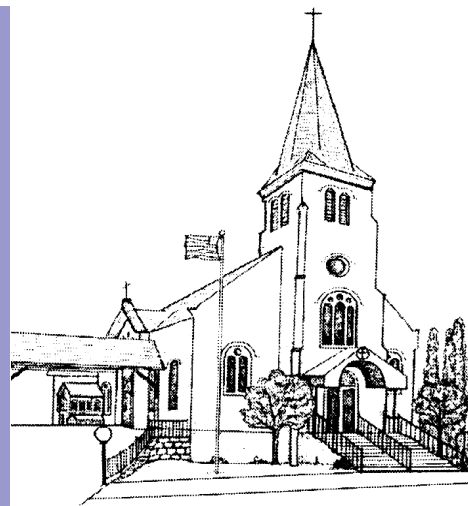
The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

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Weekend & Weekday Masses

Saturday-Temporarily Suspended
Sunday 9:00 am
Wednesday 9:00 am

Private Prayers:

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays-
8:30-Noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass
until Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions will be heard by request
after mass on Wednesdays or
by appointment.

Clergy

Pastor:

Fr. Shane Stoppel-Wasinger

Assisting Priest:

Fr. Chuck Brambilla
Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
8:00 am. - 12:00 pm.

Parish Staff Contacts

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Third Sunday of Advent, December 13, 2020

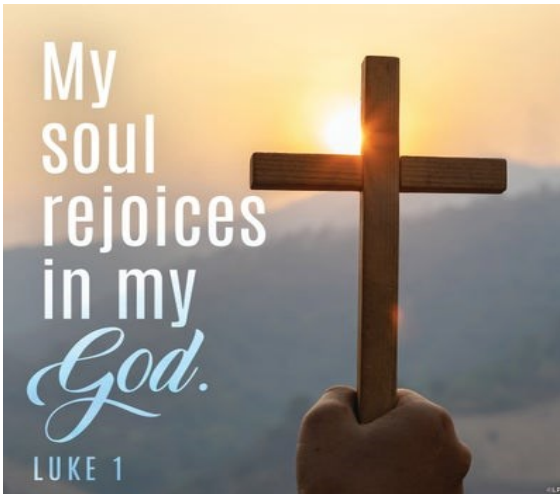
A Constant Companion

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



What gives you joy? Joy is discovered when we connect with something or someone very deeply and experience a dimension of ourselves that material or secular possessions cannot bring. Joy is stumbled upon when we see our newly born child for the first time, get caught up in the vastness of a mountain landscape, and are led out into infinity gazing at an ocean's horizon, or being lovingly present with someone when they are vulnerable and in need. Joy is a profound experience that in its uniqueness grounds us in ultimate truth. Did you know that all authentic, profound, and memorable moments of joy mirror the eternal joy we desire from God? We can have glimpses of this eternal Divine joy as we embark upon our earthly journey, mirrored in our human connections with joy, but experienced directly during moments of deep prayer. God is the joy of my soul. Ponder those intense words! You will know moments of true and real joy by paying attention to your response to the experience. You will find yourself rejoicing and saying thank you.



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

If you or a loved one are ill in any way and would like to have your name included on the Prayer Chain, the Sunday Prayers of the Faithful and/or the bulletin contact the Parish office. Permission from the individual must be given before we can list their name in the Prayers of the Faithful or the bulletin.

Prayer, at its heart, is an act of faith, asking God to step in and believing that He is both willing and able to listen to us. There is no prayer intention too large or too small — you can ask for God's help with every need.

Almighty God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that you would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. Amen.

Continued prayers for:

Sue Roth, Gerald Mollberg, Jim Thorn,
Judy Strandmark, Shirley Kirchberg Traci Bartz,
Joseph Schwaab, Grace Schwaab, David Gamache,
Erin Hestbeck Mielke, Cecilia Shinler, Bret Van Tassel,
Rick Steltz



December 5 & 6 Celebrants

Fr. Chuck	St. Gregory	5:00 p.m.
Fr. Nygaard	Sacred Heart	9:00 a.m.
Fr. Chuck	St. Gregory	9:30 a.m.

December 12 & 13 Celebrants

Fr. Chuck	St. Gregory	5:00 p.m.
Fr. Nygaard	Sacred Heart	9:00 a.m.
Fr. Chuck	St. Gregory	9:30 a.m.

Communion for the homebound

Dave Prickett is available to bring Communion to those who would like it on Sunday's after mass. Call the office at least 2-3 days prior to the Sunday.

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



Christmas Eve Dinner

We were looking forward to celebrating our 20th year Christmas Eve with our community family however due to the many uncertainties and challenges facing us, we regretfully must inform you that this year's dinner is cancelled. We wish everyone the absolute best Christmas season and a much more positive New Year!



The Marcussen Family

CHRISTMAS CARING TREE

Any parent in need of help purchasing Christmas gifts for their children can pick up a Christmas Caring Tree application at the Rush



City Food Shelf if they have not received an application by mail. The offer is limited to children infant to 18 years old and live in the Rush City School District. The application deadline is Friday,

November 20, 2020.

On Monday, November 23, 2020 The Christmas Caring Tree will be set up in the entry of Creek Side Cafe. It will be decorated with Christmas Wish tags from children in the Rush City School District. Your help is needed to fulfill these wishes!! Select a Christmas Wish tag, purchase gift(s) for the child and bring the unwrapped gift(s) to Creek Side Cafe by Friday, December 11, 2020. Creek Side Cafe is open Sun.-Tues. from 8:00AM - 2:00PM and Wed. - Sat. from 8:00AM - 8:00PM. Please note the change in where the Christmas Caring Tree is located this year. Questions may be directed to Millie Peters at 320-358-3432 or Shari Schlagel at 320-358-3463.

"I am the
light of
the world.
He who



follows Me
shall not
walk in
darkness."
John 8:12



Dear Parishioners,

This year has been trying for all and having to cancel my Xmas eve dinner I still wanted to give back in some way, so I will be collecting NEW socks again to give to those that live on the streets and in shelters. I am asking if you could please donate a pair of New socks from infant to adults. Also, if anyone is making Xmas cookies this year and would be willing to donate some as well, I plan on handing out the socks myself with a little of Christmas joy of delicious cookies. Please contact me at the church office or my cell 651-252-8325.

Many Blessings!

Marsha Marcussen