

Welcome to The Church of the Sacred Heart

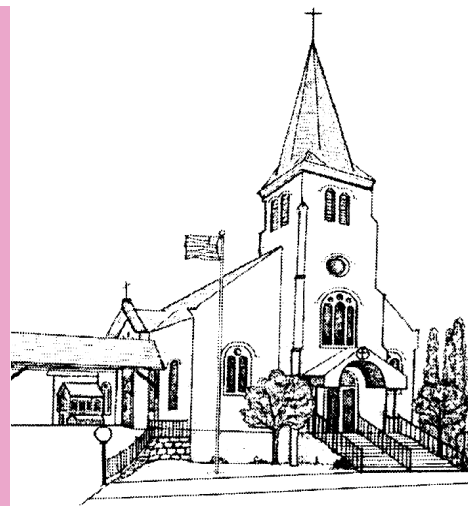
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Weekend & Weekday Masses

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.

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PALM SUNDAY

Those preceding him as well as those
following kept crying out:
"Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
- Mk 11:9

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, March 28, 2021

THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

What has Jesus done for us? He saved us from our sins and death. This coming week, we have our annual observance of the Paschal Triduum which begins with the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper on Holy Thursday, continuing until Our Saviour's resurrection on Easter Sunday. Jesus' redemptive work happening this week is also referred to as the Paschal Mystery. As a community of faith, we gather several times this week to pay attention to what Jesus has done through his passion, death, and Resurrection.



just when it appears that there is never going to be new life and growth, spring arrives warming our air, the bare branches start to bud, and plants push their way through the once frozen ground.

Now, when we think of the Paschal Mystery of our faith, we look into the life of Jesus Christ and understand that there is a purpose, a deeper significance of dying and rising up again. In the three days that we call the Paschal Triduum, we should remember that his passion and death did not occur as an empty, pointless event.

Exactly what does the Paschal Mystery mean? Essentially it is the process of suffering, dying, and new life. One of the things I enjoy most about living my life in the Midwest are the four different seasons I get to experience. Yes, I fully enjoy the beauty of each season knowing how they all work together in the circle of life.

We must believe that through his arrest, trial, flogging and crucifixion, he brought us new life! Everlasting life! Thus, Jesus experience with suffering, death, and resurrection has changed us forever. We now believe that there is hope in our suffering, because we know there is eternal life!

We experience the process of dying and rising through nature, as well as in our own lives. For example, in the summer we have rich green fields, new growth, vibrancy, and the fullness of life. It is a time for myself to get my hands dirty by gardening and working around the rectory yard. The days are warm, the air is full of chirping birds, and there is the odor of freshly mowed lawns. We are so completely full of life! Then the nights become cooler and shorter leading us into fall. The tomato plants stop producing fruit, the leaves on the trees fall away and the lush vegetation withers away and turns brown. Finally, winter arrives with its bitter cold short nights, bringing life to a halt and blanketing the earth with snow. But then,

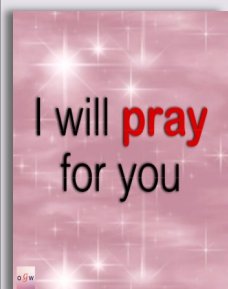
How do we ultimately show that we believe in the Paschal Mystery? We do this by participating in Mass, which itself is a celebration of the Paschal Mystery. We also live out the Paschal Mystery when work on our own holiness. Jesus asked us to live out our lives being loving disciples. Allowing ourselves to let go of our personal desires, turning away from sin and loving one another as Jesus loves us, will bring us to a new life that centers on Jesus Christ, Our Saviour.

Have a prayerful Holy week and Happy Easter,
Father Shane

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, Joseph & Grace Schwaab,
Erin Hestbeck Mielke, Cecilia Shinler,
Bret Van Tassel, Ron Schleicher, Janet
Yurick, Dave Prickett, Diane Anderson



The wake for Amy Prickett is on Thursday, April 8th from 5-8 pm at Olsson Funeral Chapel, 115 W. 4th St. in

Rush City. Mass of Christian Burial is on Friday, April 9th at 10:30 am at Sacred Heart Church. Interment arrangements are pending.



Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, so loved, so missed, so very dear.

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 if you would like communion brought to your home.

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

April 15th will be the next drive up food distribution from 10:00 am until 11:30 am here at Sacred Heart for 60 and older. Further questions please contact the Parish office.

Easter Flowers

Easter Flower offering envelopes for your use are located in the pews. They may be put in the collection basket, dropped off at the office or put in the drop box by the church entry at the top of the ramp through Sunday, April 11th. Posting of the memorials will be on Sunday, April 18th.

The appointment of Deacon Kevin Downie to serve the parishes of Sacred Heart and St. Gregory is official. Please take the opportunity to welcome Deacon Kevin.

Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter.

We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Easter Sunday:

Walking to Emmaus

Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road? - Luke 24:32

Easter Sunday is a vital and glorious conclusion to the events of the Triduum. As the disciples walk to the village of Emmaus, they feel lost and

frightened. Suddenly, the risen Lord is walking with them, though they do not recognize him until he is "made known to them in the breaking of the bread."

Thus, the story ends with a new beginning. Christ is risen and now all disciples are called to walk with him in faith and be witnesses in hope: "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation" - Mark 16:15

Excerpt from Understanding Holy Week
by Jerry Welte



Triduum and Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday ~ April 1

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM

Good Friday ~ April 2

The Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross at 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday ~ April 3

Easter Vigil at 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday ~ April 4

Mass at 9:00 am with Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Divine Mercy Sunday ~ April 11

Mass at 9:00 am with Renewal of Baptismal Vows

April 3 & 4 Celebrants

Fr. Chuck	Sacred Heart	7:30 p.m.
Fr. Shane/Dea Kevin	St. Gregory	8:00 p.m.
Fr. Shane	Sacred Heart	9:00 a.m.
Fr. Fitzgerald	St. Gregory	9:30 a.m.
Fr. Bob	St. Gregory	11:00 a.m.

April 10 & 11 Celebrants

Fr. Chuck	St. Gregory	5:00 p.m.
Fr. Shane/Dea Kevin	Sacred Heart	9:00 a.m.
Fr. Chuck	St. Gregory	9:30 a.m.