

# Welcome to The Church of the Sacred Heart

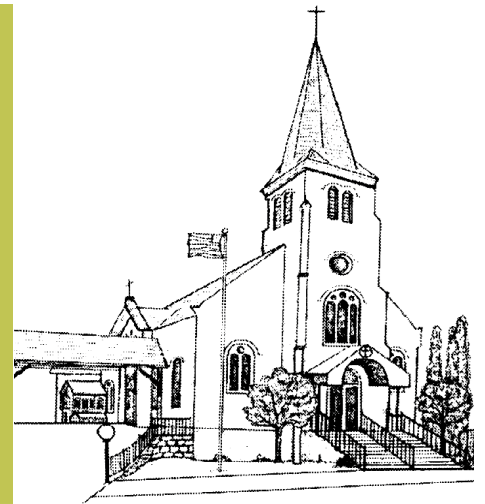
The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

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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:

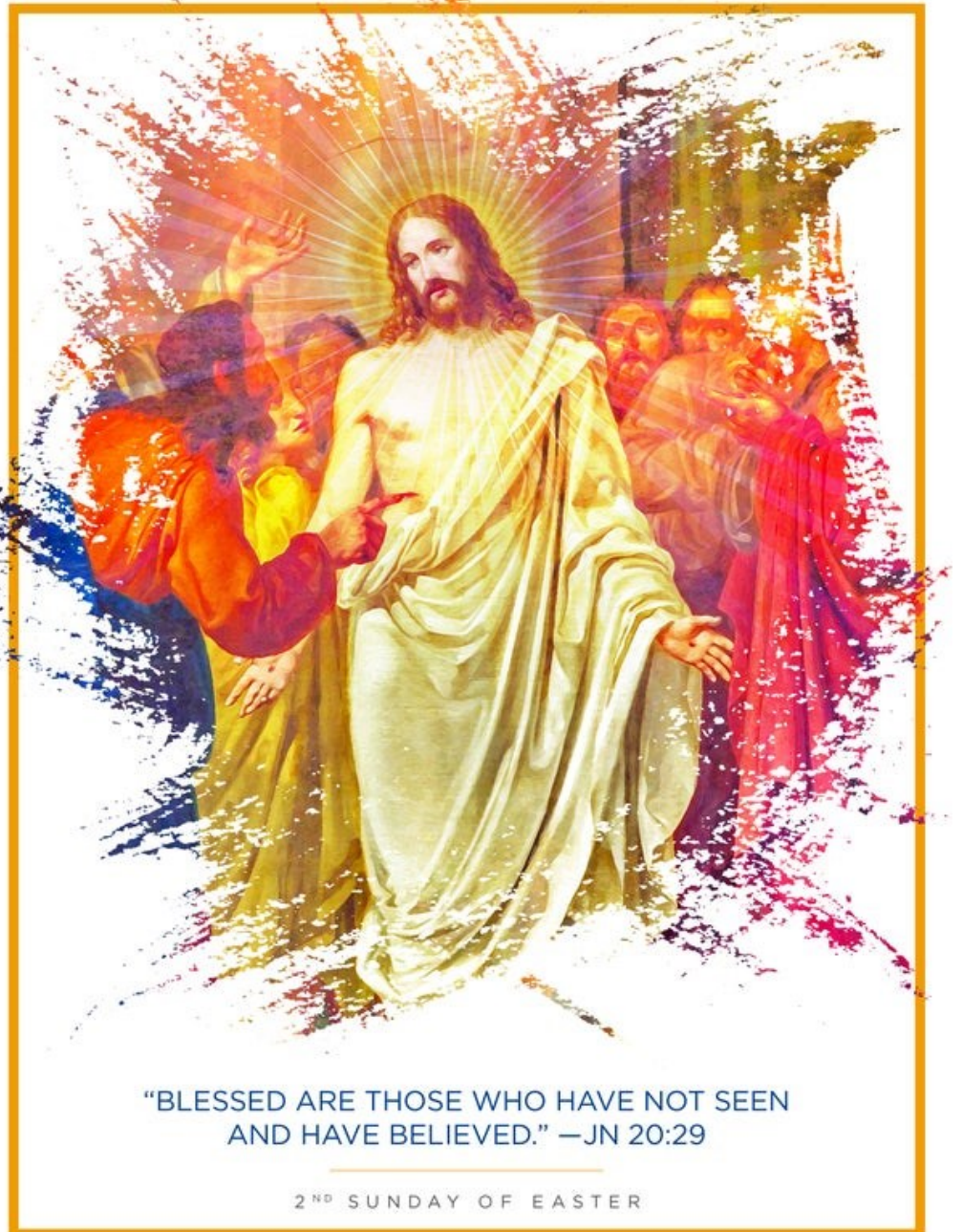
Fr. Chuck Brambilla  
Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

## Office Hours:

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

## Parish Staff Contacts

Admin Asst: Marsha Marcussen  
Bookkeeper/ Music: Steve Yurick  
Faith Formation: Claire Kind  
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"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN  
AND HAVE BELIEVED." —JN 20:29

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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# Divine Mercy Sunday & 3rd Sunday of Easter, April 11 & 18, 2021

## Easter Flowers donated

### In Memory of:

Ann Roth  
Thomas Herberg  
Lee & Chan Herberg  
Loved Family  
Robert Gamache  
Isaiah D. Gamache  
Marcella Kemen  
Richard Kemen  
The Jileks  
Felipe, Ferdinand, Gilaya Magallanes  
Lutroc & Carlson Family Members  
Karels & Mell Family  
Janie Kirchberg-Jacobson  
Dick, Ann, Joe Gibson  
Donna Knutson  
Mary & John Pelant  
LeRoy & Adeline Kirchberg

### Donors:

Tim & Sue Roth  
Wayne & Elizabeth Herberg  
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Alice Peshia  
Anna Gamache/Dave & Cathy  
Dave & Cathy Gamache  
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Jilek Family  
Jilek Family  
Gene & Sally Carlson  
Sharon Mell  
Bernard & Carol Kirchberg  
Mary Stenger  
Pelant Family  
Pelant Family  
Ken & Carrie Kirchberg



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let  
perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the  
Faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.*

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

St. Gregory's will have an opening for a bookkeeper this summer. If you or someone you know has bookkeeping experience and would like to work part time, generally one day per week. Please contact Fr. Shane in the parish office.

### 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.

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.

### **April 17 & 18 Celebrants**

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

### **April 24 & 25 Celebrants**

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

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.

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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



### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us.

When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.