

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 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
Deacon Kevin Downie

Assisting Priest:

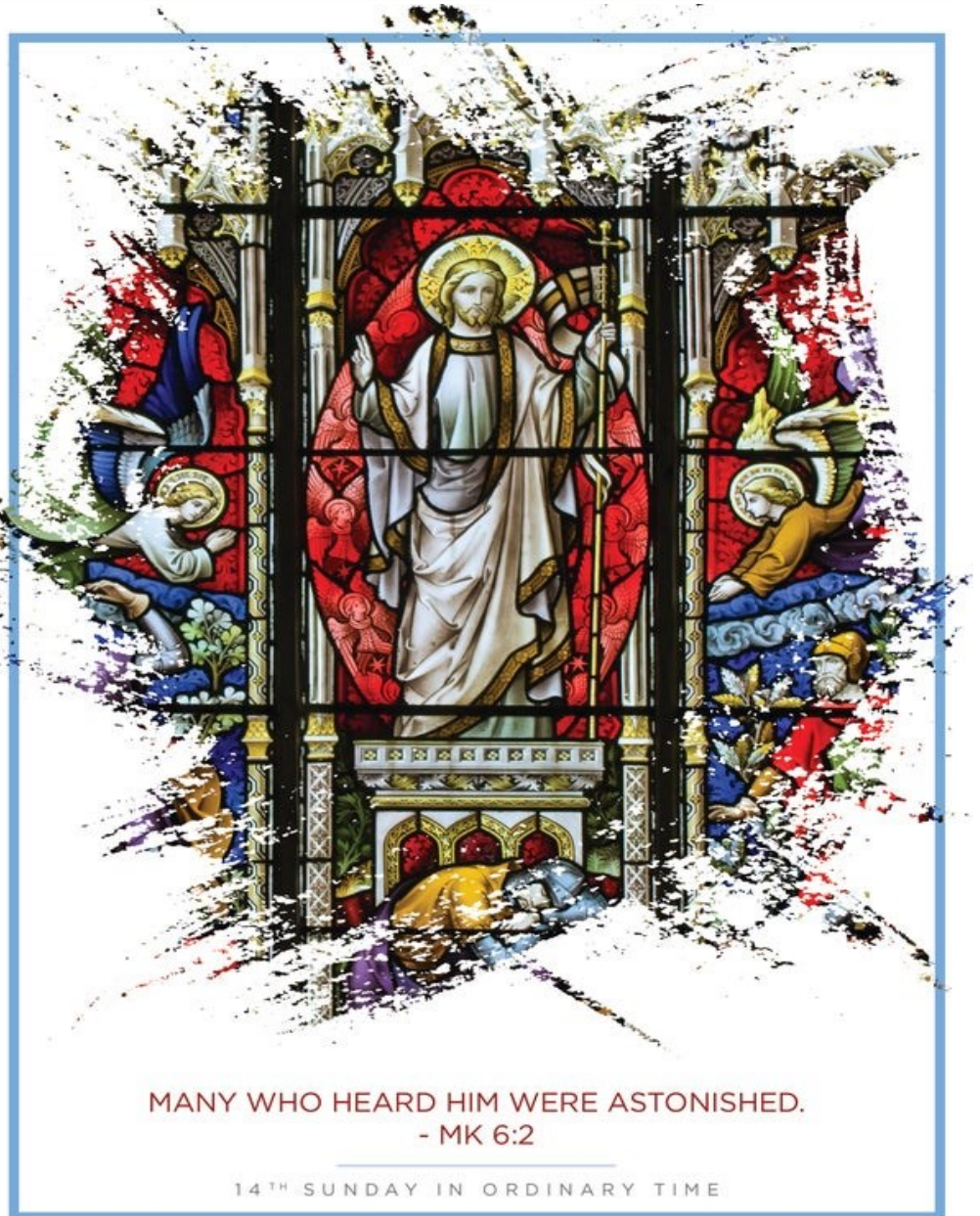
Fr. Chuck Brambilla
Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

Office Hours:

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

Parish Staff Contacts

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MANY WHO HEARD HIM WERE ASTONISHED.
- MK 6:2

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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July 4 | Fourteenth Sunday in OT
July 11 | Fifteenth Sunday in OT

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR

My twelve-day trip to Bridgetown, Barbados last month for my friend's ordination as a bishop, was a journey of a lifetime, in more than one way. What happened the days before and on the day of a good friend becoming a bishop? Well, let me tell you a little...

The day after my arrival, my close friend Bishop Neil and I spent the day together celebrating the noon Mass at the beautiful Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Lunch followed and later in the evening we had an hour of adoration and evening prayer. This time also included a blessing of his soon-to-be bishop items, such as the miter (the tall headgear worn during most of the Mass) and a Zucchetto [*pronounced: zoo-keh-tow*] (the little red cap worn on the crown of the head). Following our prayer service, the parishioners served everyone a dinner.

When Friday, June 11th arrived, which was also the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, seven bishops from around the southeastern Caribbean and myself, the lone priest, were transported in a van taxi to the cathedral. They were extremely friendly to me and I discovered that they even knew a little about me through my friend Neil. When we arrived at the cathedral, I proceeded to the chapel where Neil had told me he would be prior to the ordination.

Upon entering the chapel, I found Neil sitting relaxed, alone in the room. About ten minutes later, the ordaining Archbishop, the papal nuncio of the Antilles, arrived. A nuncio serves as an ambassador of the Vatican State as well as the representative of Pope Francis to a local a country or region. Neil wanted me with him since I was one of the two priest chaplains during the ordination. The bishop-elect sits between the priest chaplains until the time of the ordination ritual that happens after the



homily. At that time, the priest chaplains stand in front of the ordaining bishop, informing him that the bishop-elect has been appointed as a bishop for such and such diocese, followed by a few questions, after which the role of the priest chaplains is completed.

One of the interesting aspects of the ordination was that before the Mass started, we all sing the Barbados National Anthem. While the ceremony was a religious one, it also had a national attribute with the presence of several government officials, as the prime minister and the governess were seated in the front row.

After four hours, the ordination mass concluded and numerous photos were taken, Bishop Neil went to his reception lunch at one of the eight parishes on the island. In the middle of the room sitting by himself was Archbishop Fortunatus Nwachuku, the papal nuncio. Neil and I went to the serving line and after filling our plates, walked over to the nuncio's table. A few minutes later, Neil left to greet his guests, leaving me alone to talk with the Archbishop. Guiding our discussion, we mostly chatted about church figures and events including a retired cardinal from his homeland of Nigeria which I learned, was his mentor.

Later that evening, there was social time along with a dinner, at another parish, which included bishops, priests, and other religious people. My day ended when Neil dropped me off at my hotel. I said very respectfully (and with a big smile on my face), "Good-bye, Bishop Neil". He smiled back replying, "I am really a bishop!"

Have a blessed week,
Father Shane



SYNOD INFORMATION

In 2019, Archbishop Hebda announced the Archdiocese Synod. Many of us were asking: 'What is a Synod?' 'What is the purpose?' Archbishop Hebda explained "A Synod is a formal representative assembly designed to help a bishop in his shepherding of the local Church. The purpose is 'to discern and establish clear pastoral priorities in a way that will both promote greater unity and lead us to a more vigorous proclamation of Jesus' good news.'

A Synod is a time for mutual listening, a time of growing in unity, and a time of becoming a Church that more effectively proclaims the gospel. All the faithful must be engaged in the process."

In late Fall 2019 and early 2020, many parishioners attended a listening session facilitated by members of the Archdiocese Synod team. Then CoVID hit and the Archdiocese put plans to disseminate information learned from the listening sessions on hold until early 2021.

In the coming weeks, you will hear more about the three focus areas Archbishop Hebda has defined stemming from the listening sessions and how each parish in the diocese will be instrumental in continuing to build awareness and pave the path for the Synod moving forward.

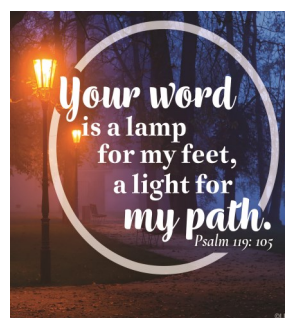
July Synod Prayer Intention: Just and Reverent Man

That in imitation of St. Joseph the just and reverent man, each of us in the Synod process would practice the justice and reverence God requires of us.

Inspiration for the week

God never ceases to proclaim His Word. His life-giving presence continues to sustain all things and keep them in being regardless of whether there is the faith to receive or perceive Him. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be so hard of heart and obstinate that we fail to see what God is trying to do. While God remains ever present, faith is necessary for God's power to bear fruit. As we celebrate our country's independence, let us not forget the difference between liberties and freedom. While the liberties we have are most welcome treasures, only freedom from what blinds, deceives, and weighs us down can bring happiness. God is all about healing, transformation, and hope. In

order for God to do what God does best, we have to invite Him in and see Him for who he is. Otherwise, God's will for humanity will be something at which we simply take offense, a common reaction when something challenges or unsettles us.



Second Collection On the weekend of July 18th, 2021 our parish will host a speaker for the Alliance for International Monasticism (AIM USA). Once a year, as part of the Missionary Cooperative Plan throughout the United States, each parish in the diocese welcomes a member or an associate of a religious community involved in missionary work. Brother Paul Richards, OSB from St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, MN is this year's representative who will share with you some of the work of AIM USA. AIM USA has formed an alliance between 140 US and Canadian monasteries with over 400 Benedictine and Cistercian monasteries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Latin America. These Benedictine and Cistercian women and men form centers of prayer, education, health and agriculture in some of the poorest regions of the world. Please respond to this appeal with openness and generosity.

Catechists needed

We are in need of catechists for the upcoming Faith Formation year? Interested catechists can reach Claire at claire@stgregorynb.org or 651.674.4056 x114.

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

July 16th 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.

SATURDAY NIGHT MASS Father Shane would like to eventually bring back the Saturday Night Mass. However, in order to do so, we will need additional ushers, lectors, and a cantor. Please contact the parish office or Father Shane if you are willing to take on this ministry. The Archbishop has reinstated the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday effective July 1st. We will reevaluate the return of the Saturday night Mass shortly after. Updates will be provided in the bulletin as they are determined.

Dispensation lifted July 1? What does that mean?

As the pandemic subsides, the bishops of Minnesota will reinstate the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation beginning the weekend of July 3-4, 2021. The return of our faith family to Mass is a joyous occasion! Although the general dispensation will no longer be available, the Church has always recognized that certain circumstances can excuse a person from the requirement to observe the obligation.

Finance Meeting

The next Finance council meeting will be held on Thursday, July 15th at 6:45 p.m. in the Parish house.



July 10 & 11 Celebrants

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

July 17 & 18 Celebrants

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

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, July 7 ~ Fr. Shane

9:00 a.m. † Raymond Debevec

Sunday, July 11 ~ Fr. Chuck

Fifteenth Sunday in OT

9:00 a.m. † Gary Weiden

Wednesday, July 14 ~ Fr. Sane

9:00 a.m. † Open

Sunday, July 18 ~ Fr. Shane

Sixteenth Sunday in OT

9:00 a.m. † Douglas Dwayne Hanson

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:

Elaine Robinson, 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, Dale Oscarson



Addison Tacheny was unable to participate in First Communion last month. Her First Communion is scheduled for Sunday, July 18, 2021 here at Sacred Heart.

Let us pray that the Lord Jesus will be your sole source of hope and salvation as you continue to walk in the faith.

Congratulations Addison!