

# 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:**

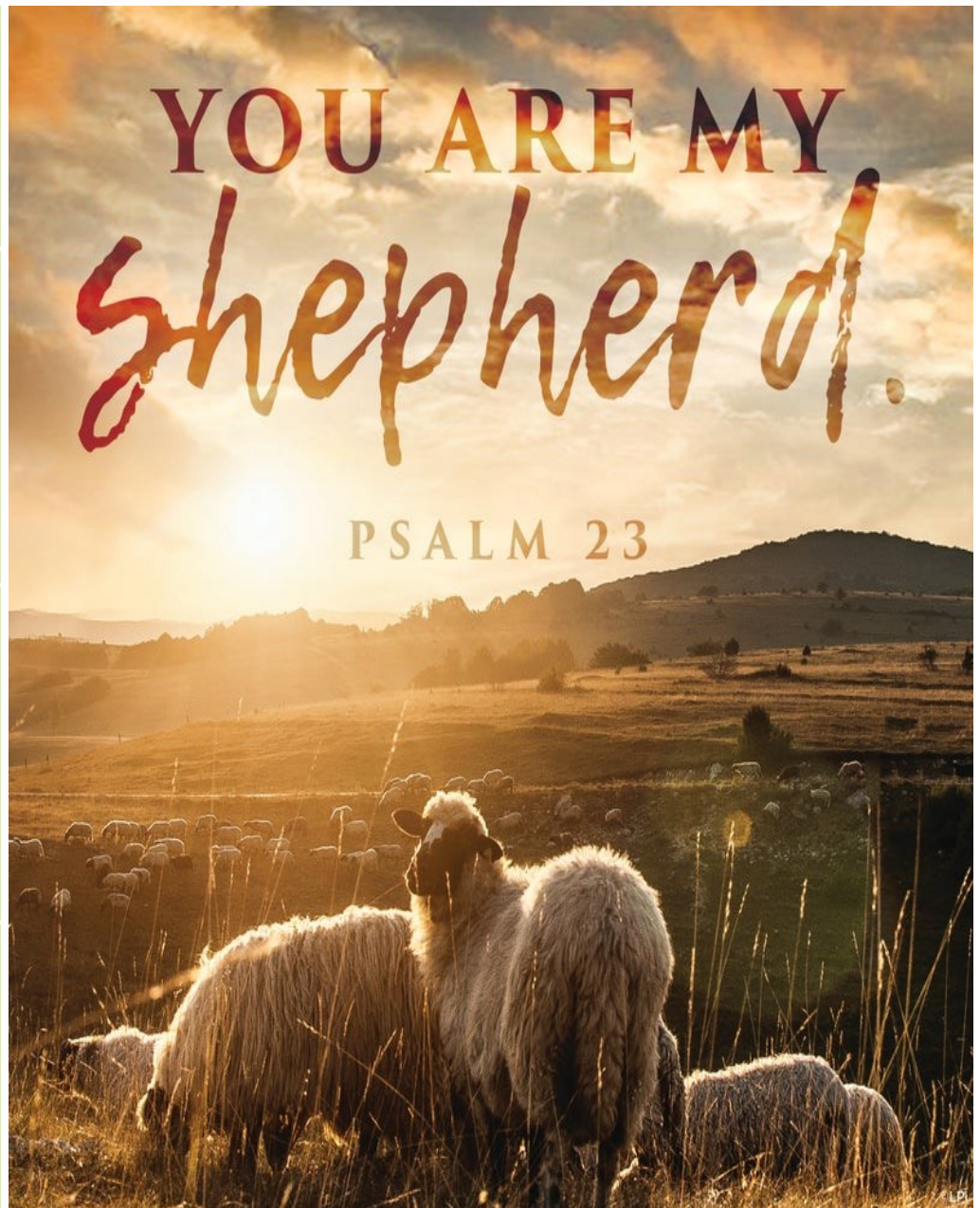
Fr. Chuck Brambilla  
Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

## Office Hours:

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

## Parish Staff Contacts

Admin Asst: Marsha Marcussen  
Bookkeeper/ Music: Steve Yurick  
Faith Formation: Claire Kind  
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July 18 | Sixteenth Sunday in OT  
July 25 | Seventeenth Sunday in OT

# TO LOVE & CARE FOR YOU

If I were to start a conversation with you, and asked the question, “Do you believe that God loves you?” Likely, you would reply “Yes”. Since we were young children, many of us were taught that God loves us, as we were created in His image. Now, if I asked you another question, “Do you believe that God cares for you personally?” This time, you may not be so quick to answer or take several minutes to ponder what I just asked. I remember being asked if God *cared* for me, and it took me a long time to answer. I think that it is easier for us to believe God *loves* us than for us to believe God *cares* for us. Saying we love someone doesn’t take all that much effort, however *showing* we love someone is an ongoing effort that never ends. When we can truly feel that God, or someone else we are close to in our lives, genuinely cares, it makes a difference. Let me explain...

In today’s gospel (Mk. 6: 30-34), it speaks about the “vast crowd of people,” and it involves action. Jesus put aside his own tiredness, comforting them with His presence, and he nourishes the vast crowd with the Word of God. A good image that comes to mind about a caring God and Jesus, is that of a mentor.

Again, referring to today’s Gospel, “For they were

**For they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach**



like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things”. A modern-day example of what it means for Jesus to be a mentor can be found throughout the movie, “The Karate Kid,” (which just so happens to be one of my favorite movies). In the movie, an elder who studied the art of Karate, Mr. Miyagi becomes a mentor to a young man named Daniel san. Mr. Miyagi takes pity on Daniel san when he was beaten-up by some other kids in his new high school. Daniel san becomes his student, and under his influence, guidance, and direction, Mr. Miyagi shares his wisdom of how to use karate for the greater good while giving him support along the way. He teaches him how to appropriately use his karate skills, thus instilling principles to guide him throughout his entire life.

Jesus also teaches us principles we can

use to guide us through our lives. Jesus is a wonderful mentor! He shows us how much God loves us and how much God cares for us! God is love. Actions of goodness create a loving environment, which is how we show those we love, that we also truly *care* for them!

Let me share one more example. Over the years, I have really *loved* my vegetable garden but *cared* for it limitedly; therefore, it only produced marginally. However, this summer, I have truly *cared* for it, and guess what? It has produced abundantly!

Being loved feels terrific! Being loved with being genuinely cared for by God and others, feels utterly amazing! We have been loved and cared for by our God, as His children. Now, let us continue learn how to show our love to our faith community. Let’s truly *care* for one another, through our actions and by practicing good, loving principles, just as our mentor has taught us!

Have a good week, Father Shane

## The Steward’s Work Is Never Done

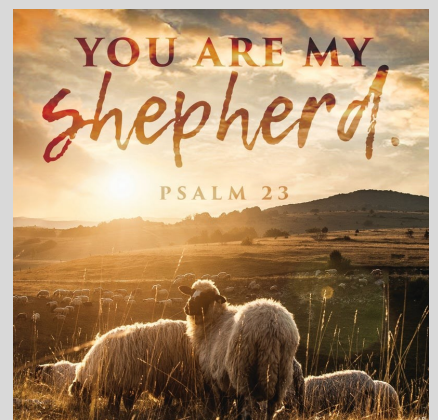
Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock! When you hear these strong words from the Old Testament, you’re probably thinking, thank goodness I don’t have any sheep — dodged that bullet. Nobody misled here! No flock scattered on my watch! However, we are all shepherds of a kind, called to tend our own sheep: our families, our parishes, our communities.

But it’s exhausting. Don’t we all sometimes just want to take a break from being a steward? The excuses are so familiar: we’re tired, we’ve done enough, we’ve given all we can, what more does the parish (or my spouse, or my kids, or my boss, or my friends, or my community) want? We give ourselves permission to be selfish. So, what if the flock scatters just a little?

Jesus gets that. We can just imagine him weary with exhaustion, can’t we? We see him on his boat, attempting to sneak away for a quick break — maybe just a chance to eat a bite of food in peace. He is God, but he was still human, after all. Even the most dedicated shepherds need to sleep. But people couldn’t leave him alone. They were hungry for him. They needed what he could offer, and they needed it now.

As tough as it is, that’s the example we are tasked with imitating. Everyday Stewardship demands accountability. It demands our showing up even when we are tired. It demands that we look at our lives, our time, our energies, our talents, our hearts, our bank accounts and think: where do I still have more to give?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





## Announcing Archdiocese Synod Small Groups

Fall 2021: Join a Synod Small Group at Sacred Heart

Earlier this year, Archbishop Hebda announced three Focus Areas for the Archdiocesan Synod. This Fall, your prayer and conversation on these focus areas will inform the topics selected for the Synod Assembly.

**How will we do this?** Through Synod Small Groups, which will meet at Sacred Heart and every parish across the Archdiocese this fall. We will be looking for small group facilitators and scribes in the coming weeks. If you are interested, please contact Linda Downie (507-202-5018).

### What will be discussed in the Synod Small Groups?

Three Focus Areas that arose from feedback given at the Listening Sessions previously held:

1. Forming Parishes that are at the service of evangelization.
2. Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus' love and respond to his call.
3. Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young.

### Prayer for the Year of Saint Joseph

*Heavenly Father, Who gave St. Joseph to Jesus and Mary As protector and guide, Grant that our Archdiocesan Synod, Under his protection and guidance, May help us discern your direction for our Church. May we listen as he listened, Trust as he trusted, Obey as he obeyed, Receive as he received, Love as he loved, And share in his life of devotion to Jesus and Mary. Amen. St. Joseph, pray for us.*

### July 24 & 25 Celebrants

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| Fr. Fitzgerald   | St. Gregory  | 5:00 p.m. |
| Fr. Joe Bambenek | Sacred Heart | 9:00 a.m. |
| Fr. Fitzgerald   | St. Gregory  | 9:30 a.m. |

### July 31 & Aug. 1 Celebrants

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

## Mass Intentions

**Wednesday, July 21** ~ Fr. Shane

9:00 a.m. † Open

**Sunday, July 25** ~ Fr. Joe Bambenek

Seventeenth Sunday in OT

9:00 a.m. † Open

**Wednesday, July 28** ~ Fr. Shane

9:00 a.m. † Open

**Sunday, August 1** ~ Fr. Fitzgerald

Eighteenth Sunday in OT



We are excited to announce that we will be having our Annual Fall Festive and Chicken Dinner on September 19th, 2021!! If you would like to be part of the planning or volunteer please contact the office.

## Catechists needed

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

## Catholic Charities Food Distribution

August 19th 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.

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, Maxim Hurwicz

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



God shows up in unexpected ways! Just when we think we have God's agenda figured out, another surprise comes. Expecting to find God only in some places hinders us from finding Him everywhere. Who would have

thought that a young boy's few loaves and fishes would feed thousands of people? The disciples were probably just as amazed as everyone else when this feast appeared before them. Sometimes, we find it difficult to believe that God can do amazing things with something small and simple. Yet, grasping this truth is really at the heart of understanding the power of the Eucharist. Having the Body and Blood of Christ made present for us is one amazing wonder. Actually being fed and nourished by that gift is another. Now being able to become what we have eaten, God can do tremendous things with the simple, humble gifts of our lives. All we have to do is realize that God dwells within us. When we do, then everyone we encounter and everything we do has the power to become a sacramental moment. When done with great love even the smallest gesture can be multiplied exponentially. Now, that's amazing!