

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.

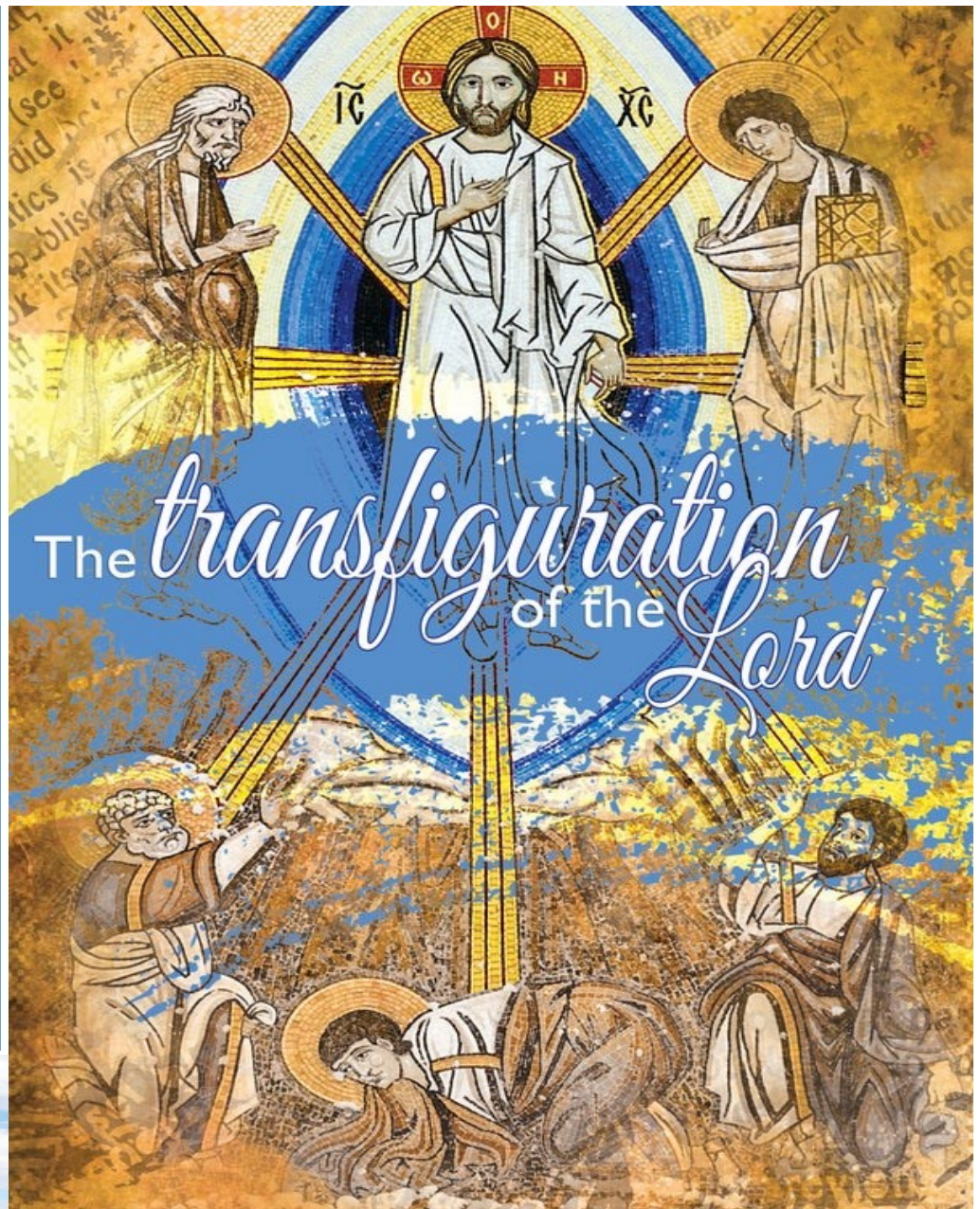
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August 1 | Eighteenth Sunday in OT
August 8 | Nineteenth Sunday in OT

Good Morning,

As you got up I watched and hoped you would talk to me. Just a few words, such as thanking me for something good in your life yesterday or last week would do.

But I noticed you were busy selecting the right clothes for work. I waited again to hear from you. When you ran around the house collecting papers, I knew there would be a few minutes to stop and say hello, but you never slowed down.

I wanted to tell you that I could help you accomplish more than you ever dreamed possible if you would just spend some of each day with me. At one point, you waited fifteen minutes in a chair with nothing to do. I waited to hear from you.

Then I saw you spring to your feet; I thought you wanted to talk to me, but you ran to the phone and called a friend. I watched as off to work you went and waited patiently all day long to hear from you. With all your activities you were too busy to talk to me.

I noticed at lunch you looked around; maybe you just felt embarrassed to talk to me. You glanced three tables over and noticed some friends talking to me before they ate, but you wouldn't.

There was still more time left, and I hoped that we would talk. You went home and had many things to do. After they were done, you turned on the TV; just about anything goes there and you spend many hours watching. I waited as you continued watching TV and ate your meal but again you wouldn't talk to me.

At bedtime you were totally tired. After you said good night to your family you plopped into bed and fell asleep. I had so much wanted to be part of your day. We could have had so much fun and accomplished so much together.

I love you so much that I wait every day for a thought, prayer or thanks. Well, maybe tomorrow! I'll be waiting.

Your Friend, God



Deeper Understanding of Scripture

“You cannot see the forest for the trees” is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy.



We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the “now” time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.



Archdiocese Fall Synod Small Groups at The Church of the Sacred Heart

The Archdiocese continues to involve each parish and parishioner in the Small Group process to be held this fall. Discussion in the small groups will focus on the three areas that arose from feedback given in the Prayer and Listening Events:

1. *Forming parishes that are in 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.*

How will the Synod Small Groups work?

Each small group at Sacred Heart and across the diocese will Pray. Learn. Discuss. Respond.

- *Pray: Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.*
- *Learn: Experience the compelling truth of the Catholic faith in today's cultural context.*
- *Discuss: Examine questions under each focus area, sharing perspectives among a small group of sisters and brothers in Christ.*
- *Respond: Weigh in on how we as a Church might respond to these questions to help Archbishop Hebda determine priorities.*

Information on how to participate in a small group will be announced in the coming weeks. To learn more about the Small Group process please contact: Linda Downie (507-202-5018).

August 7-8 Celebrants

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

August 14-15 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.

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 Hurwic

Confirmation 2021

It is with great pleasure we would like to inform you of our upcoming 2021 Confirmation. A Mass will be held at St. Gregory the Great, August 15th at 1:00pm for invited family and friends. Eighteen Confirmation students from both Sacred Heart and St. Gregory will receive this blessed Sacrament and continue their faith journey as adults in our Catholic Church. Please pray for these confirmands in the days ahead as well as on their special day.

Fall Festival Meeting

The next Fall Festival meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 6pm in the Parish House.

The Parish Council meeting will be held on the second Tuesday, August 9 at 7 pm. in the Parish House.

Catechists needed

We are in need of catechists for the upcoming Faith Formation year. Classes will be held at St. Gregory's. Interested catechists can reach Claire at 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.

Fall Festival Volunteer sheets

To have a successful Fall Festival we need a team! Please consider volunteering to make this year an amazing turnout. There are sign-up sheets in back of church, there is a spot for everyone. Thank you!



Welcome Deacon Kevin & Linda

Welcome Deacon Kevin and Linda Downie to Sacred Heart Parish. We are privileged to have you join us in our mission to share God's blessings.

Please join them after mass, August 8th for a social gathering with coffee, cake, and donuts in Whey Hall.



Fall Festival

We are excited to announce that we will be having our Annual Fall Festival and Chicken Dinner on September 19th, 2021!! If you would like to be part of the planning or volunteer please contact the office or sign-up on the sheets in back of church. Thank you.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, August 4

9:00 a.m. † Open

Sunday, August 8

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

9:00 a.m. † Dick Gibson Family