

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.

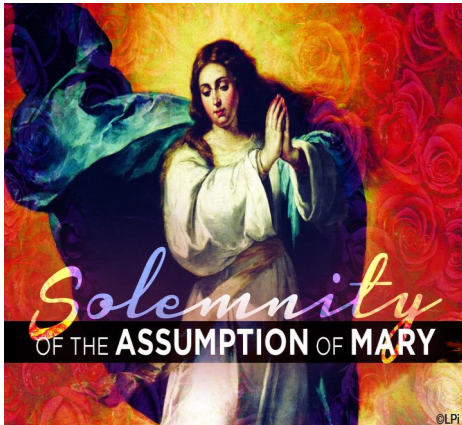
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TASTE AND SEE
God's goodness.

Psalm 34



August 15 | Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 22 | Twenty-First Sunday in OT

By Invitation



Can you really call yourself a disciple? If you follow Jesus, then indeed you can! But there is more to discipleship. Not only do we need to talk the talk, but we also need to walk the walk!

In the very first chapter of the Gospel of Saint John, verse 43, Jesus found Phillip and said to him, "Follow me." Then, in verse 46, Phillip said to Nathanael, "Come and see." Jesus invited Phillip, who in turn invited his friend Nathanael. They sought out another with good will in mind and invited them to feel God's loving presence. This is exactly what we need to do within our own faith family.

Those who have served on our councils and committees, as well as our men's and women's groups, all say that they cannot get new members to participate in their meetings and events. If only they knew that their souls will be nourished by attending these events or actively serving their parish!

Why settle for a minimal involvement in your parish life when you have so many opportunities to increase your closeness to our God? Jesus has shown us the way! We must extend that "olive branch" and personally invite others to join us for Mass or join a parish group or committee. Remember, not everyone that Jesus invited accepted his invitation, and the same may happen when we invite someone, however, we *must* invite...we *must* strive to live out our discipleship, not just talk about it. This time we have on earth is short and temporary! The road you pave now is the road which will lead you closer to God and everlasting life, especially when you are sharing your faith with others.

Taking that first step can be difficult for some. Believe me, as an introvert it can even be quite terrifying. We are making ourselves vulnerable when we extend an invitation, knowing that we may be turned down, and this can cause us to doubt our own self-worth or value. But it is only when we push ourselves through a difficult situation, that we grow and become stronger in our faith! Phillipians 4:13, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me".

To personally invite another to participate within our parishes is a wonderful way to make our parishes come to life! For instance, if you attend Coffee Sunday, reach out and invite someone to join you for a cup of coffee after mass! If you are a member of an organization, invite someone to come check it out! Not only do we need to invite others, but also, we are called to invite others by our baptism. Jesus calls us to do evangelization (which really is another word to invite others to get to know Jesus more). When we share our enthusiasm and joy as a disciple of Jesus and invite others, we are following one of Jesus' commands... "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations", Matthew 28:19.

Extend your hand, invite...and share God's love with others.

Have a blessed week, Father Shane



Congratulations on Your Confirmation!
May you hold the LOVE for Jesus Christ in your HEART forever!

Anthony Daas
Jordan Dahl
Justin Murphy
Landon Kosloski

Be Strong and Courageous. Do not be afraid; Do not be Discouraged,
For the Lord your God WILL Be with you wherever you go.
Joshua 1:8-9





Mark Your Calendars To Attend Archdiocese Synod Small Group Meetings at The Church of the Sacred Heart

Please plan to attend the Fall Synod Small Group Meetings. This is an opportunity for every parishioner to provide input for Archbishop Hebda that will help shape the future of our local Church through the ongoing Archdiocesan Synod process. For six consecutive weeks beginning in October, Small Groups will meet in the Parish Hall on Tuesday evening (6:30pm-8:30pm). Dates/times are listed below.

Tuesday 6:30pm-8:30pm
October 5, 12, 19, 26 and November 2, 9

All voices, young and old, are needed in the Small Groups to discuss how we, as a Church, can better pass on our beautiful Catholic Faith whether in our homes or in the broader world. Please plan to join us! Registration will be available soon; however, it is not required.

Contact Linda Downie (507-202-5018) with questions about the Small Groups or to volunteer to be a facilitator at the meetings.



AUGUST 2021 SYNOD PRAYER: SAVIOR OF THE SAVIOR That as St. Joseph saved his Savior when King Herod tried to destroy him, we also, participating in synod small groups this fall, would protect the message of Jesus from those trying to suppress it.

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.



Chicken Dinner & Raffle is set for Sept. 19th and a letter has gone out to all parishioners. Please see the sign up sheets in back of church to volunteer at the Festival.

Please consider donating NEW handmade items and homemade goods to be sold at the Country Store during the Fall Dinner.



Father God, we pray for all those who are facing sickness in their bodies. We ask that you would restore their health, soothe their pain, and ease their worry. Give them your peace and comfort as they wait. In Jesus' name, 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

Father Shane

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Mpls. has decided to extend Father Shane's contract at both Sacred Heart and St. Gregory the Great into next year

Fall Festival Meeting

The next Fall Festival meeting will be on Tuesday, August 17th at 11 am in the Parish House.

Catechists needed

Would you like to share your gift of faith? We are still in need of Catechist for 1st-8th grade for Faith Formation. Classes will be in person at Sacred Heart and online classes will not be available this year. If we do not get Catechist, we will not be able to provide classes at Sacred Heart. If you are interested and can help with this very important ministry, please contact the Faith Formation office at St. Gregory's at 651-674-7382.

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.

Saturday Night Mass

Consideration is still being given to reinstating Saturday mass at 4 pm. While 2 additional parishioners have recently volunteered to be ministers, more are needed to assist our priests. A minimum, each Saturday mass needs a cantor, a lector, an eucharistic ministers, 2 servers and 4 ushers assist at Sunday masses.

At present, the roster of volunteers is as follows:
Cantors 6, Lectors 6, Eucharistic 16, Servers 1, Ushers 11.

We are really short of servers. Adults, youth and children (age 8 and above) are to encourage to become servers. Complete training is provided. True joy and satisfaction results from serving our Lord on the Alter.

Additional ministers are needed to provide backup. Illness, vacations, family events, "gone for the winter", are all instances where backup people are important. Become an addition to one or more of these groups. Call the office today and leave a message with your call back number and interest. Thank you.

August 21-22 Celebrants

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

August 28-29 Celebrants

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, August 11

9:00 a.m. † Open

Sunday, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. † George Stenger Jr. and Michelle Stenger-Fisk

Wednesday, August 25

9:00 a.m. † Open

Sunday, August 29

Twenty-second Sunday in OT

9:00 a.m. † Frank & Clara Deutsch