

Welcome to
The Church of the Sacred Heart
The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

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Weekend & Weekday Masses

Saturday-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:

After mass on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month or by appointment.

Clergy

Pastor:

Fr. Shane Stoppel-Wasinger

Assisting Priest:

Fr. Chuck Brambilla

Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

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

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September 26 | Twenty-Sixth Sunday in OT
October 3 | Twenty-Seventh Sunday in OT

What's an Angel to Do?

On the Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (Sept. 29), the Church celebrates their roles in heaven, in the Church, and in individuals' lives.



According to the Book of Revelation, Michael led other angels in a war that expelled Satan and his followers from heaven. Michael serves as protector of the Church and rescuer of souls, especially at the hour of death. In the Old Testament, Raphael came in answer to the prayers of a blind man named Tobit and his future daughter-in-law, Sarah. Appearing in human form, Raphael worked largely alongside Tobit's son. The archangel Gabriel, serving as a messenger, explained a vision of the end of time to the prophet Daniel. Later, the angel came to announce the births of John the Baptist and Jesus.

Proclaiming the reign of God

My Dear Parishioner,

"If your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out." Did you ever wonder what our church community would look like if we took Jesus' commands literally? How many among us who so routinely repeat the words, "I confess to you my brothers and sisters that I have sinned," would be able to see?

Happily, we assume that Jesus was speaking in hyperbole. He knew his own disciples and he wanted them to go out and evangelize in spite of their weakness. Jesus wanted his disciples to understand that he was a teacher and healer, not a cop watching for infractions. It seems that Jesus appreciated helping people to laugh at themselves. The folks Jesus worked with wanted to do their best; and were therefore easily detoured by their excessive desire to do well. The harder we try, the more susceptible we can be to focusing on ourselves.

The disciples were ready to stop someone from exercising Jesus' mission because the person was not in good standing among them. The gospel writer wants us to appreciate the ironic humor of how their attachment to rank contradicted the very goal they wanted to promote.

According to Jesus' criteria, those who carry on his work are his co-laborers, no matter what others might wish to put in their way. Disciples are recognized for how they serve others. That's more important than anything else.

It's time to take seriously when we pray at the beginning of mass, "...and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God." Then we will realize that we are all maimed and disciples capable of proclaiming the reign of God in our world by serving others.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - What are the little ones?

They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.



St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.



†Joseph Schwaab

Husband of Grace Schwaab

*May his soul and the souls
of all the faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*





Archdiocese Synod Small Group Meetings Church of the Sacred Heart

Please plan to attend the Fall Synod Small Group Meetings. Pre-registration has begun and will continue after masses through October 3rd. 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

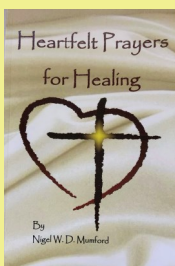
All voices, young and old, are needed in the Small Groups to discuss how we, as a Church, can better pass on our beautiful Catholic Faith whether in our homes or in the broader world. Please plan to join us for all or as many of the small group meetings as you can!

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

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,
Grace Schwaab, Erin Hestbeck Mielke,
Cecilia Shinler, Bret Van Tassel, Ron Schleicher,
Janet Yurick, Dave Prickett, Diane Anderson,
Dale Oscarson, Maxim Hurwicz, Al Petschl



October 2-3 Celebrants

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

October 9-10 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.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, September 15

9:00 a.m. † Elizabeth Bier

Sunday, September 19

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in OT

9:00 a.m. † Douglas Dwayne Hanson

Wednesday, September 22

9:00 a.m. † Thomas Strandmark

Sunday, September 26

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in OT

9:00 a.m. † Michelle-Stenger Fisk

† George Stenger Jr.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you or someone you know is in need of a prayer shawl please contact the office or feel free to take one from the rack in church. 320.358.4370

Shawls are provided by the CCW of Sacred Heart.



Religious Ed Classes

All classes for the 2021-22 school year will be held at St. Gregory's. The number of teacher volunteers was not sufficient to effectively serve the registered students at Sacred Heart. Grades 1-8 will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 29th and will run from 6pm-7:30 pm every Wednesday at St. Gregory's.. Grades 9th and 10th begin Sunday, Oct. 3rd and go from 5pm to 7pm every Sunday evening at St. Gregory's.

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

October 21st 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.

New Directory

It is time for our new directory! Please watch your mail in the upcoming week for information on the dates and times for photo opportunity. We will need to recruit a few hosts for greeting couples and families that are being photographed on the days elected for our directory. For those that do not have access to a computer or plan on submitting your own photo there is image form and sign-up sheets in back of church for you to schedule a day and time that works best for you and your family.

Synod Small Group Meetings

Please sign up in the back of church for the upcoming Archdiocesan Synod Small Groups that will begin in October on Tuesday evenings. We need to hear all your voices as we discuss and give feedback on priorities within each Synod focus area.

A BIG THANK YOU!!

Many thanks to all who volunteered their time and efforts for our Fall Festival. Without your help and support it would not have been possible. Results of the festival will be posted in our next bulletin. Thank you again!

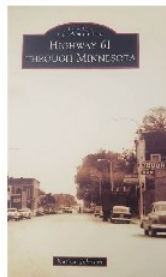
The North Chisago Historical Society Celebrates Its 20th Year

Sunday, October 3rd, 2021, 2-4pm, at its museum
at 350 South Eliot Avenue, Rush City

We are thrilled to announce that Nathan Johnson, author of the new historic book, *Images of America, Highway 61 through Minnesota*, will be at the event and will be giving a short presentation and signing books.



The North Folk Winery of Harris will provide wine tasting, and Eichten Cheese of Center City will provide cheese tasting.



At the museum,
October 3 from 2-4pm.

Come and enjoy our celebration, enjoy our museum, and enjoy meeting all the board of directors who are constantly improving the huge collection of local artifacts and history of our community in Fish Lake, Harris, Kost, Nessel, North Branch, Rush City, Rushseba, Stark, and Sunrise.