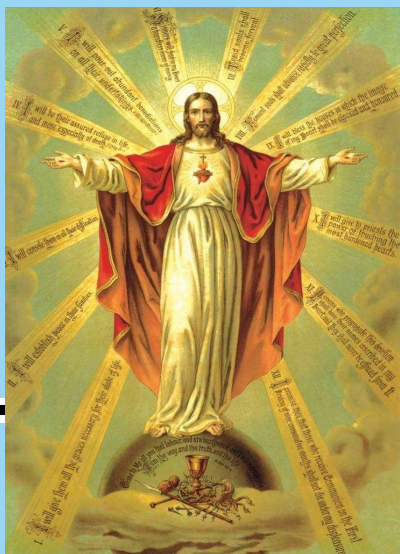




Welcome to
The Church of the Sacred Heart
The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

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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

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Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

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Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

8:00 am. - 12:00 pm.

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October 24 | Thirtieth Sunday in OT
October 31 | Thirty-first Sunday in OT



Blessed Carlo Acutis

Carlo Acutis was a devout Catholic who went to Mass daily from the time he was 7 and persuaded his mother to be a regular attendee also.

Carlo had an advanced awareness of the meaning of life and how to live well. "To be always united to Jesus is my program of life," he declared. He said that happiness comes from keeping "one's face turned toward God" and sadness from focusing your attention on yourself. "Not I, but God" was his mantra. "Find God," he stated, "and you will find the meaning of your life."

Carlo had a deep love for Mary, the Church, and the saints. "The Virgin Mary is the only woman in my life," he said, and he called the Rosary, which he prayed daily, the "shortest ladder to climb to heaven" and the "most powerful weapon," after the Eucharist, "to fight the devil." We judge the Church not by those who don't live according to her teachings but by those who do. That is why Carlo

drew near to the saints, like St. Francis of Assisi and various great young saints like Dominic Savio, Bernadette, and Francisco and Jacinta Marto.

Carlo called the Eucharist "my highway to heaven." He spent time each day in adoration. "The more Eucharist we receive," he believed, "the more we will become like Jesus."

He was so fascinated by the Eucharistic miracles across the centuries that he went on an adventure to try to visit them all and to document them so that others could share his astonishment. Like other boys his age, he was avidly interested in computers and the internet. One of his favorite projects was designing a webpage listing miracle across the globe associated with the bread and wine consecrated at Mass.

It didn't make sense to him that there would be huge crowds for soccer games and rock concerts but no lines before the tabernacle where God is present and lives among us.

Carlo seemed to be very wise for such a young man. He once said: "Every minute that passes, is one minute less to become like God," and to become like God was his desire. He asked: "What does it matter if you can win a thousand battles if you cannot win against your own corrupt passions?" "The real battle is with ourselves." He advised others of the importance of: "Being originals and not photocopies" in the way they live their lives.

Right before he died, he said, "To have a long life doesn't mean that this is a good thing [because] one can live a very long time and live badly." He humbly confessed, "I am happy to die because I have lived my life without waiting a minute on those things that do not, please God."

Carlo died of Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML or M3) at the age of 15 in 2006.

After his death, townspeople began to attribute miracles to his intercession, including the birth of twins to his own mother four years after his death. His case was submitted to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. It initiated the process of his official canonization in the Roman Catholic Church.

Carlo Acutis was beatified at a special Mass in the city of Assisi on Oct. 10, 2020, putting the late teenager just one step away from sainthood. Sanctity is not limited to adults who lived in the distant past. In the eyes of the Catholic Church, an ordinary teenager in the 21st century can be worthy of veneration too.

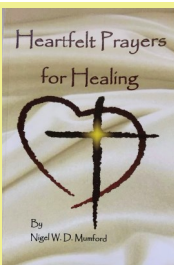


At this time we are 5 weeks out from the dates, we do not have very many parishioners signed-up and if we fall below 20-25 the photography managers could make a decisions about consolidating those days with St. Gregory's if we don't fill more spots.

Sign-up today, there are 3 easy ways for you to set-up your appointment:

- 1) On our parish website: <https://sacredheartrcmn.org>
- 2) Directly with Universal Church Directories at www.ucdir.com
 - a) On the right-hand side, click on photography appointment scheduling login.
 - b) Sacred Heart Church Code: **mn163**
 - c) Follow the prompts to schedule your time.
- 3) Call Sacred Heart Parish office 320-358-4370 and the staff can help you get registered.

Online scheduling option is **NOT** available Sunday due to paper sign-ups after Mass.



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:

Mary Stenger, Michelle Stenger, 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, Dale Oscarson, Maxim Hurwicz, Al Petschl, Jim Mitchell, Marian Schmitz



†Michelle Stenger

Daughter of Mark & Mary Stenger

Funeral Services will be held here at Sacred Heart on Friday, October 29th.

Visitation will be from 9am -10:30 am, Funeral at 10:30 am. Luncheon will follow after mass.

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

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, October 27

9:00 a.m. † Open

Sunday, October 31

Thirty-first Sunday in OT

9:00 a.m. † Pat & Terry McGuire

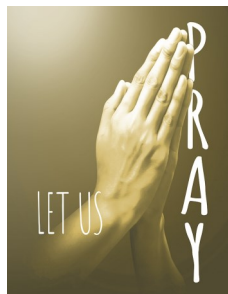
Wednesday, November 3

9:00 a.m. † Open

Sunday, November 7

Thirty-second Sunday in OT

9:00 a.m. † Pat Saam



Catholic Charities Food Distribution

November 18th 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! 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

The Synod Small Groups are off to a great start; however, there is still time to attend any/all the remaining Synod Small Group Meetings. We warmly welcome you to join us on Tuesday evenings (6:30pm – 8:30pm) in Wey Hall here at Sacred Heart. You do not need to sign up in advance; simply come to the meeting. Got an idea or two to make church life better? Share with us this Tuesday.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are inviting all Sacred Heart adults and children to Game "Knight" on October 28th in honor of All Saints Day, Nov. 1st. Bring a game to play, dress up like a saint and enjoy community social and free ice cream. In Wey Hall from 7pm-8:30pm.



All Souls Day encourages us to remember and to pray both with and for the vast numbers for unsung Christians who were once the Church on earth, just as we are now. We invite you to bring pictures of your departed family and friends to church on Sunday, October 31.

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ALL SAINTS' DAY NOVEMBER 1 This special day is typically a Holy Day of Obligation, but since All Saints Day falls on a Monday this year the obligation is waived. This day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, which are, all of those souls who have attained heaven. Please join us for The Solemnity of All Saints Day on Monday, November 1 with Masses at 9:00am.

All you holy men and women, pray for us!

ALL SOULS' DAY NOVEMBER 2 Beginning on the feast day of All Souls', we not only remember the dead, but we apply our efforts, through prayer, almsgiving, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for their purification. Praying for our beloved dead is a Christian obligation. The church devotes the month of November to prayer for all those who have died in Christ, and we invite you to join us Tuesday Mass celebration at 9:00am to remember all of those who have gone before us, especially the loved ones who have passed from Sacred Heart and St. Gregory the Great parishes this past year.

October 6, 2021

We would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who helped with Joe's funeral.

*The Family of Joseph A. Schwaab
Bruce, Catherine, Sean and Family*



Annual Sock drive!

It is that time of year again where the temperatures drop and staying indoors for the homeless is not always an option. Please consider donating

new socks from infant to adult this season! Drop off inside the church or Parish office porch. Thank you!