

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

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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Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

8:00 am. - 12:00 pm.

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"For the measure with which
you measure will in return be
measured out to you."

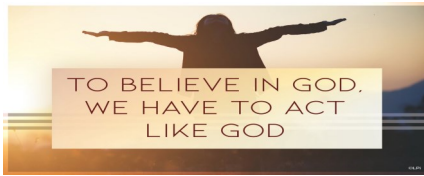
LUKE 6:38

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2-13 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2-20 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Meditation



Sometimes, Jesus' teachings don't seem to make practical sense. When we hear things like love your enemies and do good to them, turn the other cheek when struck, give to any-

one who asks, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging, forgive, and give to others, we get a bit unsettled. After all, it's okay for God to do all of these things, but does He really want us to do them, too? Many good-hearted Christians really draw the line with some of these ideals and say, "No way!" They even remark that if someone did something hurtful to someone they loved, they would have no reservations seeking severe retribution. There is still this persistent thinking, even among those who consider themselves Christian, that a violent action deserves a violent response. Somehow, we continue to justify this.

Yet, it is most clearly against the very grain of the Gospel. Part of our difficulty has more to do with understanding God's love. We wrongly think that sinful or hurtful actions and evil people somehow are seen as lesser in God's eyes. They are not. God loves the sinner as much as He does the saint. And, both of these inclinations exist in every human being, even those who consider themselves holy. Both the capacity for good and the disposition toward evil exist in every one of us. Viktor Frankl has this to say when reflecting on the Holocaust: "Our generation is a realistic generation because we have learned what a human being really is. When all is said and done, man is that same creature who invented the gas-chambers of Auschwitz; but he is also that being who walked up-right into those chambers with the prayer 'Shema Yisrael' on his lips."

If we believe in God, we have to act like God. Whether we like that idea is another issue. If we don't then perhaps, we need to reconsider our faith and whether we really believe in Jesus Christ. We are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian must, at all costs, leave resentment and the need for retaliation behind, lose defensiveness and bring into the mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world.

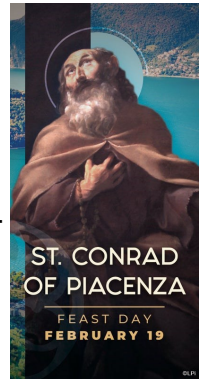
Saint of the Week

Examples of Faith

St. Conrad of Piacenza | February 19

The history of St. Conrad of Piacenza is quite fascinating. A member of one of the most noble families of Piacenza, he was known for his utmost honesty. One day while out hunting with friends, he thought he saw some game in an area of brush and ordered his attendants to set fire to the brush in order to scare it out of hiding. Unfortunately, the dry brush quickly ignited, and fire started to spread. Soon, the surrounding area was engulfed in flames.

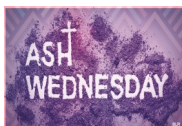
Unfortunately, a known arsonist happened to be in the same area as the fire. This man was later imprisoned, tried, and condemned to death for the damage. But on his way to his execution, St. Conrad of Piacenza, full of guilt, stopped the proceedings and confessed to the fire. To make restitution for the damages, Conrad had to sell all his belongings, which reduced him to poverty. Soon after, he decided to retire to a hermitage, where he became a hermit of the Third Order of St. Francis, and his wife entered the Order of Poor Clares.



Lent 2022



Lent is going to be here before you know it. This year the Lenten Season starts on March 2nd. Mark your calendars for these important Lenten services and watch the bulletin and website for more information to come.



**ASH WEDNESDAY -
MARCH 2ND**

Mass - 9:00 am - Fr. Shane

Mass - 7:00 pm - Fr. Fitzgerald

Comm. Service—4:30 PM-Dn. Kevin (St. Gregory's)

Mass - 6:30 pm Fr. Shane (St. Gregory's)



Our Annual Fish Fry (Take-out/drive-up only) will start on March 4th from 4pm-6:30pm, and will run for 6 weeks. PLEASE volunteer your time to help.

Friday Mass during Lent

March 4th — April 8th at 5:00 pm — Fr. Shane

Prayer REQUESTS

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:

Erin Hestbeck Mielke, Sue Roth, Gerald Mollberg, Jim Thorn, Judy Strandmark, Grace Schwaab, Cecilia Shinler, Ron Schleicher, Janet Yurick, Maxim Hurwicz, Al Petschl, Jim Mitchell, Marian Schmitz, John Lunseth, Phyllis Keating

Parish News

2022 Contribution Envelops are available in the back of church.

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

The next food distribution of frozen meals for seniors 60 and older will be on February 17th from 10:00am-11:30 am. Meals are available in quantities of 10 and up to 30 per calendar month.



Fish Fry

We will be having our Annual Fish Fry starting **Friday, March 4th** and running for 6 weeks. It will be a **Drive-Thru ONLY**. In order to make this successful we will need some volunteers. Please contact the Church office if you are able to help. (320-358-4370) Thank you!!



The Knights of Columbus meeting has been rescheduled to February 24th at 7:00 pm at St. Gregory the Great.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, February 16

9:00 a.m. † Elizabeth Bier

Sunday, February 20

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. † Michelle Stenger

Wednesday, February 23

9:00 a.m. † Open

Sunday, February 27

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. For Mary Jo Stathes Birthday!!! (on the 28th)



February 19-20 Celebrants

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

February 26-27 Celebrants

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



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The Catholic Services Appeal Foundation is an independent non-profit foundation partnering with fellow Catholics to share Christ's love with neighbors in need through ministries that serve the poor, support life and strengthen the Faith. This year's theme is "Together in Hope". February 27th will be our ask weekend for the CSAF.

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Every dollar makes an impact:

10,260 PEOPLE PER WEEK RECEIVING FRESH GROCERIES AND HYGIENE ITEMS	Thousands RECEIVING LIFE- GIVING CARE VIA HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS	56,000 YOUNG PEOPLE BEING STRENGTHENED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH	750 PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH HOUSING/ EMERGENCY SHELTER EACH MONTH
1,000 HOT MEALS SERVED MONTHLY	27,000 CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS BENEFITING FROM FAITH-FILLED LEARNING	OVER 55 FUTURE PRIESTS RECEIVING TUITION ASSISTANCE, ROOM AND BOARD	1,000 WOMEN, BABIES & FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH LIFE-AFFIRMING SUPPORT

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Faith Formation



FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP-RESCHEDULED

The First Communion Workshop for children preparing to receive this sacrament has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. noon at St. Gregory the Great Church.



PALMS NEEDED FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

We are collecting palms from last year's Palm Sunday celebration for Faith Formation classes. They will be witnessing the burning of the palms before the Ash Wednesday liturgy on Wednesday, March 2nd. We will have baskets in the vestibule by the door to collect your palms.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT LESSONS

Our in-class safety lessons will be starting soon, and work best when reinforced with students at home. Parents with disciples in grade 1-8 will receive a packet that should be completed at home with your child/children. These lessons are mandated by the Archdiocese and an acknowledgement form must be signed and returned to the Education Office, so we can report compliance to the Archdiocese. Thank you.



LENT IS COMING!

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS

Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from Sacred Heart Church on March 2nd thru April 12th. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

COMMUNITY NEWS



CONVERGING ROADS™

The St. John Paul II Foundation, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, Region VII Guilds of the Catholic Medical Association, and Curatio Apostolate,

invite all health care professionals to the first **Converging Roads health care ethics conference** on Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 9:15 am – 6:45 pm at the University Center at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, MN.

The conference theme is **Catholic Medicine in a Secular Society**, in-person and online registration options are available, and up to 7 hours of continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered.

Topics include: Moral Decision-Making, Infertility and Surrogacy, Gender Dysphoria in Children and Adults, and more!

For more information, please visit convergingroads.com or email mylinh@forlifeandfamily.org.