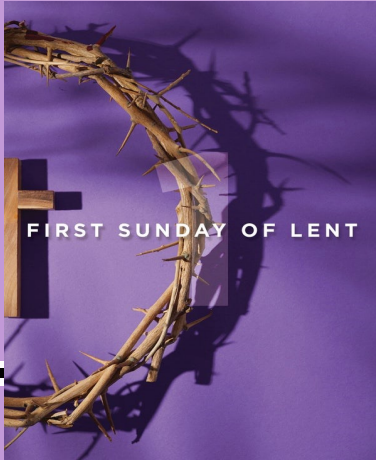




Welcome to The Church of the Sacred Heart The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

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WEEKDAY/WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday-Suspended

Sunday 9:00 am

Wednesday 9:00 am

ADORATION

Every Wednesday after 9:00 am

Mass until Noon

RECONCILIATION

After mass on the 1st & 3rd

Wednesday of the month or by ap-
pointment.

PASTOR

Fr. Shane Stoppel-Wasinger

DEACON

Kevin Downie

ASSISTING PRIETS

Fr. Chuck Brambilla

Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

Fr. Bob Nygaard

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

8:00 am. - 12:00 pm.

PARISH OFFICE

Admin Asst: Marsha Marcussen

Bookkeeper/ Music: Steve Yurick

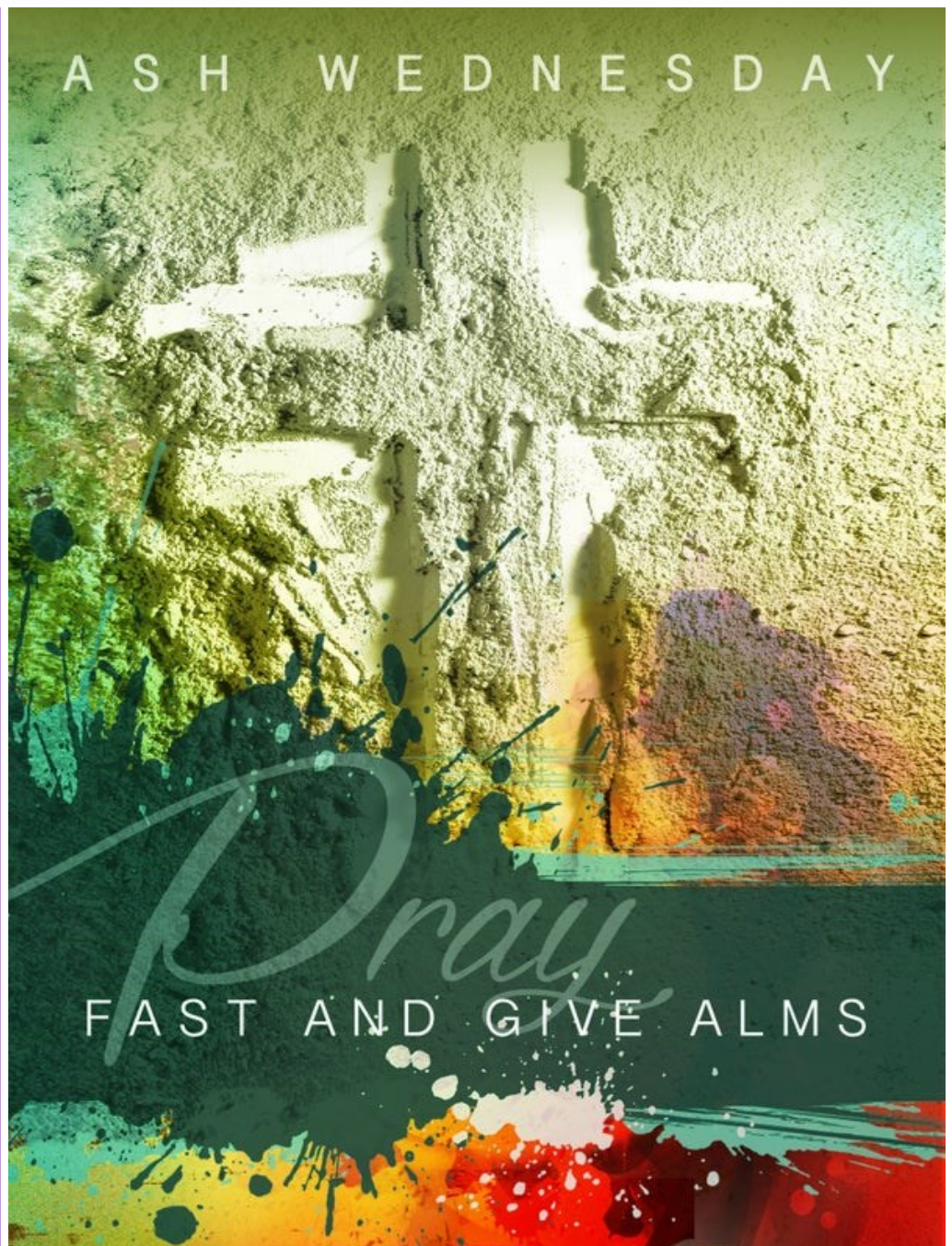
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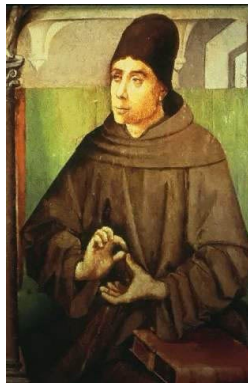
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2-27 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
3-6 First Sunday of Lent

BLESSED JOHN DUN SCOTUS

During the first decade of the 14th century, the most famous teacher at the universities of Cambridge, Oxford, and Paris was the Blessed John Duns Scotus. He possessed one of the keenest and most penetrating minds the world has ever seen and he was also a humble Friar Minor and follower of St Francis of Assisi.



He was born in 1266 at Littledean in Scotland to an Irish family which had settled in Scotland. In later years, he was identified as John Duns Scotus to indicate the land of his birth; *Scotia* is the Latin name for Scotland. John received the habit of the Friars Minor at Dumfries, where his uncle Elias Duns was superior. Bishop Oliver Sutton of Lincoln, England, ordained him a priest on St Patrick's Day, March 17, 1291. He continued his studies at Paris and Oxford until 1297, when he returned to lecture at Oxford and Cambridge. Four years later he returned to Paris to teach and complete the requirements for his doctorate degree.

In 1303 when King Philip the Fair tried to enlist the University of Paris on his side in a disgraceful quarrel over the taxation of church property with Pope Boniface VIII. Father John fearlessly defended the spiritual supremacy of the Vicar of Christ. Thus he incurred the anger of the French king, and together with his thirty confreres of the Paris friary he was given three days to leave France.

He returned to England and after a short stay in Oxford, Scotus returned to Paris where he received the doctorate in 1305. He continued teaching there and in 1307 so ably defended the Immaculate Conception of Mary that the university officially adopted his position. Soon the fame of his genius and learning spread abroad, and

students came in great numbers to sit at the feet of the new teacher.

In Scotus's time, some philosophers held that people are basically determined by forces outside themselves. Free will is an illusion, they argued. An ever-practical man, Scotus said that if he started beating someone who denied free will, the person would immediately tell him to stop. But if Scotus didn't really have a free will, how could he stop? John had a knack for finding illustrations his students could remember!

He continued lecturing in Paris until he was dispatched to the Franciscan university at Cologne, probably in October 1307. According to the 15th-century writer William Vorilong, his departure was sudden and unexpected. He was relaxing and talking with students in an open area of the Rive Gauche used by scholars for recreation, when orders arrived from the Franciscan Minister General. John Scotus left immediately taking few or no personal belongings.

Duns Scotus died unexpectedly in Cologne on November 8, 1308. He is buried in the Minoritenkirche or Friars' Church near the famous Cologne cathedral. Drawing on the work of John Duns Scotus, Pope Pius IX solemnly defined the Immaculate Conception of Mary in 1854. Blessed John Duns Scotus was honored as a saint, and his tomb has been visited through the centuries by large numbers of the faithful. John Duns Scotus, the "Subtle Doctor," was beatified in 1993.

~Guest Writer~ Bob Rawson



Lent 2022



This year the Lenten Season starts on March 2nd. Mark your calendars for these important Lenten Activities



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



RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 4:00-4:30pm—Individual @ St. Gregory's
Wednesday, March 23 at 6:30pm—KIC Classes @ St. Gregory's
Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00pm—Communal @ St. Gregory's
Fridays from 4:30-4:50pm—Individual @ Sacred Heart
By Appointment with Fr. Shane
Call the office 651.674.4056



Parish News

2022 Contribution Envelopes 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 March 17th from 10:00am-11:30 am. Meals are available in quantities of 10 and up to 30 per calendar month.



Fish Fry

Our Annual Fish Fry is starting **Friday, March 4th** and running for 6 weeks. We will be having **Take-out/drive-thru ONLY**. We still need volunteers for Friday's in order to make this successful. Please contact the Church office or sign-up on the sheets in back of church if you are able to help (320-358-4370). Thank you!!

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, February 2

9:00 a.m. † Open

Sunday, February 6

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. † Open

Wednesday, February 9

9:00 a.m. † Respect of Life, Elizabeth Ministry

Sunday, February 13

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. † Mildred Johnson



March 5-6 Celebrants

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

March 12-13 Celebrants

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



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



Thank you to everyone that sent prayers and well wishes during the time of Michael's sudden passing. It gave me strength to persevere and warmed my heart.

-Elaine Robinson

Faith Formation



ASH WEDNESDAY

Children in grades 1 - 8 will be attending Ash Wednesday Mass at 6:30 p.m. during their KIC session at St. Gregory the Great Church on March 2.

Parents of children in grades 1-4 are asked to pick up their children in the church after Mass.



FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP

Families with children preparing for First Communion need to mark your calendars for Saturday, March 5th. Parents and children will arrive at 10:00 a.m. at the church of St. Gregory the Great for a faith filled morning.



D.O.C. NEWS

Confirmation Candidates will be participating in the service on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd at 6:30pm.

Please arrive a half hour early and check in with Joan.

The candidates will be seated with their class in reserved seating. We look forward to seeing you as we begin our Lenten journey together.



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.

St. Katharine Drexel

With a family like hers, it's no wonder that St. Katharine Drexel (November 26, 1858 - March 3, 1955) grew up to become one of the first American-born saints.

Born in Philadelphia in 1858, her mother passed away when she was only five weeks old. Her father, a renowned banker, remarried a wonderful woman, and together they raised St. Katharine Drexel and her two sisters in a life of privilege. Both financially and spiritually well-endowed, the Drexels were devout Catholics and set an excellent example of true Christian servitude with prayer and care for the poor.

After her father's death, St. Katharine Drexel gave up her inheritance and instead devoted her life to the material and spiritual well-being of black and native Americans. Mother Drexel, as she would become known as, established the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored, and together they opened a boarding school in Santa Fe, the first of 50 missions for Native Americans in 16 states.

At 77, she suffered a heart attack and was forced to retire from active ministry. She spent the next 20 years of her life in quiet yet intense prayer. She died at the age of 96 and was canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II.

