

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

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FAITH FORMATION

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4-10 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
4-17 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

ENTERING HOLY WEEK 2022



A few years ago, I presided at a funeral of an elderly gentleman in the morning, and then in the evening, a baptism of a baby boy. At both services, the Paschal (Easter) candle stood in a central place within the church. What struck me most, was the rollercoaster of emotions experienced this day. The emotions ranged from deep sadness and despair, to joyous laughter and celebration. There was a dominant theme during both of these rituals; both included the Light of Christ, symbolized by the use of the Paschal Candle.

This Holy week, we will also experience a range of emotions. First we are reminded of the joyful triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. This is followed by the intimacy of our Saviour washing his disciples feet on Holy Thursday, the sadness of the crucifixion and death of Him on Good Friday, and finally the wonder of Our Lord's resurrection on Easter morning. Talk about a rollercoaster of emotions! From the opening song we hear at the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper, until the closing song at the Easter

Vigil, is called the "*Paschal Triduum*", which is really one long, drawn out event. The following comments about this week are written with the hope that they may help you to enter more fully into the most important week of our faith lives.

Jesus arrives into Jerusalem on a donkey, not as a rich man, but as a humble man. The people around him watch with enthusiasm, filled with the anticipation that he is coming to rule and conquer the Roman's occupation of the land. But his kingdom as we know is different, and in order to achieve *his* kingdom, Jesus must first endure suffering, and encounter death. Through all of this, Jesus is in charge of his glory and arrest and knows his Father's power is at work in Him.

After His celebratory entrance to the Holy City, our history has very little knowledge of what transpired with Jesus and his companions over the next three days. The action begins Thursday evening of the week, the Jewish Passover, when Jesus and his disciples celebrate the Last Supper, which we commemorate each time we have the Eucharist or Mass. During the Last Supper, Jesus told his disciples to "*love one another as I have loved you*". Then Jesus washed their feet, showing us how

to be humble and care for one another.

Soon thereafter, Jesus' passion and death occurs. Now, the mood of people for Jesus moves from triumph and high regard earlier in the week, to despair and grief. Within the next twenty-four hours, Our Saviour is beaten, teased, pushed around, rejected, and betrayed. Still, Jesus is in charge of his destiny. He allows the events to take place as he surrenders his life over to God. Yet, while Pontius Pilate believes that he has the authority, it is *Jesus* who has the *ultimate* authority. At one point, Pilate asks Jesus, "What is the truth? What is the truth?"

The truth is this. When Jesus accomplished God's will and plan, our God was able to raise Jesus up on Easter morning, forever conquering sin and death, and bring us our eternal salvation. During Holy Week, may we enter into the events of the week, feeling the many different emotions, so we may reflect on the events, and understand the enormity of what our the Risen Lord has given us.

Have a prayerful
Holy Week
& Easter,

Father Shane

Triduum / Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday—April

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at Sacred Heart
7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Gregory's
11:00pm Night Prayer at St. Gregory's



Good Friday—April 15

9:30am Morning Prayer At St. Gregory's
12:00pm Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart
7:00pm Lord's Passion at Sacred Heart
7:30pm Lord's Passion/Veneration of the Cross at St. Gregory's



Holy Saturday—April 16

9:30am Morning Prayer at St. Gregory's
8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart
8:20pm Easter Vigil Mass at St. Gregory's



Easter Sunday—April 17

9:00am Mass w/Renewal of Baptismal Vows at Sacred Heart
9:30am Mass w/Renewal of Baptismal Vows at ST. Gregory's

Triduum Q & A

Question: I haven't attended Triduum services before. What happens that's different from a normal Sunday Mass?

Answer: The liturgies during Holy Week are unique and rich in symbolism. The Mass for Palm Sunday follows the pattern of the day 2,000 years ago when Jesus entered Jerusalem. It includes a Gospel reading outside the church building and the entrance of the priest into the sanctuary while the congregation waves palms.

The Holy Thursday Mass also follows the rhythm of the ancient Last Supper. The presider washes the feet of members of the congregation, like Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. After Mass, all remaining hosts are taken to an altar of repose, where adoration of the Blessed Sacrament occurs late into the night. Parishioners can remain like the disciples in Gethsemane, asked to "watch and pray."

On Good Friday, we celebrate another special liturgical service. Following the Liturgy of the Word, there is a communal reverencing of the cross. The intercessions are solemn and include prayers for many different groups of people, reminding us that Jesus' passion is for the whole world. There is no Liturgy of the Eucharist. Hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday are distributed, after which the tabernacle is empty. The tabernacle remains empty through Holy Saturday — just as Jesus departed from this earthly world in death — and we wait in hope for Easter Sunday!

Parish News

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

The next food distribution of frozen meals for seniors 60 and older will be on April 21st from 10:00am-11:30 am. Meals are available in quantities of 10 and up to 30 per calendar month.

Parish Council meeting

The next Parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12th.

Prison Ministry

Volunteers are needed on Sunday's for singers and piano players. For more information please contact Dave Prickett at 612-703-1112.



April 23-24 we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United

States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, April 13th

9:00 a.m. † Respect For Life

Sunday, April 17th

Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. † Parish

Wednesday, April 20th

9:00 a.m. † Konstantine Stathes

Sunday, April 24th

The Second Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. † Mildred Johnson



APRIL 16/17 CELEBRANTS

Fr. Chuck w/Dn. Kevin, Vigil Mass	Sacred Heart	8:00 p.m.
Fr. Shane, Vigil Mass	St. Gregory	8:20 p.m.
Fr. Shane, Easter Mass	Sacred Heart	9:00 a.m.
Fr. Fitzgerald, Easter Mass	St. Gregory	9:30 a.m.

APRIL 23/24 CELEBRANTS

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



PRAYER REQUESTS

If you or a loved one are ill in any way and would like to have your name included in the Sunday Prayers of the Faithful, contact the Parish office. Also, any prayer request or needs can be written in our Parish Intercessory Book in the back of church at any time.

ANointing OF THE SICK

Are you or someone you know having surgery? Seriously ill or suffering in mind, body or spirit? Consider receiving the Sacrament of Anointing.

This rite is intended to convey God's grace to those who receive it, through the power of the Holy Spirit. To set a time that works for you, please contact the parish office.

Faith Formation



KIC CLASS SCHEDULE

Remember to mark your calendar for the following dates during Holy Week and Easter when there is **NOT** class.

Wednesday, April 13 (Holy Week)-No Class

Sunday, April 17 (Easter)-No Class



FIRST COMMUNIONS

Please pray for the children who will be receiving the sacrament of First Communion on Sunday, May 1st.



LAST KIC CLASS CELEBRATION

Attention parents of ALL disciples in both Sunday and Wednesday classes in grades 1-8: Please check your child(ren)'s folder for information about the last class date for ALL KIC disciples and your immediate family. On Wednesday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m., we are planning an end-of-year barbeque, celebration, and awards at St. Gregory's. Please R.S.V.P. by April 22 with the number of people from your family who will be attending the event 651.674.4056.



PALM SUNDAY SERVICE/CLASS

9th and 10th grade

Confirmation students are required to attend

9:30 am Palm Sunday Mass. Please check in with Joan prior with no assigned seating. Immediately following Mass, D.O.C. will meet in the social hall for **class and cleaning of the church in preparation for Holy Week**. There will be **NOT** be evening D.O.C. classes on Palm Sunday.



LET'S CELEBRATE EARTH DAY TOGETHER
FRIDAY, April 22, 2022
5 pm- 8pm
Rush City High School

- Visit with experts on gardening, energy, recycling, monarch butterflies
- View a Tesla electric car as well as ECE's electric Chevy Volt
- View the film *Kiss the Ground* in high School theater at 6:30
- Children activities and DOOR PRIZES
- Concessions by RC High School students available for purchase