

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 appointment.

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

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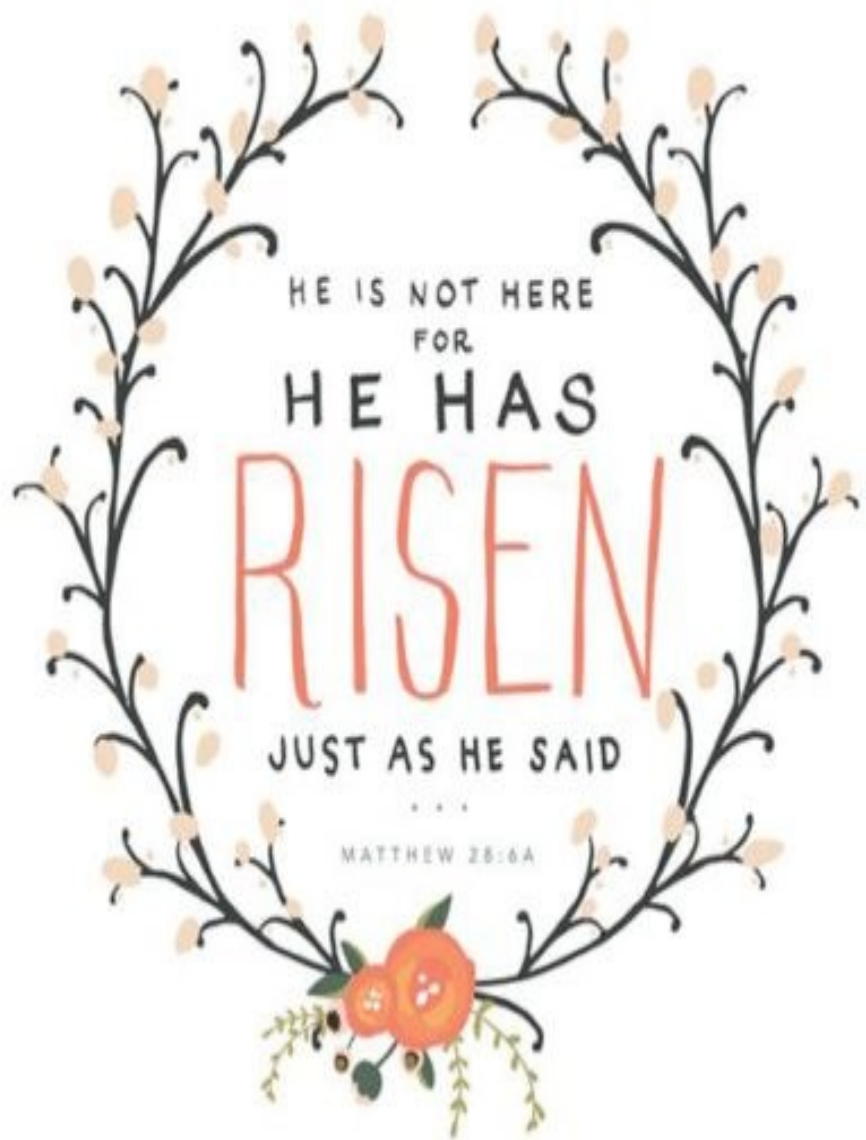
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FAITH FORMATION

Claire Kind

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4-24 Second Sunday of Easter
5-1 Third Sunday of Easter

Saint Bruno of Querfurt



Saint Bruno of Querfurt (now part of Saxony-Anhalt, Germany) was born into the family of the feudal lords of Querfurt in 974. At the age of six, he was sent to be educated at the cathedral school in Magdeburg, seat of Adalbert of Magdeburg, the teacher and namesake of Adalbert of Prague. While still a youth, he was made a canon of the Cathedral of Magdeburg.

At the age of 20 Bruno was attached to the royal court of the fifteen-year-old Holy Roman emperor Otto III. In 995 at the age of 20 Otto III appointed Bruno as his court chaplain. In 997 Bruno accompanied Otto to Rome for Otto's imperial coronation.

While in Rome for Otto's imperial coronation, Bruno met Adalbert of Prague, the first "Apostle of the Prussians". Adalbert was killed a year later, which inspired Bruno to write a biography of Adalbert when he reached the recently Christianized and consolidated Kingdom of Hungary himself.

In 1001, Bruno entered a Benedictine monastery at Pereum near Ravenna that Otto III had founded, and underwent strict ascetic training under the guidance of Romuald. There Bruno took the name of Boniface. From there Bruno also carried on Adalbert's mission of Christianizing the pagan Prussians by first sending a small mission to Poland.

Bruno found out that his friend Benedict and four companions had been slaughtered during their journey by robbers. Bruno took eyewitness accounts and wrote down a touching history of the so-called "Five Martyred Brothers".

In 1003 Pope Sylvester II appointed Bruno, at the age of 33, to head a mission amongst the pagan peoples of Eastern Europe. He visited the sovereigns of Germany, Hungary, and Ukraine in quest of aid for his missionary activities. Bruno left Rome in 1004 after being appointed archbishop. Owing to a regional conflict between the Holy Roman Emperor Henry II and Duke Boleslaus I of Poland, Bruno could not go directly to Poland so he set out for Hungary. There he went to the places that Adalbert of Prague had attended. When Bruno received news of the martyrdom of St. Adalbert bishop of Prague during his stay in Hungary in 1004, Bruno gathered information and wrote the best existing biography of St. Adalbert.

Bruno tried to persuade Ahtum the Duke of Banat, Hungary who was under jurisdiction of Patriarchate of Constantinople to accept the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Rome. But this precipitated a large controversy leading to organized opposition from local monks.

After this diplomatic failure, Bruno went to Kyiv, where Grand Duke Vladimir 1 authorized him to make Christian converts among the Pechenegs, semi-nomadic Turkic peoples living between the Danube and the Don rivers. Bruno spent five months there and baptized some thirty adults. He helped to bring about a peace treaty between them and the ruler of Kyiv.

Before leaving for Poland, Bruno consecrated a bishop for the Pechenegs. While in Poland he consecrated the first Bishop of Sweden and is said to have sent emissaries to baptize the king of Sweden.

In the autumn or at the end of 1008 Bruno and eighteen companions set out to found a mission among the Old Prussians; they succeeded in converting Netimer and then traveled to the east. Bruno met opposition in his efforts to evangelize the borderland and when he persisted in disregarding their warnings he was beheaded and most of his eighteen companions were hanged by Zebeden, brother of Netimer. Duke Boleslaus the Brave bought the bodies and brought them to Poland where they were laid to rest. Soon after his death, Bruno and his companions were venerated as martyrs and Bruno was soon after canonized.



-Guest writer-
Bob Rawson

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.



Mission Statement

Sacred Heart parish is a community of Catholic Christian believers, established by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. We strive to grow in holiness through prayer, celebration of the Eucharist and other sacraments, and reflection on the scriptures. We work hard to build the kingdom of God through evangelization, catechesis and service for all.

Parish News



Fall Festival Planning meeting

Our first Fall Festival meeting will be held on May 3rd at 10 am in the Parish House. Everyone is welcome. If you are not able to attend but want to help, please contact the church office. Thank you.

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.

Prison Ministry

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

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, April 27th

9:00 a.m. † Open

Sunday, May 1st

Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. † Mildred Johnson & First Communicants

Wednesday, May 4th

9:00 a.m. † Terry Solorz

Sunday, May 8th

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. † Mary Jo Stathes (mother)



APRIL 23/24 CELEBRANTS

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

APRIL 30 & MAY 1 CELEBRANTS

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



FIRST COMMUNIONS

Please pray for Kayla Dedrick and Mikayla Ertz, they will be receiving the **sacrament of First Communion on Sunday, May 1st.**

MAY CROWNING/SINGING



The KIC students are invited to bring flowers to Mary at the beginning of Mass on May 1 at 9:30am at **St. Gregory's**. Flowers will be provided. The KIC students in grades 1-4 will also be singing at this Mass.

LAST KIC CLASS CELEBRATION



On Wednesday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m., we are planning an end-of-year barbeque, celebration, and awards for our last class. ALL KIC disciples (grades 1-8), and their immediate families, in both Sunday and Wednesday classes, are invited to join us at St. Gregory the Great Church. Please R.S.V.P. at 651.674.4056 with the number of people in your family attending our celebration.

9TH GRADE RITE OF CHOICE



All First Year Confirmation candidates will be participating in the Rite of Choice during the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, April 24 at St. Gregory the Great Church. Ninth graders are to bring their signed covenant to this Mass as they present themselves to enter more fully into the Confirmation preparation process.

LAST DAY OF CLASS The Confirmation year is coming to a close with our last DOC Class on April 24th at 5:00 p.m. It has been a great year!

CONFIRMATION DAY



Confirmations are on Tuesday, May 24th at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Please continue praying for our 10th grade students as they move toward this most Holy Sacrament.

Inspiration of the week!

Life is about to get very interesting for the disciples. Finding themselves questioning what happened to Jesus and whether he actually was raised from the dead, they are afraid and uncertain. In the midst of this fear, questioning, and uncertainty, Jesus decides to surprise them with a visit! This visit, complete with the gift of peace, fills the disciples with great excitement and joy. But their detailed testimony is not enough to convince their absent friend Thomas. He wants to see for himself. We struggle with belief as well. It is hard for some to give themselves over to the testimony of another. We want to see the resurrected Christ in person. God, through the gift of eyes of faith, gives us the ability to do precisely that: when we witness the healing that comes from forgiveness, the beauty that flows from love, the wonder of creation, the new life that comes after we fall, and the unique soul that lives behind each person's life. Christ is risen. Life will get very interesting for us too, when we stop unbelieving and believe!