

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

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FAITH FORMATION

Claire Kind

Joan Hetherington

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Congratulations on your First Holy Communion

Aubrie Anderson, William Bitzan, and Henry Spencer



5-8 Second Sunday of Easter
5-15 Third Sunday of Easter



Gospel meditation

"Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start." (Pope Francis) We have a difficult time figuring out what is true and best for us. There are many voices talking and so many trying to get our attention. We wrongly convince ourselves that the true voice is the voice of progress, the one that speaks of contemporary wants and desires, enticing us with the latest trends and causes. We are taught, by listening to the voices around us, that truth is found in feelings and thought, and ideals must match current and popular human wants. Because we feel a particular way it must be true. Then, we find a shepherd who empathizes with us and affirms us. We follow that voice even though listening to that voice will render us powerless and lead us to harm. There are many with me in this procession to this pasture. I must be on the right path and listening to the right voice.

We are very confused. What can keep us safe and from harm? Where do we go to find life, love, and happiness? Jesus tells us that he is the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to get to Truth, who is God, is through him. There is no other way. The Church, the gate around God's pasture of life, is charged with the mission of directing us where God desires that we go. In the midst of all of the conflicting voices around us, the voice of truth is often muffled in all of the noise, but it beckons us to a life of virtue and grace. Helping us understand who we are and where we have to be, it discerns the voice of God, providing us with the safety net we need to stay straight on our path to life eternal.

We have to trust the voice of God, the true Shepherd, even when it does not mirror what we want and what others may believe. Faith goes way beyond feeling and involves a radical trust in Someone who can lead us and form us. At day's end, if we do not know to find our way home, we will be truly lost.

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.



Fr. Matt Shireman has been appointed as the parochial administrator of St. Gregory the Great and Sacred Heart parishes effective July 1, 2022 after serving 3 years as the Parochial Vicar (or Assistant Pastor) of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church and School in Hastings. After serving one year as a parochial administrator, the Archbishop will typically appoint the priest as the pastor of the parish. Fr. Matt was ordained at the Cathedral of Saint Paul on May 26, 2018 by Archbishop Bernard Hebda. Following his ordination, he served as parochial vicar for one year at St. Stephen Church and School in Anoka.

He is a native of Minnetonka, born in 1986. He graduated from Minnetonka High School in 2004. He received a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Marquette University in 2009 and a M.S. in Transportation from MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) in 2011. His seminary studies were at the Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity at the University of Saint Thomas. During his priestly formation and as a transitional Deacon, his teaching parish was St. Victoria in Victoria. He spent a pastoral year as a Deacon at St. Stephen in Anoka.

Fr. Matt has been involved in all aspects of ministry at the parishes he has been assigned. He was fairly involved (including playing kickball at recess) at the parochial schools, so he will miss that aspect; however, he knows that there are youth at his new parishes! Fr. Matt has also been a COVID Anointing Corps priest for the Archdiocese since April 2020 (i.e. the start of the pandemic).

Our new priest enjoys running, following sports (including college basketball), going to orchestra concerts and plays, playing the French Horn, trying new restaurants, traveling, and reading.

Father Matt is known as the Theme Park Priest. His blog is found at: <https://theparkpriest.weebly.com/>

We look forward to meeting and welcoming Fr. Matt at the beginning of July.

A Prayer for Mom



Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude.

Amen

Parish News

FATHER SHANE AWAY

Fr. Shane will be away from May 9 through May 17. He will be visiting his mother in Grand Junction, Colorado. Communion Services will be held on May 11th. For Pastoral Emergencies during regular office hours, contact the Parish Office at 651.674.4056. Outside of office hours call Deacon Kevin at 507.202.5304 for assistance.

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

The next food distribution of frozen meals for seniors 60 and older will be on May 19th 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, May 11th

9:00 a.m. † Respect for Life- Elizabeth Ministry

Sunday, May 15th

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. † Paul Capecechi

Wednesday, May 18th

9:00 a.m. † Open

Sunday, May 22nd

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. † Michelle Stenger



MAY 14 & 15 CELEBRANTS

Fr. Chuck	St. Gregory	5:00 p.m.
Fr. Fitzgerald	Sacred Heart	9:00 a.m.
Fr. Chuck	St. Gregory	9:30 a.m.

MAY 21 & 22 CELEBRANTS

Fr. Shane	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



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Saturday, May 21st - 10th grade Confirmation Retreat at St. Gregory.

Tuesday, May 24th- 10th grade Confirmation

Sunday, June 5th- 10th grade Confirmation send off and the Graduating seniors mass with reception in the Wey hall.

KIC LENTEN PROJECT

Thank you to all the KIC classes who participated in our KIC Lenten project. The North Branch Food Pantry received a total of 382 pounds of donated food items!

THANK YOU

As our KIC program comes to an end for this year, we want to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who make our program such a successful and fruitful ministry for our children. To our catechists, who spent untold hours in preparation and teaching time each week in order to pass on the Catholic faith to a new generation of believers.

To our parents in their role as primary educators of their children regarding their Catholic faith.

To the many parishioners who have helped in numerous ways (praying for our disciples, moving setting up tables, cooking for events, helping with Lenten food drive and the list goes on & on) we could not do it without you.

To Father Shane for his support & guidance in making the program successful.

Have a wonderful summer and we hope to see you all next year!



FRIDAY, JUNE 3rd

6:30pm-8:00pm In Wey Hall

Hosted by Knights of Columbus

Fun For The Whole Family!



Bring a game!

Refreshments and sweets provided

