

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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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

“You are witnesses of these things.”

- Lk 24:48

5-22 Sixth Sunday of Easter
5-29 Ascension of the Lord

ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA



Gianna Beretta was born in Magenta, Italy on October 4, 1922. She was the tenth of thirteen children in her family. At three-years-old Gianna and her family moved to Bergamo in the Lombardy region of Italy. She grew up viewing life as God's beautiful gift. In 1942 Gianna began her study of medicine in Milan.

She received degrees in both medicine and surgery from the University of Pavia in 1949. In 1950 she opened a medical office in Mesero near her hometown of Magenta. In 1952 Gianna specialized in pediatrics at the University of Milan. She was especially drawn toward mothers, babies, the elderly and the poor.

Gianna hoped to join her brother, a missionary priest in Brazil, where she intended to offer her medical expertise in gynecology to poor women. Her ill health made this impractical and she continued her practice in Italy.

In December 1954, Gianna met Pietro Molla, an engineer who worked in her office. They were officially engaged the following April and married in September 1955.

In November 1956 Gianna

became a mother to her first child, Pierluigi. Their second child Maria Zita was born in December 1957. She gave birth to their third child Laura in July 1959. Gianna handled motherhood with grace and was able to harmonize all aspects of her demanding life. In 1961, Gianna became pregnant with her fourth child. Toward the end of her second month of pregnancy, Gianna was struck with an unimaginable pain.

Her doctors discovered she had developed a fibroma in her uterus meaning she was carrying both a baby and a tumor. After an examination the doctors gave her three choices. Her first choice was an abortion, which would save her life and allow her to continue to have children. But it would take the life of the child she carried. Her second choice was a complete hysterectomy which would preserve her life but take the unborn child's life. Her third choice was removal of only the fibroma with the potential of further complications which could save the life of her baby. Wanting to preserve her child's life, Gianna opted for the removal of only the fibroma. In fact, she was willing to give her own life to save the life of her child.

After Gianna's operation there continued to be complications through the rest of her pregnancy. She recognized she may lose her life during delivery. Gianna was quite clear

about her wishes, expressing to her family, "If you must decide between me and the child, do not hesitate: choose the child. I insist on it. Save the baby."

On April 21, 1962 a baby girl, Gianna Emanuela Molla was successfully delivered by Caesarean section. The doctors tried many different treatments and procedures to ensure both lives would be saved. However, on April 28, 1962, a week after the baby was born, Gianna passed away from septic peritonitis.

Gianna was beatified by Pope John Paul II on April 24, 1994, and officially canonized as a saint on May 16, 2004. Her husband and their children, including Gianna Emanuela, attended her canonization ceremony, making this the first time a husband witnessed his wife's canonization. During Gianna's canonization ceremony, John Paul II described her as, "a simple, but more than ever, significant messenger of divine love." St. Gianna is the inspiration behind the Gianna Center, the first pro-life Catholic healthcare center for women in New York. St. Gianna Beretta Molla is the patron saint of mothers, physicians, and unborn children. Her feast day is celebrated on April 28.



~Ghost Writer~
Bob Rawson

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.

ANOIDING 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.

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, Jim Mitchell, Marian Schmitz, John Lunseth, Phyllis Keating

Parish News

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

The next food distribution of frozen meals for seniors 60 and older will be on June 16th 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.

Memorial Day Services Grothe Jacobson-VFW #6692

Memorial Day service will be held at 10:50 am at the Catholic Cemetery. Other cemetery services are posted on the bulletin boards with times.

Save the Date

On Sunday, June 19th we will be saying "Good Bye" to Father Shane with a breakfast following mass.

Seeking Volunteers!

Looking for volunteers to visit with a blind parishioner on Tuesday's and Thursday's anytime of the day. For more information call David Prickett at 612-703-1112

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, May 25th

9:00 a.m. † Tony Debevec

Sunday, May 29th

The Ascension of the Lord

9:00 a.m. † Bill Peno

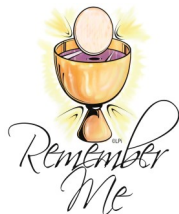
Wednesday, June 1st

9:00 a.m. † Open

Sunday, June 5th

Pentecost Sunday

9:00 a.m. † Parishioners



MAY 28 & 29 CELEBRANTS

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

JUNE 4 & 5 CELEBRANTS

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

Faith Formation

PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDANTS

Mikayla Ertz & Kayla Diedrich

Please pray for them as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, May 24th at the St. Paul Cathedral.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of Your divine Love. Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who by the light of Your Holy Spirit, has instructed the hearts of Your faithful, grant us by the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

Come join us on Sunday, June 5th for the 10th grade Confirmation send off and the Graduating seniors mass with reception in the Wey hall.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is coming back to St. Gregory the Great parish this summer with "Marvelous Mystery: The Mass Comes Alive." Save the date for August 7-11 and watch the bulletin for more details to come.



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration forms for the 2022-2023 Faith Formation year will be mailed soon. Please return completed forms as soon as possible. All registrations are due by August 19.

Community News



FRIDAY NIGHT GAME NIGHT

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

PRIZES!!

Let's remember.

The wife who lost her husband.
The husband who lost his wife.

Let's remember.

The mother and father who lost their child.

Let's remember.

The child who lost a parent.

Let's remember.

To pray. To be grateful. To never take our freedom for granted.

Thank you to those who have been called to serve and to those who have given their lives.