

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

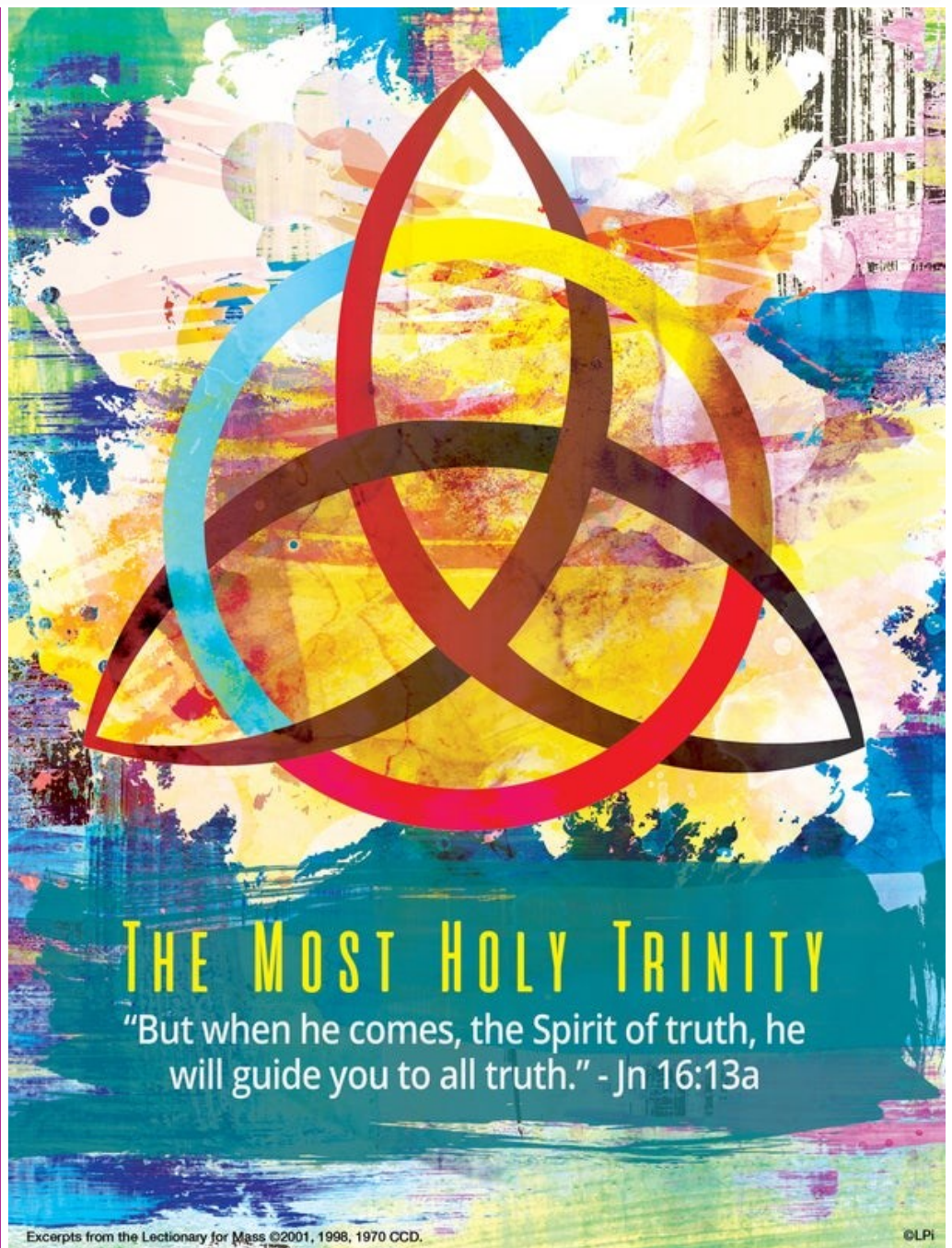
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FAITH FORMATION

Claire Kind

Joan Hetherington

651-674-7382



6-5 Pentecost Sunday
6-12 The Most Holy Trinity

A DEEPER SPIRITUAL LIFE

When appointed to become the pastor of Saint Gregory the Great in September 2004, my assignment letter indicated that my term would end in 2016. Then, when I became the pastor of Sacred Heart, the clock, so to speak, started over. Because of this situation, three times I was granted extensions; yet knowing that in all likelihood, I would be asked to accept a new assignment in July of 2022.

In March of 2020, having lived in North Branch for sixteen years, I had accumulated quite an abundance of things. I began to purge in hopes to prepare myself for my eventual transfer, and to teach myself not to become so attached to things. This process allowed me to begin to let go and say goodbye to this place I call my home. Letting go of things is difficult! The memories each book, knick-knack or t-shirt would conjure up, made it harder to throw away, yet I knew I was in training for the pain that would be coming, when I said goodbye to my friends and faith family. However, the emptiness I would feel, when a drawer, filing cabinet or bookshelf would finally be cleaned out, caused a bit of peace as well. In fact, having “less”, soon allowed me to have the ability to have “more”. Fewer things freed up my time. This time was spent in thought, prayer or reading a book that would enrich my soul. My spirituality grew! My trust in the Lord increased as I continued to *“Let go and let God”*.

Once I found out that in fact I *was* going to be transferred to Saint George at the end of this month, my decluttering and packing became more intense. This also led to a greater effort to get rid of more of my things especially most of my knick-knacks! I was simplifying my life, and in turn, allowing more room for my faith to grow!

As I turn “60” in a week, I am certain of this; having fewer possessions, gives way to fewer distractions. In turn, it gives me the desire and longing for a deeper spiritual life. As I continue to eliminate the clutter and unnecessary items in my office and rectory, I feel lighter, happier, and definitely, more spiritual. I would encourage everyone to try some “spring cleaning”, in hopes that you too, may find yourself having a little more room for a deeper spiritual life. A life with fewer distractions, can allow you to listen to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and use your gifts for the greater good. This is needed so deeply in our world today. Help one another, be kind, and love one another.



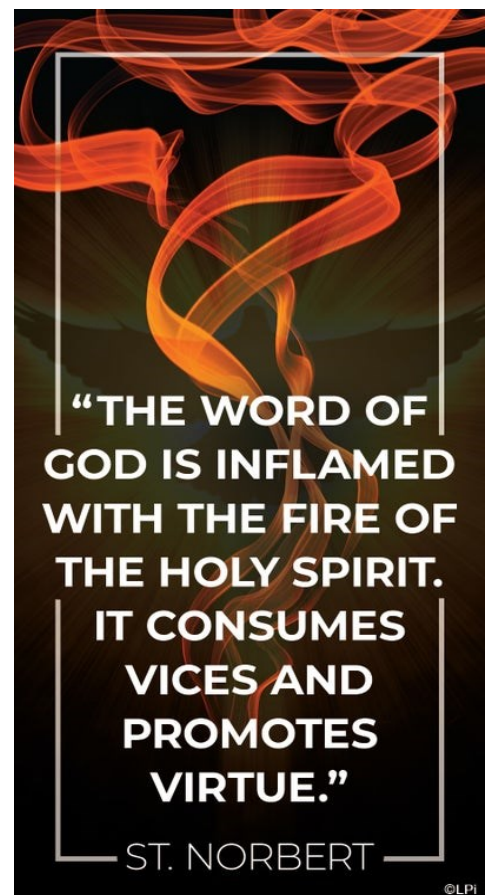
Father Shane's office
after packing

Happy Pentecost,
Father Shane



Sacred Heart and St. Gregory the Great Confirmation Students
with Fr. Shane and Archbishop Hebda

Congratulations Mikayla Ertz & Kayla Diedrich!



Parish News

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

NOTE TIME CHANGE: The next food distribution of frozen meals for seniors 60 and older will be on June 16th from **10:00am-11:00 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.

Save the Date- Father Shane's last Sunday mass

On Sunday, June 19th we will be saying "Good Bye" to Father Shane. Join us for a reception in Wey Hall following mass to wish him well at his new assignment.

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

Don't Forget your Parish

The summer months are truly a time for us to enjoy the wonders of God's creation. When you are away on vacation, please remember how important your weekly offering is to your parish. As you are planning your vacation, remember to mail in offertory envelopes or drop them by the parish office. Thank you for your continued support.

Fall Festival meeting

If you would like to be part of the planning of the Fall Festival and have new ideas, please come to the next meeting on June 7th at 7pm in Wey Hall.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, June 8th

9:00 a.m. † Open

Sunday, June 12th

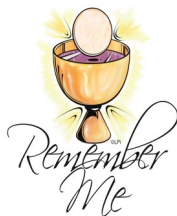
The Most Holy Trinity
9:00 a.m. † Amy Prickett

Wednesday, June 15th

9:00 a.m. † Open

Sunday, June 19th

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
9:00 a.m. † Maxine Mihm



JUNE 11 & 12 CELEBRANTS

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

JUNE 18 & 19 CELEBRANTS

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



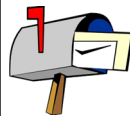
Sunday, June 25th we will take up the Peter's Pence collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous.

Faith Formation/DOC



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.

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR KIC NEXT YEAR

Please prayerfully consider over the next few weeks if you are interested in sharing your faith as a catechist or sub-catechist for the 1st - 8th grade KIC program this upcoming year at St. Gregory the Great Church. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at education@stgregorynb.org or call 651.674-7382 if you are interested or would like more information.

FAITH FORMATION SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

During the months of June and July, the Faith Formation Office at St. Gregory the Great Church will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Congratulations to our Graduating Class!

Brock Diedrich
Amanda Ellingson
Alexis Ertz
Lucas McFee
Maggie Roth

We hope your dreams take you...

*To the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes,
to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special
places your heart has ever known.*

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, Phyllis Keating, Elsie Moore



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.