

Welcome to
The Church of the Sacred Heart
The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

Parish Office / Mailing Address:

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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

320-358-4370

FAITH FORMATION

Claire Kind

651-674-7382



Fourteenth Sunday in OT - 7/3

Fifteenth Sunday in OT - 7/10



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



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.

Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities

"My Love is Everlasting..." Psalms 103-Healing after Abortion



If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. The next Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreat is August 5-7, 2022. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org. Call 763-250-9313 or see www.rvineyardmn.org

GOSPEL MEDITATION -

Freedom properly defined is freedom properly understood. The Cambridge Dictionary tells us that it is, "the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc., whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited." That same dictionary defines liberty as, "the freedom to live, work, and travel as you want to." Both definitions sound very similar. Is there a difference between freedom and liberty? Many are accustomed to believing that freedom and liberty are interchangeable and simply involve possessing rights and privileges. For the Christian, however, there is a big difference between the two.

St. John Chrysostom directs that "the only person who is free is the one who lives for Christ." There are many other inspirational people throughout history who see freedom as something far greater than liberty. True and properly understood freedom has little to do with entitlement or self-promotion. For the believer, it is a matter of the heart and soul. Freedom (and liberty, for that matter), seen only in terms of the world, can quickly be taken away. The freedom spoken of by St. John Chrysostom can only be lost by personal choice. When one lives for Christ, they live in pursuit of virtues that enlighten one's soul (faith, hope, and love) and strengthen one's character (justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence). Rather than having the ability to acquire or do more things, true freedom asks us to be detached. Privileges, rights, and responsibilities are important, but they do not define us.

The world is not always open to listening to the truth. "I am sending you like lambs among wolves," Jesus tells his disciples. The secular definitions of freedom and liberty are very attractive. They promise us a great deal. It is no wonder Jesus asks his disciples to travel with very little. The Gospel is not dependent upon things or anything those with worldly power or investment can say or do. When one chooses to live for Christ, they choose to live with peace. That's what true freedom will give us. If we do not want what Christ offers, we can close the door, and the messenger will walk away. Distracted by the lure of personal liberties, we risk losing our freedom. We will not have anything truly life-giving to share with others.



Mass Intentions

Wednesday, July 6th

9:00 a.m. † Open

Sunday, July 10th

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. † Amy Prickett

Wednesday, July 13th

9:00 a.m. † Open

Sunday, July 17th

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. † Michelle Stenger



Parish News

Save the Date

On July 31st we will be having a "Welcoming" gathering for Father Matt after Mass. More details to follow.

Pro-Life

The Chisago County Fair is July 21-24. Minnesota Citizens Concern for Life will have a booth there again this year. Please consider stopping at the booth and show your support for the UNBORN, Elderly and All life. Call Elaine Schneider at 320-358-4129 or 320-492-2117 to volunteer. You don't need to have all the answers, just your presence is the best witness. Thank you, Elaine

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

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

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 Wednesday, July 6 at 7pm in Wey Hall.

Rush City Food Shelf

Now, with schools closed for the summer, families are not able to count on school lunches to feed their children. The Rush City food shelf is requesting a "kid friendly" food item for the children's bags. Canned ravioli or spaghetti-type foods and/or peanut butter would be greatly appreciated as well as treats such as granola bars or fruit snacks. (Please avoid sugary snacks and candy) Cash contributions are welcome too, as the costs to the Food Shelf to purchase food have greatly increased.

If you need assistance in delivering your contributions to the Food Shelf, a volunteer will be happy to collect the items. Call Kathy at 651-248-0243.

JULY 9 & 10 CELEBRANTS

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

JULY 16 & 17 CELEBRANTS

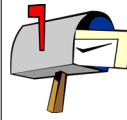
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Faith Formation



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.

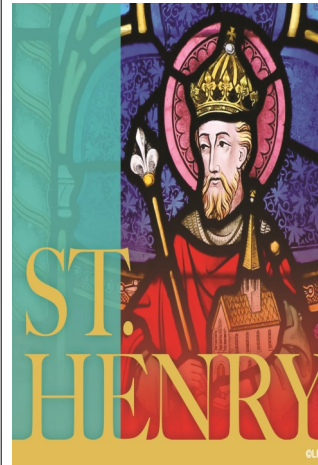
FAITH FORMATION SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK –

EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

St. Henry | July 13



Saint Henry was born in 972 to Henry, Duke of Bavaria, Germany, and his wife Gisela of Burgundy. Saint Henry's early life was permeated with Christianity, among those who guided his education was Bishop Wolfgang of Ratisbon, who became a saint himself. In 995, Saint

Henry succeeded his father as Duke of Bavaria, and in 1002, upon the death of his cousin, Otho III, he was elected emperor. In 1014, Saint Henry

undertook the long journey from Germany to Rome to be crowned Holy Roman Emperor by Pope Benedict XIII.

In 1022 Saint Henry assisted Pope Benedict VIII in holding the Council of Pavia, which promoted clerical celibacy and sought to end simony (the buying and selling of ecclesiastical goods and offices). During his reign, Saint Henry used his wealth and position for the Church. He confirmed Benedict's authority over Rome, was a patron of churches and monasteries, supported the Cluniac Reforms, restored episcopal sees, and founded the Diocese of Bamberg where he built a cathedral.

Saint Henry was married to Cunigunde of Luxembourg, to whom he was incredibly devoted. Although disputed by some historians, some stories of the couple's marriage report they took vows of chastity because their union was childless.

Saint Henry died in July of 1024 and was canonized in 1146 by Pope Eugene III.