

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 every Wednesday of
the month or by appointment.

PASTOR

Fr. Matt Shireman

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

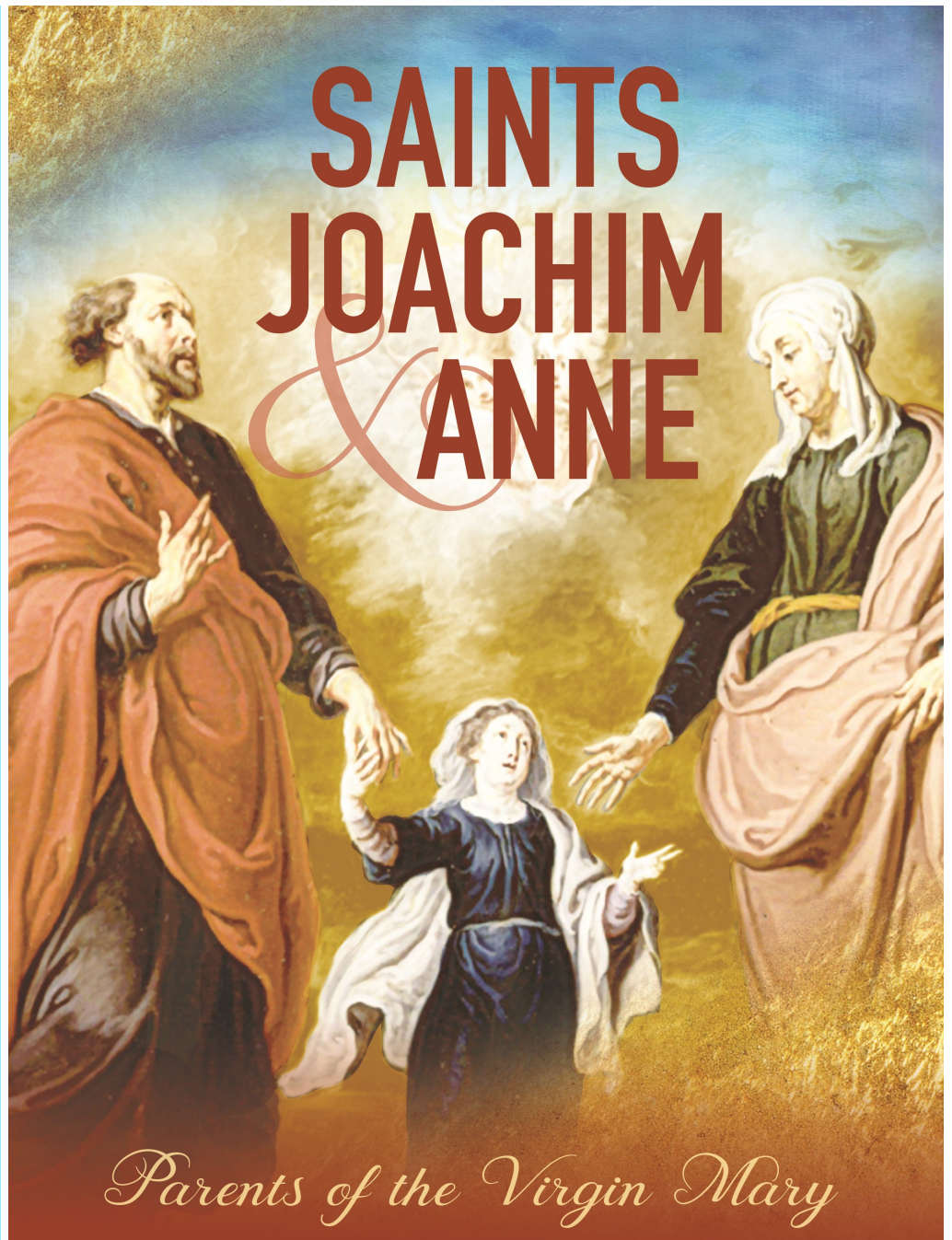
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FAITH FORMATION

Claire Kind

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Sixteenth Sunday in OT - 7/17
Seventeenth Sunday in OT - 7/24



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@rvinyardmn.org. Call 763-250-9313 or see www.rvinyardmn.org

"The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword" (Hebrews 4:12).

The Bible is the Word of God! And its primary author is the Holy Spirit. As Catholics, especially after the revision of the Lectionary (which is the ordering of the Biblical texts read at Mass) around 1969, we hear much of the Bible in a 3-year cycle (and to an even greater extent for those who read the daily Mass readings). However, with so many genres of books in the Bible plus the historical context in which they were written as well as all of the difficult passages, it can sometimes be hard to know how to study it.

I am of the conviction that every mature Catholic (Confirmation age and above) should read a little bit from the Bible every day in personal prayer. And more than just reading the Bible, we should all be meditating on the passage by allowing God to speak to us of its meaning in our lives.

The Gospel passage of the day, especially words spoken by Jesus, is a good and sufficient place to go to. The USCCB is usually where I go for the daily Mass readings (<https://bible.usccb.org/>). A good Catholic Bible—any Catholic version of the New American Bible (NAB/NABRE) or the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible New Testament (RSV)—with notes can be helpful, too, for understanding the passages.

For much of my 6 years of ordained ministry, I have offered Bible Studies for others—usually on the upcoming Sunday's readings. On Friday, July 22nd, I will be starting a weekly Bible Study from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. at the Romero House (hopefully with coffee, too). Even if you can only come occasionally, my hope is that you can learn something about the Bible. However, if you can't attend any of the studies (due to work or other commitments), I hope that you will at least try something to grow in your love of Scripture!

In Christ ~
Father Matt



Mass Intentions

Wednesday, July 19th

9:00 a.m. † Open

Sunday, July 24th

seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. † Open

Wednesday, July 27th

9:00 a.m. † Open

Sunday, July 31st

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. † Open

Fall Festival— 9-18-2022

It is getting close to that time of year for our Fall Festival. The Council has decided to bring back the Silent Auction and is seeking Gift Basket donations. If you can donate, please contact the Parish office for me details or ideas.
Thank you!

Parish News

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Fr. Matt is offering Confession/Reconciliation every Wednesday of the month after mass or by appointment.



MEAL WITH FR. MATT

Fr. Matt would like to get to know the families of the parish by sharing a meal with you on Wednesday evenings. At Fr. Matt's previous parish, he did lots of work with the children of the school. Since we do not have a school, he would like to make connections with those families who have children at home. If you are interested in hosting a meal with Fr. Matt, please contact Marsha in the Parish office to get on the schedule. If you are empty nesters, and would also like to host Fr. Matt for dinner, call the parish office for availability.

Welcoming Father Matt

Immediately following mass on Sunday, July 31, a welcoming reception will be held in Wey Hall for Father Matt Shireman. Refreshments will be served. On Sunday, September 18, in conjunction with our Fall Festival, an invitation will be made to the Rush City community to meet Father. More information 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.

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 20th 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 23 & 24 CELEBRANTS

Fr. Matt	St. Gregory	5:00 p.m.
Fr. Edwin	Sacred Heart	9:00 a.m.
Fr. Matt	St. Gregory	9:30 a.m.

JULY 30 & 31 CELEBRANTS

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

Faith Formation

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

We are preparing for the upcoming year of Faith Formation. Please return your completed forms to the Faith Formation Office at St. Gregory the Great Parish or Sacred Heart office as soon as possible.

All registrations are due by August 19.

DOC NEWS

Parents remember to sign your 9th and 10th graders up for D.O.C. Confirmation classes this fall! Our program includes dinner, service projects, and sharing our faith as we learn to become Disciples Of Christ! Registration forms have been mailed out. If you did not receive yours, you can find them online or outside of the Formation Office downstairs. For questions please contact Joan Hetherington at the office 651.674.7382.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Attention all parents and children! We have extended the deadline for VBS registration. Get your registrations turned into the office ASAP. Join us for a fun week of singing, dancing, games, crafts, and food all while learning about our Catholic Faith.

Sunday through Thursday
August 7th-11th from 5pm-8:30pm
Pre/K through Grade 6 are welcome to attend

Community Events



JOHN PAUL II Healing Center

Transformation in the Heart of the Church

Would you like to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ? Have you forgiven, but are still

experiencing negative emotions? Do you feel like you bring the same sins to confession, again and again? Sin leaves all of us wounded, and as Pope Francis reminds us, the Church is a field hospital with all of us in need of healing from the Divine Physician.

Join Dr. Bob Schuchts, Bart Schuchts & Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, & the John Paul II Healing Center for the Healing the Whole Person Retreat, coming to St. John Neumann Catholic Church (Eagan, MN) November 3-5 2022 (Thursday & Friday evening and all-day Saturday). This retreat is offered both in-person or virtually via livestream. Registration opens August 1st!

Learn more at <https://jpiihealingcenter.org/events/hwp-eagan-mn/>.

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CLASS LOCATIONS:

In-Person in
Coon Rapids and
Live-Streamed
to Multiple
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