

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 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

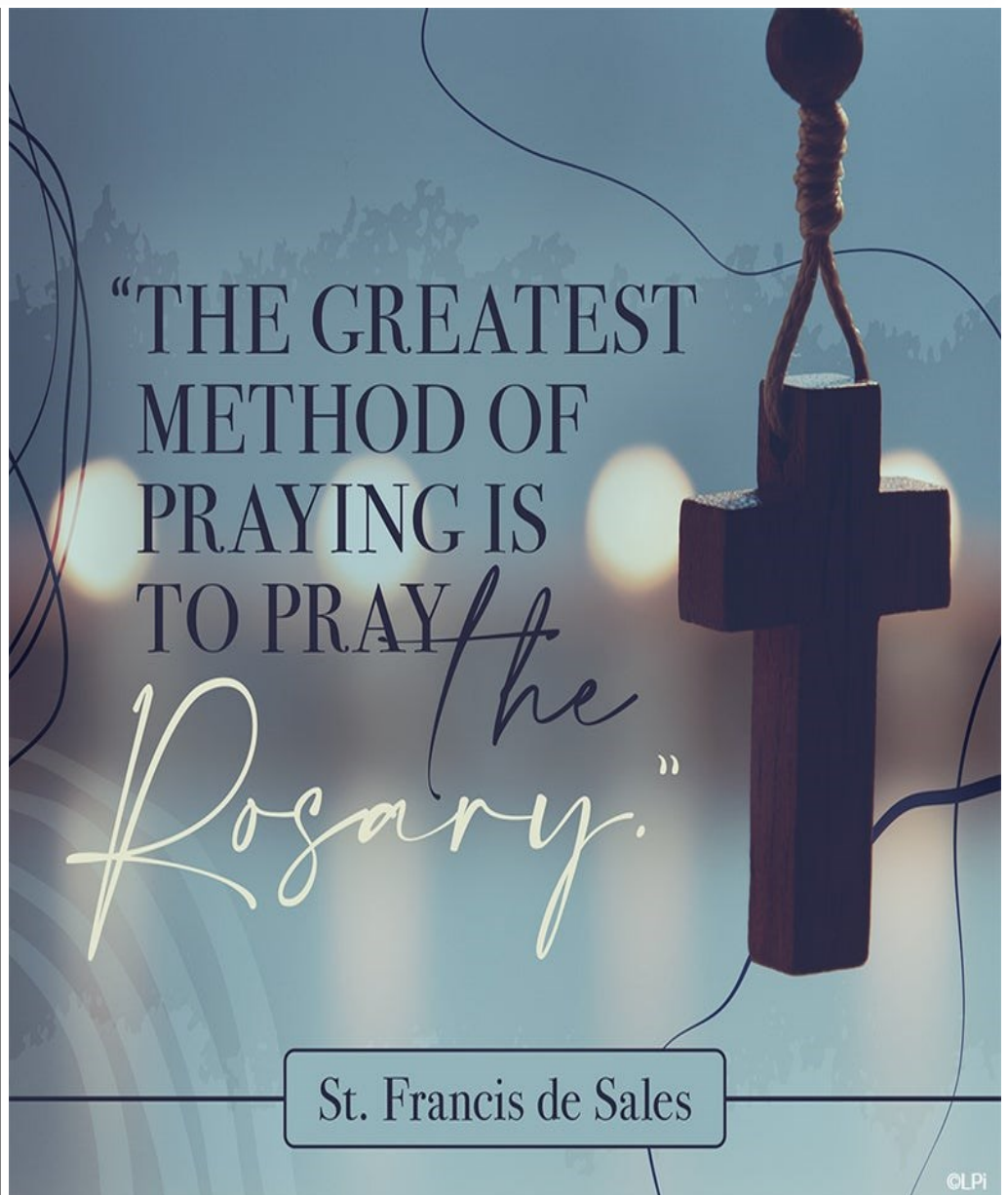
Bookkeeper/ Music: Steve Yurick

320-358-4370

FAITH FORMATION

Claire Kind

651-674-7382



Twenty -sixth Sunday in OT -9-25
Twenty-seventh Sunday in OT- 10-1



Pray For

Erin Hestbeck Mielke
 Sue Roth
 Gerald Mollberg
 Jim Thorn
 Judy Strandmark
 Grace Schwaab
 Cecilia Shinler
 Ron Schleicher
 Janet Yurick
 Maxim Hurwicz
 Jim Mitchell
 Phyllis Keating
 Carole Stenger
 David Kirchberg

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.

Mission Statement

Sacred Heart parish is a community of Catholic Christian believers, established by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. We strive to grow in holiness through prayer, celebration of the Eucharist and other sacraments, and reflection on the scriptures. We work hard to build the kingdom of God through evangelization, catechesis and service for all.

YOUNG & OLD GROWING IN FAITH

With the start of the school year, we have our regular Kids in Christ and Disciples of Christ programs starting soon. It is good that we focus on forming our youth in the faith. Faith Formation, though, is for life, so it is also good that we have opportunities for adults and older teens to continue growing in faith and making friends.

A new men's ministry is beginning at both St. Gregory and Sacred Heart—Catholic Watchmen. Other parishes in the Archdiocese have similar programs (some also use the name Catholic Watchmen). Catholic Watchmen doesn't replace the Knights of Columbus but gives a way for our men to grow in their faith as well as fellowship with others. The 1st Catholic Watchmen will be Thursday, October 6th from 7 to 8 p.m. ("corrected time") at St. Gregory's. Please see the ad in this bulletin for additional information.



For people at Sacred Heart, a new video series called "The Rescue Project" begins Sunday, October 16th. It will take place after Mass in Wey Hall with breakfast served. It's an 8-week video series led by Fr. John Riccardo—a priest who had a show on Ave Maria Radio that was instrumental for me in my deeper conversion in grad school. The Rescue Project takes a look at salvation history and ultimately what it means that Jesus has rescued us.



Parish News

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

The next food distribution of frozen meals for seniors 60 and older will be on Tuesday, October 18th from 11:00am-12:00 pm. Meals are available in quantities of 10 and up to 30 per calendar month.

WOMEN'S BOOKCLUB COMING SOON!

Want to renew your faith and deepen your devotion to the Eucharist? Women of the parish are invited to participate in a 5 week book study beginning in October. We will be reading A Biblical Walk Through the Mass by Edward Sri. Through our reading, accompanying video, and discussion we will explore the biblical roots of the Liturgy, what it means, and why it matters. Sign up sheets will be available in the vestibule of the church beginning September 18 and will indicate dates and times. Watch for more information in future bulletins. Contact Teresa Peterson or the parish office for further information.



MEN'S GROUP COMING SOON!

A Catholic Watchmen group will be starting on the first Thursday of each month. The first meeting will be October 6th at 6:30-7:30pm in St. Gregory parish hall. This is a joint parish effort and we will alternate between Sacred Heart and St. Gregory the Great parishes. All men of both parishes are strongly encouraged to join because "our parishes will only be as strong as the men of the parishes!"



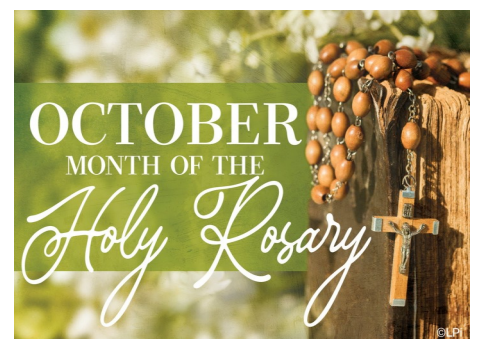
A HUGE thank you to **EVERY-ONE** that helped make our Annual Fall Festival a success! Festival results will be in our next bulletin.

Reminder for those that put a Festival lawn sign out to please return and put them in the porch of the Parish House. Thank you!



MEALS FOR FR. MATT

Are you a gifted cook or some would say Chef? As our parish families gather for formation classes this fall, so too will Fr. Matt's attention be on participating in the formation of the youth of our parishes. We are putting together a list of people who would like to make dinner for Fr. Matt. Please consider making your favorite meal and blessing Fr. Matt with a portion of your dinner. On the "off" weeks (of Faith Formation), Fr. Matt would love to join your family for dinner at your home. Please call the parish office to get on the list for meals.



Faith Formation



KIC CLASSES BEGIN SOON!

Mark your calendars for the first day of Religion classes:

Wednesday evening KIC session Grades 1-8

September 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday morning KIC session Grades 1-4

October 2 at 10:30 a.m.

Schedules have been mailed to all registered families and can also be found on the St. Gregory the Great parish website.

SUNDAY MORNING KIC CATECHIST NEEDED

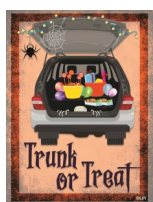


A 4th grade catechist is still needed for the Sunday morning KIC session. Class time meets after Mass from 10:30 a.m. - noon. Please call the Faith Formation Office at 651-674-7382 if you are interested or have any questions.

DOC NEWS

DOC Confirmation classes will be starting soon. We Looking forward to a great year of sharing our faith with these wonderful Confirmation candidates! Please lift them up in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey! God is so good! Be sure to mark your calendars for your class. Dates for the October sessions are October 16 and October 30. Also, be sure to get the Service Project marked on your calendar for Feed My Starving Children on January 7 from 8:00am - Noon. Contact Joan in the Faith Formation Office for more details at 651-674-7382 ext. 110

TRUNK OR TREAT



Please join us for St. Gregory's first Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 23rd from 3-5pm in the North Parking lot. (Don't worry Viking's fans...it's a bye week!) There will also be a bonfire for the middle/high school crowd. You do not have to have small children to host a trunk. All ages are welcome to decorate your trunk, park your car, and give out treats to the youth of our parish and surrounding community. If you'd like to host a trunk or have any questions, please contact Liz Long at 612-414-4854. Also, save the date for our Advent Celebration on November 27th. More details to come.



St. Gregory's 41st annual BOOYA is this Sunday! BOOYA is an upper Midwest tradition of community stew. Be sure to stop and grab a bowl of BOOYA and visit the booths on September 25th.

~Variety Booth

~Bottle Booth

~Mystery Wine Booth

Silent Auction

BOOYA - Garden Veggies, Chicken & Beef

Raffle with a Grand Prize of \$1,000 with additional cash prizes. Contact St. Gregory's office for more details. 651-674-4056.

OCTOBER 1 & 2 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.

OCTOBER 8 & 9 CELEBRANTS

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

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, Sept. 28th
9:00 a.m. † Bernard Sylvester
Sunday, Oct. 2nd
Twenty-seventh Sunday in OT
9:00 a.m. † Dorothy Anderson

Wednesday, Oct. 5th
9:00 a.m. † Elizabeth Bier
Sunday, Oct. 9th
Twenty-eighth Sunday in OT
9:00 a.m. † Lue Pinotti



Baptized into the Family of God

May God's grace and blessings that you receive on your Baptism, guide you throughout your life.

Cory Nelson, Fiancé of Emma Peterson

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

For Catholics, the Rosary is among the most popular forms of prayer. Many also believe that saying the Rosary has the power to affect great good in our world. It is prayed aloud each day in Catholic churches, on Catholic TV channels, and also online. There are even Rosary apps available. In Catholicism, the rose is a symbol of perfection. The Rosary, therefore, expresses an image of a perfect garden of prayer. Christians use it to count the prayers they are reciting, while meditating on particular events in the life of Jesus and his mother. The Rosary is one example of the important place that prayer has in the Christian life. It gives us hope and a reason not to fear the future because we believe in a God who answers our prayers. Pray the Rosary today!

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Be Careful What You Wish For

You've probably heard the phrase "Be careful what you wish for." In my experience, it's not often utilized with a lot of charity. You usually hear it said as a warning. The unspoken sentiment behind it is this: You're not as strong as you think you are.

As Christians we shouldn't be surprised to look ourselves in the mirror and own that reality. We are not as strong as we may think. We are time and time again shocked and dismayed by our own weaknesses, our own fears, our own shortcomings.

Should we be careful what we wish for? The apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith, and He told them it would take work. It would take suffering. It would take patience. But He didn't say it was impossible.

As everyday stewards, we need to continue wishing recklessly. Ask God for anything and everything, come to Him with all your needs. Beg Him for grace without limit.

When we hear God's voice, it does not always say what we want to hear. But it always speaks the perfect truth. If it tells us of a hardship that we think we cannot bear, let us take solace in the knowledge that we are the stewards — not the landlord. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS