

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

Bookkeeper/ Music: Steve Yurick

320-358-4370

FAITH FORMATION

Claire Kind

651-674-7382



Twenty -eighth Sunday in OT -10-9
Twenty-ninth Sunday in OT- 10-16



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.

ALL EYES ON ALL SAINTS

All Saints Day (November 1st) is the day that we praise God for all the saints—those canonized (i.e., recognized by the Catholic Church) and the rather-hidden souls who died in God's friendship. All Saints Day will be on a Tuesday this year, which means that it is a holy day of obligation (or "great opportunity"). To aid with the fulfillment of the Holy Day, we are adding a 6:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Monday, October 31st at Sacred Heart. I'm well aware that this is prime trick-or-treating time, but we would welcome you if you are able to put your bowl of candy on your home porch during the Mass.

As everyone knows, the secular holiday this month is Halloween. Did you know that it is a derivative of the holy day ("All Hallows' Eve")? Although Halloween traditionally has focused on trick-or-treating, I've noticed a dramatic uptick (even since my childhood) in gruesome and even occultism and demonic practices. If Christian parents ever find themselves asking whether their children should participate in a particularly unsavory Halloween activity, then I would advise them to "skip" it.

For the sake of providing a family friendly "All Hallows Eve," St. Gregory's will be hosting a "Trunk or Treat" celebration for the youth of the parishes on Sunday, October 23rd from 3 to 5 p.m. I have participated in one Trunk or Treat (by decorating my car trunk) at one of my previous assignments, and I see it as a good and wholesome way to celebrate All Hallows Eve. Of particular note, all teens are invited to the bonfire behind the rectory house during the time of the event. For more information, check out the ad in this bulletin. In addition, our Wednesday Faith Formation kids will celebrate an All-Saints party at their regular class on October 26th.

On Wednesday, November 2nd, our parishes will celebrate All Souls Day. There will be special Masses at 6:30 p.m. at both St. Gregory and Sacred Heart to commemorate especially all the loved ones who have passed in the last year. Please consider attending one of the Masses that day (including the 9 a.m. at St. Gregory) or visiting a cemetery to pray for all the souls of the faithful departed.

Saints of God, intercede for us! Souls in Purgatory, we pray for you!

In Christ, Fr. Matt



Parish News

Folding Tables/Pew

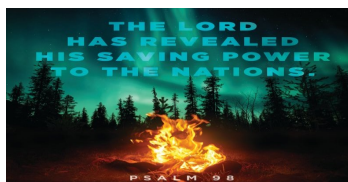
We have several old folding tables and one pew in the garage, free to anyone who would like them. Please contact the church office at 320-358-4370.

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. Watch for more information in future bulletins. Contact Teresa Peterson or the parish office for further information.



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.

>Confessions

There will be NO confessions on Wednesday, October 12th.

MEN'S GROUP



A Catholic Watchmen group has started and will continue on each first Thursday of each month. The first meeting was held on 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. The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 3rd at Sacred Heart. All men of both parishes are strongly encouraged to join because "our parishes will only be as strong as the men of the parishes!"

Faith Formation

MEA BREAK - NO KIC SESSION

Due to MEA break, there will be no KIC classes on the following dates: Wednesday, October 19 and Sunday, October 23.



ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION

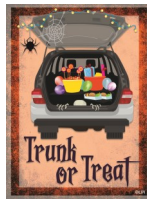
For all Sunday and Wednesday KIC disciples will take place during the Wednesday evening KIC session on October 26 from 6 - 7:30pm at St. Gregory's parish hall. All 1st- 5th graders are asked to come dressed as a saint. The 6th-8th graders will be sharing their saint knowledge with activities for the younger children. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the local food shelf.



DOC PRAYER PARTNERS

We are looking for prayer partners for our 9th Grade Confirmation students. Prayer partners commit to praying for a student for a period of two years until he/she is confirmed in 2024. If you can help in this important ministry, please sign up on the sheet provided in the vestibule. Contact Shawn in the Faith Formation Office for more details at 651-674-7382 ext. 115.

Please join us for St. Gregory's first Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 23rd from 3-5pm in the North Parking lot. We will have 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 the parish office or Liz Long at 612-414-4854 /



Ten lepers were cured. Only one returned to give thanks. When we fall victim to entitlement, we diminish our capacity to love. Never satisfied, we walk around with outstretched arms, eagerly searching for the next thing we want so that we can acquire it ourselves. Very rarely do entitled hands hold anything to freely give away to others. Entitled hands also find it challenging to reach toward heaven in a gesture of gratitude and praise. We are often more obsessed with celebrating our victories, securing our assets, safeguarding our futures, and stacking the deck of life in our favor rather than relishing and absorbing the gift of the moment and blessings received.



Entitled people find it difficult to pray properly. When the subject of our prayer is mostly about our needs and wants, we are falling into the trap of deception. We foolishly try to convince God that our tiny worlds are of greater importance than His. In ancient times, people would offer sacrifices to "the gods" to secure protection and favors. Our God desires mercy, not sacrifice, because He is about love and justice, not simply meeting our agendas. Every breath is a gift. Prayer, which is a celebration of that gift, acknowledges the Giver. Prayer strengthens the bond between Giver and receiver, creating a deepening awareness that nothing I am or anything I have can exist apart from His Divine Will. It also reminds us that we have done nothing to merit the unconditional love and mercy God showers upon us. Prayer is not just about getting what I need but celebrating who I am.

For St. Therese of Lisieux prayer is "a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." When our hearts "surge" toward God, we rush to the Source of our restoration and wholeness, knowing our longing for God's Divine embrace. Prayer is a response to God's graciousness with an act of gratitude returned by us. In prayer, we gaze upon each other in that sacred space where I give myself to God as He is, and God gives Himself to me as I am. We cannot take another step without saying thank you.

OCTOBER 15 & 16 CELEBRANTS

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

OCTOBER 22 & 23 CELEBRANTS

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

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, Oct. 12th
9:00 a.m. † Bernard Sylvester
Sunday, Oct. 16th
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in OT
9:00 a.m. † Michelle Stenger

Wednesday, Oct. 19th
9:00 a.m. † Open
Sunday, Oct. 23rd
Twenty-eighth Sunday in OT
9:00 a.m. † Red Anderson

Dear Lord, we live in a world today that believes a person to be valuable only if they are useful to ourselves or others. Today, people who are inconvenient to some are believed to have no rights. We pray today that mothers considering abortion will instead let their children live and grow. We pray today that the elderly and infirm will be valued as members of our society. We pray for the poor, the condemned, the disabled, and the outcast. Help us, Lord to build a culture of life because you, our Creator, are the author of us all. Amen.



OCTOBER SECOND COLLECTION



On World Mission Sunday, we join our Holy Father in supporting his missions. As we pray and respond here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish and school throughout the world. Together, through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. This year our second collection will be on October 23rd.



All Souls Day encourages us to remember and to pray both with and for the vast numbers of unsung Christians who were once the Church on earth, just as we are now. We invite you to bring pictures of your departed family and friends to church on All Saints Day or on the weekend of October 30th. Pictures will remain until the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, November 20th.



KNOW THE STORY

MEAL | EPISODE | DISCUSSION
All adults and teens welcome!

Please join us after mass on Sunday, October 16th in Wey Hall for the first video series on the "The Rescue Project" with Brunch served. The Rescue Project takes a look at salvation history and ultimately what it means that Jesus has rescued us. Hope to see you there, Fr. Matt.