

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

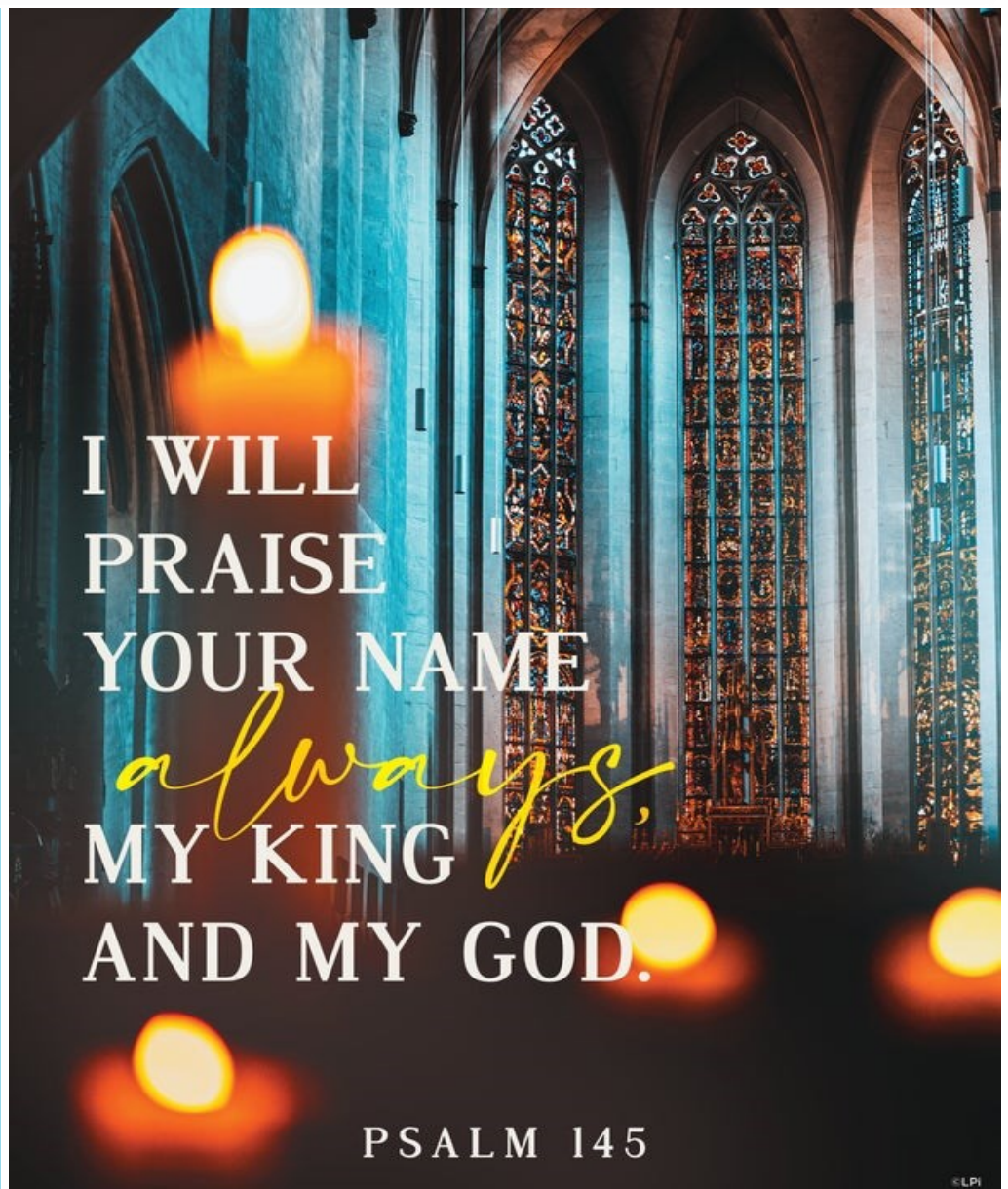
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FAITH FORMATION

Claire Kind

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Thirtieth Sunday in OT -10-23
Thirty-First Sunday in OT- 10-30



We 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.

PART 1 IN A 4-PART SERIES ON FORGIVENESS.



Forgiveness is necessary for any real relationship. In our earthly lives, we are dealing with two imperfect (i.e. fallen) people—ourselves and the other person. Even if we try to always be loving to a particular person in our lives, at some point, our egos or harsh judgments or annoyances of a trait of theirs are going to get in the way. We will fail to love them in thoughts, words, or actions. And the same is true for them towards us.

In our relationship with God, we regularly fail to be the people that He created us to be—His beloved sons and daughters. In fact, every sin is an infinite offense against God. This is because He is all-perfect and all-loving. There is nothing that we can do to make-up for our sins on our own.

On a college application, I was once asked what are the most important words to learn in a foreign language. I believe the words “I am sorry” (as well as “Please” and “Thank you”) are words that are so important for any healthy relationship. When we have done something wrong to others (especially our spouse) or to God, the words we must have in our hearts (and expressed through words) are those—“I am sorry.” The words don’t undo what has happened. However, the words can help to repair the relationship. And by God’s grace, our relationship can be even stronger through the repair.

I close with some words that Pope Francis offered at an Angelus (i.e. Papal Audience) on 3/17/13 shortly after he became Pope. “Let us not forget this: God never wearies of forgiving us, never! So, what’s the problem? Well, the problem is that we grow weary, we do not want to, we tire of asking for forgiveness. He never tires of forgiving, but we, at times, we tire of asking forgiveness. Let us never tire, let us never tire!”

In Christ, Fr. Matt

Parish News

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

The next food distribution of frozen meals for seniors 60 and older will be on Tuesday, November 15th from **11:00am-12:00 pm**. Meals are available in quantities of 10 and up to 30 per calendar month.

MEALS FOR FR. MATT

Please consider cooking a meal and dropping it off at the rectory at 5pm on Wednesdays for Fr. Matt. To get signed up for the meal train, use this link to sign up to make and take a meal to him <https://taketheimameal.com/VPZA9715> or call the parish office to get on the list for meals.



MEN'S GROUP

A Catholic Watchmen group has started and will continue on each first Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held on November 3rd at 7pm to 8pm here at Sacred Heart in Wey Hall.

Fall Festival: Follow up meeting from the festival will be held on Wed., the 26th at 7pm in Wey Hall.

Finance Meeting

The next Finance meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 25th in the Parish House.



Please join us after mass on Sunday, **October 30th** in Wey Hall for the second video series on the “**The Rescue Project**” with

Brunch served. MEAL|**EPISODE**|DISCUSSION

Offertory Gifts

Prior to COVID, gifts would be brought to the altar by parishioners right after the praying of the Creed. Presently, either ushers are doing this or they ask people in the pews to do so. If you would like to be a gift bearer, please sign up in the back of church. Eight couples, singles or married, will make it possible to schedule a couple once every two months. If you go away for the winter express your interest and you would be scheduled only during your “home” time. Please direct any questions to Marsha or Steve in the office. Thank you.

Faith Formation



ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION

Our All Saints Celebration for KIC Classes will be on Wednesday evening October 26 from 6 - 7:30pm in the St. Gregory parish hall. All 1st-5th graders are welcome to attend (even Sunday classes) and highly encouraged to come dressed as your favorite saint. 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 still in need for one prayer partner for our 9th Grade Confirmation student. 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 back of church.

DOC CLASS DATES: Be sure to have these dates marked on your calendar for our DOC Confirmation classes. Remember dinner is served for DOC classes and start up time is 5pm. October 30, November 6 & 13, December 4 & 11 Contact Joan in the Faith Formation Office for more details at 651-674-7382



All Saints day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, which are, all of those souls who have attained heaven. Please join us for this Holy Day of Obligation.

The Solemnity of All Saints Day Mass Schedule:

Sacred Heart Masses
October 31 at 6:30pm &

November 1 at 9:00am (Fr. Matt w/Deacon Kevin)
St. Gregory the Great (Fr. Chuck)

November 1 at 10:00am & 5:00pm

All you holy men and women, pray for us!



Beginning on the feast day of All Souls', we not only remember the dead, but we apply our efforts, through prayer, almsgiving, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for their purification. Join us for a Special All Souls Mass to remember all of those who have gone before us, especially the loved ones who have passed from Sacred Heart & St. Gregory the Great parish this past year.

Wed., November 2 at 6:30pm at Sacred Heart (Fr. Chuck) & at St. Gregory (Fr. Matt)



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.

OCTOBER 29 & 30 CELEBRANTS

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

NOVEMBER 5 & 6 CELEBRANTS

Fr. Matt	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.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, Oct. 26th

9:00 a.m. † Open

Sunday, Oct. 30th

Thirty-first Sunday in OT

9:00 a.m. † Joseph Schwaab

† Gerald Schwaab

Wednesday, Nov. 2nd

9:00 a.m. † No mass intentions

Sunday, Nov. 6th

Thirty-second Sunday in OT

9:00 a.m. † Elsie Moore



REMEMBER Daylight Savings Time is coming to an end on Sunday, November 6th. This is when we turn our clock back by one hour, or fall behind.

FUN FACT: This may be our last year of observing Daylight Savings Time. A bill is being proposed to permanently end the tradition of moving our clock times forward and back. If the bill passes, November 2023 will be the last time we will have to mess around with our clocks.

Do We Watch Jesus from a Distance?

It seems to me that Zacchaeus may have gotten more than he bargained for when he scaled that sycamore tree.

We can only speculate as to what the original intentions of the wealthy tax collector were. We know he wanted to see Jesus, of course — but what does that mean? Was he simply curious about this famous and controversial man? Was he moved by what he heard of Jesus' teachings? Was he trying to catch a glimpse, or to get close?

Whatever his initial motivations, we can safely assume he did not expect Jesus to look up and say: "Get down. I am coming to your house today."

I often find myself taking the same posture as Zacchaeus in the tree. Perhaps I have a problem I'm wrestling with or a personal fault I need to overcome. At times I know I need to give of myself in ways that scare me. Whatever it is, I am watching Jesus from a distance. I am removed. Because I worry that when he gets close, he will get in my space. He will see whatever it is I don't want to deal with or tackle.

I need to remember that Jesus does not come to condemn, but to assist. It is God's desire to make us "worthy of His calling." To do that, He knows we need help. He knows we need Him in our space.

I'll say this for Zacchaeus — he was ready. He jumped right down, acknowledged what he had to be ashamed of, and vowed to do better. He brought Jesus home.

May we all have that same courage.— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS