

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

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FAITH FORMATION

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, king of the Universe -11-20
First Sunday of Advent- 11-27

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, November 23rd, 2022

9:00 am † Open

Sunday, November 27th, 2022

9:00 am † Open

Wednesday, November 30th, 2022

9:00 am † Open

Sunday, December 4th, 2022

9:00 am † Elsie Moore

Wednesday, December 7th, 2022

9:00 am † Open

Sunday, December 11th, 2022

9:00 am † Parishioners

Wednesday, December 14th, 2022

9:00 am † Bernard Sylvester

Weekly Celebrants

November 24, Thanksgiving Day

10:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Chuck

10:00 am | St. Gregory | Fr. Matt

November 26 & 27

5:00 pm | St. Gregory | Fr. Matt

9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt

9:30 am | St. Gregory | Fr. Fitzgerald w/
Dn. Kevin

December 3 & 4 -2nd Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm | St. Gregory | Fr. Chuck

9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Chuck w/
Dn. Kevin

9:30 am | St. Gregory | Fr. Chuck w/Dn. Kevin

December 6- Communal Penance Service

7:00 pm | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt

December 8th - Immaculate Conception

9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Chuck

10:00 am | St. Gregory | Fr. Matt w/Dn. Kevin

5:00 pm | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt

December 10 & 11 -3rd Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm | St. Gregory | Fr. Matt w/Dn. Kevin

9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt

9:30 am | St. Gregory | Fr. Chuck w/Dn. Kevin

December 17 & 18-4th Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm | St. Gregory | Fr. Matt

9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Fitzgerald w/
Dn. Kevin

9:30 am | St. Gregory | Fr. Matt

PART 3 IN A 4-PART SERIES ON FORGIVENESS.

The penitential seasons of Advent and Lent are the two main times when Catholics go to Confession. This is to prepare ourselves spiritually for the high holy times of Christmas and Easter. Of course, God's mercy is not limited to Advent and Lent; that is why Confessions are available each week. Nonetheless, with Advent quickly approaching, I wanted to let you know of some opportunities to avail yourself of Reconciliation during the month before Christmas.

As a priest, I look forward to the opportunity to visit other parishes and to be a minister of God's mercy to people I don't know. Now that I am in -charge of some parishes, I look forward to inviting my brother priests to assist me in helping all of you to receive God's forgiveness. Whichever priest you go to for Confession, he will be more than willing to walk you through the steps in case you have forgotten them. Both St. Gregory and Sacred Heart will each have a communal reconciliation service with individual confessions. The times below are when Reconciliation will be available at each parish.

Sacred Heart Communal Penance Service: Tue. December 6th at 7 p.m.

Added time: Sun. December 11th at 8 a.m.

Other times for Confession: Wed. at 9:30 a.m.

St. Gregory Communal Penance Service: Sat. December 10th at 10 a.m.

Added time: Wed. December 21st from 6 to 7 p.m.

Other times for Confession: Sat. at 4 p.m., Tue./Thu. at 9:30 a.m., & Fri. at 8:30 a.m.

I hope that you will take advantage of one of these times. A reconciled, contrite heart is the best gift that you can give Jesus this Christmas.

Fr. Matt Shireman



PARISH INFO

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

The next food distribution of frozen meals for seniors 60 and older will be on Tuesday, December 20th 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://takehomeameal.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 December 8th at 7pm to 8pm here at St. Gregory's in the Hall.



Please join us after mass on Sunday, **November 27th** in Wey Hall for the third 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. Only four more people are needed to complete the needs for this ministry. 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.



Rush City Ecumenical Prayer Service
On Sunday, Nov. 20th, Sacred Heart Church will host this annual tradition celebrating Thanksgiving **at 6:30pm.**

Mark the date and come join members of the Rush City community in thanks for our many blessings.

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THANKSGIVING MASS TIME

Join us at Sacred Heart for a Thanksgiving Day Mass on
Thursday, November 24 at 10am.
Celebrant is Fr. Chuck



On Sunday, November 27th we will be taking a special collection to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.uscch.org/cchd. We will be putting the envelopes in the pews the weekend before to be used on the 27th.

YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION

KIC CLASSES

Due to Thanksgiving break, there will be no KIC session on Wednesday, November 23.



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. November 6 & 13, December 4 & 11** Contact Joan in the

Faith Formation Office for more details at 651-674-7382 ext. 110



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Join us **November 27th at 3pm** for an Advent Celebration with crafts, praise & worship, and a potluck dinner. **Potluck begins around 5:30pm** and guests should bring a side dish to share.

We are also looking for donations of metal juice can lids. Contact Liz at Elizabeth-Long2005@gmail.com for more information.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

It's not unreasonable to think that if God wanted to make a statement he could do so in a very dramatic way. After all, he spoke through a burning bush that didn't actually burn, parted the Red Sea, sent manna to the Israelites from the sky, cured lepers, healed the sick and cast out demons. All of that is pretty dramatic stuff, and they made statements! Now, Jesus hangs dying on a cross. He has been referred to as a king. Considering all of the miracles Jesus did in his short time on earth, isn't one more in order? If Jesus came down off of the cross, defied death, and parted the waters of suffering and death, onlookers, believers and unbelievers alike, would take notice. It would prove who God is and show us what God wants us to do. Or would it?

Great spiritual masters remind us not to focus on miracles or consolations received from God. They can distract us. Doing anything other than what Jesus did would distract humanity as well, misplacing our focus. It's not about a miracle, at least not the dramatic kind people are eager to see. It's about something more profound. It all goes back to where it began for the earthly Jesus. God becomes one with humanity in Jesus Christ. All that goes into being human is holy and blessed, and that becomes a place where God is born, again and again. God, through Jesus, tells us to hold firm to all of the experiences of being human, the joys and the wonders, the disappointments and the failures.

God's lesson is found in Jesus' vulnerability. It is only when we are vulnerable that we learn how to love. When Jesus breathed his last, God's unconditional and tender love was realized. Jesus always had a soft spot for the weak, lost, vulnerable, and broken. God wants us to come to Him freely, not because we have witnessed some fantastic display of prowess. God desires that we find Him through who we are, as our hearts and souls direct. This will mean that our love is authentic as it will be born of the heartache, pain, and turmoil that are a part of life. The fragments of our lives need to be made whole. Our fragmented king, Jesus Christ, is the only one who can help put the pieces together.



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.