

Celebrating & Sharing God's Love

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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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

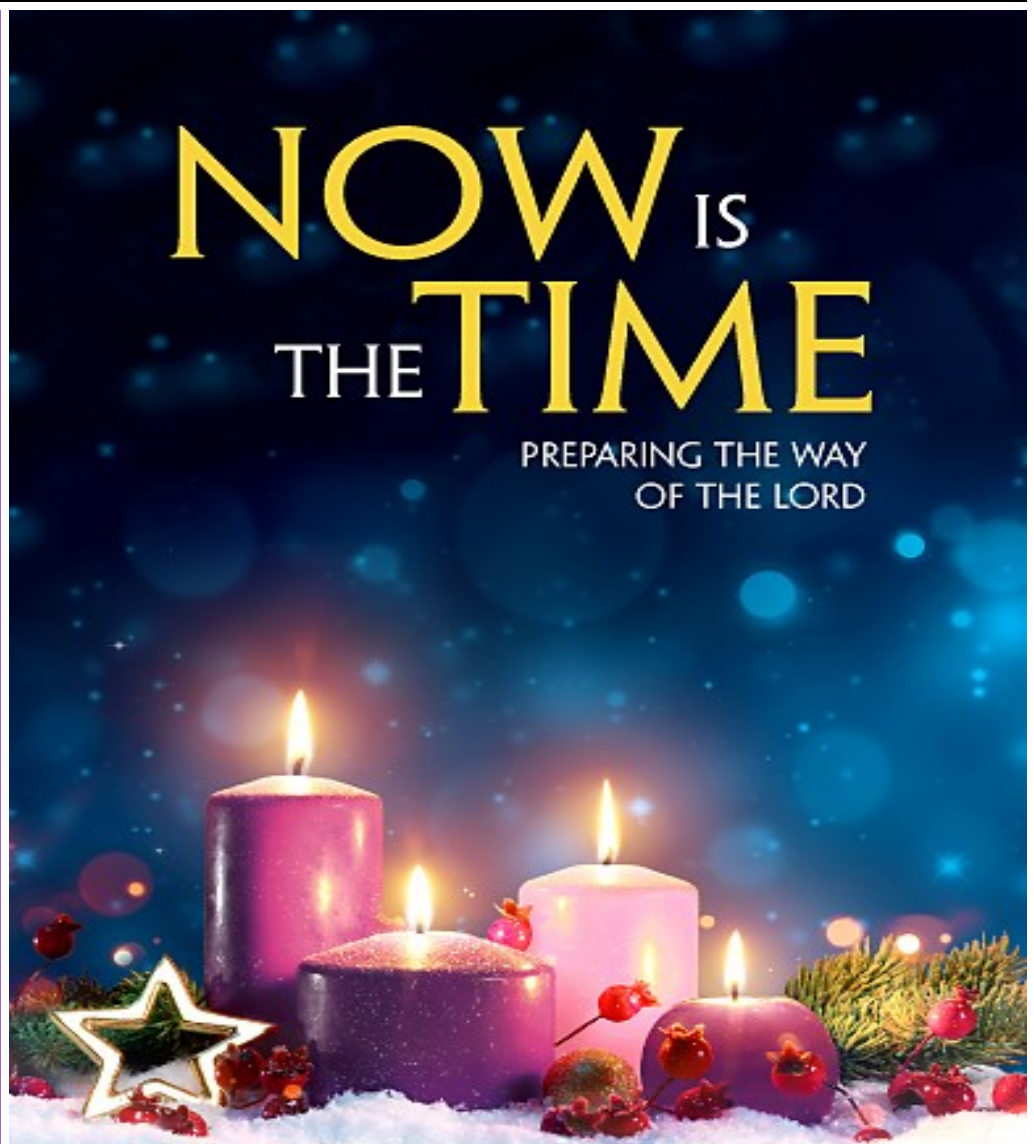
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
8:00 am. - 12:00 pm.

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ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

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Second Sunday of Advent | 12-4
Third Sunday of Advent | 12-11

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday, December 18th, 2022
9:00 am † Michelle Stenger

Wednesday, December 21st, 2022
9:00 am † Elsie Moore

Sunday, December 25th, 2022
9:00 am † Elsie Moore

Weekly Celebrants

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

**December 24 & 25 –The Nativity of the
Lord Christmas**
4:00 pm&10:00 pm| St. Gregory|Fr. Matt
5:00 pm | Sacred Heart | Fr. Chuck
9:00 am|Sacred Heart|Fr. Matt
9:30 am | St. Gregory |Fr. Fitzgerald/Dn. Kevin

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 -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.

NO MORE GENERAL ABSOLUTION

This is Part 4 in a 4-part series on forgiveness.

When I took over the parishes, I was made aware that General Absolution had been taking place here for a while. So I wrote to Archbishop Hebda regarding his will for the parishes. His response came in a November 12th letter to all priests: "Additionally, a few priests have asked about Form III penance services with general absolution. While permission had been granted to use this Form during the pandemic, that permission was rescinded June 14, 2021. I do not foresee the need to reinstitute such permission now. Instead, I encourage you to offer ample opportunities for the individual celebration of this sacrament during Advent, making necessary adjustments and accommodations to help the faithful feel welcomed and comfortable in this experience of God's mercy."

The Church allows for General Absolution, but only during extraordinary circumstances—a plane going down, a big number of troops going off to war, and, most recently in the Covid pandemic, when face-to-face confessions were not always possible (e.g. health care facilities). As stated above, Archbishop Hebda has determined that the Covid-specific circumstances no longer apply.

There is another condition for General Absolution that sometimes gets forgotten—those who receive General Absolution are obliged to confess any mortal sins that they were generally absolved of at their next private confession, typically within a year (Code of Canon Law #962). When we humbly confess those sins in number and kind (i.e. "type"), they lose more of their control over us. If you are in the position that you have had mortal sins forgiven by General Absolution but have not confessed them, then I would encourage you to spend some time (probably no more than 10 minutes) just making an inventory of those sins so that you can confess them at either the Communal Penance Service with Individual Confessions (at Sacred Heart: Tue. December 6th at 7 p.m.) or some other time that works into your schedule (even by making an appointment, if that's preferred).

May you receive the depths of God's reconciling love this Advent!

~Father Matt



PARISH INFO

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

The next food distribution of frozen meals for seniors 60 and older will be on Tuesday, January 17th from **11:00am-12:00 pm**. Meals are available in quantities of 10 and up to 30 per calendar month.



Please join us after mass on Sunday, **December 11th** in Wey Hall for the fifth video series on the "**The Rescue Project**" with Brunch served.

MEAL | EPISODE | DISCUSSION

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://takehameal.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 January 5th at 7pm to 8pm here at St. Gregory's in the Hall.

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.

ADVENT



ADVENT TALKS W/FR. MATT

Join Fr. Matt on Wednesday's at 8:00am in Wey Hall for a 4-part Advent series to prepare yourself for the Christmas Season. He will be basing his talks on the Book "Rejoice!" by Fr. Mark Toup. Books are for sale at the church for a \$5 suggested donation.

December 7 December 14 December 21

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

By her Immaculate Conception, Mary was conceived in the fullness of grace, in the state of closest possible union with God in view of her future role as the Mother of God. Join us for Mass as we celebrate this important day.

Vigil Mass, Wednesday, December 7 at 9:00am at Sacred Heart

Thursday, December 8 at 9:00 am & 5:00 pm at Sacred Heart

Vigil Mass December 7 at 6:30pm at St. Gregory's

December 8 at 10:00am at St. Gregory's



Christmas Schedule

The Nativity of the Lord



Saturday, December 24

Vigil Masses at 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day Mass at 9:00 am

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Masses on Saturday, December 31 at 5:00 pm @ St. Gregory's
and Saturday, January 1, 2023 at 9:00 am



We Pray For

Erin Hestbeck Mielke

Sue Roth

Gerald Mollberg

Jim Thorn

Judy Strandmark

Grace Schwaab

Ron Schleicher

Janet Yurick

Maxim Hurwicz

Jim Mitchell

Phyllis Keating

Carole Stenger

David Kirchberg

Bernard Kirchberg

Kersten Farley

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION



KIC CLASS ON DECEMBER 7

The disciples in Grades 1-8 will be attending the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass during KIC class on Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30pm. Parents are welcomed to join us for this Holy Day of Obligation.

CHRISTMAS BREAK



Looking ahead to the December Calendar, we are looking forward to a wonderful Christmas Break with family and friends. Mark your calendars for the following dates.

There will be no Sunday morning KIC classes on December 25 and January 1.

Sunday morning KIC class resumes on January 8.

There will be no Wednesday evening KIC classes for grades 1-8 on December 21 and December 28. *Wednesday evening KIC class resumes on January 4.*



CHILDREN'S CHOIR



Mark your calendars to have your child/dren in grades 1 - 4 sing for Christmas on December 24 at 4pm. Please arrive by 3:30pm to be able to join in singing with the Children's Choir.

IPRAISE YOUTH BAND



Youth in Grades 5-12 from Sacred Heart and St. Gregory the Great are invited to join our iPraise-Worship Band. We are looking for singers and instrumentalists. The next rehearsal time is on **Sunday, December 11 at 4pm**. This is a great opportunity to have fun, be in a music group, learn new music, and praise God. iPraise Youth Worship Band will be playing during Mass on **Saturday, December 17 at 5pm**. Please contact Vince Hendren with questions.

vince@stgregorynb.org / 651-592-6803

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.