



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.

PARISH OFFICE

Admin Asst: Marsha Marcussen

Bookkeeper/ Music: Steve Yurick

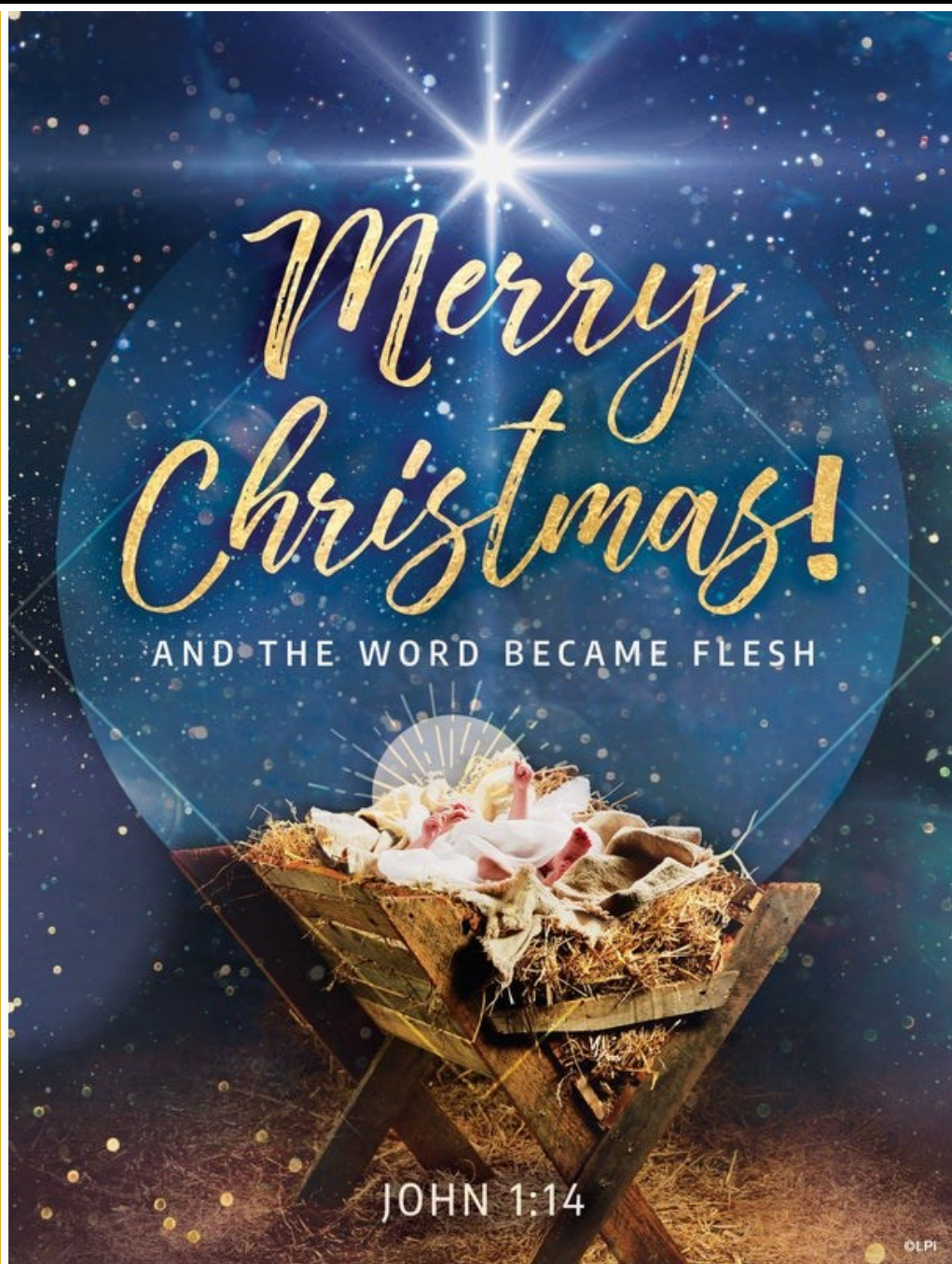
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FAITH FORMATION

Claire Kind

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Fourth Sunday of Advent | 12-18
Christmas Day | 12-25

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Jesus' birth brought joy to the world 2000 years ago...and it still does today! Jesus is living proof that God-is-with-us always. He came to Earth that we may have life and have it to the full (cf. John 10:10). Although we may wish that we walked the face of the Earth at the same time Jesus did, the truth is that He is still in our midst, most especially in the Eucharist.

Whether you come to Sacred Heart several times a week or you are making your first visit, we hope that you will call it your church home. We are all on our journey towards Heaven. God has given us to each other to help build up His Church. We have opportunities for all ages in growing in the faith—from Baptism for newborns to Faith Formation for children and adults to high school youth group (beginning January 29th) to service to our greater community. If you would like more information about ways to grow your faith (and your family members), feel free to call, stop in, or introduce yourself after Mass. And if you ever find that you would like to speak to a priest, my door is open. You can also email me at FatherMatt@stgregorynb.org.

On behalf of the staff and lay leaders, we wish you and your family a Merry Christmas!



Fr. Matt Shireman



MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday, January 1st, 2023
9:00 am † Justin Morris

Wednesday, January 4th, 2023
9:00 am † Bernard Sylvester

Weekly Celebrants

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 31 & January 1st

5:00 pm | St. Gregory | Fr. Matt/Dn. Kevin
9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Fitzgerald/
Dn. Kevin



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.



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 at St. Gregory's in the Hall.

Please join us after mass on Sunday, **January 8th** in Wey Hall for the sixth 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 **TWO** 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.

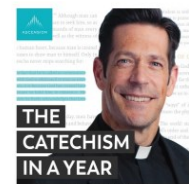
CATECHISM IN A YEAR PODCAST

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Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you or someone you know is in need of a prayer shawl, please contact the office or feel free to take one from the rack in church.

Shawls are provided by the CCW of Sacred Heart.



YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION

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.*

DOC NEWS

All DOC youth will be participating in a Service Project at Feed My Starving Children on January 7, 2023. Students must arrive at St. Gregory the Great office entry by 7:45am for check-in, as the bus will leave at 8:00am SHARP. The bus returns to the church at 12:00pm noon.



"The Fruit of Love is Service"



We Pray For

Erin Hestbeck Mielke

Sue Roth

Gerald Mollberg

Jim Thorn

Judy Strandmark

Grace Schwaab

Ron Schleicher

Janet Yurick

Jim Mitchell

Phyllis Keating

Carole Stenger

David Kirchberg

Kersten Farley

Kenneth Lundberg

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.

†Bernard Kirchberg

Husband of Carol Kirchberg

†Bernice Knoss

Wife of Kenneth Knoss

†John Lunseth



May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.

Christmas Schedule The Nativity of the Lord

Saturday, December 24

Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day Mass at 9:00 am

**Solemnity of Mary,
Holy Mother of God**



Mass on Saturday, December 31 at 5:00 pm at St. Gregory's

Sunday, January 1, 2023 at 9:00 am



The true meaning of Christmas is not found in the twinkling lights, the beautifully adorned trees, or the exchanged gifts. It is revealed when we find God along the way of our lives, especially when we feel displaced, desperate, and alone. Fleeing from their home, Joseph and Mary cautiously made their way through the uncertain, complex, and dark paths to a longed-for place of safety and welcome. Not sure where to lay their heads, they created makeshift preparations for the birth of their child, the Son of

God. God, who always was, is, and will be, without beginning or end is the one constant in life who sees us through difficult and scary times. Jesus is the light, which enlightens everyone, and comes into the world to show us the truth. It is joyful good news that calms our fears and allows us to go forth into the nighttime of our lives, courageously. This is the meaning of Christmas. We are never lost or alone. God is with us, loving us and leading us where we need to be.

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.