

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 PRIEST

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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EASTER TRIDUUM

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

3-26-2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

4-2-2023

PARISH INFO

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

The next food distribution of frozen meals for seniors 60 and older will be on Tuesday, April 18th from **11:00am-12:00 pm**. Meals are available in quantities of 10 and up to 30 per calendar month.



THE POWER OF SACRIFICE: Lent can feel like a long time. Sometimes we'd like to

skip right to Easter! But through prayer and sacrifices, we share in Christ's suffering and prepare for the joy of his resurrection. This Lent, we've learned how people in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya made sacrifices so their families and communities can thrive. How have your Lenten sacrifices helped your family and community and communities around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Stations of the Cross: March 31st at 7pm with Confessions at 6:30pm. Last Stations will be on April 7th at 12pm, and walking stations in Harris at 3pm.



BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. MATT

Join Fr. Matt and parishioners from both St. Gregory's and Sacred Heart for Bible Study at its new time--Fridays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. at the Romero House (6383 Maple St., North Branch). The group looks at the readings for the upcoming Sunday, so it is easy to just show-up when you are able to. The readings as well as coffee are provided. For more information or to get on the Bible Study Notes e-mail list (even if you can't make the Bible Study), contact Fr. Matt (fathermatt@stgregorynb.org).



Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service in Taylors Falls:

Join Fr. Matt and Fr. John Dress at St. Joseph's (490 Bench St., Taylors Falls) for a Divine Mercy prayer service on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 16) from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. There will be Eucharistic Adoration (with the Rosary, excerpts read of St. Faustina's Diary, and periods of silence) and opportunity for confessions. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited at 3:00 pm followed by Eucharistic Benediction.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, March 29th
9:00 am † Charlie Brown

Sunday, April 2nd
9:00 am † Frank Deutsch

Wednesday, April 5th
9:00 am † Konstantine Stathes

Sunday, April 9th
9:00 am † Robert Rothenbacher

Wednesday, April 12th
9:00 am † Tom Solorz

Sunday, April 16th
9:00 am † Elsie Moore

Wednesday, April 19th
9:00 am † Bernard Sylvester

Weekly Celebrants

Wednesday, March 29th
9:00 am |Sacred Heart| Fr. Matt

Sunday, April 2nd
9:00 am |Sacred Heart| Fr. Chuck
9:30 am |St. Gregory's| Fr. Matt

Wednesday, April 5th
9:00 am |Sacred Heart| Fr. Matt

Sunday, April 9th
9:00 am |Sacred Heart| Fr. Matt
9:30 am |St. Gregory's| Fr. Fitzgerald/Dn. Kevin

Wednesday, April 12th
9:00 am |Sacred Heart| Fr. Matt

YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION

NO KIC CLASSES - HOLY WEEK

There will be no KIC classes at St. Gregory the Great Church on Wednesday, April 5th for Holy Week.

PALM SUNDAY CLASS

9th and 10th grade Confirmation students are required to attend 9:30 am Palm Sunday Mass on April 2nd. Please check in with Joan prior with no assigned seating. Immediately following Mass, D.O.C. will meet in the social hall for class and cleaning of the church in preparation for Holy Week. **There will NOT be evening D.O.C. classes on Palm Sunday.** Lunch will be provided with class ending at 1pm.

Saint of the week-Examples of our Faith St. Pedro Calungsod

In 2023, we will be highlighting holy men and women from the Americas who are canonized or in the process of canonization. We hope their stories inspire your faith!



Saint Pedro Calungsod, a teenaged Filipino missionary to Guam, was murdered by the chief of Tumon after baptizing his children at the request of his Christian wife. He remains an inspiration of unwavering faith and loyal friendship to young Catholics everywhere.

Prayer for St. Pedro Calungsod's intercession:

Saint Pedro Calungsod, student, catechist, young migrant, missionary, faithful friend, martyr, you inspire us by your fidelity in time of adversity; by your courage in teaching the Faith in the midst of hostility; and by your love in shedding your blood for the sake of the Gospel.

We beg you, make our cares and troubles your own [here mention the special intention you are asking him to bring to the Lord] and intercede for us before the throne of Mercy and Grace, so that as we experience the help of Heaven, we may be encouraged and strengthened to proclaim and live the Gospel here on earth. AMEN.



Holy Thursday—April 6

8:30am Morning Prayer— St. Gregory's
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at Sacred Heart
7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Gregory's
11:00pm Night Prayer at St. Gregory's

Good Friday—April 7

8:30am Morning Prayer At St. Gregory's
12:00pm Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart
3:00pm Walking Stations in Harris (Stark Ball Park)
7:00pm Lord's Passion at Sacred Heart
7:30pm Lord's Passion/Veneration of the Cross at St. Gregory's

Holy Saturday—April 8

8:30am Morning Prayer at St. Gregory's
8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart
8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass at St. Gregory's

Easter Sunday—April 9

9:00am Mass w/Renewal of Baptismal Vows at Sacred Heart
9:30am Mass w/Renewal of Baptismal Vows at St. Gregory's



Heavenly Father, we Pray for...

Erin Hestbeck Mielke
Sue Roth
Gerald Mollberg
Jim Thorn
Judy Strandmark
Grace Schwaab
Janet Yurick
Connie Blomquist
Carole Stenger
David Kirchberg
Kersten Farley
Kenneth Lundberg
Scott Stenger
Shirley 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.

ANOIDTING 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.

THE HIGH HOLY DAYS-THE TRIDUUM

We are approaching the end of Lent, so that means we are gearing up for the holiest days of the year-Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Yes, the Triduum is even a greater celebration than Christmas because as St. Paul says, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is in vain" (1 Cor 15:17). From Holy Thursday to the Easter Vigil, the Church says that it is technically one liturgy.

In lieu of morning Mass, there will be 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Gregory's on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. If you have never experienced the Church's public prayer called "Liturgy of the Hours," this will be a great opportunity to try it out.

On Holy Thursday at what is called "The Mass of the Lord's Supper," we celebrate Jesus instituting the priesthood and the Eucharist (which is the sacrament of His abiding presence). In the morning at the Cathedral, Archbishop Hebda will bless the sacred oils to be used as sacraments for the upcoming year. We reflect on Jesus' words and actions focused on love, such as the washing of the feet of the Disciples. The Mass moves right into a Eucharistic procession followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament late into the night. This is where we "keep watch" with our Lord.

Good Friday is called "good," because it is through Jesus' death that we have received eternal life. Nonetheless, it is a day of prayer, fasting, and abstinence from meat. It is the only day of the year in which Masses cannot be celebrated. However, we are not left without the Eucharist as extra hosts consecrated from the Holy Thursday Mass will be ministered to the faithful at the Passion of the Lord services in the evening. There will also be opportunities for Stations of the Cross-noon at Sacred Heart and 3 pm Walking Stations of the Cross at the Stark Ballfield in Harris (even if there's some precipitation). The Walking Stations is something of my own design-we will walk a block or so (singing along the way) and then say a station. This is only the second time I'll be doing a Walking Stations like this with others (last year I did one in Hastings) but I've also done them privately.

Holy Saturday marks the full day in which Jesus' body is in the tomb. As we pray in the Apostles' Creed (such as in the rosary), "Jesus descended into hell"--or "Abraham's Bosom"--the place where the souls who had died in God's friendship were waiting for Heaven to be opened up. The Easter Vigil Mass begins after sundown (both St. Gregory's and Sacred Heart's are at 8:30 p.m.) so that the church can start in darkness. Slowly the light of Christ, first in the new Easter candle and then spread to all the faithful shows forth Christ conquering darkness. The readings from the Old Testament point to how God was preparing His people for a savior. When we get to the New Testament, the lights are turned and a solemn Alleluia is sung for the first time since before Lent. This is also the Mass where previously non-baptized adults, having completed their preparation period, get baptized (note: there are no baptisms at our Vigils this year). At the Easter Masses-whether at the Vigil or on Easter morning (after Jesus' triumphant rising from the dead)--the faithful are reminded of their baptismal promises and sprinkled with holy water.

I hope you will give strong consideration to participating in some of the extra Holy Week services and times of prayer. We look forward to the joy of the risen Lord that will be ours on Easter Sunday.

Fr. Matt Shireman



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL REMINDER



It is not too late to support the Catholic Services Appeal, which supports organizations that serve the poor, support life and strengthen the faith. Please prayerfully consider making a gift that will impact the lives of so many people throughout the Archdiocese through your abundant generosity. Please find CSA envelopes in the pews or go online to www.csafspm.org. Checks should be written to Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you!