

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.

PARISH OFFICE

Admin Asst: Marsha Marcussen

Bookkeeper/ Music: Steve Yurick

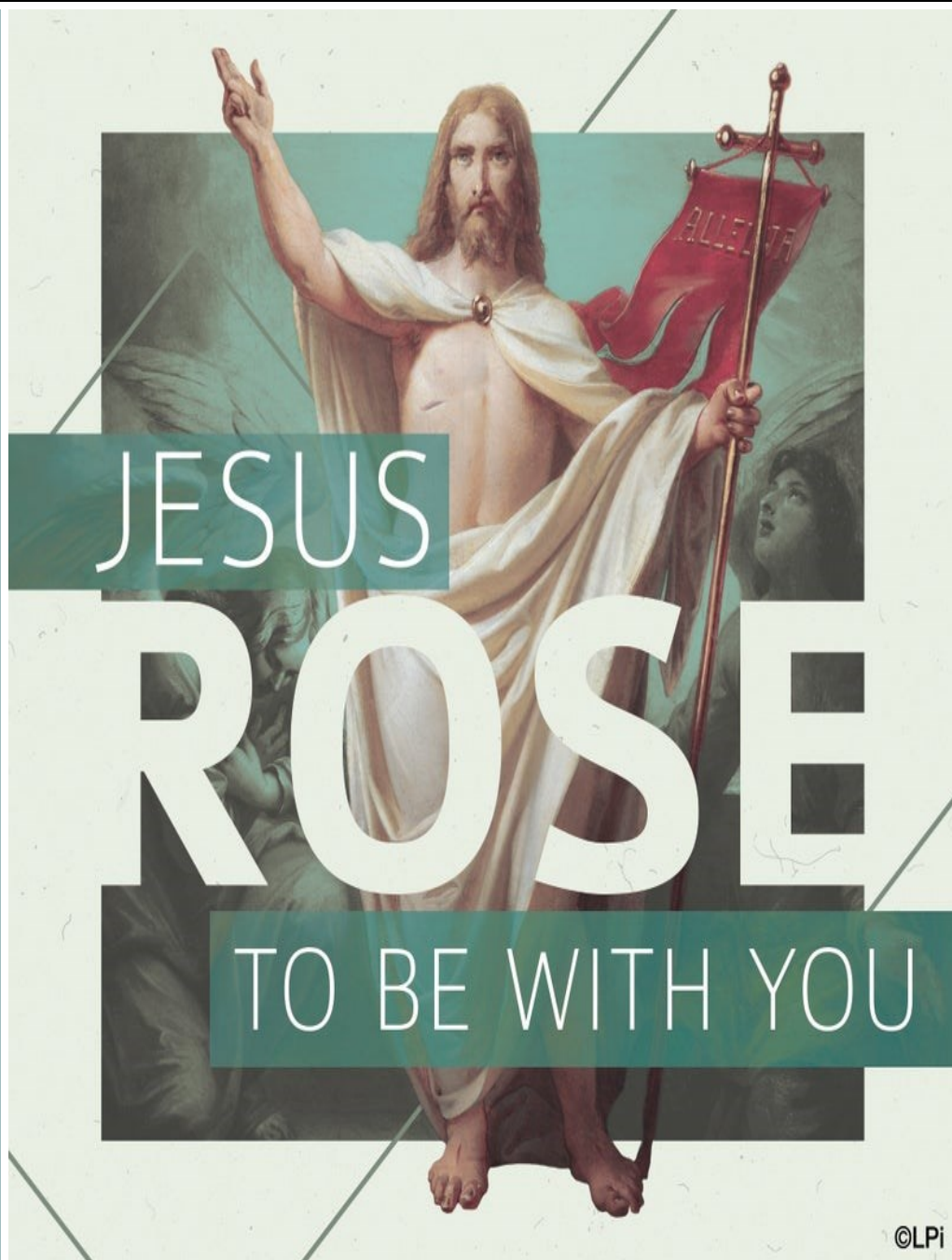
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Third Sunday of Easter | 4-23-2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter | 4-30-2023

WELCOME HOME! Welcome to Sacred Heart Catholic Church! We're so glad you're here. Thanks for joining us for Mass today. If you are just visiting, please know that you are always welcome! If you regularly attend Mass at Sacred Heart but have not filled out a registration form, we encourage you to complete one and become a parish member. You can complete your registration in the parish office.

OUR MISSION: 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.

WISHING YOU A JOYFUL SEASON

More Easter blessings

Have you ever had your house blessed? I didn't experience a house blessing til seminary (I still need to bless my parents' house!). The Easter season (as well as Epiphany in January) is one of the traditional times to have a house blessed (although it can be done at any time). Any priest or deacon with some holy water can bless a house. It only takes about 10 minutes. If you are interested in having your house blessed, please check with Fr. Matt's availability either by stopping by or calling the office or sending an e-mail (fathermatt@stgregorynb.org).

On Tuesday, April 11th, I concelebrated (with Archbishop Hebda as the consecrating bishop) Bishop Michael Izen's ordination at the Cathedral of St. Paul (note that when I say "and his assistant Michael" during the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass that this is whom I am referring to). It was great to see a Cathedral full of bishops, priests, deacons, men and women religious, and lay people (including his students from St. Croix Catholic in Stillwater). The Cathedral was so packed that I had to park about three-quarters of a mile away! Through the course of the celebration, I was reminded of qualities of that Bishop Izen possesses that I want to have as a shepherd of souls—a great ministry of presence and knowing the children in his parishes.

On a related note, I also want to mention another recent blessing—I have received a letter from Archbishop Hebda that names me Pastor of St. Gregory and Sacred Heart parishes effective July 1st! It seems like the call last year on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25th) was a rather long time ago (I even had to say "North Branch, that's really far north, right? And Rush City?!"). July 1st will mark the 1-year anniversary of my assignment at the parishes—one that started with a Friday morning Mass followed by a bid for a failing A/C unit for St. Gregory's church. It has been somewhat of a challenging process this past year on learning how to be a Pastor and getting to know all of you and the parishes, but it has also been rewarding. I am grateful for everyone who has helped me along the way—my mentor pastor Fr. David Kohner (of St. Bridget's), the staff, the trustees, and others. I look forward to being installed as your Pastor at a Mass at each parish sometime after July 1st. More details on that later.

What will you be doing in 2029? It is a little startling to see that year on the appointment letter, but it makes sense. An appointment of Pastor in the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis is for 6 years; it is looked at again in 6 years to see if it would be desirable to up it again for another 6 years. Note that Father Shane's appointment at St. Gregory's for a time of 18 years is somewhat atypical (although not unheard of, especially given the fact that he took over the care of Sacred Heart in 2012).

As the Easter season continues, I pray that you will continue to be filled with the joy of our faith in the resurrected Lord as God continues to bless us abundantly.

Fr. Matt Shireman



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 23rd

9:00 am † Bernie Knoss

Wednesday, April 26th

9:00 am † George Strandmark

Sunday, April 30th

9:00 am † Michelle Stenger

WEEKLY CELEBRANTS

Sunday, April 23rd

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

Wednesday, April 26th

9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt

Sunday, April 30th

9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt

COMMUNITY INFO

*Options
for Women*
Invites you to a

Tea Party

11:00 am | April 29th
Tea will be served with
four courses of delicacies
\$30 per person | \$15 for 8 & under
Saint John's Lutheran Church
31075 Genesis Ave, Stacy, MN 55079
rsvp by April 24th
online: pregoptionsfriends.org/events
email: info@pregoptions.org
phone: 651.674.2121



Heavenly Father, we Pray for...

Rick Steltz
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
Julie Sweeney
Ken 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



†Robert Rothenbacher

Father Chuck Brambilla will celebrate a Mass of Christian Burial for Bob: 11 AM; Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Rush City. A gathering of family and friends is planned from 5-8 PM; Monday, May 1, 2023 at the Olson Funeral Chapel in Rush City and also one hour prior to the Mass at the church.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION



FIRST COMMUNIONS

Please pray for the children who will be receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time on May 7th at Sacred Heart. May God watch over His little ones.



MAY CROWNING

On Sunday, April 30, during the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Gregory the Great Church, the KIC children are invited to bring flowers to Mary at the beginning of Mass. Flowers will be provided.



FRIDAY FUN NIGHT We invite 6-8th grade youth to come for a fun night full of Games & snacks ending with Adoration on Friday, May 12 from 6:00-9:30pm ginning of Mass.



YOUTH FUN NIGHT Save the date for a fun night for youth of all ages in Grades 3-12 (starting Fall 2023) on Wednesday, July 12th at 6pm. We will have Indoor & Outdoor games, snacks and a bonfire.

LAST KIC CLASS CELEBRATION

On Wednesday, May 10 at 6:00 p.m., we are planning an end-of-year celebration and barbeque at St. Gregory the Great Church for ALL KIC disciples in grades 1-8 and their immediate family. All KIC disciples and their families will meet in the church at 6:00 p.m. for awards and presentations followed by the barbeque in the parish hall. This is the last class for ALL KIC disciples. Attendance is required. Please R.S.V.P. at 651.674.4056 with the number in your family attending by April 28.

PARISH INFO

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

The next food distribution of frozen meals for seniors 60 and older will be on Tuesday, May 16th from 11:00am-12:00 pm. Meals are available in quantities of 10 and up to 30 per calendar month.



CATHOLIC WATCH-

MEN The men's group will meet on Thursday, May 4th from 7 to 8 p.m. at St. Gregory's Parish Hall. As with every meeting, there will be fellowship, prayer, and a discussion on faith.



Mark your calendars to shop the **Mission Trip sponsored Rummage Sale Fundraiser** on Saturday, May 6th. Clean and/or gently used items may be

donated for the sale starting the weekend of April 29/30. We are **NOT** accepting large furniture, exercise equipment, electronics, piano/organs, or appliances.

Liturgical Ministry Training

Training will take place on **Sunday, May 21st** after mass, this training is required for both current and new volunteers who desire to serve. Refreshments will be served.



The 1st annual "**Walking Stations of the Cross**" on Good Friday in Harris went well and we were blessed with great weather. The group of about 15 from both Sacred Heart and St. Gregory's followed the cross and gave public witness to some of the residents and others driving by. Next year on Good Friday, the plan is to bring the Walking Stations to the town of Stacy.



Second Collection:

Strengthening the Church at Home. Did you know that nearly 40% of all dioceses in the United States are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need? That includes our own state's Dioceses of New Ulm, Crookston and Duluth. By supporting this Home Missions Appeal in your parishes, you are providing much needed pastoral and financial support for these dioceses and Strengthening the Church at Home. **Please offer what you are able during this appeal on April 29-30, 2023.**