

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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First Holy Communion

WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD!

Jack Morris
Colton Seymour

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Fifth Sunday of Easter | 5-7-2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter | 5-14-2023

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.

SYNOD EVANGELIZATION TEAM (SET) UPDATE

The Archdiocese is approaching the 1-year anniversary of the Archdiocesan Synod that took place last year on the Feast of Pentecost (the birthday of the Catholic Church). As the implementation of the Synod is a high priority of both the Archdiocese and the parish, I would like to update you on where things stand currently.

Last fall with the help of Deacon Kevin and Linda Downie, I appointed members to the parish's Synod Evangelization Team (SET). The SET is to me like the 12 Apostles were to Jesus. They will help to bring to bear in the parish the various initiatives of the Synod (see <https://www.archspm.org/synod/>). First, though, we have been receiving training. Along with other SETs from across the Archdiocese, we participated in a kick-off event in January. For 7 Tuesdays in February and March, we participated in Missionary Discipleship training (talks by Jeff Cavins followed by Eucharistic Adoration) at St. Peter's in Forest Lake. If you have never heard Jeff Cavins speak, the biggest take-away from the SET is that his examples show us that God is just as active in the Church in modern times as He was in the 1st Century.



Since Palm Sunday, the SET members (including me) have been focusing on their prayer lives in what's called "The 40 Day Challenge." The culmination of the Challenge will be a seminar on the Holy Spirit at the U of M's Williams Arena on Saturday, May 20th (which also happens to be the day

of our Disciples of Christ's Confirmation retreat). Linda Downie has been on the planning committee for that Archdiocesan event, so it is great that we can claim her as our own! The parish SET will have a Visioning Day on Tuesday, May 9th, where we will plan a Small Group Ministry (the official name forthcoming) for the upcoming year—training in the fall followed by a rollout on Ash Wednesday. And then the SET members will get to work on their work; don't be surprised if you get a call or email from one of them!

Please pray for me, the SET members—Deacon Kevin, Linda Downie, Al and Jan Walz, David Prickett, Elizabeth Herberg, and Sandy Pelant—and the parish so that everyone can experience the fruits of the Synod through the action of the Holy Spirit. Also of note, there will be a commissioning of the SET members at an upcoming Mass.

Fr. Matt



MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, May 10th

9:00 am † Tom Solorz

Sunday, May 14th

9:00 am † Bernie Knoss

Wednesday, May 17th

9:00 am † Bernard Sylvester

Weekly Celebrants

Sunday, May 14th

9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Chuck

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

Wednesday, May 17th

9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt

9:00 am | St. Gregory | Fr. Nygaard

Sunday, May 21st

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

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

Blessing of Mothers

During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:

God our heavenly Father,
you give to each the ability to share your
generative love.

Bless those women in our lives who mirror
your love and bring forth life through their
willingness to risk bringing new life into
this world.

Help us to show them our gratitude
for the gift of life and the gift of a
mother's love.

May our life-giving God continue to bless
them and show them his unfailing love.
We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and
our brother.
Amen.



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
Ken Kirchberg
Julie Sweeney

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.



Baptized into the Family of God

Gemma Louise Yurick

Daughter to
Curtis & Sara Yurick

May God's grace and blessings
that you receive on your Baptism, guide
you throughout your life.

YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION



FIRST COMMUNION

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

LAST KIC CLASS CELEBRATION

The last KIC class will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 10 at 6:00pm for ALL KIC disciples in grades 1-8 and their immediate family at St. Gregory the Great Church. Catechists and KIC families will meet in the church at 6:00pm for awards and presentations, followed by a barbeque in the parish hall. We look forward to seeing you all!

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.



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.



In the hope of bringing **Faith Formation** (in some fashion) back to Sacred Heart, we will have a Town Hall meeting in Wey Hall on **Wednesday, May 31st at 7 p.m.** Parishioners who will or currently have children attending Faith Formation are especially encouraged to attend.

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.

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.



Praying the Rosary for America:

As Human Efforts Fail to Solve America's Key Problems, We Turn To God Through His Holy Mother Asking His Urgent Help.

On **Saturday, May 13th at 12:00 noon** there will be a Rosary Rally outside here at Sacred Heart. There will be over 20,000 rallies held across the United States that day all praying for the same intention.



Fall Festival

We will be having our first meeting for the planning of our Fall Festival on **Thursday, May 18th at 10am in the Parish House**. We have a lot to discuss, especially with the possibility of the food changing. We will need a lot of volunteers to make this a success, if you can't make

this meeting we will try and find a date and time they may accommodate others. Please call the office with questions.



On May 14th, every parishioner will be given a Miraculous Medal at Mass. The medal was given by our Blessed Mother to St. Catherine Laboure in Paris in 1830. It was originally called the Immaculate Conception medal, but so many miracles resulted from people wearing the medal, that it is now known around the world as the Miraculous Medal. Everyone could use a miracle!

The Medals have been donated by a couple that wishes to remain anonymous.

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).