

Celebrating & Sharing God's Love

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

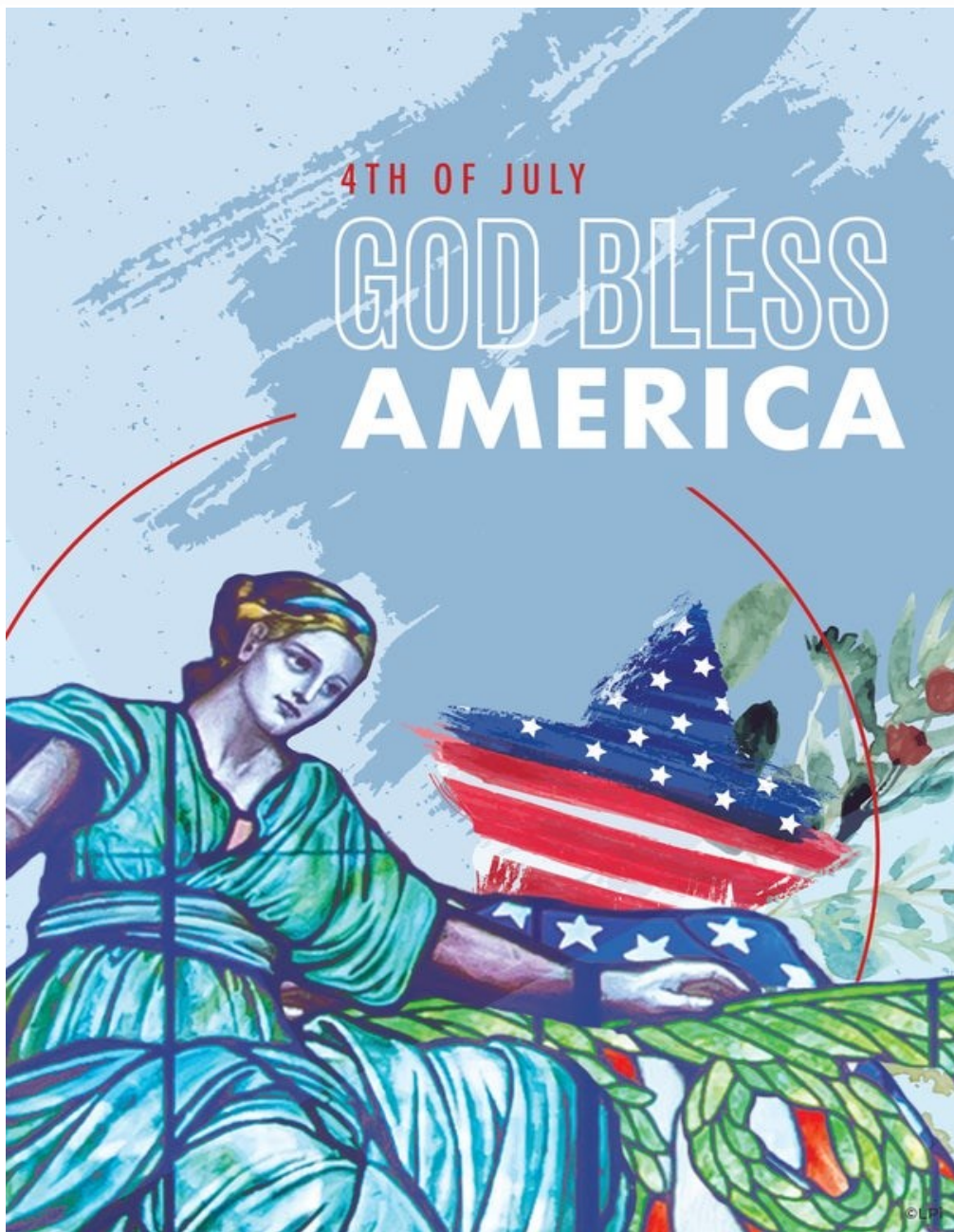
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WEEKDAY/WEEKEND MASSES

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

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 7-2-2023

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 7-9-2023

ARCHBISHOP HEBDA COMING FOR INSTALLATION MASSES

I am pleased to announce that our diocese's shepherd, Archbishop Hebda, will be installing me as Pastor at upcoming Masses at St. Gregory's and Sacred Heart! Given the fact that the schedule of a bishop is very full as well as the option for another priest to install a pastor, I would not have been surprised had it not worked out to have His Excellence (or one of the Auxiliary/Assistant Bishops) install me. Archbishop Hebda will install me on Saturday, July 29th at 5 p.m. at St. Gregory's and on Sunday, September 17th at 9 a.m. at Sacred Heart (as the kick-off to the Fall Festival).

If you are at all like my family, you might be asking, "What is an Installation Mass?" An Installation Mass is a long-standing rite that formalizes the assignment of a priest as Pastor of a Catholic parish. Ideally it is celebrated close to the official start of the office (for me, July 1st), although I will still be Pastor before the formal installations. At the Installation Masses, I will have special guests including my parents, some brother priests and friends, and perhaps some former parishioners and staff members. After the homily, Archbishop Hebda will present the clergy, parish staff, and Pastoral Council to me. I will then make a Profession of Faith and an Oath of Fidelity—solemn acts that bind me closely to Christ and His Church. And then (of course) there will be celebrating after Mass—a reception is being planned for St. Gregory's while at Sacred Heart, Archbishop Hebda and all of us will feast on Brass Rail chicken for the Fall Festival.

I explained this a while back, but I will explain the difference again between the titles "Parochial Administrator" (my title for the last 12 months) and "Pastor" (my title as of July 1st). The day-to-day responsibilities are the same. Under either role, I look out for the well-being of the parish (or parishes, in my case) and all of you parishioners. Parochial Administrator positions are typically seen as temporary roles. Many bishops, including our own Archbishop Hebda, prefer to assign priests who are in charge of parishes for the first time in their careers as Parochial Administrators. This is because a Pastor has additional rights (and responsibilities—like "all of the souls" living in the parish boundaries, as I have preached on) including the permanence of a 6-year term (potentially renewable for an additional 6 years).

Anyways, I look forward to celebrating these momentous occasions with all of you. As I am a priest "with clay feet" (cf. Daniel 2:33-45), I also ask that you would pray for me every day that I would be a holy and humble shepherd.

Fr. Matt



MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, July 5th
9:00 am † Janie Jacobson

Sunday, July 9th
9:00 am † Tom Theisen

Wednesday, July 12th
9:00 am † Bernard Sylvester

Sunday, July 16th
9:00 am – **50th Wedding Anniversary of
Annette & Frank Storm**

Weekly Celebrants

Wednesday, July 5th
9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt
9:00 am | St. Gregory | Fr. Nygaard

Sunday, July 9th
9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt
9:30 am | St. Gregory | Fr. Fitzgerald

Wednesday, July 12th
9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt
9:00 am | St. Gregory | Fr. Abbott

Heavenly Father, we Pray for...



Audrey Larson	Roger Korf
Julie Sweeney	Ken Kirchberg
Kenneth Lundberg	Kersten Farley
David Kirchberg	Carole Stenger
Connie Blomquist	Janet Yurick
Grace Schwaab	Judy Strandmark
Jim Thorn	Gerald Mollberg
Sue Roth	Erin Hestbeck Mielke
Heidi Blatz	

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.

Recognize God in your ordinary Moments

A Ballad of Flesh and Spirit

"My yoke is easy and my burden is light," says the man hanging from a cross. And if we only went on what we see with our eyes — flesh driven through by nails and sword, swollen from beating and inches from expiration — it would seem like a joke.

I'll tell you something we all know: this life on earth is hard. It's either too long or it's too short. It's frequently painful. It's riddled with problems that seem to make no sense. It is, as Dickens wrote, "made of ever so many partings welded together."

But it's also shockingly, senselessly beautiful. It is full of physical experiences of love, joy, and peace that are so powerful they leave you breathless.

It is both these things — good and bad, hard and wonderful, just as we are both body and soul, spirit and flesh.

No one knows the Father except the Son, who entered into our bodily existence to free us from enslavement to it. No one knows the Son except the Father, and the means by which they know one another — the love passing between them, the Third Person himself — has been shared with us, has made its dwelling within us through baptism.

*"Brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh."
— Romans 8:12*

YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION



FAITH FORMATION FALL REGISTRATION

We are actively planning for the upcoming Faith Formation year. Please watch for registration forms coming soon.

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.



CONFIRMATION COORDINATOR AND YOUTH MINISTER

We are seeking a Coordinator for Confirmation and Youth Ministry for students in grades K-12. This staff member will coordinate our students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, and directing youth group activities with approximately 4 events per month. The position is part-time (approximately 10-15 hours per week) and includes prorated paid holidays, vacation time, and sick time. The full description can be viewed at: <https://careers.archspm.org/> Please submit cover letter and resume to Claire Kind at claire@stgregorynb.org



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Happy Anniversary!



Congratulations to Father Matt on the 5th anniversary of his ordination May 26th.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Christian life does not require wisdom, charisma, or strength — no, quite the opposite. To be Christian, we must embrace our faults, our littleness, our shortcomings — gather them up, and lay them all at the feet of Jesus. There, they will be transformed.



PARISH INFO

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

The next food distribution of frozen meals for seniors 60 and older will be on **Tuesday, July 18th from 11:00am-12:00 pm**. Meals are available in quantities of 20 per calendar month.

Contact Fr. Matt by email

fathermatt@stgregorynb.org for more information or questions about any of these events.

CATHOLICISM 101

Join Father Matt and other parishioners for a miniseries on what Catholics believe. We will meet on selected Wednesdays over the summer from 6 to 7:30 pm in the Hall at St. Gregory's. The first meeting will be June 14th. This class is for everyone—whether you have recently returned to the Church or have been participating in Mass since a baby but want to learn more.

July 5th--The Liturgical Year

July 19th--The Creed and Catholic Morality

July 26th--The Pope, Mary and the Saints

August 23rd--The Bible

August 30th--Grace and the Sacraments

BIBLE STUDY

Please note the Bible study sessions with Father Matt are cancelled for June 9th and 30th. The sessions on all other Fridays in June will take place as planned—after 8:30am Friday Mass in the Romero House at 6385 Maple Street North Branch.



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day Schedule

Vigil Mass— Monday, Aug. 14th @ 7:00 pm

Mass— Tuesday, Aug. 15th @ 9:00 am



Fall Festival Meeting: Our next meeting will be held on July 6th at 10:00 am in the Parish house. All are welcome!

FOURTH OF JULY MASS: Father Matt will celebrate Mass on Tuesday, July 4th at 8:30am, at St. Gregory's church. Please join us on Independence Day.



SYNOD IMPLEMENTATION



From within the Synod Implementation Team, priests were asked to form a smaller 3-person leadership team (called the "Executive Cell Team") to drive the small group training for this first year. A Biblical explanation for this goes as follows: although Jesus called the 12 Apostles, there were 3 that formed his inner circle—Peter, James, and John. Similarly, the 3 from our parish have been called to fulfill similar roles—"Peter" (the leader), "James" (the administrator), and "John" (focused on prayer).

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.