

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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Claire Kind

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 7-16-2023

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 7-23-2023

Reflection from the Knoxville Mission Trip

The 2023 St. Gregory and Sacred Heart's mission trip group returned on Monday, July 3rd at 6:15 p.m. The 9-day trip to Knoxville had been a blessed time of growing in fellowship as well as love of God, but I am sure everyone was looking forward to showering and sleeping in their own home!

It is difficult to put the entire experience into words, although the students will try to do so for the Stockholders reception after the Mass at St. Gregory's on July 16th. Anyways, we joined with two other parishes in Minnesota—Fr. Shane's St. George parish (Long Lake) and St. Joachim (Plainview, near Rochester)—for a total group of 30. Part of the adventure is the long time on the coach bus (two full days of travel) as well as spending the night at the parish center of Holy Trinity Church in Bloomington, Illinois each way.

We (along with the 240 or so other participants) checked into the Alive in You (i.e. the name of the mission trip organization) camp at the Knoxville Cathedral (named "The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus") on Tuesday afternoon. We slept in classrooms in the parish's school. Each day, there were large group sessions that would typically feature praise and worship music and witness talks by young people and other dynamic speakers. We would all participate in Holy Mass each day of the camp; I ended up being the presider for the Saturday Mass.

The kids also learned to lend a hand in service to some organizations that were focused on the well-being of Knoxville residents. From Wednesday through Friday, after Mass, we would head out to our service sites. For a majority of our group (including me), our site was organizing a KARM thrift store. Like Family Pathways stores in our part of Minnesota, KARM raises money for important services including food pantries and helping out homelessness. KARM is also specifically Christian. Others in our group spent time cleaning mountain bike trails as well as writing 4th of July cards for homebound people who receive meals.

Although the memories from the trip and the drawing close to God will be great take-aways, we do need to continue to do some planning at our parishes. The future of our parishes depends on the future of our youth. One of the speakers on the mission trip told adults that young people need a web of support outside of their families—something like 6 caring adults besides their parents. The staff and lay leadership at the parishes are looking at strengthening our ministry to youth going forward. To this end, St. Gregory's is looking to hire a Confirmation Coordinator and Youth Minister (if you know someone who is interested, please contact Claire Kind, claire@stgregorynb.org). However, youth ministry cannot fall on the shoulders of staff people or me. We need a robust set of parishioners who care about the future of our youth to step up to volunteering in youth ministry. Please reach out to me (fathermatt@stgregorynb.org) if you are interested in getting involved.



MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, July 19th
9:00 am † Bernie Knoss

Sunday, July 23rd
9:00 am † Geoff Day

Wednesday, July 26th
9:00 am † Bernie Kirchberg

Sunday, July 30th
9:00 am – Wayne & Marjorie King

Weekly Celebrants

Wednesday, July 19th
9:00 am | Sacred Heart| Fr. Matt
9:00 am | St. Gregory| Fr. Nygaard

Sunday, July 23rd
9:00 am| Sacred Heart| Fr. Matt
9:30 am| St. Gregory| Fr. Anthony Cruz

Wednesday, July 26th
9:00 am | Sacred Heart| Fr. Matt
9:00 am | St. Gregory| Fr. Nygaard

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

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	Amy Granlund
Cheryl Gebhart-Trempe	

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.

ANOIDING 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.

50 Years of Marriage Frank & Annette Storm

Lord, we pray that You will bless this couple with the grace, forgiveness, and love that is needed for a continued happy marriage.



Key Passage: Jesus said, "Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." (Matthew 13:7-8)

Adult: How do you provide "good soil" for the faith of others to grow?

Child: What are you doing to help the seeds of your faith grow each day?



PARISH INFO

Fall Festival

Our next Fall Festival meeting will be on July 18th at 10:00am in the Parish house. This year's festival will be combined with Father Matt's Installation as Pastor by Archbishop Bernard Hebda as Officiant.



Gutter Project on the Church will be starting next week. During construction please be extra cautious when moving around the grounds.

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.

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 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.



Contact Fr. Matt by email fathermatt@stgregorynb.org for more information or questions about any of these study groups.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

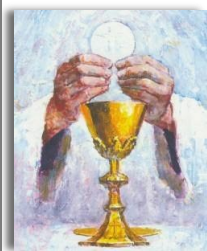
Holy Day Schedule

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

Mass— Tuesday, Aug. 15th @ 9:00 am



POPE'S INTENTION FOR JULY For a Eucharistic life:

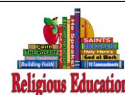


We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

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.



Faith Formation grades 1-8 will be returning back on Wednesday's to Sacred Heart Church in the fall. More information to come.

Vacation Bible School VBS is returning again this summer, so mark your calendars for the week of August 14-18. Our session will run from 5-8pm each day. We are looking for adult and student volunteers to help out with the week. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Permission slips are in the vestibule for this event at St. Gregory's or email Elizabeth Long at elizabethlong2005@gmail.com



COMMUNITY NEWS

American Cancer Relay for Life – 2023

This year's event will again take place at the Chisago Lake Lutheran church, 1 Summit Ave, Center City, MN on Wednesday, August 2nd from 6:30-9:30pm. Food, entertainment, music at 7:15, cancer survivor speaker at 8pm and the lighting of thousands of candle luminary bags will occur at 8:45pm. Please come for supper, honor and memorialize a person with the purchase of a luminary bag and walk the beautiful display bags under a full moon. All persons touch by cancer and their families are invited. Contact Jill Behnke at jillmbehnke@gmail.com or (651) 329-3105 with questions or to purchase luminaries.



SYNOD IMPLEMENTATION

The Executive Cell Team (i.e. leadership team) members will be receiving some additional training over the summer months. The entire Synod Evangelization Team from each parish will be meeting this month to discuss where things currently stand and to do some planning for everything leading up to the Small Group Leader training, which is set to begin in late September.



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.