

Celebrating & Sharing God's Love

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

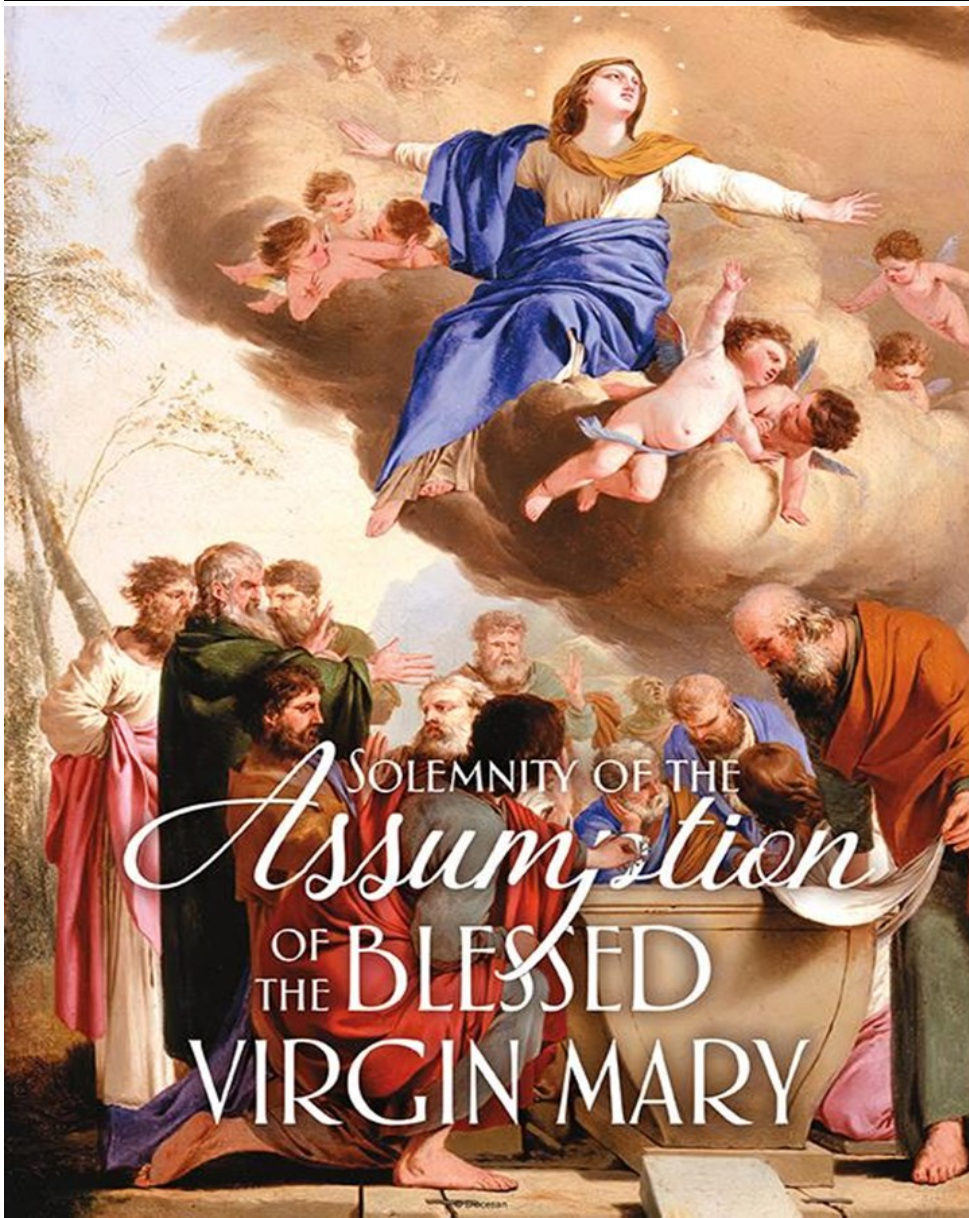
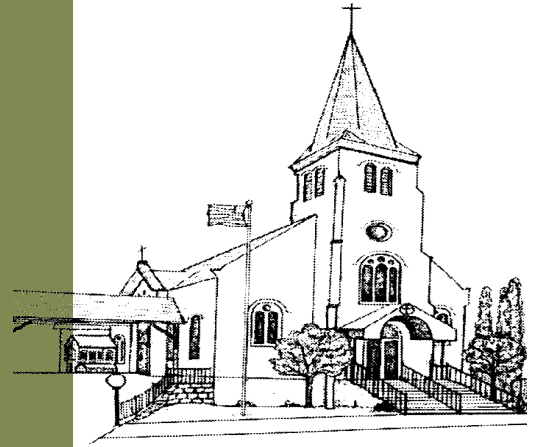
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Nineteenth Sunday in OT | 8-13-2023
Twentieth Sunday in OT | 8-20-2023

WEEKDAY/WEEKEND MASSES

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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GREAT NEED FOR CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

For much of my early priesthood, my brother-in-law (younger than me) had assisted at more marriages as a minister of the state than I had as a priest. I am not sure what the current count stands at, but I have probably not hit double digits in my 5-plus years as a priest (and that includes already-existing marriages that are blessed by the Church). I have had 3 weddings (including one blessing) since coming to the parishes, but I currently don't have any weddings that are in-process at either parish. This is a big issue for the future of our parish!

Outside of a few parishes, my experiences as a priest are not too different from most other recently-ordained priests. It had been drilled into Catholics 50-plus years ago that they were expected to get married in the Church (even if they weren't practicing the faith before they started immediate marriage prep). Nowadays, Catholics do not typically return to the Church to get married. They chose to have destination weddings, weddings in barns, and weddings on beaches. The Catholic Church requests that for any marriage in which the bride or groom (or both) was baptized-and-raised Catholic that the couple needs to have the marriage in the Church by a priest or deacon (or given a dispensation to get married, for example if one of the parties is baptized but not Catholic, in a Protestant Church). The technical term for the ordinary conditions of marriage is "ecclesiastical form" (see Catechism #1631). For a Catholic to not have a Church-approved wedding, then the purported marriage is not a sacrament and invalid—a fact that puts the couple in a serious moral situation. Thus, there would be a need to get the marriage blessed by the Church.

There is always a path forward for couples to regularize their situation; however, there may be some extra work that needs to be done. If no previous marriage preparation had been completed, then at least some meetings with a representative from the Church will need to be undertaken before the vows can be given validly. If either intended spouse had had a previous marriage attempt of any kind, then those details must be looked into before a person can be deemed "free to marry." This is commonly referred to as the annulment process; although there is a simple process for particular types of previous marriage attempts, whereas others may require more of a formal fact-finding process. In general, this more formal process has become quicker. If you do not know how to proceed in getting a marriage blessed by the Church, explaining the situation to me is always a good first step (fathermatt@stgregorynb.org).

Preparing young people for Christian marriage starts early in life. Looking at my own parents' marriage of over 40 years, I know that Christians who live out their own Christian marriage well are the best encouragement for young people to have a Christian marriage themselves. As a parish, we look for ways to propose the beauty of Christian marriage through catechism classes, Confirmation, and other activities for young people. Jesus wants to give couples the grace to be faithful to each other until death, so anything we can do to foster and strengthen marriage is worth doing.

~Father Matt Shireman

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, August 16th
9:00 am † Ellen Rothenbacher

Sunday, August 20th
9:00 am † Bernie Knoss

Wednesday, August 23rd
9:00 am † Fran Reding

Sunday, August 27th
9:00 am † Frank & Clara Deutch

Weekly Celebrants

Wednesday, August 16th
9:00 am | Sacred Heart| Fr. Matt
9:00 am | St. Gregory| Fr. Nygaard

Sunday, August 20th
9:00 am| Sacred Heart| Fr. Fitzgerald w/Dn. Kevin
9:30 am| St. Gregory| Fr. Matt

Wednesday, August 23rd
9:00 am |Sacred Heart| Fr. Matt
9:00 am |St. Gregory| Fr. Nygaard

Sunday, August 27th
9:00 am | Sacred Heart| Fr. Matt
9:30 am | St. Gregory| Fr. Fitzgerald

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
Kim Wall	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.

Leader Training Update



Having walked with a group of parishioners through formation from the Archdiocese over the last 7 months, I am excited for where the Lord is going to take even more parishioners starting in late September. The group of us have all grown in our abilities to see the Holy Spirit at work in our lives. Some have noticed improvements in being virtuous--like being kinder and more patient. For myself and for others, finding a group of saints (which we affectionately call our "saint posse") that we ask for their particular help every day has helped us in our walk as Disciples. You will be hearing more about the upcoming Leader Training as we get closer to the date; right now I would just ask you to open your heart to the possibility that God desires even more for you.



If you are new to the church and would like to become a member, please complete the white registration card in back of church. They are inside a floral box. Turn into Steve in the choir.

PARISH INFO



Gutter Project on the Church has begun. 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, August 15th 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 study groups.

CATHOLICISM 101

Join Father Matt and other parishioners for a miniseries on what Catholics believe. We will meet on selected Wednesdays (see below) at St. Gregory's. The 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. All classes are 6:00 pm –7:30 pm in the Parish hall. Come as you are able.

August 23rd--The Bible

August 30th--Grace and the Sacraments



BIBLE STUDY

Bible study with Father Matt will meet each Friday after 8:30am Friday Mass in the Rectory gazebo at St. Gregory's.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



The next Youth Group meeting will be 6-7:30 p.m. on Sept. 10th at the Romero House. All students in grades 9 through 12 are invited to attend. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins.



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday, August 15th, is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart, and at 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at St. Gregory the Great. A Vigil Mass on Monday, August 14th at 7pm will be held at Sacred Heart.



The next Finance meeting will held on Tuesday, August 22nd at 7pm in the Parish house.

Q: How do you greet an Archbishop in person?



A: The Archbishop may be addressed as "Your Excellency" or "Archbishop". Offering your hand would be fine.

YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION



FAITH FORMATION FALL REGISTRATION: Registration forms for the 2023-2024 KIC & DOC program year are due by August 19. Please return your forms to the Parish office as soon as possible (forms are available in the office). We are looking forward to another great year!



CLEANING: We are in need of volunteers to help clean and organize the Faith Formation classrooms in the Parish house basement before the classes start in September. Please contact the church office at 320-358-4370 if you are able to help. Thank you!

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST. GENEVIEVE'S ANNUAL FESTIVAL Sunday, August 20th, 11am-3pm—Silent Auction, Country Store, Bingo, Raffle, Children's Games, and Refreshments Fun for all ages! (6995 Centerville Road, Centerville)



CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE IN BRAHAM A 2-year Catechetical Institute program will be starting this Fall in Braham. Father Matt is a 2013 graduate of this program and sees great value in the program. More information can be found at these sites: <http://www.cistudent.com/pillars/>; <https://youtu.be/HB2uiIpy6E8>



42nd ANNUAL FALL BOOYA & FESTIVAL
Cash Raffle, 50/50 Raffle, Wine Booth, Silent Auction, Kids Games and
The Best Booya In North Branch!
Sunday, September 24th 10:00am-1:30pm
St. Gregory the Great

FALL FESTIVAL 2023

Sunday, September 17th! 10:30 am-1:30pm

We will also be celebrating the Installation of Father Matt, presided by Archbishop Bernard Hebda.

Our annual Fall Festival needs **LOTS** of volunteers to make it a success and we have a job for **EVERYONE**! If you are able to volunteer the sign-up sheets are in back of church. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a fun-filled day!



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.