

Celebrating & Sharing God's Love *Sacred Heart Catholic Church*

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**BENEATH
THE CROSS,
ONE LEARNS
TO LOVE.**

ST. PADRE PIO

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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.

PARISH OFFICE

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Twenty- Second Sunday in OT | 9-3-2023

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VISION FOR THE PARISH

Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision was a "dream." Walt Disney's biggest vision was Disney World. Archbishop Hebda has a vision, too. It was first fully articulated in his letter released last November; he envisions a day when every Catholic will belong to a small group—in which they will share life with other Catholics. His vision has begun to be lived by the members of the SET ("Synod Evangelization Team"). Rather than creating my own vision for the parishes, I want to lean heavily into Archbishop's vision.

The need for a new vision is due to the shifting sands of the culture. Decades ago when families were thoroughly Catholic (or at least Christian), a rather similar understanding of beliefs and morals was held by all (even if some did not live up to the standards). Nowadays divisions around things like whether God exists, whether abortion is health care, whether divorce and remarriage is sinful, whether the words "male"/"female"/"human" mean anything, etc. are called into question in our culture in places like schools, newspapers, and news shows.

Part of what is at the heart of Archbishop's vision for small groups is what it means to be a true disciple of

Jesus Christ. If we check the box of "Sunday Mass" each week, isn't that enough? And if we give some money to the parish and to a charity on occasion, isn't that enough?

My brothers and sisters in Christ, in this life we can never say, "I've done everything." Our God has an infinite love—our experience of which we can grow in daily. Our love for God and for others is also meant to grow. Faith Formation is for life; if we stop learning about God when we got confirmed in high school, then we are going to be missing out on living a truly fulfilling life—on being the saint that God created us to be.

The next step of Archbishop's vision will come to fruition through the leader training that begins the last week of September. If you look out at the world or in our parish and wish that things were different, then the training is at least a starting point to seeing things through the vision of Christ.

~Father Matt Shireman

COMMUNITY NEWS



ST. GREGORY'S FALL BOOYA FESTIVAL
Sunday, September 24th 10:00am-1:30pm—Cash raffle, 50/50 Raffle, Wine Booth, Silent Auction, kids games and Booya!

STS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH-BRAHAM
Annual Fall Festival, September 16, 8:00am. Fun run, live auction, pig roast, and raffle. Live band, Maiden Dixie at 4:00pm.



ARCHBISHOP HEBDA-TOGETEHER ON THE JOURNEY

Sign up for monthly email video from Arch. Hebda. Learn more and sign up at: archspm.org/togetheronthejourney.



Leader Training Update

The official "launch" day for the leader training is September 3. That weekend, Fr. Matt will preach about the leader training (which begins September 27th) and members from the SET team will be around to answer questions and make note of parishioners who are at least considering attending the training.



If you are new to the church or attend but have not yet registered 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.

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.

Options for Women invites you to the Annual

Fall Banquet

Dinner & Live Auction
September 28, 2023
Access Church, 4359 392nd St.,
North Branch, MN 55056

Doors open at 6:00 pm Dinner at 6:30 pm
\$50 per ticket \$400 per table Wine included
RSVP by phone, email, or website by September 21st.
651-674-2121 info@pregoptions.org
<https://www.pregoptionsfriends.org/events>
Free child care - must register in advanced.

Options for Women
Catholic Women's League

PARISH INFO

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!

We are in need of homemade, new items and baked goods for the Country Store. IF you wish to donate you can drop them off the day before or of the Fall Festival. Thank you!

Catholic Watchmen Bonfire Kick-off

All men of Sacred Heart and St. Gregory's are invited to a Bonfire to kick-off the new year. We will gather for snacks and beverages from 7-8 p.m. on Thursday, September 7th at the St. Gregory fire pit (in case of inclement weather, we will gather in the parish hall). The Watchmen generally meet on the 1st Thursday of the month. To be added to the email list, please contact Fr. Matt (fathermatt@stgregorynb.org).



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.

Heavenly Father, we Pray for...

Audrey Larson, Kim Wall, Jim Thorn, David Kirchberg, Carole Stenger, Connie Blomquist, Janet Yurick, Grace Schwaab, Judy Strandmark, Jim Thorn, Sue Roth, Gerald Mollberg, Erin Hestbeck-Mielke, Amy Granlund, Cheryl Gebhart-Trempe



We pray for all those in the nursing home and those who are home-bound.

In order to keep the prayer corner current, names will be kept on the prayer corner for two months unless requested to come off earlier. If a name comes off that you want put back on, please politely call the parish office or the contact for your parish to have them put back on.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF

All high school youth of Sacred Heart and St. Gregory's are invited to the Youth Group kick-off on Sunday, September 10th. The group will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in St. Gregory's Romero House (6383 Maple St., North Branch). Youth need to have permission slips filled out for the Youth Group; they can be obtained in advance through the Faith Formation Office (651-674-7382).



4th GRADE CATECHIST NEEDED

We are in need of a 4th grade catechist for the Wednesday evening KIC session from 6:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. Adult volunteers excited to share their faith with our youth are encouraged to contact the Parish office at 320-358-4370 or email shc415@hotmail.com. We offer support and guidance with lesson plans. Please prayerfully consider being a part of our Faith Formation program.

FRIDAY FUN NIGHTS: Kids are invited to attend Friday Fun Nights from 6:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m. on select Fridays this Fall and Winter. We will play games, eat snacks, work on a service project, and have a faith activity. Friends are welcome. Grades 3-5 will meet on October 13, December 8, February 16, and April 12. Grades 6-8 will meet on November 10, January 12, March 8, and May 10.

CATECHIST TRAINING: All Catechists and Sub Catechists are invited to Catechist Training at St. Gregory's on Wednesday, September 13 from 5:30p.m. - 8:00 p.m. We will be enjoying the evening with a dynamic speaker and an informational meeting regarding the program year with a light meal provided. Please contact the Faith Formation office and let them know if you will be attending.

MASS INTENTIONS

Weekly Celebrants

Wednesday, August 30th
9:00 am † Jim Kirchberg

Sunday, September 3rd
9:00 am † Pat & Terry McGuire

Wednesday, September 6th
9:00 am † Tom Solorz

Sunday, September 10th
9:00 am † Elsie Moore



Wednesday, August 30th
9:00 am | Sacred Heart| Fr. Matt
9:00 am | St. Gregory| Fr. Nygaard

Sunday, September 3rd
9:00 am| Sacred Heart| Fr. Matt
w/Dn. Kevin
9:30 am| St. Gregory| Fr. Fitzgerald

Wednesday, September 6th
9:00 am |Sacred Heart| Fr. Matt
9:00 am |St. Gregory| Fr. Nygaard

Sunday, September 10th
9:00 am | Sacred Heart| Fr. Chuck
9:30 am | St. Gregory| Fr. Matt

Rush City Backpack Program - CE Jacobson Elementary partners with the Family Pathways Food Shelf in North Branch to purchase and deliver the food for Rush City students. All food is directly purchased at discount from food bank warehouses. We do not accept individual food donations (it is required that the individual bags contain same and equal amounts of items and have the same expiration dates). Monetary donations can be sent directly to: Family Pathways Food Shelf, 6413 Oak Street, North Branch, MN 55056. **IMPORTANT: Include a note or write on the memo that it is for the "Rush City Backpack Program."** All donations, dollar-for-dollar, will directly benefit the Rush City account.