

Celebrating & Sharing God's Love

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

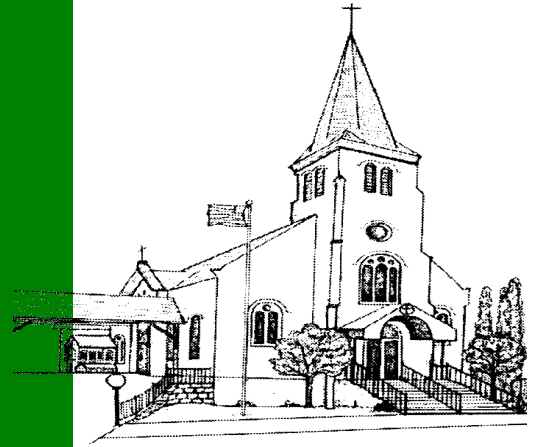
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Of

REV. MATTHEW THOMAS SHIREMAN

PRESIDER
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BERNARD HEBDA

ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU HAVE CALLED YOUR SERVANTS TO MAKE PROMISES BEFORE YOU; NOW ENABLE US TO KEEP OUR VOWS THAT WE MAY REMAIN STEADFAST IN FAITH AND FRUITFUL IN EVERY GOOD WORK. BLESS, WE PRAY, YOUR SERVANT (NAME OF THE PASTOR INSTALLED) TO WHOM THE CARE OF YOUR PEOPLE IN THIS CHURCH IS NOW COMMITTED.

Twenty-third Sunday in OT | 9-10-2023
Twenty-fourth Sunday in OT | 9-17-2023

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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HAPPY FALL FESTIVAL

It's mid-September, which means it is time for our annual Fall Festival! Besides not having a parochial school, the parish festival is probably the biggest change that I experienced in moving from Hastings at the end of June in 2022. At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Hastings, we did not have an annual parish festival. And then to come to two parishes where I had one at each parish on back-to-back Sundays just a few months into my assignment...well, it was a little bit like drinking from a firehose!

I really enjoyed the food and fellowship at last year's Fall Festival. I know the festival committee has been working hard on this year's festival (Sacred Heart also has the added challenge of welcoming Archbishop Hebda on the day of their festival). I pray that this year's Fall Festival will be a good and fruitful time.

The Fall Festival marks the only time (other than perhaps an occasional funeral) when non-parishioners set foot on our grounds. I hope that you—along with all of the volunteers—will go out of your way to be hospitable to our guests. Ultimately, we want to show others that our parish community is a great place—that it could be their spiritual home, too.

As Catholics, we often struggle with inviting people to try us out. Sunday Mass is the greatest way to worship God on Earth but yet at its core, the Mass is primarily for those who are already initiated as Catholics. RCIA—the process of becoming Catholic—is generally a place to invite others to so that they can look into the Catholic faith, but we have not had a formal class at the parish in

years (by the way, if you or someone you know would be interested in becoming Catholic, please let me know). That leaves groups like Catholic Watchmen, Mary & Martha (St. Gregory's), or my Bible Study as some of the best “on-ramps” for non-Catholics.

I am forecasting a major difference between the state of the parish now and in 12 months (when we will be getting ready for next year's Fall Festival). Many parishioners will know a specific group that they can invite another to, because they will have their own small group that they belong to. The leader formation starting in late September will help set a new culture at our parish—one that will empower people to share about their faith in places outside of the church building—places like homes, offices, senior living facilities, cafes, coffee shops, and sewing rooms. Our experience of being a parish in 2024 will be similar to the disciples in the early Church—the Church is alive and full of the Spirit!

~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.



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church-Pine City

Annual Fall Jamboree, September 24th, 11am– 1:30pm. Chicken Dinner, Kid Activities, Basket Raffle and Live music.



† Jim Thorn
† Nancy Scierka

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace.
Amen.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you or someone you know is in need of a prayer shawl please contact the office or feel free to take one from the rack in church.
320.358.4370

Shawls are provided by the CCW
of Sacred Heart.



Leader Formation Update

The Leader Formation series begins Tuesday, September 26th at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend the 7-session weekly series (no session on October 31st). Participants will be given a binder so pre-registration is helpful (email fathermatt@stgregorynb.org or talk with Linda Downie or Dawn Sundly). If Tuesdays do not regularly work into your schedule, Sacred Heart will be offering sessions on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.



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.

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.



The Apple crisp recipes are in back of church and on our website for those that plan on donating a pan for our Fall Festival.

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 St. Gregory's and Sacred Heart are invited to join The Catholic Watchmen Group. We generally meet on the 1st Thursday of the month. To be added to the email list, please contact Fr. Matt.



Catholic Charities Food Distribution

The next food distribution of frozen meals for seniors 60 and older will be on **Tuesday, September 19th 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, David Kirchberg, Carole Stenger, Connie Blomquist, Janet Yurick, Grace Schwaab, Judy Strandmark, Sue Roth, Gerald Mollberg, Erin Hestbeck-Mielke, Amy Granlund, Cheryl Gebhart-Trempe, Marianne Schmitz

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 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

FRIDAY FUN NIGHTS AT ST. GREGORY'S ONLY: All 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 the Great Church on Wednesday, September 13 from 5:30 p.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.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: All 9th and 10th graders are required to attend the upcoming Ministries Retreat to be held on Friday, September 29 at St. Gregory the Great Church from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Dinner will be served. Permission forms were mailed out to the parents of all 9th and 10th graders. Please return forms and payment to the Faith Formation office at St. Gregory's. This will be a special faith-filled evening to begin the DOC year.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration forms for the 2023-2024 KIC & DOC program year are due now. Please return your forms to the Faith Formation office as soon as possible if you have not yet registered.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, September 13th
9:00 am † Tom Solorz

Sunday, September 17th
9:00 am † George Stenger Jr.
† Sheila Stenger-Fisk

Wednesday, September 20th
9:00 am † Bernard Sylvester

Sunday, September 24th
9:00 am † Thomas Strandmark



Weekly Celebrants

Wednesday, September 13th
9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt
9:00 am | St. Gregory | Fr. Nygaard

Sunday, September 17th
9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Abp. Hebda
w/Dn. Kevin
9:30 am | St. Gregory | Fr. Chuck

Wednesday, September 20th
9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt
9:00 am | St. Gregory | Fr. Nygaard

Sunday, September 24th
9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Fitzgerald
9:30 am | St. Gregory | Fr. Matt w/
Dn. Kevin

What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?

Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your brother sins against you..." Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against you? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an

invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not.

— Father John Muir

