

Celebrating & Sharing God's Love

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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The Lord
is near
to all those
who *call*
upon him.

PSALM 145

Twenty-fifth Sunday in OT | 9-24 -2023
Twenty- sixth Sunday in OT | 10-1-2023

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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LEADERSHIP AND MINISTRY UPDATES

As we start the new school year, I thought it would be good to update parishioners on some parish news. First, I am happy to announce that staff members who were eligible for a pay raise, have received a modest bump. Our dedicated staff devote their time to ministering to all of you, and it is important that we pay a respectable wage in appreciation for their efforts. As always, their wages are dependent on the generous stewardship of parishioners, so thank you for making it possible for the pay raise. I worked with many of the staff members to set goals for the upcoming year. This will allow performance evaluations to take place next summer for the first time in many years at the parishes.

I would also like to announce some leadership changes at this time. Dion Scott, a resident of Rush City and whose family attends our parishes, is now the Confirmation Coordinator for the Disciples of Christ (DOC) program. He comes with great experience in running a Confirmation program at another parish as well as working for a Diocese in a different state. DOC sessions will be missing a shared meal this year; I want to thank the Widenstroms for providing home-cooked meals at DOC for many years. St. Gregory's parishioner Liz Long, who has been volunteering her time in running youth events including Vacation Bible School and Friday Fun Nights, will now be compensated as the Youth Events Leader. As a reminder, all of her events (as well as the high school youth group and mission trip) are open to youth of both St. Gregory's and Sacred Heart. Also, I am grateful to David Prickett's time as one of Sacred Heart's trustees (as well as the recent Grand Knight at St. Gregory's Knights of Columbus Council)

There are also changes to our Faith Formation offerings. Due to limited interest as well as the resources required in running it, we have discontinued Sunday School. We are reinvesting in a different opportunity—bringing Faith Formation for grades 1 through 8 back to Sacred Heart. Tina Heidelberger will be the volunteer coordinator at Sacred Heart. At St. Gregory's, we are going with a more dynamic and fun middle school program led by Bridget Weber and Ed Determan.

Hopefully these updates provide some encouragement as we begin the school year. As always, we ask God to bless all of our efforts. May we become the witnesses of Christ that He is calling us to be.

~ Fr. Matt

Community News

Are you Faster-than-the-Pastor?

Join Fr. Matt (and perhaps some other parishioners) on Saturday, October 14th at 10 a.m. at Wild River State Park (39797 Park Trail, Center City, MN 55012) for the annual "Otter Trotter 5K" Run/Walk. Registration is \$20 (before October 1st) or \$25 (up to race day). To register, visit <http://friendsofwildriver.org/home.php>.



Leader Formation Update

The first session of the Leader Formation weekly series is Wednesday, September 27th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Way Hall (note: parents of kids in Faith Formation will be dismissed at 7:30 p.m.). At the first session, participants will receive handouts. There will be some snacks provided. If you have any questions or are interested in signing-up for the series,



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.

COR JESU
BE THE
Revival

FRIDAY, OCT. 6 AT 8 P.M.
CATHEDRAL OF ST. PAUL

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION | CONFESSION
VENERATE RELICS OF ST. THERESA OF LISIEUX AND HER PARENTS
PRAISE AND WORSHIP | FELLOWSHIP

SAINT PAUL SEMINARY | NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival | OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

This year, Cor Jesu will follow a Eucharist Procession from the Capitol starting at 7 p.m. Archbishop Bernard Hebda will lead the liturgy. Our own Fr. Matt will be among those hearing Confession. Cor Jesu will begin by 8:15 p.m. following the procession and conclude between 10 and 10:30 p.m.
All ages are welcome to attend.

Pop up & Occasional Boutiques

Bountiful BOUTIQUES

November 2023
3rd, 4th & 5th
Friday 3-7pm
After Hours 7-9:00pm
(Join us in The Spare Room for this event)
Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday 11am-3pm

[rushcitysbountifulboutiques](https://www.facebook.com/rushcitysbountifulboutiques)
bountifulboutiques@gmail.com
320-358-4406

Back 40 Market
4285 470th St. Harris

Clean Haven Naturals
350 W 5th St. Rush City

The Hunting Widow's Boutique
Rusheba Town Hall
51445 Forest Blvd. Rush City

Positively 4th Street
275 W 4th St. Rush City

The Raven's Nest
775 S Bremer Ave. Rush City

Sandy's Loft
45430 Holman Ave. Harris

The Spare Room at Chucker's Bowl
1270 W 3rd St. Rush City

Wayne's Greenhouse & Gifts
115 W. 8th St. Rush City

Unique & Historic Locations

High Quality & Handcrafted Goods

PARISH INFO

Catholic Watchmen

All men of Sacred Heart and St. Gregory's are invited to join The Catholic Watchmen Group. The next meeting is October 5 at 7:00pm at St. Gregory's.



Catholic Charities Food Distribution

The next food distribution of frozen meals for seniors 60 and older will be on **Tuesday, October 17th from 11:00am-12:00 pm**. Meals are available in quantities of 20 per calendar month.

Adoration:

We are in need of a volunteer to be an alternate for Adoration on Wednesday's from 11am until 12noon. Please contact Dave Prickett at 612-703-1112. Thank you.

High School Youth Group

All high school youth of Sacred Heart and St. Gregory's are invited to the next Youth Group gathering on Sunday, October 8. The group will meet from 6 to 7:30pm in St. Gregory's Romero House (6383 Maple St.NB). Youth need to have permission slips filled out for the Youth Group; which can be obtained in advance through the Faith Formation Office by calling 651-674-7382. The next gathering will be November 12.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Starting this Wednesday confessions will be available from 5pm until 5:45pm with Father Matt.

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.

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

Faith Formation classes are starting this Wednesday, the 27th at 6pm. Any child not registered will be able to do so that evening. **All parents must sign their child in and out of class each Wednesday.**

NET RETREAT

All 9th and 10th graders are invited to attend the upcoming NET 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. This will be a special faith-filled evening to begin the DOC year.

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

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.

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.

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.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, September 27th

9:00 am † Lance Bodeen family

Sunday, October 1st

9:00 am † Elsie Moore

Wednesday, October 4th

9:00 am † Olson Family

Sunday, October 8th

9:00 am † Michelle Stenger



Weekly Celebrants

Wednesday, September 27th

9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt
9:00 am | St. Gregory | Fr. Nygaard

Sunday, October 1st

9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt
9:30 am | St. Gregory | Fr. Chuck

Wednesday, October 4th

9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt
9:00 am | St. Gregory | Fr. Nygaard

Sunday, October 8th

9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Chuck w/
Dn. Kevin
9:30 am | St. Gregory | Fr. Matt

Mary taught the children to pray these words after every rosary decade: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to heaven especially those who are in most need of Your mercy." Try it out!

