

Celebrating & Sharing God's Love

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

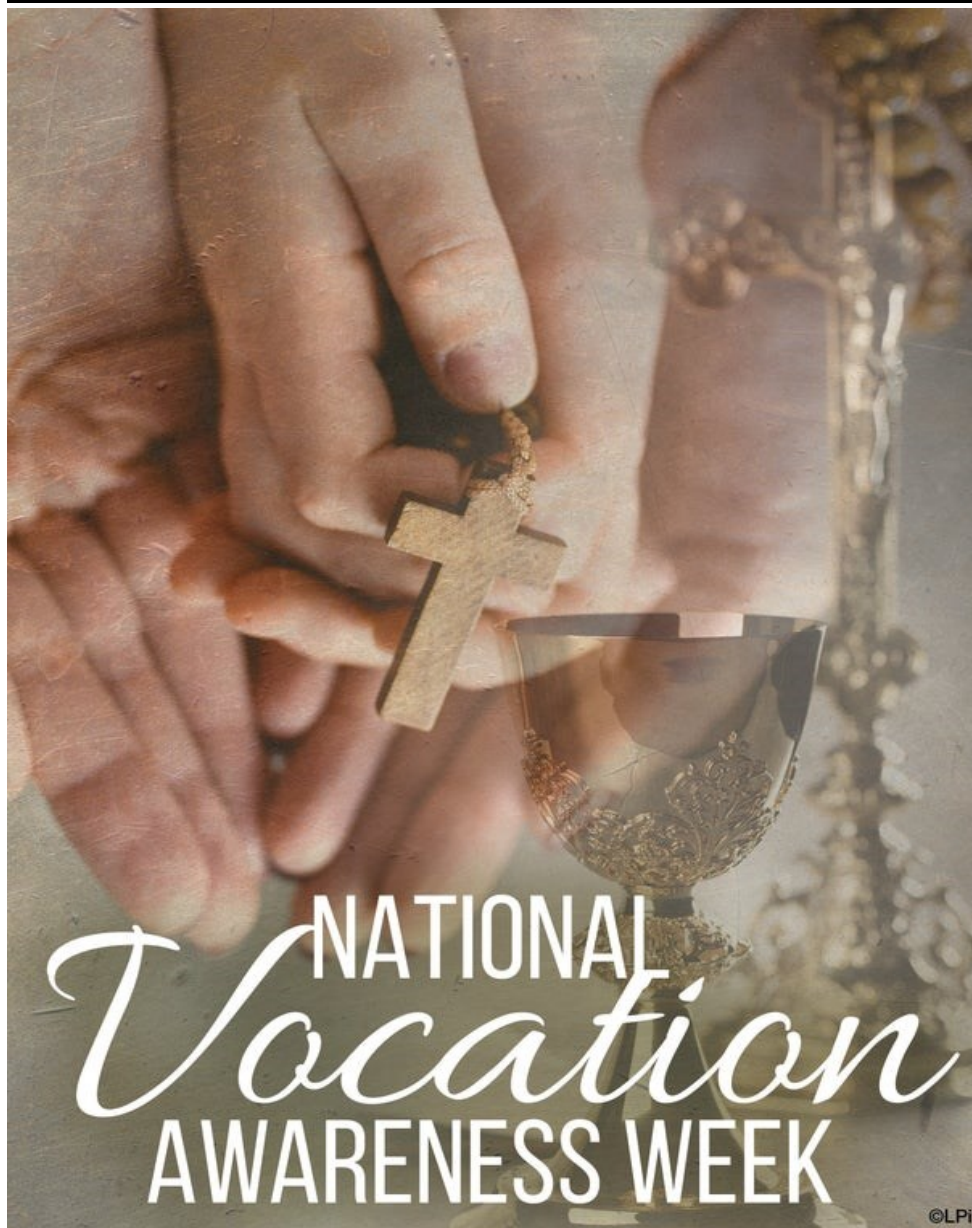
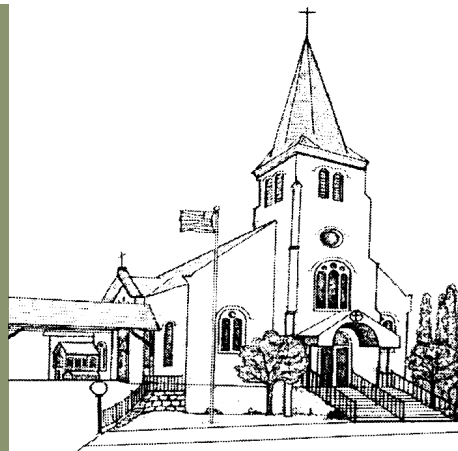
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Thirty-First Sunday in OT | 11-5 -2023
Thirty-Second in OT | 11-12-2023

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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SUNDAY MASS TIMES CHANGES (EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024)

In the previous bulletin, I mentioned that although our parishes have been blessed with retired priests (and will continue to be so), the level of their involvement cannot be expected to continue at the same rate as it has in the past. This means that a greater share of the pastoral ministry falls on me and Deacon Kevin. Having explored this situation with the parish trustees, the staff members, and the pastoral councils, I am announcing that effective January 1st, the Sunday Mass times are being changed to the following: **5:00 p.m. Saturday at St. Gregory's, 8:30 a.m. Sunday at Sacred Heart, and 10:30 a.m. Sunday at St. Gregory's.**

Change is always difficult, so I do not take this change lightly. Although it will affect pretty much every parishioner, it obviously affects myself, Deacon Kevin, and the retired priests the most. This schedule is necessary so that only one priest is needed to say the Masses (rather than the two that are currently needed); there have been a handful of times since I arrived to the parishes when only 1 priest (among myself and the regulars) who was able to say Mass, and I can imagine there will be many times in the future if the changes are not made. The Archdiocese does not have any priests who can easily fill-in on Sundays in this area, so the priests I talked with said that making a 1-priest schedule is good and prudent.

I want to describe the parameters of how I selected the times and the benefits besides needing only one priest. The Sunday Mass times need to be two hours apart to allow for the priest saying the earlier Mass to take off his vestments, drive the 15-20 minutes to the other parish, and get ready for Mass. Especially due to other Sunday commitments, it was important that the later Mass ends typically before noon. It was also desirable to limit the disruption to the current schedule; the Sacred Heart Mass time could have been moved by three times the difference without this consideration. Had either parish had Sunday School that may have played into the times of the Masses, but that was a non-factor. I am also happy to announce that I will be adding to the regular schedule **Confessions at Sacred Heart from 8 to 8:20 a.m. on First Sundays.** Up to this point, I had been offering Confessions every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.; however, that time obviously does not fit into most working peoples' schedules.

Now I will list many of the benefits of the Mass schedule change (besides only needing one priest):

- You will more regularly get to see me, your Pastor. There have been times in my first 16 months where I have gone a full month without having a Sunday morning (or Holy Day) Mass at one of the parishes.
- You will also have a more consistent message. Sometimes I (or say, a missionary priest) want to give a particular message at both parishes but I am left with either spreading it out over two weeks or forgoing the message at one of the Masses.
- Our parishes will be less dependent on retired and other priests even as we rely on them and appreciate their involvement. This will also give them greater flexibility to schedule time away (the same goes for me), to assist at other parishes that are also in need, and to lessen their involvement as their ministry circumstances change.

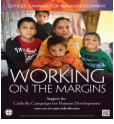
You will have the choice between two Sunday morning Masses. Let's face it, the current schedule doesn't offer a choice. Starting in January, parishioners from either parish can attend the early Mass at Sacred Heart (for example, if they have a midday family gathering) or the later Mass at St. Gregory's (for example, if they had a late night wedding reception or Prom). Also, the later time (at St. Gregory's) may prove helpful for some families who find it difficult to get going in the morning.

There are obviously some drawbacks to the schedule (e.g. Coffee Sunday at St. Gregory's will still occur but may feel a bit different), which are probably easier to see. After you have processed the changes and prayed about them, I would welcome your questions or comments either by calling the parish office or by email (fathermatt@stgregorynb.org). Thank you in advance for helping me to make my ministry here at our parishes more sustainable. As always, we pray that more men would answer the call to the priesthood so that we can provide more Sacraments to the thousands of Catholics in northern Chisago County.



PARISH INFO

Catholic Campaign for Human Development



Sunday, November 19th, our special collection will support the Catholic campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the US live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. To learn more: go to www.uscch.org/cchd.

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

The next food distribution of frozen meals for seniors 60 and older will be on **Tuesday, November 21st from 11:00am-12:00 pm**. Meals are available in quantities of 20 per calendar month.

High School Youth Group

All high school youth of Sacred Heart and St. Gregory's are invited to the next Youth Group gathering on November 8th. The group will meet from 6 to 7:30pm in St. Gregory's Romero House (6385 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.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions will be available on Wednesday, November 8th from 5pm-5:45pm with Father Matt.

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, Heidi Blatz, Gary Frazier, Shelly Repke

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.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Good and gracious God,
You call each person by name
and invite them to follow you.
On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations,
may each person hear and respond
to the call they have received.
We pray for all discerning marriage,
the chaste single life, consecrated life,
or ordained ministries,
that your Holy Spirit would guide,
inspire, and strengthen them.
May your Church and the world
be enriched by the "yes" of your children.
Amen.



YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

The 6th - 8th grade KIC disciples are invited to attend the Feed My Starving Children trip on Saturday, January 6, 2024. The bus will depart St. Gregory the Great Church at 8:00 a.m. and will return at noon. Permission forms are due into the Faith Formation office at St. Gregory's by December 3rd.

Also, the 1st and 2nd year Confirmands are required to attend the Feed My Starving Children trip in Coon Rapids on Saturday, January 6, 2024. The bus will depart St. Gregory's at 8:00 a.m. and will return at noon. This is a required service project for the Confirmands. Permission forms are due into the Faith Formation office at St. Gregory's by December 3rd.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, November 8th
9:00 am † Bernie Kirchberg

Sunday, November 12th
9:00 am † Janie Jacobson

Wednesday, November 15th
9:00 am † Richard Lehman

Sunday, November 19th
9:00 am † Fran Reding



Weekly Celebrants

Wednesday, November 8th
9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt
9:00 am | St. Gregory | Fr. Nygaard

Anniversary of the Dedication of Sacred Heart
Sunday, November 12th
9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt
9:30 am | St. Gregory | Fr. Chuck

Wednesday, November 15th
9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt
6:30 pm | St. Gregory | Communion
SVC. | Deacon Kevin

Sunday, November 19th
9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Fitzgerald
w/Deacon Kevin
9:30 am | St. Gregory | Fr. Matt

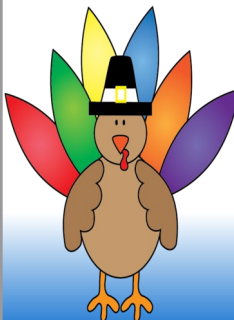
Leader Formation Update

Two weeks ago at our Session 5 (of 7), attendees learned about how to serve and be a Christian witness to those who are in their sphere of influence. Last week was off due to the Solemnity of All Saints.

Community

THANKSGIVING BINGO

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring Thanksgiving BINGO at St. Gregory's on **Friday, November 10th**



TACO Dinner begins at 6pm
BINGO starts at 7pm

The lucky winners will receive a Gift Card from County Market to purchase items for their Thanksgiving Dinner! There will also be a Raffle for a Turkey dinner.