

Celebrating & Sharing God's Love

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

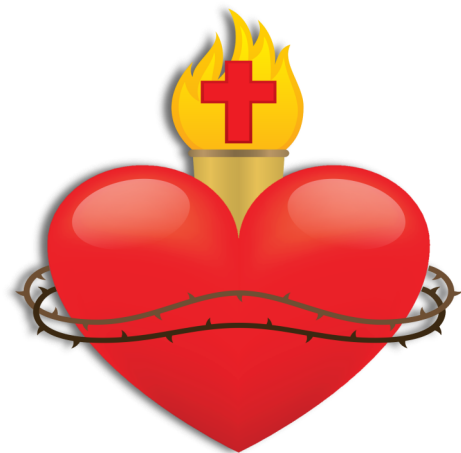
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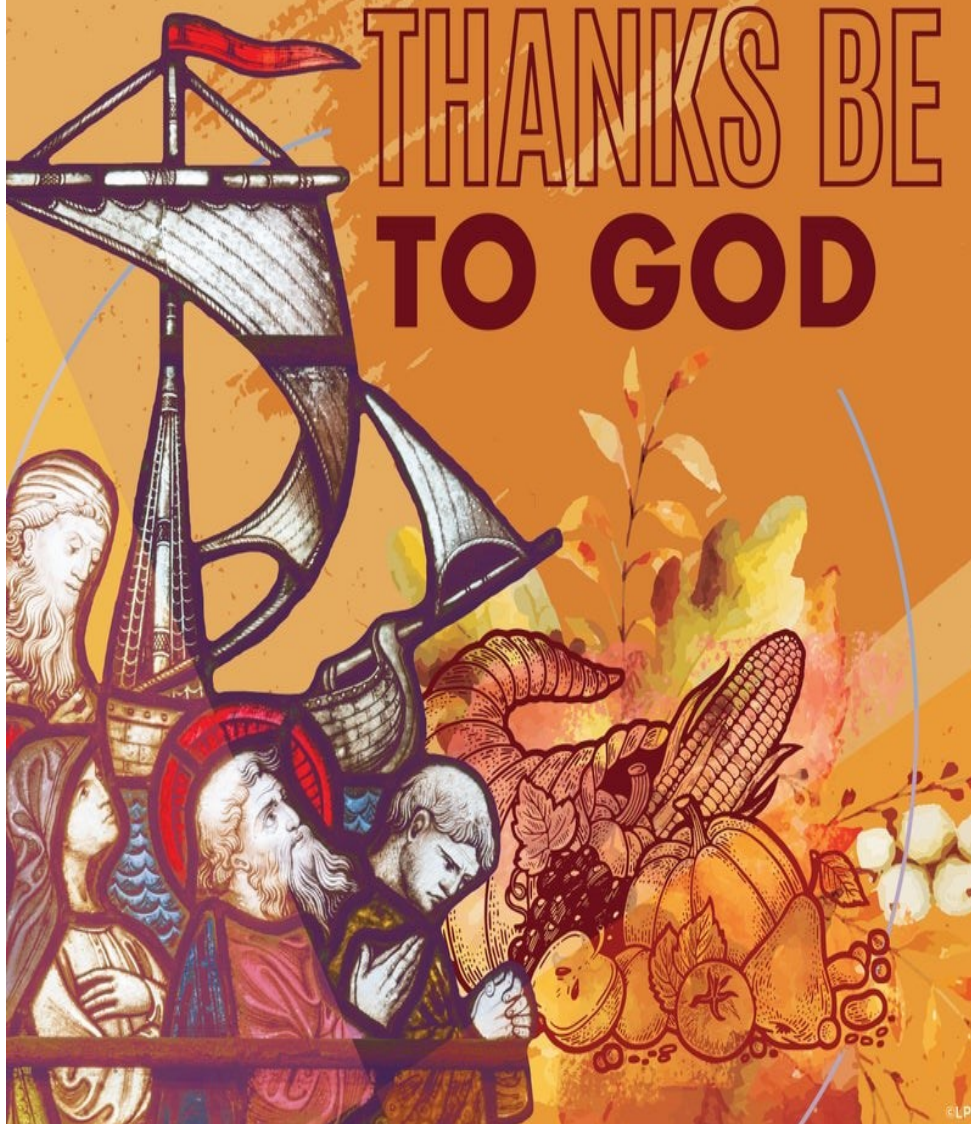
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THANKSGIVING

THANKS BE TO GOD



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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Thirty-Third Sunday in OT | 11-19 -2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe| 11-26-2023

AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

We will soon approach the holiday of Thanksgiving. The first celebration was by Christians in the new land who thanked God for an abundant harvest after a difficult winter. Ever since then, Americans have marked Thanksgiving as a time to give thanks to God (there's Mass at 9 a.m. at Sacred Heart on Thanksgiving Day), eat delicious foods with loved ones, and watch the Detroit Lions lose (although the odds this year suggest that they will beat the pesky Packers). Although Thanksgiving is a specific time to offer thanks, it is an attitude that God calls us to foster each day.

I am grateful to God for his many gifts—life, becoming an adopted child of His through Baptism, having religious freedom in our great country, and being one of his priests. It is a real joy to be able to offer the sacraments to people at the high and low points of their lives. When I reflect on the people he has put into my life, I am grateful for my family. As I was getting accustomed to the parishes last year, I did not take my customary (at least before Covid) vacation with family over Thanksgiving. My sister has lived out-of-state since high

school, so there have been several years where my parents, brother, our dog (currently a mutt named Leroy), and I travel out to visit her (she currently lives in Colorado). We plan to have some rather low-key time together this Thanksgiving week.



Other things I am grateful for include my good health, my daily prayer time, my hobbies of theme parks and sports. Living in Minnesota, I am typically thankful for having four seasons, although I rather dislike driving in snowy and icy conditions.

I am grateful to God, too, for all of you at the parishes. Most especially, I am grateful for the staff that puts up with the odd duck that is me day-after-day, week-after-week. The parish trustees, parish councils, finance councils, Synod Evangelization Teams, catechists, funeral luncheon volunteers, and others who help to extend the hands and feet of Christ into our communities—thank you very much!

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Thanksgiving! Eat a good amount of turkey and stuffing!

~Father Matt

Leader Formation Update



At the end of our final session of the series this past week, the now-formed leaders were given Discernment Cards to fill out. On the cards, they will mention the spiritual gifts they think they have (like Helping) and express their interest in getting the first wave of small group ministry launched in February. Those who chose to have a leading role in the small group ministry will receive additional training in December and January.

Thanksgiving Day Is Coming!

Thanksgiving will be here before you know it, and you will soon be saying, "Pass me the mashed potatoes, please." This November holiday has its roots in American history and has grown into a day where we remember all the things for which we are thankful: country, family, friends, health, etc. Unfortunately, we can find ourselves so caught up with travel plans and buying the perfect turkey or ham that we let the day pass us by, and all we can focus on is how much we ate and who won the day's football games. That's why it is time NOW to begin reflecting daily of all things, great and small, that we are thankful for in life.

Gratitude is a key characteristic of a good Everyday Steward, but it does not develop in us without effort. In the coming days, we can contemplate all those things God has given us. If it helps, we can create a written list and bring it with us to the Thanksgiving dinner table. The point is that too often we take so many gifts for granted, and unless we pause and purposely reflect, we miss the chance to give thanks. A healthy and hearty heart filled with gratitude can make the highs in life that much higher and the lows easier to bear. Increased gratitude will also bring us closer to the source of all those good gifts, our God.

So, what will Thanksgiving be like for you this year? You have some time to make it something more than it has been in the past. The choice is yours.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

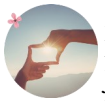


Join us for our Free Christmas Eve Dinner



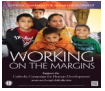
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PARISH INFO



Bible Studies help women grow closer to Christ as they lean on truths found in Scripture to live joy-filled lives. Join other women on **Wednesdays** after Mass at the Rusheba Senior Center **10-11:30 am**. Learn about Woman Saints, prayer and fellowship. Contact Sandy Pelant w/ questions 612-245-8986.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development



Please be generous in this (Nov. 19th) week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. Learn more at 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.

Community



Annual Holiday Boutique & Pie Sale
Saturday November 18th from 9 AM to 4 PM
Church of St. George, 133 North Brown Road, Long Lake, 55356

Join the St. George Women's Council for shopping with an assortment of merchandise vendors, homemade apple, pecan, and fruit pies, and a variety of homemade Christmas cookies! Our General Store features theme baskets available to purchase, specialty food items, unique shopping finds, and a Christmas ornament tree to find a special holiday gift. Lunch will be available while you shop. Try your luck at our raffle for \$1 Ticket. Need not be present to win.

Proceeds from this event will help us to support many charities, both locally and abroad. For more information, please call the parish office at (952) 473-1247 or check stgeorgelonglake.org



**THE CHRISTMAS CARING TREE WILL BE IN THE
Rush City Library**
November 21st– December 8th
Library hours are:
Tuesday, 10am-7pm
Wednesday, 10am-5pm
Thursday & Friday, 12noon-5pm
Saturday, 10am -1pm
PICK A TAG FROM THE TREE AND MAKE A CHILD HAPPY!



Thanksgiving Meals



The Rush City community organizations are offering Thanksgiving meals to those who are alone or in need of a meal. They will be delivered the morning of Thanksgiving, Nov 23. Please call 831-241-0031 or email ileneoh@gmail.com. Meals provided by Thrivent Financial, RC VFW, RC Lions, RC American Legion.

YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION

NO KIC CLASSES

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no KIC session on Wednesday, November 22.



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

A service trip is being planned at Feed My Starving Children in Coon Rapids on Saturday, January 6, 2024. This trip is required for 1st and 2nd year Confirmants, and optional for 6th - 8th grade KIC disciples. The bus will depart St. Gregory The Great Church at 8:00 a.m. and will return at noon. Permission forms are due in to the Faith Formation office at St. Gregory the Great Church by December 3.

Mass Intentions

Weekly Celebrants

Wednesday, November 22nd
9:00 am † The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, November 22nd
9:00 am | Sacred Heart| Fr. Chuck
9:00 am | St. Gregory| Fr. Nygaard

Sunday, November 26th
9:00 am † Michelle Stenger

Thursday, November 23rd
9:00 am | Sacred Heart| Fr. Chuck

Wednesday, November 29th
9:00 am † Parishioners

Sunday, November 26th
9:00 am | Sacred Heart| Fr. Matt
9:30 am | St. Gregory| Fr. Fitzgerald

Sunday, December 3rd
9:00 am † Elsie Moore

Wednesday, November 29th
9:00 am | Sacred Heart| Fr. Matt
6:30 pm | St. Gregory| Fr. Nygaard



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

Remember in our Prayers.....

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

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.

FOOD SHELF DONATIONS

Get more value for your donations by giving cash! Please note "Food Shelf" on your envelope. If you do donate food, please, no produce that can spoil. Thank you.