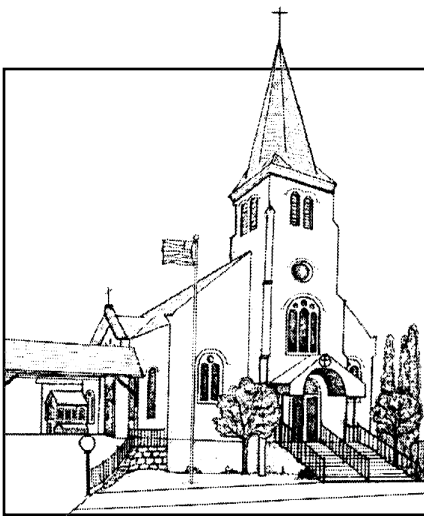




Sacred Heart

Catholic Church of
Rush City, MN

Celebrating & Sharing God's Love



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | 1-14-2024
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | 1-21-2024

ABOUT OUR PARISH

WEEKDAY/WEEKEND MASSES

Sunday 8:30 am

Wednesday 9:00 am

ADORATION

Every Wednesday after 9:00 am
Mass until Noon

RECONCILIATION

1st Sunday at 8:00 am

After mass on every Wednesday
or by appointment.

PASTOR

Fr. Matt Shireman

DEACON

Kevin Downie

ASSISTING PRIEST

Fr. Chuck Brambilla

Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

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Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
8:00 am. - 12:00 pm.

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MORE THAN COFFEE GROUPS

When I first started as Parochial Vicar (i.e. Assistant Pastor) at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and School in Hastings, I experienced something new for me. Many parishioners and other people in-town belonged to what were called "coffee groups." They were social groups most of which met weekly for coffee in different locations like coffee shops, bakeries, and even personal homes. Those small groups were people who shared life together.

Here in northern Chisago County, I have seen similar groups. At St. Gregory's, the coffee is always on for the "Coffee Boys"--an informal group of men (and women) who gather together in the Hall for coffee Mondays through Fridays from 8 to 10 a.m. (they always have an extra cup of coffee waiting for you). Up in Rush City, I will probably start heading back to the Rush City Bakery for the coffee-and-donut special after I finish my Christmas cookies, but I typically run into parishioners there having their own coffee group.

As you probably have heard by now, small groups will be launching at the parish on February 14th (Ash Wednesday)--one month from this bulletin! Our small group leaders have been receiving training at least since September to prepare for this launch. This month they are getting a trial run of being in this particular type of small group (called "PECS"). One element of the PECS small group is a 15-minute teaching on some component of the faith. As the small groups start in Lent, the topic chosen by the small group leaders will likely be either prayer or the Eucharist.

The weekend of January 20-21, the parish's Executive Cell Team (ECT) and I will be inviting all parishioners to join a PECS small group for this Lent. Although there is no long-term requirement for staying in the small group that someone joins, I would hope that you could commit to at least the duration of Lent to try it out. As a reminder, Archbishop Hebda's long-term hope is that every Catholic in the Archdiocese would belong to a small group due to the fact that it is in a small group where we best walk in faith together--something more than what most coffee groups typically offer.

There will be small groups of different types--men, women, coed--meeting at different times and locations (including some in homes) throughout a given week. On the Small Group Invitation Weekend, we will have the details of the options for small groups. The team will take down information for anybody who does decide to give the small groups a try, and we will work with you to find one that is a good fit given your preferences. There will also be a website that will summarize all of the small groups, although that will be made public when the time is right.

Thank you for considering joining a small group. May the Lord bless you whatever you decide at this time!

~Fr. Matt Shireman



Remember in our Prayers.....

Pat Mihm, 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, Betty Anderson Schlipp, Steve Yurick

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.

Parish/Community News



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 Charities Food Distribution

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



Do not miss out on the new Child and Working Family Tax Credits!

Even if you are not required to file Minnesota income tax returns, you can still file to claim valuable state tax benefits. The Working Family Credit and Child Tax Credits deliver tax relief to individuals whose income is below a certain level. Both credits are refundable, meaning you can receive a refund even if you do not owe taxes. **Please see the bulletin board for more details** of "What is the Child Tax Credit", "What is the Working Family Credit"? www.FamiliesFirstProject.com/CTC



"Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered."
- Jesus (Luke 12:7)

Protect the Priceless Sanctity of Human Life

Options for Women Chicago County depends on the generosity of our community members to fulfill our mission. We are always grateful for your prayers, financial contribution & volunteer support.



CHICAGO COUNTY

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www.optionsforwomen.org
info@optionsforwomen.org 651-674-1121

The 2nd Collection on January 27/28 will go to support Options for Women Pregnancy PRC, NB.

As we are called to pray for the legal protection of the unborn on Monday, January 22nd, please watch this video and consider how you can help Options for



Women celebrate life in 2024.

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.

*Pope Saint John Paul II
Evangelium vitae*

Contact Fr. Matt by email fathermatt@stgregorynb.org for more information or questions about any of these events.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible study with Father Matt will meet each Friday after 8:30am Mass in the Romero House. However, Bible Study is cancelled for January 19.



CATHOLIC WATCHMEN

The next gathering of the Catholic Watchmen will on February 1st at 7:00 p.m. in St. Gregory's Parish Hall.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

All high school youth of St. Gregory's and Sacred Heart are invited to the next Youth Group gathering on Sunday, January 28, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in St. Gregory's Romero House (6385 Maple St., North Branch). Permission slips can be obtained through the Faith



SMALL GROUPS IN LENT: COME AND SEE!

Have you heard about Archbishop Hebda's call to join a small group this Lent, but you're not sure what that means for you? Come and See!!



Next weekend (January 20-21) at all Masses, we will be sharing what small group options will be available at our parish and how you can sign



Lenten season is approaching! After much consideration a decision has been made to suspend the Fish Fry for 2024 and replace it with a Lenten Supper serving Soup and bread each Friday, starting February 16th and continue for 6 weeks until Friday, March 22.

We need your help by signing up as a volunteer. We will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, January 25th at 6pm in Wey Hall. Following dinner, a brief meeting will be held to discuss duties, schedules, and instructions.

YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION

FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturday, January 27 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Gregory the Great Church for children who have been preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

EXTREME FAITH CAMP JULY 22-26

Youth of our parish have a new and exciting opportunity to attend Extreme Faith Camp 2024 at Trinity Woods in Trego, WI July 22-26 (travel times TBD). Participants include incoming 6-8th Grade (as campers), 9-10th Grade (Prayer Team), and 11-12th grade (Extreme Team) - (*grade as of 2024/25 school year).

We have 15 spots reserved, but can take more if spots are available. Registration has opened, and forms will be coming soon. Don't delay if your child is serious about going!

Cost: \$525 until March 15th, then it will increase. A \$100 deposit is due with each registration form and will go towards the total cost. All youth who commit to going will be asked to participate in fundraising to help with the cost. Fundraising events are planned. Contact Liz Long if you are interested.



Mass Intentions

Weekly Celebrants

Wednesday, January 17th

9:00 am † Richard & Marcella Kamen

Wednesday, January 17th

9:00 am | Sacred Heart| Fr. Chuck
9:00 am | St. Gregory| Dn. Kevin-CS

Sunday, January 21st

8:30 am † Parishioners

Sunday, January 21st

8:30 am | Sacred Heart| Fr. Matt
10:30 am | St. Gregory| Fr. Matt

Wednesday, January 24th

9:00 am † Open

Wednesday, January 24th

9:00 am | Sacred Heart| Fr. Matt
9:00 am | St. Gregory| Dn. Kevin-CS

Sunday, January 28th

8:30 am † Open

Sunday, January 28th

8:30 am | Sacred Heart| Fr. Matt w/Dn. Kevin
10:30 am | St. Gregory| Fr. Matt w/Dn. Kevin

