



# Church of the Sacred Heart

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## Celebrating & Sharing God's Love

### 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

### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

8:00 am. - 12:00 pm.

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Second Sunday of Lent | 2~25~2024

Third Sunday of Lent | 3~3~2024

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

## NEW APPOINTMENT

In the February 8th edition of The Catholic Spirit, you may have seen that I received an additional appointment from Archbishop Hebda—chaplain for Twin Cities Retrouvaille (TCR). If you have never heard of the ministry, the word 'Retrouvaille' is French for 're-discover.' The ministry is for couples who find their marriage in crisis; thus the need for the couple to re-discover their original love (for more information, see [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org)).

I first became familiar with Retrouvaille through my parents. When I was in 4th grade, their marriage was heading towards a divorce. Things were still looking rather bleak when they attended their Retrouvaille weekend. Over those few days, they learned a tool called dialoguing which allowed them to share their feelings in a non-judgemental way. Their relationship started to improve slowly. After the weekend, they also participated in the Post sessions and then joined a CORE group (CORE stands for 'Continuing Our Retrouvaille Experience') at St. George in Long Lake (where Fr. Shane now serves). Eventually they joined the TCR Board; they served on it for many years.

One weekend a few years ago, I was able to shadow a priest chaplain on one of the Retrouvaille weekends. The priest celebrated Mass with the team of volunteers on Friday afternoon, gave some talks throughout the weekend, heard Confessions on Saturday evening, and said Mass for the whole group on Sunday.

My exact duties on the TCR Board are still being worked out. The Board is used to having a retired priest as their chaplain, so the fact that I am pastor of 2 parishes will limit my involvement. For example, I am hesitant to regularly (even annually) take a weekend off from the parishes to help out with one of the weekend experiences. Essentially though, my involvement on the Board will be to work with others in the Archdiocese to help spread the word of Retrouvaille so that as many people as possible can try this "lifeline" for their marriage.

I will conclude this article by stating that if your marriage (or the marriage of someone you know) has reached a point where things are regularly getting worse, then I encourage you to take a look at Retrouvaille as it has changed lives. The weekend experiences (or retreats) are held six times a year at a hotel in Eagan. To find information on the weekend experiences, check out [tcr-mn.org](http://tcr-mn.org).

Fr. Matt Shireman



### Remember in our Prayers.....

Fran Michnowski, 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, Mary Jane Dahl, Jim Brenna, Shari Lehmann, Bobbi Corwin

*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.

### Small Groups Update



*Most of the small groups have had their first meetings, but there is still time to join. Contact Father Matt to sign up: 320-358-4370 or [fathermatt@stgregorynb.org](mailto:fathermatt@stgregorynb.org)*

*Below are the initial set of groups:*

**Sundays from 9:45-11:15 a.m.** at the Parish House, Gary & Kristie Frazier and Jeanne Kay

**Mondays from 6-7:30 p.m.** at Wayne & Elizabeth Herberg's house

**Wednesdays from 10-11:30 a.m.** at Rushseba Senior Living Center, Sandy Pelant

**Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m.** at the Parish House, Connie Blomquist

**Fridays from 5-6:30 p.m.** at the Parish House, David Prickett

## Parish/Community News

### Catholic Charities Food Distribution

The next food distribution of frozen meals for seniors 60 and older will be on **Tuesday, March 19th from 11:00am-12:00 pm**. Meals are available in quantities of 20 per calendar month.

St. Bridget of Sweden, Lindstrom -**All-U-Can Eat FISH FRY!** Fridays during Lent from 5pm-7pm, Feb. 16th-March 22nd. See flyers for more details.

### FISH FRY AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Trinity Lutheran of North Branch will have their annual **ALL-U-Can Eat-Fish Fry** every Friday in Lent, 5:00-7:00 p.m.



Join the Minnesota Catholic Conference Staff for First Fridays of the month starting March (3/1/24) for any amount of time from 9

A.M. - 4 P.M through May in the Governor's Dining Room (B420), located on the basement level of the Minnesota State Capitol. Scan barcode for more details.



### Knights of Columbus Fish Sandwich Dinner & Ham BINGO!

Head down to St. Gregory's in North Branch for a Fish sandwich, while you are there try your luck at BINGO! Friday, March 22nd, dinner (\$6) starts

at 6pm and Bingo, 7:30pm.

*Raffle for a Big Ham Dinner with all the fixings.*

Contact Fr. Matt by email [fathermatt@stgregorynb.org](mailto: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.

### CATHOLIC WATCHMEN

The next gathering of the Catholic Watchmen will on March 7th 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, March 10th. The group will meet from 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 Formation Office.

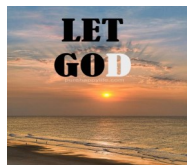


### PRAYER - FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

#### Prayer of Surrender

Dear Lord,

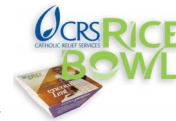
Help me to place You in the center of my plans for the future, my dreams for my life, my goals for the time ahead. Be my God and my guide. Amen.



## YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION

### LENTEN PROJECT

The disciples in grades 1-8 are invited to participate in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl project for Lent. Information will be coming home with the students. For additional info visit [www.crsricebowl.org/](http://www.crsricebowl.org/)



The First Communion Workshop for parents and their child preparing to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion will be on **Saturday, March 9 at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon** at St. Gregory the Great Church.

### LENTEN 2024

This year, Lenten Season is February 14th - March 28th. Mark your calendars for these important Lenten Activities.

### Lenten Suppers

Every Friday at 6pm in Wey Hall



### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday night at 7pm following the 6pm Lenten Supper

### Sacred Heart Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday - March 24 - 8:30am  
Holy Thursday - March 28 - 7:00pm  
Good Friday - March 29 - 7:00pm  
Holy Saturday - March 30 - 8:00pm  
Easter Sunday - March 31 - 8:30am



### Mass Intentions

### Weekly Celebrants

#### Wednesday, Feb. 28th

9:00 am | Mary Jo Stathes 75th Birthday

#### Wednesday, February 28th

9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt  
5:00 pm | St. Gregory | Fr. Matt

#### Sunday, March 3rd

8:30 am † Elsie Moore

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

#### Wednesday, March 6th

9:00 am † Parishioners

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9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt  
5:00 pm | St. Gregory | Fr. Matt

#### Sunday, March 10th

8:30 am † Paul & Elenor Chapechi

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### 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.



### Volunteers Needed!

We need your help to serve our Faith Formation classes. We are currently in the need of substitute teachers. If you are interested please contact the Parish office @ 320-358-4370