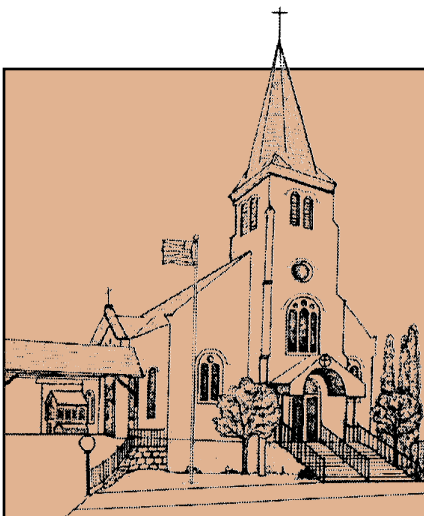




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Celebrating & Sharing God's Love

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

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Fr. Chuck Brambilla

Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LIGHT CAME INTO THE WORLD.

— JOHN 3:19 —



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Fourth Sunday of Lent | 3-10-2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent | 3-17-2024

JESUS' KINGLY OFFICE

I have begun saying that I have been at the parishes for “almost two years.” Going from Parochial Vicar (essentially Assistant Pastor) to Pastor is a bigger jump than going from Transitional Deacon to Priest. As a Parochial Vicar, I could focus on priestly ministry—learning to say Mass in a way that lifts people towards Heaven, getting comfortable as a confessor, and giving the Anointing of the Sick and Last Rites to those who were dying. St. Stephen’s (Anoka) and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Hastings) had parochial schools, so I was able to focus on teaching and making classroom visits. When a man discerns a call to priesthood, he easily thinks of preaching and teaching—what are sometimes called the Priestly and Prophetic offices of Jesus. Most priests would say that the Kingly office—essentially referring to administration—is not something that they look forward to doing. Yet it is a very necessary part of parish ministry, especially in the 21st Century.

Although the administrative tasks are not something that I particularly dread, there are certainly a lot of “first time” experiences as Pastor that continue to keep me on my toes. I am essentially running two small businesses. Supervising staff and leading staff meetings are duties of being a Pastor that I had to learn (and continue to grow into) along the way. Each parish has its own “character” including events, parishioner make-up, financial characteristics, ways of publicizing events, etc. Sometimes I can bring what I have tried at one parish to the other one.

All that being said, I want to update you on a few matters specific to Sacred Heart. The first involves parish leadership. I am grateful to Kevin Smith for accepting an appointment as our newest trustee of the parish. It is a 2-year term that can be renewed for additional term (s). The 2 parish trustees (Al Walz is the other one) assist the Pastor in providing assistance (especially related to fiduciary matters) to the Archdiocese. The 5-person Corporate Board includes the Pastor, the 2 Trustees, Archbishop Hebda, and a Vicar General (currently filled by Bishop Izen); all 5 must be in agreement with any major decision. I would also like to thank David Prickett for his many years of service as a Trustee; he will continue helping in various ways, including on the Finance Council.

Another important update for the parish comes in the way of Accounting. After agreement from the Finance Council, Sacred Heart officially started a contract on March 1st with the Archdiocese’s Parish Accounting Services Center (PASC). A licensed accountant has been assigned to Sacred Heart (along with other parishes) to help services related to end-of-the-month and end-of-the-year reporting. For example, each parish is required to submit an annual financial report to the Archdiocese; at this point, we are already several months late on our submission. The extra costs of the PASC services will be offset by lessening hours of Steve. Steve will still do many of his existing tasks, such as cutting checks and assisting with obtaining bids on future campus projects including the south stairway to Wey Hall and repaving the ramp.

As always, the staff, the lay leaders, and I welcome any questions or comments on anything related to the parish. Please keep everyone in prayers so that we can continue to most effectively carry out our mission of sharing God’s love in the Rush City area.

-Father Matt

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, Cel Shinler

Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen!

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

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 & Jan Walz

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.



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.**

Living Stations: On March 20, Living Stations of the Cross will be performed by the youth participants at 6:30pm at St. Gregory's.

March 10th we observe **Global Solidarity Sunday** with the theme "For God so loved the world..." (Jn 3:16). This theme invites everyone to reach out, around the world, to share the love of Jesus Christ with those who hunger and thirst for God's mercy, love, and healing. We are called to share gifts of financial support, an expression of Lenten almsgiving, by contributing to this collection for four global initiatives. We ask you to be as generous as possible in sharing God's love for your brothers and sisters around the world. Envelopes are in the pews. Thank you.



YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION



SPRING BREAK

There will be no Wednesday evening classes on March 13. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable spring break!

CATECHIST GATHERING

The mid-year Catechist Gathering will meet on Wednesday, March 13 at St. Gregory the Great Church. Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. and the Catechist Gathering will be at 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. We look forward to gathering together again to discuss the Faith Formation program year.



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

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



Jesus reminds us that the grain of wheat can never realize its potential without sacrifice.

God has a plan for each one of us. May He give you strength to become who you were born to be.

LENTEN 2024

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



Every Friday at 6pm in Wey Hall

Stations of the Cross

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

March 29, 3:00pm..walking Stations, meet at St. John's Lutheran church in Stacy.

Triduum/Easter Schedule

March 26, 5:30-7:30pm-Reconciliation-Fr. Matt

Palm Sunday Mass - March 24 -8:30am

Holy Thursday Mass - March 28 -7:00pm

Good Friday Mass - March 29 -7:00pm

Holy Saturday /Easter Vigil Mass - March 30 -8:00pm

Easter Sunday w/Renewal of Baptismal Vows - March 31 -8:30am



The Three Great Days

Mass Intentions

Weekly Celebrants

Wednesday, March 13th

9:00 am † James Hjelm

Wednesday, March 13th

9:00 am | Sacred Heart| Fr. Matt

5:00 pm | St. Gregory| Fr. Matt

Sunday, March 17th

8:30 am † Fr. Ralph Haur

Sunday, March 17th

8:30 am | Sacred Heart| Fr. Fitzgerald

w/Dn. Kevin

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

Wednesday, March 20th

9:00 am † Richard & Marcella

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Wednesday, March 20th

9:00 am | Sacred Heart| Fr. Matt

5:00 pm | St. Gregory| Fr. Matt

Palm Sunday, March 24th

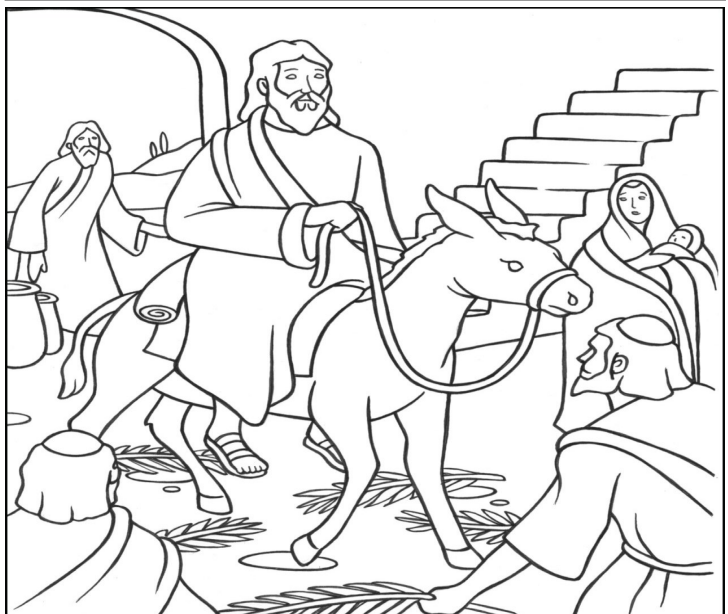
8:30 am † Ricky Lehman

Palm Sunday, March 24th

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

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

Kevin



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