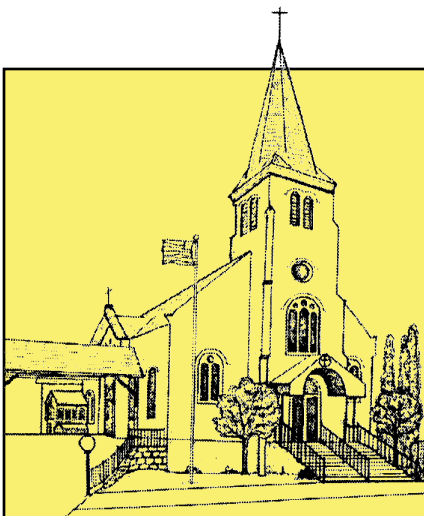




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Celebrating & Sharing God's Love

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

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Fr. Chuck Brambilla

Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

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Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

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Palm Sunday | 3-24-2024

Easter Sunday | 3-31-2024

WALK WITH JESUS IN HOLY WEEK

Holy Week began today with Palm Sunday (also called Passion Sunday). Whether or not you have watched the online series "The Chosen," you may be interested to hear that the end of the current season (Season 4) involves the Jews preparing to welcome Jesus with palms on Palm Sunday. Unfortunately, streaming of Season 4 has been delayed due to legal issues; seasons 1-3 can be streamed online (angel.com/watch/the-chosen) or on YouTube.



To use a saying from my theme park hobby, Jerusalem during the original Holy Week was a bit of a roller coaster ride. Jesus went from being publicly honored on Palm Sunday to privately teaching the Apostles at the Last Supper on Holy Thursday to privately being betrayed by Judas that night to publically being condemned and crucified on Good Friday. The Church's liturgies highlight these changing emotions sometimes even in the same service (for example Palm Sunday includes the reading of the passion). With all that being said, I invite you to walk with Jesus through Holy Week.

In lieu of morning Mass, there will be 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Gregory's on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Jesus, as a pious Jew would have prayed the Psalms twice publically each day.

On Holy Thursday, Jesus celebrated the Passover with his Apostles. It was also different from other Passovers, because he instituted a new covenant—the Eucharist, which would be a perpetual memorial of his death and resurrection. At the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we reflect on Jesus' words and actions focused on love, such as the washing of the feet of the Disciples. At the end of the Mass, we move right into a Eucharistic procession followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament late into the night. This is where we "keep watch" with our Lord just as Peter, James, and John attempted to do.

Jesus was in prison at the start of Good Friday. After getting bounced around a bit, Pontius Pilate fails to do the right thing—release the non-criminal Jesus. Instead, he gives into the mob mentality and forces Jesus to be crucified. The Church commemorates our savior dying in the Passion of the Lord services in the evening. There will also be opportunities for Stations of the Cross—noon at Sacred Heart and 3 pm Walking Stations of the Cross starting at St. John's Lutheran in Stacy (note: the Stations will only be canceled due to inclement weather). Those who joined me last year in walking the streets in Harris seemed to appreciate this public witness of our faith. Like last year, we will walk a block or so (singing along the way) and then say a station.

In some parts of the world (like my parish near Cleveland, OH prior to seminary), it is custom to have the blessing of Easter foods on Holy Saturday. The day is marked by a vigilance—waiting with Mary for Jesus to rise from the dead. The Easter Vigil Mass begins after sundown (this year, both St. Gregory's and Sacred Heart's are at 8:00 p.m.) so that the church can start in darkness. At the Easter Masses—whether at the Vigil or on Easter morning (after Jesus' triumphant rising from the dead)—the triumphant Alleluia is sung once again and the faithful are reminded of their baptismal promises and sprinkled with holy water.

To get the most out of Holy Week and ultimately our Easter celebration, I invite you to come walk with Jesus in that week that changed the world. Have a blessed Easter!

~ 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, Mary Jane Dahl, Jim Brenna, Shari Lehmann, Bobbi Corwin

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



Small Groups are Open to All Adults. Similar to many parishes in the Archdiocese, Sacred Heart launched small group ministry at the start of Lent. These small groups (which include co-ed as well as ones specifically for women) continue to welcome new participants, even on a trial basis. The groups will be starting new content in the Easter season, so it's a great time to consider joining. For more information on the groups, contact Fr. Matt (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, April 16th from 11:00am-12:00 pm**. Meals are available in quantities of 20 per calendar month.

Divine Mercy Devotions

The Church of St. Joseph (490 Bench St., Taylors Falls) is having Divine Mercy devotions on Sunday, April 7 with Eucharistic Adoration and confessions from 1:30pm-3:00pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited at 3:00pm followed by Eucharistic Benediction.

Retrouvaille: Help for Struggling Marriages

Is your marriage struggling? Retrouvaille is a lifeline for troubled marriages. Since 1977, over 40,000 marriages saved worldwide. Couples learn the tools to rediscover each other and heal their marriage. 100% confidential. Go to the website for more information on dates and cost. <https://www.archspm.org/retrouvaille-help-for-struggling-marriages/>



The Collection on Good Friday will be for the Church in the Holy Land. Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them from the Holy Places, but above all those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works for the local communities. Thank you for your kindness.



Solemnity of the Annunciation has been transferred this year to **Monday, April 8th**. Although it's not a Holy Day of Obligation, there will be **Mass at 7 p.m. here at Sacred Heart**.



Saturday, April 13th from 5pm-7pm, **The First Evangelical Lutheran Church of RC** will be serving a Spaghetti dinner. Adults \$10 and 12 & under are free.

The next **Parish council** meeting is Tuesday, April 9th at 7pm.



YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION

No Faith Formation Classes— Holy Week

There will be no Faith Formation classes on Wednesday, March 27th for Holy Week. Will resume on Wednesday, April 3rd.

Have a Wonderful and Blessed Easter!

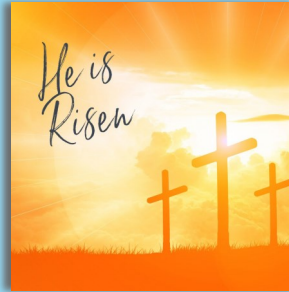
Mass Intentions

Wednesday, March 27th
9:00 am † Parishioners

Sunday, March 31st
8:30 am † Frank Deutsch

Wednesday, April 3rd
9:00 am † Barb Nelson

Sunday, April 7th
8:30 am † Elsie Moore



Weekly Celebrants

Wednesday, March 27th
9:00 am | Sacred Heart| Fr. Matt
5:00 pm | St. Gregory| Fr. Matt

Holy Thursday, March 28th
7:00 pm | Sacred Heart| Fr. Chuck
7:30 pm | St. Gregory| Fr. Matt

Good Friday, March 29th
7:00 pm| Sacred Heart| Fr. Chuck
7:30 pm| St. Gregory| Fr. Matt

Holy Saturday, March 30th
8:00 pm| Sacred Heart| Fr. Chuck
8:00 pm| St. Gregory| Fr. Matt

Easter Sunday, March 31st
8:30 am| Sacred Heart| Fr. Matt
10:30 am| St. Gregory| Fr. Fitzgerald

Wednesday, April 3rd
9:00 am | Sacred Heart| Fr. Matt
5:00 pm | St. Gregory| Fr. Matt

Sunday, April 7th
8:30 am | Sacred Heart| Fr. Matt w/ Dn. Kevin
10:30 am | St. Gregory| Fr. Chuck w/Dn. Kevin



†CECILIA SHINLER

†CARY KOEHNLE

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace.
Amen.

AN EASTER PROCLAMATION

The hosts of heaven exult and sing aloud in mighty triumph!
Let the earth be glad as glory alights and night reigns no more.
Let the Church rejoice at the victory of her Lord and Master,

Who paid the debt of Adam,
Who frees those doomed to die,

Who heals the broken-hearted and bind up their wounds,
Who forgives the sinner and raises up the lowly,

Who destroys death forever,
Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

God our Father, eternal is your love for us!
Christ the Son, in victory you reign!

Holy Spirit, set the Easter fire ablaze in our hearts.

Together you live and reign and ransom your people,
one God forever and ever.
Amen.



WELCOME! Welcome to Sacred Heart Catholic Church! We're so glad you're here. Thanks for joining us for Mass today. If you are just visiting, please know that you are always welcome! If you regularly attend Mass at Sacred Heart but have not filled out a registration form, we encourage you to complete one and become a parish member. You can complete your registration in the parish office.

OUR MISSION: Sacred Heart parish is a community of Catholic Christian believers, established by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. We strive to grow in holiness through prayer, celebration of the Eucharist and other sacraments, and reflection on the scriptures. We work hard to build the kingdom of God through evangelization, catechesis and service for all.