

Church of the Sacred Heart

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WELCOME VISITORS! TO SACRED HEART

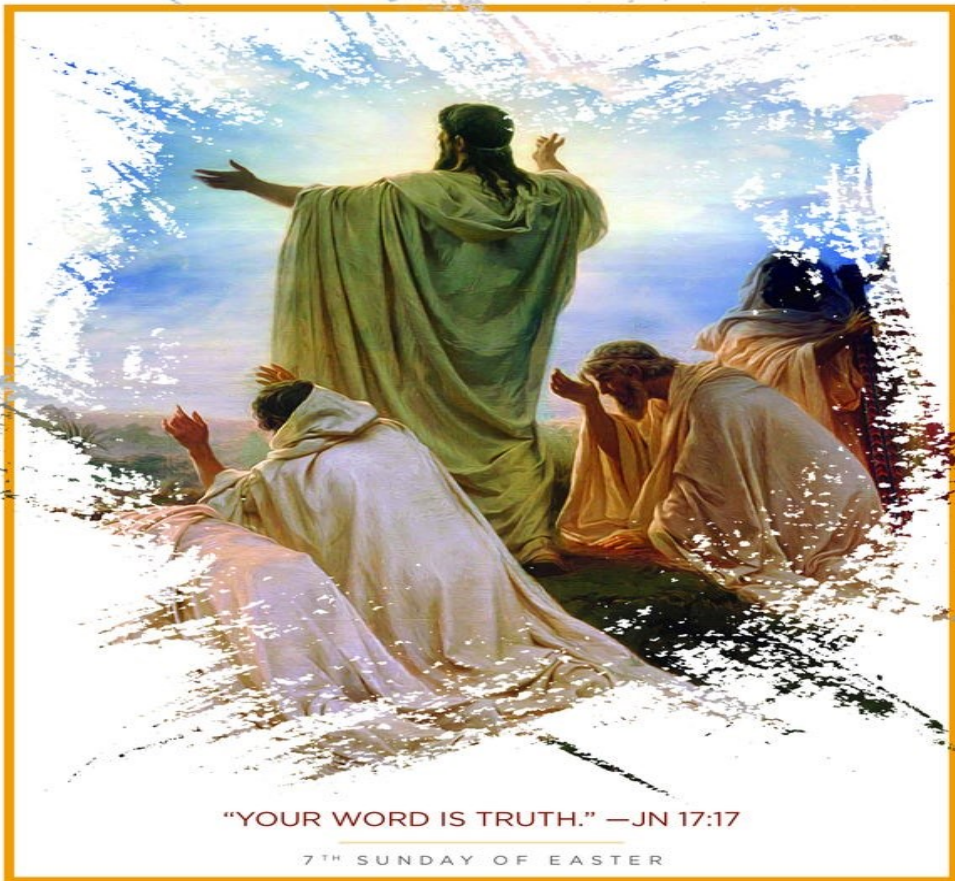
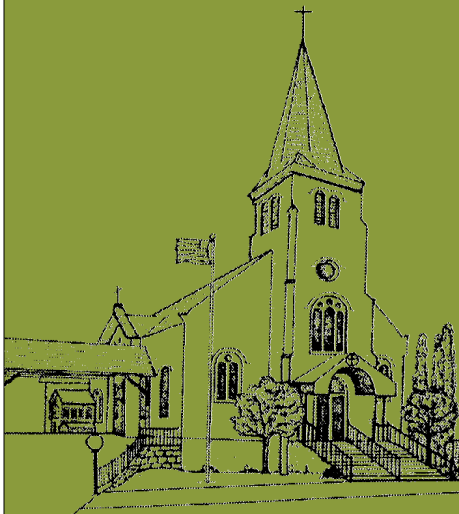
If you are visiting Sacred Heart for the first time today, we would like to say **WELCOME!** Maybe you've been away for while or just passing through. Either way we would like for you to feel at home here. If you would like to join our Parish family we would be honored to have you as a member. Please feel free to call the Parish office if you have any questions or would like to join the parish. We would like to help in anyway!

OFFICE HOURS

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

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.



"YOUR WORD IS TRUTH." —JN 17:17

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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FOCUS ON THE MASS (2024-2025)

On April 26th, Deacon Kevin, some parishioners, and I attended the Archdiocesan Year 2 Rollout. As a reminder, the Archdiocesan Synod Assembly occurred the weekend of Pentecost in 2022. Archbishop Hebda released his Synod Pastoral Letter "You Will Be My Witnesses" in November 2022. It named Archdiocesan priorities for the first three years of the synod's implementation: launch of Small Group ministry (current year--began July 2023), the Mass and the Eucharist (begins July 2024), and Parents as Primary Educators (begins July 2025). Each year builds upon what has taken place up to that point; for example, we will look to continue and multiply Small Groups in Year 2, although a significant amount of their content will be on the Mass/Eucharist.

On the large scale, there are presentations, liturgies, and Holy Hours being planned that give focus to the most perfect prayer--the Mass. Consider participating in one of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage processions in St. Paul and Mora planned later this month (see elsewhere in the bulletin for more information). Those who have major roles in Sunday Mass--priests, deacons, accompanists, cantors, sacristans, and extraordinary ministers as well as perhaps lectors and ushers will be invited to a seminar called "The Art of Celebration" about how to best celebrate Holy Mass. All the faithful will be invited to a special presentation in the fall on how the Mass is an essential part of God's plan for salvation. There will also be presentations on how to pray the Liturgy of the Hours, Art in the Church, and Icons. A special Holy Hour will be held each month at different parishes in the Archdiocese, so there will be one that is at least somewhat close to us.

At the parish level in Year 2, activities will begin to get planned when I sit down with SET (Synod Evangelization Team) in the next few months. One thing that we will probably plan is a "Teaching Mass"--not a Mass but a teaching opportunity to pause and teach about all the various prayers and rituals that are found in the Mass. The end of the year (June 22, 2025) will include a Eucharistic procession at Corpus Christi Mass. On a related note, although I believe we do a pretty good job of welcoming visitors and new people, the staff, the SET, and I will also brainstorm how we can offer what the Archdiocese would like to call "radical hospitality" at Mass.

It is my prayer and hope that everyone will come away from this upcoming year with more knowledge and love of the Mass. Even if you just passively receive the things that are shared in homilies and bulletin articles, you will certainly benefit. However, I would challenge you to take an active role in the year. Give ideas you have to focus on the Eucharist to me, Deacon Kevin, or the rest of the SET. Plan to attend the special events that will be planned. Join one of the existing small groups. Learn about the Eucharist in the Catechism, the National Eucharistic Congress videos, or in books like *The Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*.

May our Eucharistic Lord richly bless you with His Love.



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.

COMMUNION VISITS

Are you or someone you know homebound and desiring to receive Holy Communion? Or in need of Confession or the Anointing of the Sick (which is not just for people who are actively dying)? Let the Church come to you! 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. For more information on the groups, contact Fr. Matt (fathermatt@stgregorynb.org).

Below are the 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, May 21st from 11:00am-12:00 pm**. Meals are available in quantities of 20 per calendar month.

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/>



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Source and Summit Eucharistic Procession

Monday, May 27, 12:45-4 p.m., The Saint Paul Seminary to the Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be traveling through the Archdiocese from May 24-31. A flagship portion of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage's Marian route, the Source and Summit Eucharistic Procession will follow Christ through the heart of St. Paul, from The Saint Paul Seminary to the Cathedral of St. Paul. **There will be a group leaving at 11:00 a.m. from St. Gregory's that day; call the St. Gregory office (651-674-4056) for more information.**

One event that may be closer occurs on Wednesday, May 22nd in Mora, MN. The details for the dinner and Eucharistic procession can be found here: <https://events.blackthorn.io/en/DnDCa1K7/g/marian/marian-route-diocese-of-st-cloud-4a2PUa2Dyr/overview>

There will be a group leaving at 2:45 p.m. from Sacred Heart that day; call the Sacred Heart office (320-358-4370) for more information.



St. Gregory the Great in North Branch, MN is hiring for a Director of Faith Formation. Our youth program, Kids In Christ (KIC), currently teaches children 1st through 8th grade, but is expanding to include Pre-K and Kindergarten children. In collaboration with Fr. Matt Shireman, this person provides primary leadership for the design and implementation of the KIC program, including Sacramental Preparation. This is a part-time position (26 hrs/wk), which could start as early as May 2024, but with a flexible start date through Summer 2024. Please send resumes and questions to: info@stgregorynb.org

OPTIONS FOR WOMEN JOB OPPORTUNITY



Are you passionate about making a difference in the lives of women facing unexpected pregnancies? We are seeking an Executive Director for the North Branch location who will oversee the daily operations, establish goals and policies in cooperation with the Board of Directors, provide guidance to the team, and represent the organization to stakeholders and the public. Interested candidates should submit their resume to Ann Olson, Board President, in person at 6344 Elm St. or by mail at PO Box 516, North Branch, Mn 55056. Contact for more information: 651-674-2121, info@pregoptions.org.



YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION

Congratulations Emmett Thelander on your

First Holy Communion!

We pray that you will be forever blessed as you continue to trust in God and grow in his grace!



Congratulations Lukas Diedrich, Brayden Ertz and Katherine Heidelberger on your Sacrament of Confirmation! Please continue to pray for them as they continue on their faith journey.



Wishing you all a life full of faith and love, may you be blessed in all that you do.

CONFIRMATION BLESSING & CELEBRATION

The Confirmands will receive a special blessing during the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 19 at St. Gregory the Great Church followed by a reception in the parish hall. The parish is invited to join us in welcoming the newly confirmed.

Blessing of Mothers

During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:



God our heavenly Father,
you give to each the ability to share your generative love.
Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love
and bring forth life through their willingness
to risk bringing new life into this world.
Help us to show them our gratitude
for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love.
May our life-giving God continue to bless them
and show them his unfailing love.
We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and our brother.
Amen.

End Of Year Picnic



Faith Formation

Faith Formations will be finishing out the year together with a picnic on Wednesday, May 8th at 6pm. All Faith Formation families and parishioners are invited to attend. If you would like to donate a side food

item, please contact the church office at 340-358-4370. Thank you!

Live the Liturgy—Ascension of the Lord

Jesus was taken into Heaven, but the work he leaves us is here on earth. Here on earth, we must speak the truth in every language and confront evil wherever we find it. Here on earth, we must get to work — remembering always that we do not work alone.

