

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.



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue,
and many who heard him were astonished. - Mk 6:2

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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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YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST



In my May 5th article, I mentioned the theme for the upcoming year in the Archdiocese and at the parishes—the Mass and the Eucharist. That year officially begins July 1st (i.e. Monday), although full details will be given after the events have been planned. This Archdiocesan year is working in tandem with something happening at the national level—the National Eucharistic Congress. There will be great focus on our Lord at the Congress, which will bring 70,000 people to Indianapolis July 17-21. Even if you “bleed purple” like me, you may appreciate the fact that the Congress is being held at Lucas Oil Stadium, home of the NFL’s Colts.

Besides your commitment to worshiping Jesus at every Sunday and Holy Day Mass, the parish small groups will be the best opportunities to go deep on learning about the Mass. Now is a great time to join one of the already existing groups.

To the end of understanding all the different parts of the Mass, the SET (i.e. Evangelization and Discipleship) team and I will be developing some Teaching Masses for the upcoming year. These walks through the Mass will allow various groups, including our disciples in Faith Formation/KIC, to appreciate more everything that happens at Mass.

I previously mentioned that next year on the Feast of Corpus Christi (which falls on Sunday, June 22nd, 2025), we will plan to bring back a parish Eucharistic Procession. Weather permitting, we will take to the streets in the neighborhood surrounding the church after Mass to witness to our faith in our Lord present in the Eucharist.

Prayer for humans is like water for fish; it’s essential for thriving as a human! Thus, it is the role of the Church to teach people how to pray and specifically to pray like Jesus. As a faithful Jew, Jesus would go to Jerusalem for the 3 annual pilgrim feasts. On other Sabbaths, he would worship His Heavenly Father at a local synagogue. The other days of the year, he would have gone to the local synagogue to pray the Psalms at Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. This Jewish practice is the basis for the long-standing Catholic practice of praying the Liturgy of the Hours (sometimes called the Breviary). Pope Francis as well as all bishops, priests, deacons, and religious sisters and brothers are required to pray the Psalms (with a few other readings) several times a day (as many as 7 times a day for 5 to 15 minutes). Lay people also benefit from the prayers. To that end, Deacon Kevin will be leading the effort for parishioners to be taught (and then practice) praying the Liturgy of the Hours. If you are interested in seeing a typical Liturgy of the Hours outline, you may go to www.ibreviary.com or download the IBreviary TS Plus app.

Hopefully these details are starting to light a fire for learning more about our worship and prayer as Catholics this year. May God bring us closer to Jesus’ own Sacred Heart this year.

-Father Matt Shireman

PRAYER REQUESTS



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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.

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, Mari- anne Schmitz, Heidi Blatz, Gary Frazier, Shelly Repke, Betty Anderson Schlipp, Mary Jane Dahl, Jim Brenna, Steve Yurick, Mary Debevec

Father God, we lift up all those who re 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!

Small Groups Update

Small Groups are Open to All Adults

The parish 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:

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

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, July 3rd

9:00 am † Katherine Whitehurst

Sunday, July 7th

8:30 am † Elsie Moore

Wednesday, July 10th

9:00 am † Fran Reding

Sunday, July 14th

8:30 am † Michelle Stenger



Weekly Celebrants

Wednesday, July 3rd

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

Sunday, July 7th

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

Wednesday, July 10th

9:00 am | Sacred Heart| Dn. Kevin- Word & Communion
5:00 pm | St. Gregory| Canceled

Sunday, July 14th

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

Parish/Community News



Pints with Padre

The next event will be Tuesday, July 2, 6:30-8:00pm at The Fuse (44015 Forest Blvd, Harris)

This once a month Summer event is a chance to socialize with Fr. Matt and fellow parishioners. All adults of Sacred Heart and St. Gregory's are invited to attend. The purpose of each evening would be mainly social, with a short talk by Fr. Matt, some Q&A and more socializing with your drink of choice.

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

The next food distribution of frozen meals for seniors 60 and older will be on **Tuesday, July 16th from 11:00am-12:00 pm**. Meals are available in quantities of 20 per calendar month.



We are urgently looking for volunteers to help plan and organize meetings for the Fall Festival. As you know it takes time and commitment for us to put this together. If anyone would like to take the lead and head up this event, please contact the office **ASAP**.

Thank you!



Immaculate Conception Church in Pine City

will begin a renovation of the interior of their church starting Monday, July 1st through mid September. Please see our church bulletin boards for their Mass locations and times for adoration and confession.

Stewardship

God asks each of us to do some special work for Him, As His **Stewards** he gives us the resources we need to do His work. However, do we listen to God when He calls? Do we get up on our feet and use our talent to do the work He asks of us? Remember, God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called.

When we need physical rest, we sleep or take a nap. When we need emotional rest, we sometimes take a vacation. But how do we find spiritual rest? How do we discover Christ's peace as we grapple with the complex issues of life deep in our hearts? Good stewards find their rest in the Lord. Reflect this week on what you do to welcome the peace of Christ into your heart.

When we think of being good **Stewards**, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. Stewardship is about sharing one's gifts and blessings with the Church, and much more. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion of what He has already given to us.

In what ways does Christ's love touch others through your life of stewardship? We may say "**stewardship is a way of life,**" yet the message we share with people in our community may sound more like, "stewardship is about giving money to the Church." The reality is, the path of discipleship, lives through stewardship, leads each of us to grow in holiness. We may struggle to put this call into words, yet we know that living and growing as good stewards is a meaningful way to connect faith with daily life. This is a gift we must give one another.

The more we share this great call to live and grow as stewards in all of the aspects of our lives, the greater the likelihood that people of all ages and stages of life and faith will hear the call and enthusiastically respond to it. Let us pray that we generously live in Stewardship by using our God-given gifts to do the work God has placed us here on earth to do. ~ Deacon Jack McKenna



YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please mark your calendars now for VBS 2024 -SCUBA: Diving into Friendships with God, August 5th-9th, 5:00-8:00pm each night. An optional dinner will be available 4-4:45pm on class nights. This meal is free but pre-registration is required.



Registration now open for kids Preschool through grade 5

Please Registration by June 16th.

Late registrations may be accepted but t-shirts and other materials may not be guaranteed.

We are looking for teen and adult volunteers, plus donated or borrowed goods for this year.

Contact Liz Long for more information at liz@stgregorynb.org

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

We are actively planning for the upcoming Faith Formation year. Please watch for registration forms coming soon.



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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.

