

Church of the Sacred Heart

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7-14-2024

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WELCOME VISITORS! TO SACRED HEART

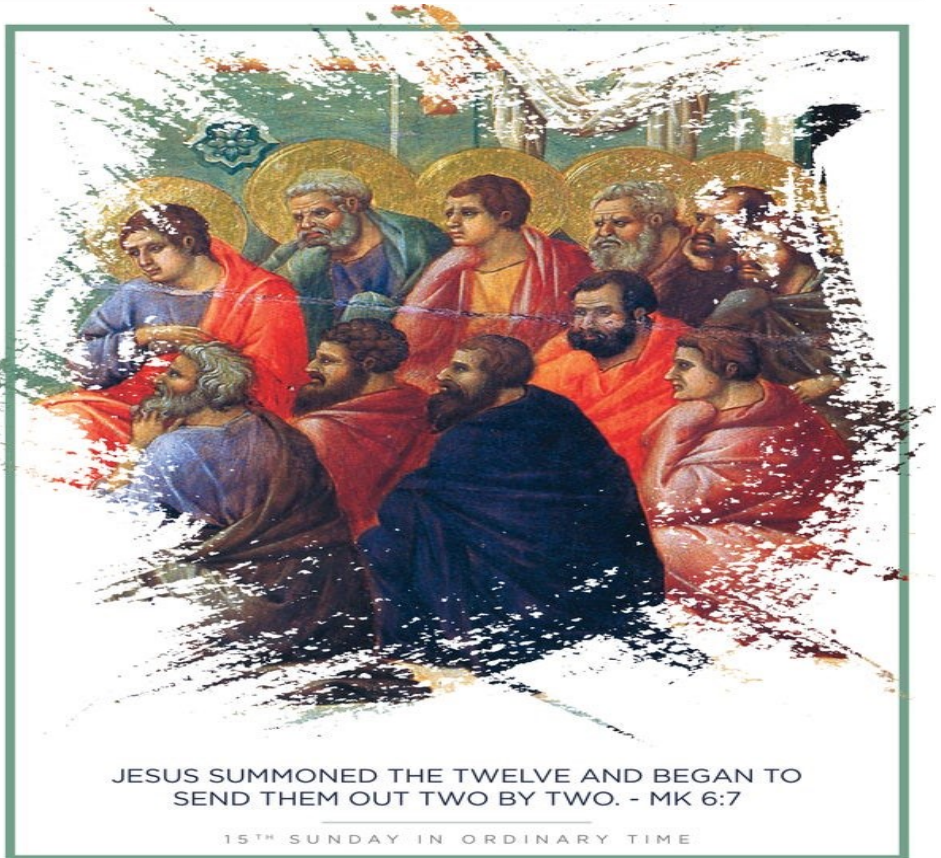
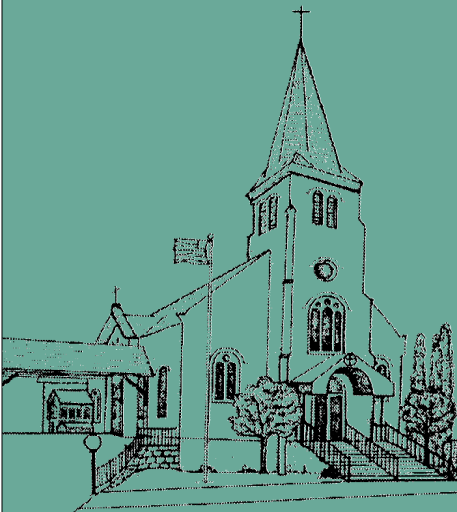
If you are visiting Sacred Heart for the first time today, we would like to say **WELCOME!** Maybe you've been away for while or just passing through. Either way we would like for you to feel at home here. If you would like to join our Parish family we would be honored to have you as a member. Please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



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

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MISSION TRIP REPORT + INVITATION

St. Gregory's and Sacred Heart parishes have had a long tradition of sending people on mission trips. This year's trip took a group of 8 of us to the Alive in You camp in Nashville, TN. It was my first time in Nashville, and it was a very good experience (although some thought it was rather hot).

Hopefully many of you were able to see the 2024 mission trip presentation at Coffee Sunday on July 14th. In case you missed it, I will summarize what our days looked like. We rented two vans to get to Nashville. Like many road trips, the riders had the opportunity to nap, read, watch movies, and pray the rosary. I offered Mass en route two of the days. Prior to checking into the Alive in You camp, our group headed to downtown Nashville to take in the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Alive in You is a Catholic mission trip organization that runs 4 camps each summer. They typically work with a parish school to host the hundreds of campers in the various classrooms (imagine a school like St. Peter's in Forest Lake hosting a group that size). Alive in You has their own staff that sets up the service locations, feeds the campers, and leads the music, games, and talks. The clergy there (myself included) lead the other campers with Mass each day (our Friday Mass was part of the National Eucharistic Procession), Eucharistic Adoration, and Reconciliation. For three days, we do service as parish groups. This year we worked at a rural animal shelter (the girls really loved that one!), a senior living facility, a couple of parishes with schools, and a small farm at a parochial school. On Saturday, we went to the Nashville Farmers Market before heading back to the camp for a keynote speaker and some breakout sessions. The camp ended on Sunday morning after watching a video of the week's highlights.

When we think of "Youth Ministry," our minds often go to Faith Formation. Faith Formation is essential; after all, its primary aim is to educate the youth. However, other types of Youth Ministry such as mission trips, a high school youth group, and Friday Fun Nights provide the fun—as well as the groundwork to make the decision to follow Christ for life. That is why it is worth saying: a mission trip can be life changing!

We are starting the planning and recruiting for next year's mission trip. We would like to open it up to those who are currently going into 7th through 12th grades. The tentative plans are to go to Alive in You's final camp that runs from July 8 to 13, 2025 (save the date!). This final camp is typically in the upper midwest (location to be determined in a few months), so the travel time will be a bit less than our recent trips. Other parishes may not make mission trips a priority (choosing to focus on other opportunities); however, between our parishes' tradition and the good I foresee coming from the mission trips, I would like us to focus on expanding our trips. If you have a youth in mind who would be interested in attending the 2025 mission trip, please let Vince (vince@stgregorynb) or me know.

~Fr. 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, Marianne Schmitz, Heidi Blatz, Gary Frazier, Shelly Repke, Betty Anderson Schlipp, Mary Jane Dahl, Jim Brenna, Steve Yurick, Mary Debevec, Jody Kliegle

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!

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 17th

9:00 am † Parishioners

Sunday, July 21st

8:30 am † Katherine Whitehurst

Wednesday, July 24th

9:00 am † Parishioners

Sunday, July 28th

8:30 am † Cel Shinler

Weekly Celebrants

Wednesday, July 17th

9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt

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

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8:30 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt

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Parish/Community News

SAVE
the
DATE

Fall Festival, September 15th, 2024

CHICKEN, RAFFLE, SILENT AUCTION, 50/50 WINE & SPIRITS

To help make this a success, more volunteers are needed.
A signup is in back of church. **THANK YOU!**



Pints with Padre

Thursday, August 1st, 6:30-8:00pm at The North Folk Winery (43150 Blackhawk Rd, Harris) will be the last of this summer social event with Fr. Matt.

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.



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.

The next **Finance Council Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, August 6th at 7pm in the Parish House.

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

Enrollment for Children's Faith Formation is now open for Grades 1 through 5 in preparation for initial Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.



There will be a parent meeting Sunday,
July 14th at 4pm in Wey Hall.

A Journey through the Catechism

JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATECHISM AS A STORY FROM BLESSING TO BLESSING

Applications are now being accepted for the Class of St. Maximilian Kolbe in the Catechetical Institute's popular two-year Pillars Program beginning this fall!



ART BY PACEM STUDIOS

- ◆ Monday Evenings 7-9pm
- ◆ Four 11-week modules following the 4 pillars
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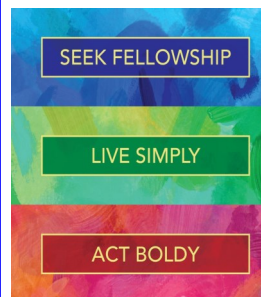
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SCAN FOR INFO AND APPLICATION

Gospel Meditation



Once I asked a fallen-away Catholic friend of mine what he remembered about the parish priest from his youth. He said, "He was a gentle, nice guy. Kind of vanilla. Kept to himself." It struck me that he, perhaps like many, perceive Catholic priests as the following: lonely, harmless, and self-sufficient. As a challenge both to this perception (accurate or not) and to us priests who perhaps feel a pull in that uninspiring direction, stands the

mighty image of what we see in the Gospel this Sunday.

Jesus sent out his apostles, **"two-by-two, with power over demons, and without money belts."** **Two-by-two:** they enjoyed deep fellowship and brotherhood. **Power over demons:** they were anything but harmless. These men wielded enormous power against evil. **Without money belts:** they were not self-sufficient. They needed others to help them. Not lonely, but in community. Not harmless but armed with massive spiritual energy. Not self-sufficient, but poor and in need of help.

This is a challenge to me, and perhaps to all of us, living in a rich, secularized, and individualized culture. Do I embrace my priestly ministry in deep fellowship with other priests? Do I speak and act boldly to drive out evil where it is found? Do I live poorly and simply, trusting in the help of those around me even for basic needs? The fruitfulness of priestly ministry largely depends on these three traits. Let's pray for all priests — and, by extension, all of us Christians — to live more like Jesus' communal, poor, and powerful apostles.

— Father John Muir