

Church of the Sacred Heart

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WELCOME VISITORS! TO SACRED HEART

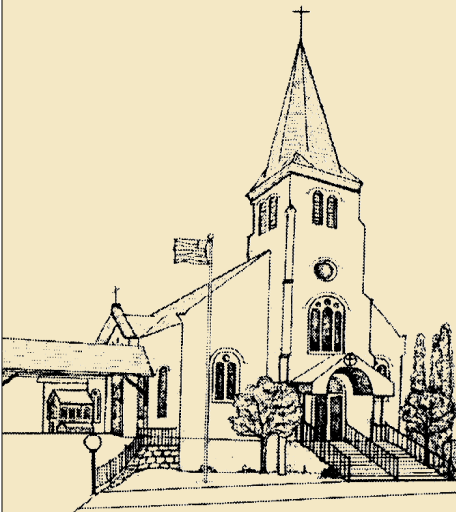
If you are visiting Sacred Heart for the first time today, we would like to say **WELCOME!** Maybe you've been away for while or just passing through. Either way we would like for you to feel at home here. If you would like to join our Parish family we would be honored to have you as a member. Please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



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

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PENNSYLVANIA AND INDIANA

Question: What are two states adjacent to the state where Fr. Matt worked at a transit agency [in Cleveland] for 8 months? Well, actually these are two states that have been in the news since the last bulletin. Everyone who has access to the news (although admittedly I am typically one of the last to hear about something) has heard of the shocking assassination attempt in Butler, PA on former President Trump and the tragic death of a husband and father (as well as serious injuries to a couple others). We are blessed in our country to have many freedoms (including freedom of religion), but that also means in our fallen world that politicians are going to bear the brunt of dissatisfaction. We continue to pray for peace and for an end to violence in our country.

As for Indiana, the National Eucharistic Congress (following years of planning) took place in Indianapolis from July 17 to 21. Certainly those who were able to be physically present at the Congress (such as Archbishop Hebda) appreciated the talks, breakout sessions, and worship opportunities. However, in this post-Covid age, the ability to livestream (including on Relevant Radio) allowed many parishioners and me to still benefit from the experiences even from the comforts of our own homes. My own tracking of the Congress started off slowly—I listened to one live radio show on the first day but by the end I was listening to the main talks (even if on a delay). Some of the themes that were present at the Congress include the unity of Catholics, the need for repentance (every real revival has repentance) and healing, and the focus on mission—of sharing what we have received from God with others.

The focus on the Eucharist continues for us. Starting today and for the next 3 Sundays, our Gospel is taken from John chapter 6—the Bread of Life Discourse. Many of the reasons why we are Catholic and why the Eucharist is so important to us in our earthly lives are found in this chapter. In addition, as I have mentioned previously, the focus in the Archdiocese over the next 11+ months is on the Mass and Eucharist. Besides listening at Mass and reading this column, the best way to grow in your knowledge and love of our Eucharistic Lord is by joining (or continuing in) a parish small group.

Whatever will be in the news—whether bad or good—we turn to God to lead us through it all.

~ 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 31st
9:00 am † Parishioners

Sunday, August 4th
8:30 am † Elsie Moore

Wednesday, August 7th
9:00 am † Katherine Whitehurst

Sunday, August 11th
8:30 am † Parishioners



Weekly Celebrants

Wednesday, July 31st
9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt
5:00 pm | St. Gregory | Fr. Matt

Sunday, August 4th
8:30 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt
10:30 am | St. Gregory | Fr. Chuck

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Parish/Community News

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

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

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

Parish Council Meeting is set for Tuesday, August 13th at 7pm.

Pints with Padre— Topic: "Spiritual Charisms/Gifts" 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.



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day Of Obligation

Schedule of Mass Times

Wednesday, August 14th (Vigil)

6:30 p.m. at St. Gregory's

Thursday, August 15th

8:30 a.m. at St. Gregory's

9:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart

7 p.m. at Sacred Heart

Celebrating Thanksgiving through Gratitude and Generosity



In just a few months time, families across America will be sharing a Thanksgiving meal. For many of us, we think of a feast, others might not have the food they need

to thrive, especially during the holidays. You can help neighbors in our community enjoy Thanksgiving, here is how;

The Rush City Community Thanksgiving Group is seeking individuals from local churches/community to volunteer with the Thanksgiving dinner. If you are interested in volunteering, there will be a meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 7th at 6:30pm at the First Lutheran church in Rush City. Contact Scott Friday for more details at 320-469-1791.



Mission Speaker-August 4th

Sr. Christine John O. Amaa of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (SHS) will be speaking at the Masses on August 3-4. SHS was founded in the Archdiocese of Juba in South Sudan. Their website states that their "charism is Love and Compassion drawn from the pierced Heart of

Jesus Christ by emulating His zeal, love and humility in evangelization through teaching." For more information: check out <https://shscongregation.org/>.

A second collection will be taken and directed to this mission.

Fall Festival

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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!**

Next organizational meeting is Tuesday, July 30th at 7pm in the Parish House

Our Fall Festival needs about **25 volunteers** for the kitchen alone, if you are only able to assist in the kitchen for an hour that will work, as we would like to do shifts, this will allow for volunteers to enjoy the festival as well. Please sign up where ever

If you are donating a dessert for the festival we are asking for an **Apple Crisp or Pumpkin bars**. If possible please cut the bars prior to dropping them off, that will save time for the kitchen staff.

All **Silent Auction** items should be wrapped in cellophane to protect from any weather damage and to keep the items secure.

YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Enrollment for Children's Faith Formation is now open for Grades 1 through 8, including preparations for the Sacraments. "Of special note, First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are typically received in 2nd grade".

We are looking for volunteers to serve as catechists this year for the upcoming school year! If your schedule does not allow you to commit to teaching every week, consider teaming up with someone else to split the duties and share the responsibilities. We would love to see our program stay in Rush City again this year and to see our program grow but we need your help! Please reach out to Tina Heidelberg at 763-670-8594.



If you have a child that will be in grade 1st-8th this fall, please reach out to Tina at 763-670-8594 to receive enrollment forms and information about the upcoming year.

FOUNDED IN FAITH GROWING IN HOPE SERVING IN LOVE

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" JOHN 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only miracle which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. No gift is too small or insignificant!

"The hand of the Lord feeds us," says the Psalmist, "he answers all our needs." Both Elisha's servant in the first reading and the disciples in the Gospel story who witnessed the feeding of the five thousand saw this happen and knew it to be true.

In today's Gospel, Jesus multiplies a couple fish and barley loaves to feed five thousand people. What seemed impossible for the Apostles (feeding such a large group of people), was made possible by Jesus. Sometimes, we tend to look at things with only our human understanding. The difficulties we face, may lead us to despair and doubt. We need to learn to trust in Jesus and believe that He can help us through any problem we face.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is a familiar one, and has many lessons, not least of which is how our willingness to share who we are and what we have - exercising good stewardship - releases God's power and bountifulness on the world and its people. Do we realize that there is enough for all if we are willing to share? Are we aware that God is at work when we share our time, our money and our other resources in His name? Let us pray that as generous stewards we are willing to share God's many gifts so that God's people are fed and their needs are met.

-Dn. Jack McKenna