

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.



Faith

IS A BEAM
RADIATING
FROM THE
FACE OF GOD.

ST. JOHN EUDES

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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

DEACON

Kevin Downie

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PARISH UPDATES

Hopefully you are having a good and relaxing summer (even if your schedule has been full at times). I wanted to make you aware that we are undergoing some changes with staff. The Church of Sacred Heart is grateful for Steve's work as Bookkeeper for over a decade. He is transitioning over to a new role—part time Projects Assistant. Steve will be focused on the many maintenance projects that are needed for our parish buildings and cemetery. I am pleased to announce that Mary Felix, bookkeeper at St. Gregory's, will be picking up the Bookkeeper duties at Sacred Heart. Their office hours are still being worked out, but things will be slightly different.

While we are on Finances, the Archdiocese's Parish Accounting Services has been working hard to provide a clear picture of the parish's finances. A preliminary look at the fiscal year end (which began July 1, 2023) suggests that we came in pretty close to expected. A rebate from reaching last year's Catholic Services Appeal Foundation goal was helpful; I have heard news that we will soon show up as having made this year's goal. We have had large invoices for projects like the driveway paving and the main stairwell to Wey Hall (we keep getting closer to finishing the project) as well as various bills to the Archdiocese, so we have rather low cash-on-hand. We will continue to monitor the situation. Placing some money into CDs (as agreed to by the Finance Council) has provided the parish with a good amount of interest to help supplement our revenue.

Although the Pints with Padre sessions are finished for the summer, the hope is that the fellowship and topics will stay with us (and that there will be another opportunity to do some similar events). There was a good mix of Sacred Heart and St. Gregory's parishioners (as well as some non-parishioners) at the three events that took place in Harris and Stark—midway points for the parishes. We talked about what happens after death as well as how to see the saints as buddies who want us to become saints. At the final session, we discussed 24 charisms (or spiritual gifts)—one or several of those charisms are given to each baptized Christian. I summarized the charisms by pairing each of them with a saint—something that isn't easy to find anywhere else. I will probably put that list on my Resources section of the parish website, but email me (fathermatt@stgregorynb.org) if you would like a copy of all the notes from the sessions.

As a reminder, please register for Faith Formation a.s.a.p. so that Tina, Dion (Confirmation at St. Gregory's), and the catechists can plan accordingly. I am especially excited for the Confirmation students to have the opportunity to go on retreat at the new camp acquired by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis in Trego, WI (that makes Sacred Heart the closest parish in the Archdiocese to the camp).

Blessings on the rest of your summer!

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

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).



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.



Catholic Watchmen meets at 7 p.m. on first Thursdays at St. Gregory's. The September 5th event will be the first social gathering. All men of Sacred Heart and St. Gregory's are welcome.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, August 14th
9:00 am † Jules & Anita Pare

Sunday, August 18th
8:30 am † Ellen Rothenbaucher

Wednesday, August 21st
9:00 am † Cook Davis

Sunday, August 25th
8:30 am † Katherine Whitehurst

The Assumption
Thursday, August 15th
9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt
7:00 pm | Sacred Heart | TBD

Weekly Celebrants

Wednesday, August 14th
9:00 am | Sacred Heart | Fr. Matt
6:30 pm | St. Gregory | Fr. Matt (Vigil)

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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 **Parish Council meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, August 13th at 7pm** in the Parish House.

On Saturday, September 7th at 9:30 a.m. at St. Gregory's, Fr. Matt will offer an **Anointing Mass**. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may be administered to Catholics who are in danger of death--through old age, a serious medical condition, or preparing for a serious medical procedure including one that uses general anesthesia. No pre-registration is necessary but those who receive the Sacrament at the Mass will need to give their name for record keeping. Any questions may be directed to Fr. Matt (fathermatt@stgregorynb.org).



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

7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart



†Fr. Larry Johnson

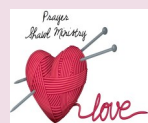
FORMER SACRED HEART PRIEST FROM 1985-1988

†MARY JANE DAHL

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MARY::

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH AT 11:00 AM. AT SACRED HEART

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



Prayer Shawl Ministry

About the Shawls...

In 1998, Janet Severi Bristow and Victoria Galo, two graduates of the 1997 Women's Leadership Institute at The Hartford Seminary in Hartford, Connecticut gave birth to a ministry as a result of their experience in this program of applied Feminist Spirituality under the direction of Professor Miriam Therese Winter, MMS. Compassion and the love of knitting/crocheting have been combined into a prayerful ministry and spiritual practice which reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy. Many blessings are prayed into every stitch. Whether they are called Prayer Shawls, Comfort Shawls, Peace Shawls, or Mantles, etc., the shawl maker begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient. The intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. Upon completion, a final blessing is offered before the shawl is sent on its way. Some recipients have continued the kindness by making a shawl and passing it on to someone in need. Thus, the blessing ripples from person-to-person, with both the giver and receiver feeling the unconditional embrace of a sheltering, mothering God!

Shawls are provided by the CCW of Sacred Heart. Call the church office 320-358-4370 with questions.

Fall Festival



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!**

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.

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.

Please consider donating **NEW** homemade items or bake goods for the **Country Store**.

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.

Upcoming dates for **High School Youth Group** (6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Romero House in North Branch): September 22, October 13, November 3, December 15



FOUNDED IN FAITH GROWING IN HOPE SERVING IN LOVE

Gospel Meditation

This week we hear Jesus say, "He that believes in me, has eternal life" (John 6:47). These straightforward words, uttered by human lips, sound — how to put this? — insane. Who could possibly say such a thing? Jesus says things that are so high, so demanding, so beyond our capacity to fathom, we hardly know what to do with them and (if you're like me), they usually go in one ear and out the other. So, let us ask: how can believing in him lead to eternal life?

To believe in something means not just to acknowledge its existence, but also to orient yourself entirely to it. If a football player believes in his team, it means he puts his life totally at the service of that goal. If a student believes in her dream to become a doctor, she gives everything she has to her studies and preparation for her MCAT test. Belief means to move boldly toward something we love, and trust is possible to attain.

What is the highest possible good at which we can aim? It is God himself, the gift of eternal life without end. Jesus has made this "good" possible in and through his human nature. To believe in him means to have him as our ultimate goal. This week let's believe the truth of these words and make practical decisions to orient ourselves toward what we see available in him: eternal life. — Father John Muir

