

Church of the Sacred Heart

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WELCOME VISITORS! TO SACRED HEART

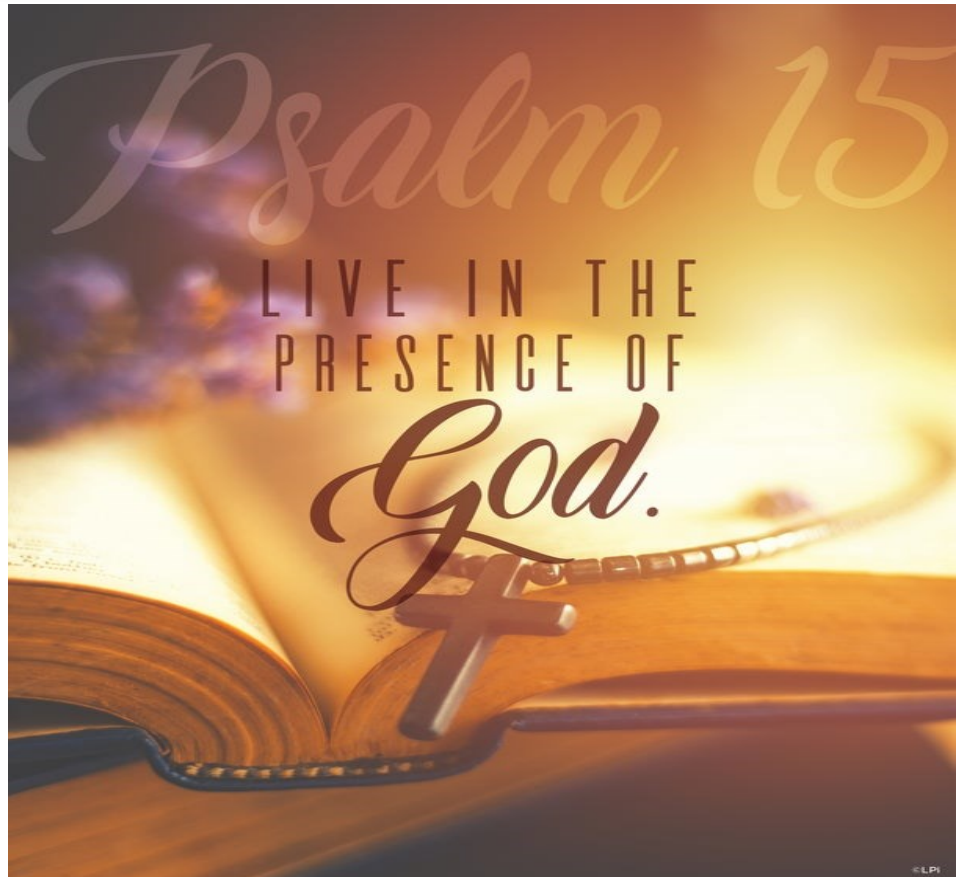
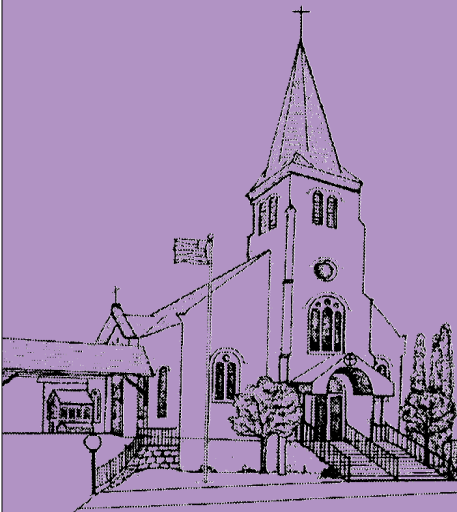
If you are visiting Sacred Heart for the first time today, we would like to say **WELCOME!** Maybe you've been away for while or just passing through. Either way we would like for you to feel at home here. If you would like to join our Parish family we would be honored to have you as a member. Please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

I've thought about retirement...in 2061!! Yeah, I'm sure at some point the Archdiocese will raise the typical retirement age from 70 to 75. But that doesn't worry me. My Dad, who is 69, has been semi-retired for over a year. He still enjoys working at the company he worked at ever since he moved up to Minnesota decades ago (it was originally part of Honeywell); now he gets to set his own hours.

In case you haven't heard, Fr. Fitzgerald is officially done with assisting at Sacred Heart and St. Gregory's as of mid-August. He is a good model for ministering late into his retirement, connecting with some parishioners in ways that I cannot easily do as your Pastor. We are grateful for the many years he helped out here at the parishes. Although we will not regularly benefit from Fr. Fitz' help, he may come back to help occasionally. We hope to celebrate with him at some point in the near future.

While we are talking about retirement, it does seem that secular views of retirement creep into the Church, among some Christians. There is a tension between staff and volunteers decreasing their responsibilities due to entering into a new stage of life versus the desire to continue to help grow the Church. If we think of retirement as having no responsibilities except to our family, then I think that is a problematic viewpoint. In gratitude for everything that God has done for us and for ways that others helped us, it is good for us to at least have the desire to want to "pay things forward" and leave a legacy for others. As I discussed at the final Pints with Padre, we all have spiritual gifts that we are called to share with the Church. Even as some responsibilities may be lessened late in life, we should still find ways to give of ourselves through prayer, service, and finances (sometimes succinctly mentioned "time, talent, and treasure").

For those who have recently retired or plan to retire soon, I would encourage you to consider how you may increase your prayer life and involvement in the parish even as you may focus on ailing parents or visiting grandkids. Our parish small groups help people to grow in faith together, and each group is looking to add new members (and eventually add new groups). The intimate setting of daily Mass is probably the greatest way to increase in love of God and neighbor as part of a "healthy spiritual diet."

May God who has begun the good work in you, bring it to completion (cf. Philippians 1:6).

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 a bonfire at St. Gregory firepit. All men of Sacred Heart and St. Gregory's are wel-

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, August 28th
9:00 am † Jim Kirchberg

Sunday, September 1st
8:30 am † Elsie Moore

Wednesday, September 4th
9:00 am † Katherine White-
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Sunday, September 8th
8:30 am † Paul & Elea-
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Weekly Celebrants

Wednesday, August 28th
9:00 am | Sacred Heart| Fr. Matt
5:00 pm | St. Gregory| Fr. Matt

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10:30 am| St. Gregory| Fr. Chuck

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Matt



Parish/Community News

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

The next food distribution of frozen meals for seniors 60 and older will be on **Tuesday, September 17th from 11:00am-12:00 pm**. Meals are available in quantities of 20 per calendar month.



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).



Are you Faster-than-the-Pastor?

Join Fr. Matt (and some other parishioners) on Saturday, October 12th at 10 a.m. at Wild River State Park (39797 Park Trail, Center City, MN 55012) for the annual "Otter Trotter 5K" Run/Walk. Registration is \$20 (before October 1st) or \$25 (up to race day). To register, visit <http://friendsofwildriver.org/home.php>.

Seminarian Jacob Takes Next Step

Jacob O'Meara, whose family lives in Harris and belongs to St. Gregory's, was admitted as a Candidate for Holy Orders on Sunday, August 18th at a Mass at St. Mary's in Stillwater. He and his Theology I classmates enter into a new stage (called "Configuration") of their preparation to being ordained as priests, God-willing. Having completed their philosophy classes in the spring, Jacob and his classmates will soon begin their 4 years of Theology studies. Please keep them in your prayers. [Interested in joining a Vocations Committee? Please contact Fr. Matt](#) (fathermatt@stgregorynb.org).



There will be a mass at 1:30 p.m. at Rushseba Station on Friday, August 30th.

Trust with your Whole Heart.....Daily Blessing

May you begin to live more by faith than you do by sight. Now's a great time to develop holy confidence that God is sturdier than your circumstances. He is stronger than your weakness, greater than your fears, mightier than the storms that rage all around us. Today is a perfect day to send your roots down deep into the soil of His love. May you trust-with your whole heart that God has already gone ahead of you, cleared the way, established grace, and answered prayers before you even fully understood just what you'd needed. Jesus continually pours Himself into your journey. He merely spoke, and the heavens came to be. He speaks now on your behalf because He loves you. Ponder the fact that He's right now praying for you! Engage your life with the confidence that you have a Divine Intercessor praying for you! Don't look around for signs. Look up and rejoice because He's got you. Live by faith today because one day, your faith will become sight, and you'll be glad you trusted Him. Have a sturdy-hearted day. You're mighty in God!

Hebrews 10:23 (CSB) ~ Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful.

Fall Festival

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

FALL FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

A GREAT DAY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Come join us for a day of

Games | Food | Friends | Fun

Raffle, Silent Auction, Country Store,
50/50 Wine & Spirits & Live Music
Brass Rail Signature Broasted Chicken

FAMILY fun

*Raffle Drawing at 1:00 pm
*Dinner & Raffle tickets available in advance at the Parish house, or during the festival.

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Fall Festival, September 15th, 2024

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

If your child is interested in joining Faith Formation, it is not too late to get your registration form in for the 2024-25 school year! Please reach out to Tina at 763-670-8594 to receive enrollment forms and information about the upcoming year.

Is God calling you?

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 Heidelberger at 763-670-8594.

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

"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always to the end of the age." (Mt 28: 19-20)