



Church of the Sacred Heart

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time| 9-29-2024

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!

SMALL GROUPS

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).

Mondays from 6-7:30pm at the Herberg's
Wednesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at Rushseba Senior Living Center, Sandy Pelant.

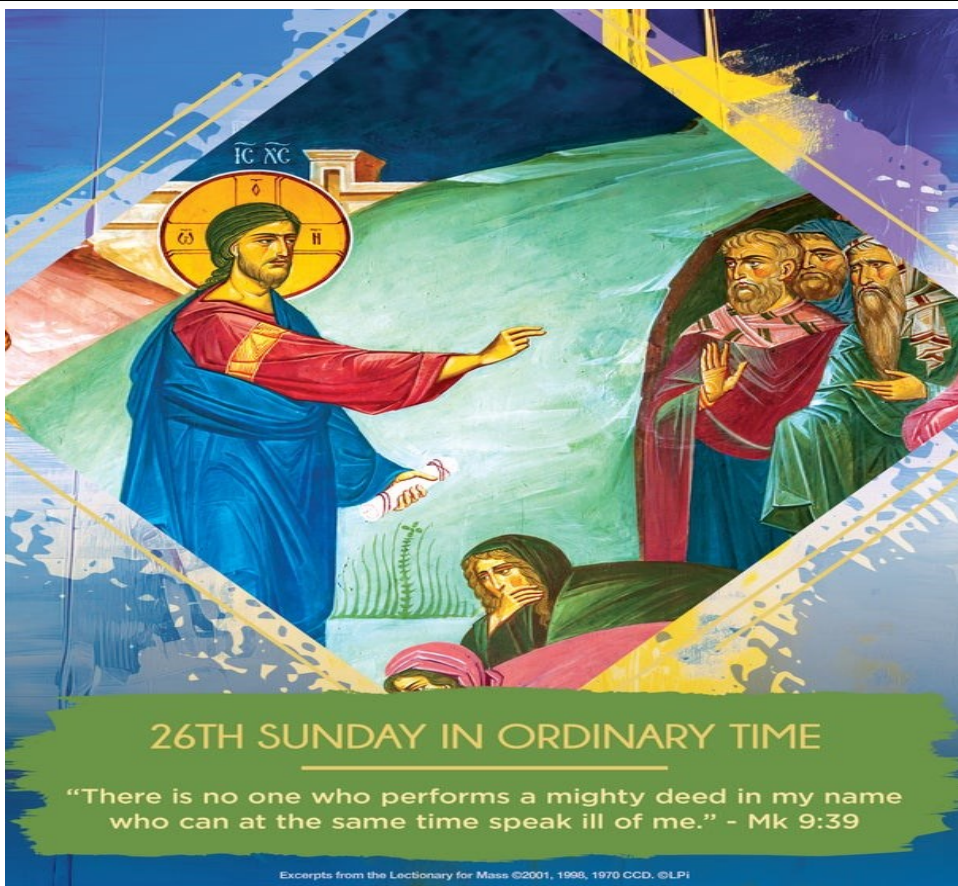
Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Parish House, Connie Blomquist & Jan Walz.

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.



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.” - Mk 9:39

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WEEKDAY/WEEKEND MASSES

Sunday 8:30 am

Wednesday 9:00 am

ASSISTING PRIEST

Fr. Chuck Brambilla

ADORATION

Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass until Noon

PARISH OFFICE

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RECONCILIATION

1st Sunday at 8:00 am

After mass on every Wednesday or by appointment.

FAITH FORMATION

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PASTOR

Fr. Matt Shireman

DEACON

Kevin Downie

CATHOLIC CONTENT ON FORMED.ORG

This may be news to you—St. Gregory's and Sacred Heart now have Formed.org! Similar to streaming services like Netflix, you can now access great Catholic content on-demand at Formed.org. All you need to do is sign-up for a free account by finding the parish subscription (it appears for now that Sacred Heart parishioners should search "55056" for St. Gregory the Great - North Branch).

Many parishes have had Formed.org for a while, so we are sort of late to the game. On the website (or on the Formed app), you will find movies, series, talks, kids shows, and books that can help facilitate a deeper knowledge and love of Jesus and His Catholic Church. One movie on Formed that has stayed with me is "All That Remains: The Story of Takashi Nagai." Although the movie is difficult to watch at times (as it depicts the atomic bombing of Nagasaki), the movie focuses on a doctor who becomes Catholic and then becomes an international voice for peace.

The best way to see what Formed.org offers is to Browse on their site. If you have a particular thing you are interested in learning more, there is also a Search function. There is content on Formed that will be useful for Faith Formation (both children and adults) as well as parish small groups.

I look forward to hearing how Formed has helped you and your household to be entertained and educated (may I say "edutained"?) in the ways of our faith.

-Fr. Matt Shireman



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2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "Sign Up As A Parishioner"
4. Find Sacred Heart by parish name, address, or zip code
5. Enter your email - and you're in!

Take this time to grow closer to Christ.



Prayer for Healing

Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy, may your healing hand rest upon me, may your life-giving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul,

cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom and especially for.....

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, Jim Brenna, Steve Yurick, Mary Debevec, Jody Kliegle, Ken Kirchberg. Amen!

PRAYER REQUESTS

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.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, September 25th

9:00 am † Mary Jane Dahl

Sunday, September 29th

8:30 am † Mary Jane Dahl

Wednesday, October 2nd

9:00 am † Katherine Whitehurst

Sunday, October 6th

8:30 am † Elsie Moore



Weekly Celebrants

Wednesday, September 25th

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

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8:30 am| Sacred Heart| Fr. Chuck w/
Dn. Kevin
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& Communion

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Dn. Kevin

Priesthood Sunday the 29th

Parish/Community News

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

The next food distribution of frozen meals for seniors 60 and older will be on **Tuesday, October 15th from 11:00am-12:00 pm**. Meals are available in quantities of 20 per calendar month.



Catholic Watchmen meets at 7 p.m. on first Thursdays at St. Gregory's. The October 3rd will be in the St. Gregory's parish hall. All men of Sacred Heart and St. Gregory's are welcome.



There will be a Memorial mass at 11:00 am on Saturday, September 28th for **Father Larry Johnson, (former Pastor of Sacred Heart)** at the Nativity of Mary Catholic Church in Bloomington, MN. Archbishop Hebda will preside.

Congratulations Raffle Winners!

1st Prize winner—Bobbie Corwin
2nd Prize winner—Charles Debevec
3rd Prize winner—Charles Debevec
4th Prize winner—Carol Kirchberg
5th Prize winner—Chuck Murphy
6th Prize winner—Bernie Winters



Due to a scheduling conflict Father Matt is unable to run in the Otter Trotter 5k on Oct. 12th at Wild River State park.

Fall Festival meeting: Tuesday, September 24th at 7pm the organization committee will be having a recap on the Fall Festival. All are welcome.

YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION

First class starts on Wednesday, October 2nd. The times have changed this year, they are starting at 6pm and **ends at 7pm**. It is not too late to get your child(s) registered.

FIRST DAY OF DOC CLASS

The first DOC session for Year 1 and Year 2 Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, September 29 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Gregory the Great Church. Please pray for all of our children and youth that they grow in their faith and understanding of how much Jesus loves them.

Youth Group-Kick Off

The 1st high school youth group is Sunday, September 22 from 6pm to 7:30pm at the Romero House at St. Gregory's (6385 Maple St., North Branch). Permission slips are required.

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

FRIDAY FUN NIGHTS Mark your calendars! The dates for Friday Fun Nights during the school year have been set **at St. Gregory's**. Kids are invited to join us from 6:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m. on select Fridays to play games, eat snacks, work on a service project, and have a faith activity. Friends from outside the parish are welcome too! Friday Fun Night Kick-off Event (Grades 3-8) – September 20 Grades 3-5—October 11, December 13, February 21, April 25 Grades 6-8—November 22, January 10, March 28, May 9 Permission slips are in the narthex and Faith Formation office.

Faith opens a “window” to the presence and working of the Spirit. It shows us that, like happiness, **holiness is always tied to little gestures.**

*“Whoever gives you a cup of water in my name will not go unrewarded,” says Jesus (cf. Mk 9:41). These little gestures are those we learn at home, in the family; they get lost amid all the other things we do, yet they do make each day different. They are the quiet things done by mothers and grandmothers, by fathers and grandfathers, by children. They are **little signs of tenderness, affection, and compassion.** Like the warm supper we look forward to at night, the early lunch awaiting someone who gets up early to go to work. Homely gestures. Like a blessing before we go to bed, or a hug after we return from a hard day’s work. **Love is shown by little things**, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home. **Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love.** That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches. They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to become faith.*

—Pope Francis



St. Gregory's Booya and Fall Festival

Join Fr. Matt on September 29th for St. Gregory's annual Booya! Festival starting at 11:30am-2:00pm, **with Mass at 10:30am.**

Lots of fun for everyone! \$1850 in cash prized in the Raffle, Children's games, 50/50 raffle, Bottle booth, Mystery wine booth, Silent Auction and of course

BOOYA!!

STEWARDSHIP “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” (MARK 9:35)

Today's second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the Psalmist, “Freely will I offer sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness.” As we strive to be good stewards, we accept God's invitation to adopt a new way of life that overcomes our self-centeredness. In today's Gospel, we learn that the disciples of Jesus had been discussing among themselves who was the greatest. Jesus is about to turn their idea as well as our society's idea of “greatness” upside down. He embraces a child and tries to help the Twelve understand that to be great is to be focused on something other than themselves. Jesus teaches that true “greatness” lies in being a good steward of those who are not great: welcoming one who is not viewed as great by our society's standards, like the child, the innocent, the vulnerable, the suffering, those who are outside our comfortable circle of family, friends, companions and colleagues, those who need a welcome. Jesus redefines our notion of greatness. How do we define greatness? Is our notion of greatness consistent with the teachings of Jesus Christ? We pray that through our service and our sacrifice we as Christian **Stewards** may grow closer to Jesus and help others to know the love and care of Our Lord. Jesus teaches us that we are called in **Stewardship** to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is “**to make holy**,” from the words “sacer” = sacred and “facere” = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God. Jesus tells His disciples that whoever wishes to be first must become humble and be a servant to all. As Christians, we are called to serve others. Find one way this week, you can be of service to someone (perhaps a neighbor, an elderly relative, etc.). —Deacon Jack McKenna