



Church of the Sacred Heart

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | 11-10-2024

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 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.
Sunday from 9:30-11:30 in Parish House.
Men's small group, 3rd Saturday of each month @St. Gregory's from 7:30am-9am.

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.



A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."

- Mk 12:42-43

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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

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POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL ON THE SACRED HEART



Back in June (for the Feast of the Sacred Heart), Pope Francis mentioned that we had recently marked the 350th Anniversary of the devotion to the Sacred Heart (St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in a small town of France had been the recipient of a set of visions). Pope Francis gave the following reason for why he was writing a document about the Sacred Heart: "I believe it will do us great good to meditate on various aspects of the Lord's love, which can...say something meaningful to a world that seems to have lost its heart."

The document that was just published is called "Dilexit Nos" (or "He Loved Us" in English). It is rather lengthy (28,000 words), so I am grateful for Luke Copen of The Pillar for providing a summary.

We do not have to look very far to be reminded that we live in a fallen world. Pope Francis states in the encyclical that Jesus and His Sacred Heart is the solution to these problems and thus, "we need to start speaking once more about the heart." In a later chapter, it is mentioned that a devotion to the Sacred Heart is not just about Jesus' Heart; "what we contemplate and adore is the whole Jesus Christ."

Pope Francis gives a couple ideas of how to practice the devotion of the Sacred Heart: receiving Communion on the first Friday of each month (note: some months I offer a votive Mass to the Sacred Heart on that day) and spending an hour in Eucharistic adoration each Thursday (St. Gregory's has Eucharistic adoration from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Fridays). Additionally, Christians can make reparations to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for sins committed that especially grieve Jesus' heart. Pope Francis writes, "Christ's love can give a heart to our world and revive love wherever we think that the ability to love has been definitively lost."

May all of us, particularly the parishioners of Sacred Heart Church, grow in love for Jesus and His Church through the devotion to the Sacred Heart.

-Fr. Matt Shireman



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, Mary Debevec, Jody Kliegle, Ken Kirchberg, Mark Stenger, Umbreit Family. 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, November 6th

9:00 am † Katherine Whitehurst

Sunday, November 10th

8:30 am † Mary Jane Dahl

Wednesday, November 13th

9:00 am † Bernie Sylvester

Sunday, November 17th

9:00 am † Fr. Ralph Hauer



Americans have long been fascinated with public debates. Farmers stood in muddy fields for hours to hear Lincoln and Douglas dispute each other in the 1860 presidential run-up. The televised debate between Kennedy and Nixon in 1960 fascinated the nation. These days, cable news outlets and social media parse every word spoken by candidates. We still love seeing public, rational disputes in the service of our nation.

In his day, Jesus also captured attention as a public debater. Mark tells us, "And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?'" Jesus' brief but all-encompassing response is the double command to love God and neighbor. Notice that he includes the importance of loving God with "all your mind." Loving God is not simply a question of affection, loyalty, good deeds, and religious dedication. It demands honest and intense intellectual engagement — just like an accomplished debater.

How do we do this practically? One simple way is by embracing ourselves as life-long learners. Setting aside time for reading, book studies, online classes, and, perhaps most difficult, engaging in open, honest, and curious conversation with those who think differently from us. These are all great ways to love God with our minds. Our country and our Church depend greatly on souls who love God in this way with their minds. Let's commit to loving God with all our minds in tireless pursuit of truth. — Father John Muir

Parish/Community News

Catholic Charities Food Distribution

The next food distribution of frozen meals for seniors 60 and older will be on **Tuesday, November 19th 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 November 7th will be in the St. Gregory's parish hall. All men of Sacred Heart and St. Gregory's are welcome. impact on the global Church.

Family Pathways is looking for volunteers for their thrift stores, food shelves and domestic violence shelter. The hours are flexible. Please go to www.familypathways.org/volunteer to fill out the application. For additional information contact Brooke @651-674-8040 or email volunteer@familypathways.org.

Thank you to JSB Construction and North Oaks Paving. JSB Construction did the remodeling of the south stairwell on the church. North Oaks Paving did the repaving of the ramp and parking lot. Both projects are now completed and are a great improvement to our parish property.

Thank You!

YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION

DOC CLASS NOVEMBER 10

The next DOC class will be at 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 10 at St. Gregory the Great Church.

High School Youth Group

The next high school youth group gathering will be **Sunday, November 3rd, 6:00-7:30pm** at the Romero House in North Branch. All high school youth of Sacred Heart and St. Gregory's are invited. Permission slips can be obtained through the Faith Formation office at St. Gregory's.

Stewardship



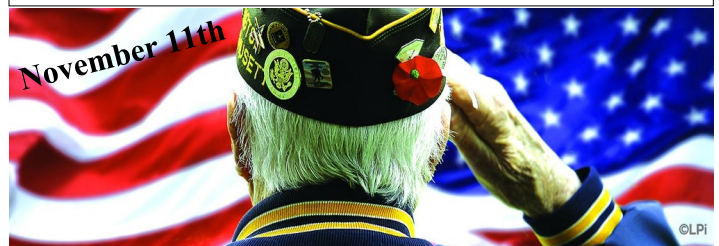
Of all the gifts that God gives His **Stewards**, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of love, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with **all** of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

In today's Gospel Jesus said: **"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."** It was not meant to be a suggestion or an option. He didn't say we shall love our neighbor when it fits into our day or suits our schedule, or after we've completed our various recreations. It is a requirement for Christians; to exercise good stewardship over the neighbors entrusted to us by God. It is a requirement often ignored when we put up barriers of anger, fear, or intolerance for a neighbor. How can we look beyond our own personal difficulties to see what we can do to love the person who lives next door, works next to us, or who sits next to us in the church pew?

Let us embrace a new awareness of our stewardship of the Church. Our Church is found in our parish at the Eucharistic celebration, at faith-formation gatherings, in our homes at our dinner table, in giving of our time at the soup kitchen, senior citizens' home or the religious education of our young people. It is found in the many ways we give witness to the loving presence of Christ in a suffering world and offer hope. Let's ask ourselves: **"How am I stewarding our Church?"**

Let us remain mindful that Jesus taught us how not only to overcome evil, but to redeem it. Christian stewards, as active instruments of God's mercy, understand the redemptive quality of being stewards of the Gospel. It is in our fidelity to this stewardship, made manifest in prayer, word and deed, that our testimony of hope emerges to reveal the healing power of Christ's presence.

Deacon Jack McKenna



November 2024
8th, 9th & 10th

Friday 11am-7pm
Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday 11am-3pm

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After Hours Event
Shop, Laugh, Give, Win!
Friday 7-9pm, info on back

Pop up & Occasional Boutiques

Bountiful Boutique Locations

Clean Haven Naturals
350 W 5th St. Rush City

The Hunting Widow's Boutique
Rusheba Town Hall
51533 Forest Blvd. Rush City

Positively 4th Street
275 W 4th St. Rush City

The Raven's Nest
775 S Bremer Ave. Rush City

Sandy's Loft
45430 Holman Ave. Harris

The Spare Room at Chucker's Bowl
1270 W 3rd St. Rush City

Wayne's Greenhouse & Gifts
115 W. 8th St. Rush City

Unique & Historic Locations

High Quality & Handcrafted Goods

Please join the Boutiques After Hours...Shop, Laugh, Give, Win! Shopping, Food & Drink Specials. Games, Prizes, Silent Auction & Wine Giveaways! Located at The Spare Room at Chucker's Bowl. **100% of the sales goes to the Rush City Food Shelf.**



If you or someone you know is in need and looking for a place to get a free Thanksgiving Day meal, The First Lutheran Church of RC is hosting a Thanksgiving dinner free of charge on November 28th from 11am to 1pm. See the bulletin board in the front entrance for more details.



November 17th our second collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 38 million people in the US live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities.