

Church of the Sacred Heart

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | 11-24-2024

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.

1st and 3rd Sunday from 9:30-11:30 in Parish House.

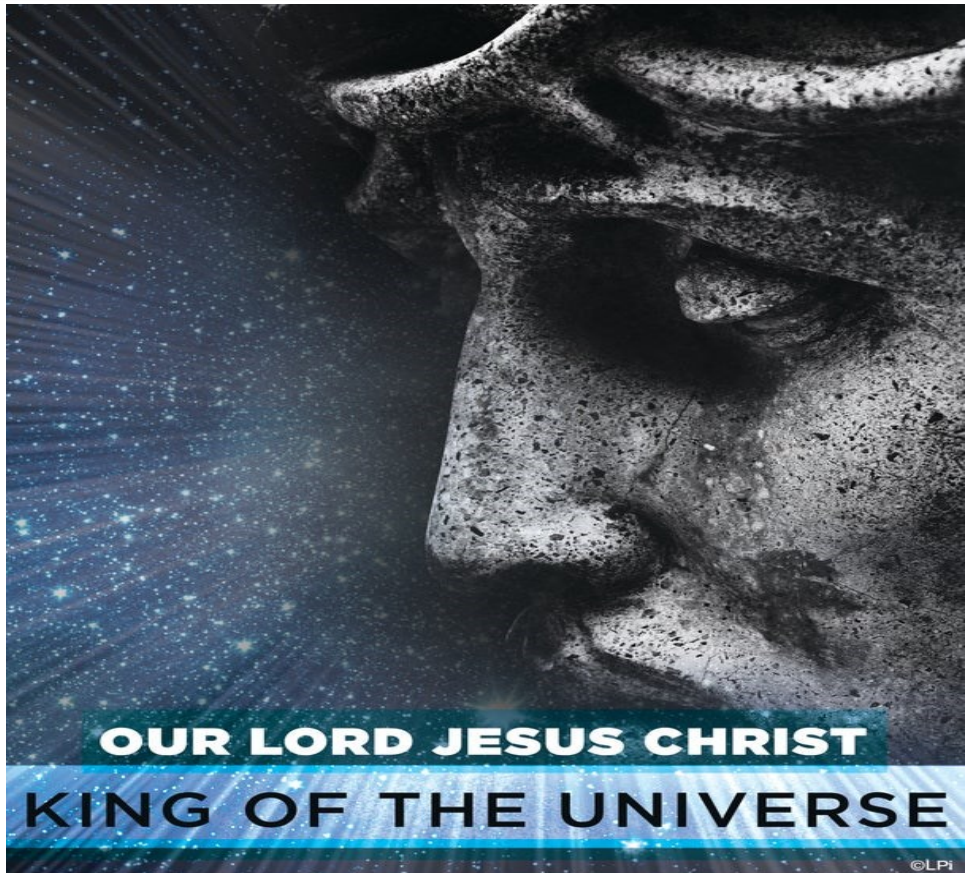
Men's small group, **3rd Saturday** of each month @St. Gregory's from 7:30am-9am.

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.



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.

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CATHOLICS AND THE BIBLE

This past week, St. Gregory's had an Adult Faith Formation session about the Bible. Although it is difficult to boil down an 1.5-hour presentation into a bulletin article, I will attempt to do so.

I have heard assertions that Catholics prior to the 2nd Vatican Council were not encouraged to read the Bible on their own. In fact, one of my relatives states that that is why he left the Catholic Church for a Protestant communion. However, the Catholic Church gave the Bible to the world. Although the Bible must be properly understood in light of all of the Church's teachings, it must be stated that Catholics should be spending time with Sacred Scripture outside of Mass every week and preferably every day. God reveals Himself to us through His Revelation, including the Bible.

It is helpful to think of the "big book on the coffee table"--the Bible--as a collection of books. There are many different genres of books--foundational legends, annals, legal codes, wisdom literature, apocalypses (i.e. symbolic narratives), gospels, letters, and sermons--to name many of them. The Catholic Bible totals 73 books (most Protestants will count 66 as they exclude 7 deuterocanonical, or 2nd-canon books, that were written mostly in Greek just before Jesus' earthly life). Thus, if you are looking to purchase a Bible for yourself or someone else, make sure that it says Catholic edition in the title. Some good translations include NAB and NRSV. If you are looking for how to read the Bible, there are a few different approaches. You can read the readings of the day (used at daily Mass) on sites such as the USCCB's (www.usccb.org). You could choose one of the Gospels (probably best not to start with John) to slowly work through--maybe a paragraph or two a day. Jeff Cavins, through his Great Adventure Timeline, instructs readers to particularly read the 14 narrative books of the Bible--Gen, Exod, Num, Josh, Judges, 1 & 2 Sam, 1 & 2 Kgs, Ezra, Neh, 1 Mac, Luke, and Acts. Finally, there is the popularized "Bible in a Year" series.

As a reminder, I have a Bible Study at St. Gregory's Romero House on Fridays at 9:15 a.m. when I am around (note: no Bible Study on 11/22). If you are not able to attend but would like to be included in the email list for notes of the upcoming Sunday's readings, please let me know (fathermatt@stgregorynb.org).

By growing in knowledge of the Bible, may we also grow in knowledge of Christ.

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 20th
9:00 am † Bernie Sylvester

Sunday, November 24th
8:30 am † Mary Jane Dahl

Wednesday, November 27th
9:00 am † James Brennan

Thursday, November 28th
9:00 am Parishioners

Sunday, December 1st
9:00 am † Elsie Moore



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 December 5th 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.



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.



Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root cause of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. Thank you!



Fellowship & Hospitality

A fellowship gathering will be held in Wey hall immediately following Mass on the **first Sunday of each month**; join us for refreshments, food, community, and conversation after worship. **Starting December**

1st. We are looking for more volunteers to assist with hospitality. If you are interested, please contact the office.



CCW Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21st at 6:30pm in Wey Hall. All ladies of the Parish are welcome!

A monthly **"First Saturday Mass"** will be offered at 9 a.m. at Sacred Heart in most months starting Saturday, December 7th (also on that date, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 9:30 to 11 a.m.). The Mass will be canceled due to funerals or when Fr. Matt is away (such as in January 2025). Please note that this is a daily Mass; it does not fulfill one's Sunday Mass obligation.



Church Office Hours: Starting December 1st, 2024 the new office hours will be Tuesday-Thursday from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION

DOC CLASSES

The next class for all Confirmands will be at 5:30 pm-7:30pm on November 24 at St. Gregory's church.

NO CLASSES NOVEMBER 27th

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no Faith Formation classes on Wednesday, November 27th.

Making Room for HIM in your Heart & Home-guest speaker, Janae Bower

You are invited to journey with us and the Holy Family for this special Advent evening retreat on **December 11th at 6:30pm with treats and beverages before at 6pm..** Guest speaker Janae Bower will help us prepare our hearts and homes for this Advent and Christmas season. Use your time more intentionally and open your hearts more fully to make the most with who matters the most-Jesus! You'll discover meaningful and creative ways to bring to life your calling as parents (and grandparents) to make your home a domestic church. Be inspired to integrate more Catholic traditions into your current traditions to enrich our family's faith.

Janae (Opatz) Bower's mission is to inspire and transform hearts as a beacon of God's love. Devotions and consecrations to the Holy Hearts of Jesus, Mary and Joseph have been enriched through leading retreats and pilgrimages across the country. She's been featured in the Catholic Spirit and attends the church of Saint Paul in Ham Lake. Janae grew up attending Sacred Heart. Her greatest blessing is being married and mother to three sons.



Upcoming Masses

Thanksgiving Day Mass (November 28th) will occur at both parishes—St. Gregory's at 8:30 a.m. and **Sacred Heart at 9 a.m.**

Mass at Rusheba - Friday, November 29th at 1:30pm

First Saturday Mass—December 7th, 9:00am at Sacred Heart (With Drop-in Confessions after mass until 11:00 am.)

Immaculate Conception Mass-December 9th, 7pm at Sacred Heart



The **Christmas Caring Tree** will be in the Rush City Library from November 19th-December 7th. **Pick a tag from the tree and make a child happy!**

Library hours:

Tuesday, 10am-7pm

Wednesday, 10am-5pm

Thursday & Friday-12noon-5pm

Saturday, 10am-1pm