

BAPTISM of the LORD



Church of the Sacred Heart

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Bless Your People with Peace!

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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OFFICE HOURS

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The Year of Jubilee (2025): Pilgrims of Joy

In the Catholic Church, the Year of Jubilee is a special year of remission and grace, celebrated every 25 years, though extraordinary Jubilees can be declared at other times, as the "Year of Mercy" was done by Pope Francis in 2015. Rooted in biblical tradition, the Catholic Jubilee draws inspiration from the ancient Jewish practice outlined in Leviticus 25, which involved the forgiveness of debts and the restoration of social balance.

For Catholics, a Jubilee is a time for spiritual renewal, marked by special events, pilgrimages, and the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, symbolizing the passage into a year of God's mercy. During a Jubilee Year, Catholics are encouraged to deepen their faith, participate in acts of charity, and seek forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The faithful are granted special indulgences (for the removal of the temporal effects of sin), offering an opportunity for spiritual purification.



The theme for the 2025 Year of Jubilee (which began December 24, 2024) is "Pilgrims of Hope." It would be certainly fitting to visit a place like Rome or the Holy Land this year; however, that is not attainable for many people. In conjunction with the Year of Jubilee, St. Gregory's and Sacred Heart will be offering a 3-day "Shrines of Wisconsin" pilgrimage. The details (including the exact dates) are still being worked out, but I am looking at August 6-8 (a Wednesday through Friday). We will plan to visit 3 sites—Our Lady of Champion (the only approved Marian apparition in the U.S. and located near Green Bay), Holy Hill Basilica (in Hubertus), and Our Lady of Guadalupe in LaCrosse. This will be my first time leading a pilgrimage; those who go on pilgrimage often form deep connections with those they travel with (that has been my experience for the pilgrimages that I have been a participant on).

Hope that you can join us for a blessed time in August!

-Father Matt Shireman



God Hears Prayer



"Prayers for the sick"

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.....

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, Margery Steininger, Violet Pearson. 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, January 15th

9:00 am † Kevin Anderson

Sunday, January 19th

8:30 am † Bucks & Herberg Families

Wednesday, January 22nd

9:00 am Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Sunday, January 26th

8:30 am † Mary Jane Dahl



Parish/Community News

Catholic Watchmen meets at 7 p.m. on first Thursdays at St. Gregory's. The February 6th will be in the St. Gregory's parish hall. All men of Sacred Heart and St. Gregory's are welcome.

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. **We are looking for more volunteers to assist with hospitality. If you are interested, please contact the office or sign up in back of church.**

The next **Sisters of Sacred Heart** meeting will be held on January 16th at 6:30pm in Wey Hall. Moving forward Sisters of Sacred Heart monthly meetings will be on the 3rd Thursday every month.

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!

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.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION

Year 1 Confirmation Sponsor Meeting January 12

A Confirmation Sponsor Meeting for sponsors of Year 1 Confirmants is planned for **January 12th in the church at St. Gregory's beginning at 5:30pm - 6:15pm.** All Confirmants will attend their regularly scheduled DOC classes.



First Reconciliation Workshop

Parents and their child who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year are required to attend the First Reconciliation Workshop on **Saturday, January 25 at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at St. Gregory the Great Church.**

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers and sisters. Yes, it is even upon the undocumented resident alien who has no voice but ours. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless.



Let us pray...

Good and gracious God,
you blew into our nostrils the breath of life.
You are the One to whom we owe our very existence.

Give us the courage to take that unpopular position
of protecting those who have no voice,
the unborn child in the womb
to the person taking his or her last breath.

The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure.
Embolden us to speak the truth
about protecting the child, the elderly,
and the one without a voice in the public square.

With thankful hearts,
we ask all this of the One God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.



†BECKY MOORE

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