

Boldly Reclaim HIS name!



Church of the Sacred Heart

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The Presentation of the Lord | 2-2-2025

IT IS THE
LORD!

PSALM 24

WEEKDAY/WEEKEND MASSES

1st Saturday of each month 9:00 am

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

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

8:30am. - 12:30 pm.

Diving Deep into the Lord's Day

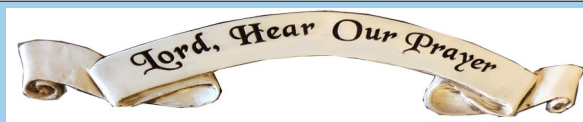
We are blessed to have an Archdiocesan event coming to our area. St. Gregory's will be hosting a talk on Thursday, February 13th called "Reclaiming the Lord's Day" as part of the Year 2 of the Synod's focus on the Mass. Dr. Michael Naughton (whom I had for class), Chair of the University of St. Thomas' Catholic Studies program, will be the presenter. The talk will begin at 6 pm., and there will be an opportunity for Q&A. The talk will not be recorded.

There will be adjustments to the regular schedule at St. Gregory's on that day to accommodate the talk. Eucharistic Adoration will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day. Besides the regular 8:30 a.m. Mass, I will offer an additional Mass at 5 p.m. (to accommodate some of those coming for the talk). There will be a simple hospitality provided by the Mary & Martha women's group from 5:30 to 6 p.m. No RSVP is needed. The parish will host a number of people from especially the northern part of the Archdiocese. You may be interested to hear that the talk is being offered a total of 8 times throughout the Archdiocese this school year.

Whether or not you are able to attend the special presentation, it is good to remind ourselves why the topic is so important. The Third Commandment focuses on the need to keep holy the Lord's Day. This commandment includes the duty to participate in-person in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation as well as to refrain from unnecessary or servile labor. Focusing on time with family and friends as well as performing works of mercy (such as visiting the homebound) are worthwhile ways to recreate on Sundays. For official Church documents on this topic, you may look at paragraphs 2184 through 2188 of the Catechism as well as St. John Paul II's apostolic letter called *Dies Domini* ("The Lord's Day").

By prioritizing our relationship with God, may we find the deep and abiding rest that God wishes to give to us.

-Father Matt Shireman



"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 Kircheng, 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 Kircheng, 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 29th

9:00 am Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Saturday, February 1st

9:00 am † Connor & Heather Nelson Family

Sunday, February 2nd

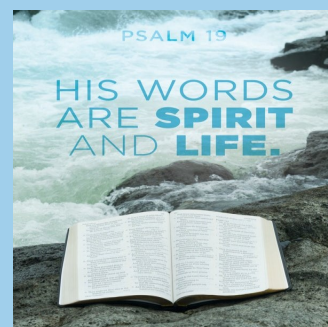
8:30 am † Elsie Moore

Wednesday, February 5th

9:00 am Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Sunday, February 9th

8:30 am † Vi Belland



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.*

Teaching Masses: Inspired by the Year 2 Synod Implementation, Father Matt will host a Teaching Mass at Sacred Heart on February 19th from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Not technically a Mass, instruction will take place with each portion of the Mass.

The next **Finance Council** meeting is scheduled for *Tuesday, February 11th at 6pm* in the Parish House.

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis is publishing a history book (\$36) and a graphic novel (\$16) for its 175th anniversary.

The history book will be approximately 500 pages, with hundreds of pictures accompanying the history of the archdiocese and of individual parishes (including our own). The graphic novel (i.e. comic book for all ages) will be approximately 100 pages. The books and graphic novels are scheduled to be delivered in March, at which point they will be available for purchase.

Looking Ahead to Lent: Soup Suppers : As we prepare for the season of Lent, we are excited to once again offer our Soup Suppers each Friday during the 6 weeks of Lent. These gatherings provide a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and reflection as we journey together through this season of prayer and penance.

To help with planning, we've placed a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for those who would like to contribute soup or assist in other ways. Please take a moment to sign up at your convenience. Thank you in advance for your generosity and participation. We look forward to sharing this meaningful Lenten tradition with you all.

Fr. Matt says "Thank you" to all parishioners who gave him a Christmas gift. Although the gifts are not expected, he is overwhelmed by the generosity. He cherishes all of the gifts.

Thank You!



Join us on the **first Saturday** of each month for Mass at 9:00 AM. (upcoming February 1st) This is a wonderful opportunity to start your month in prayer, reflection, and community. Whether you're a regular attendee or new to our parish, we welcome you to come together in faith and worship. We look forward to seeing you there!

Join us on the **Last Friday** of each month for a special *Mass at 1:30 pm at Rusheba*. All are welcome to attend and partake in this peaceful and reflective gathering. Whether you're a regular attendee or new to the community, we invite you to share in this time of worship and fellowship. *January 31st. The service will be a Word & Communion Service. The Mass will be on February 28th.*

YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION

FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturday, February 8 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Gregory the Great Church. Please pray for the children who have been preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The next high school youth group gathering will be on Sunday, February 9 at 6:00 - 7:30pm in St. Gregory's Romero House (6385 Maple St., North Branch). Permission forms can be found under the Youth Ministry tab on the St. Gregory the Great parish website: www.stgregorynb.org.

February 1st and 2nd -CSA



We are a culture of doers. We demonstrate love for our families through service – taking aging parents to doctor appointments, hosting holiday gatherings, carting kids to school activities. We climb the ladder of success through long hours of work. So burdened by activities, we often need another rest after returning home from a family vacation. Even in our faith lives, we follow Christ by doing. We evangelize, serve the marginalized, attend Mass, etc. Service is good.

Jesus' ministry was an active one based on service, and as his followers, were called to continue these good works in his name. But we need to be with Jesus, too. We need to contemplate him, this God-made-man who brings good news to those who suffer. Jesus says, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." If we let the Holy Spirit rest in us as it did in him, we will enjoy a deep and abiding friendship with Christ. He desires intimacy with us, and intimacy requires that we slow down and feel the presence of our Lord in our lives.

In Jesus' first sermon, we see that the Spirit dwells in him, empowering him to establish a kingdom of peace and justice that will never end. Please pray for the success of the Catholic Services Appeal as a way of building the Kingdom of God and ask the Holy Spirit to guide your participation in it.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OPTIONS FOR WOMEN'S

Sweet & Savory

Social

FEBRUARY 22 AT 6 PM

2025

St. Bridget of Sweden Catholic Church
13060 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom, Minnesota

Free will offering

Silent Auction, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, & beverages

Online bidding for the silent auction begins on February 15. Use the QR code or go to: www.32auctions.com/options2025

RSVP at 651.674.2121 or info@pregoptions.org

RSVP greatly appreciated, but not required!

January is Sanctity of Human Life month. Options thanks you for faithfully standing for life and supporting OFW. Their mission is to reach abortion-minded women and empower them to choose life for their preborn child. Please help them raise awareness for the humanity and dignity of preborn babies at church, your family and friends.

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.

Stewardship of God's Gifts:

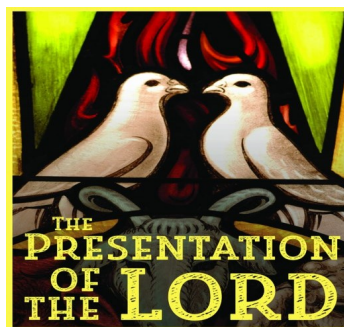
Reflecting on the Presentation of the Lord

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, celebrated on February 2nd, offers us a beautiful opportunity to reflect on our role as stewards of God's gifts. In the readings for this day, we are reminded of the importance of giving back to God in gratitude for all He has entrusted to us.

In the Gospel (Luke 2:22-40), we hear the story of Mary and Joseph bringing the infant Jesus to the temple, fulfilling the law of the Lord. Simeon and Anna, two devout figures, recognize Jesus as the long-awaited Savior, and they praise God for His faithfulness. Their witness calls us to recognize God's presence in our lives and to offer our gifts—our time, talents, and resources—in service to His will.

Stewardship, at its heart, is about responsibility and gratitude. We are called to manage the gifts God has given us—whether they be our material possessions, our time, or our abilities—in a way that honors Him. Like Simeon and Anna, we are invited to joyfully acknowledge the presence of God in our lives and to share our blessings with others, especially through acts of charity and love.

As we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord, let us renew our commitment to being faithful stewards, recognizing that all we have is a gift from God. May we offer these gifts back to Him with a generous heart, trusting that, in doing so, we participate in His divine plan and bring His light into the world.



GOSPEL

In the time of Jesus, every first male child was dedicated to the service of God in the temple. Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple to show that he would do the work of his Father in heaven. God has a purpose for you. Thank God that he gave you life. Tell him that you will help others to know him and to love him, too.



PRAYER

Lord, help me be a pleasing gift to you every day of my life.

Year to Date Budget vs. Actual Income Figures

Fiscal year 2024-25

July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

Actual Income: \$61,185.92

Budget : \$59,499.96

Variance (+/-) + \$1685.96