



Church of the Sacred Heart

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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.

BLESSED ARE
ALL WHO HOPE
in the Lord.

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WEEKDAY/WEEKEND MASSES

Sunday 8:30 am
Wednesday 9:00 am
1st Saturday of each month 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

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
8:30am. - 12:30 pm.

Sacred Heart Update

Periodically I try to update you on happenings at the parish, so that is what I am doing this week.

By the time you are reading this, you should notice some progress in the painting of Wey Hall by Scott's Decorating of Rush City. One of the next projects will be to work on the floor of Wey Hall. In addition, the canvas awning at the top of the church steps will be replaced soon. With such a historic church like Sacred Heart, there is a lengthy list of projects that are awaiting bids in order to be green-lighted. Currently we are blessed to have the funds to pursue these projects, but it is something that we will continue to monitor going forward.

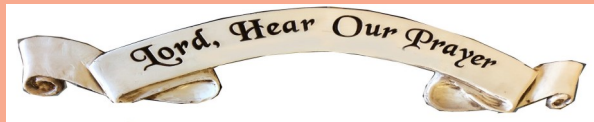
I want to thank all of those who have already given to the Calvary Cemetery restoration project. As of mid-December, we have received \$4155 for the project. Using additional monies in savings, we will plan to move forward with the restoration of the grave-stones in the springtime.

We are grateful to Dennis K. for his many years of volunteering to cut the grass at both the parish and cemetery grounds. We are currently exploring options for how the grounds will be maintained once the snow melts. If you have any suggestions, feel free to contact Steve at the office.

Our bookkeeper, Mary Felix, is available in the office at the following times: Mondays from 2 to 5 p.m. and Wednesdays from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. In addition, if you need to drop off anything for her (e.g. a check or a request for reimbursement), that can be done whenever the office is open (which changed a few months ago to Tuesdays through Thursdays from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m.).

Please join me in continuing to pray for all people at Sacred Heart, including the homebound and those who do not regularly step foot in the parish.

-Fr. 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 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, February 12th

9:00 am †Brittany Hammre Carlson

Sunday, February 16th

8:30 am †Members of the Backes & Herberg Families

Wednesday, February 19th

9:00 am †Bob Rathenbacher

Sunday, February 23rd

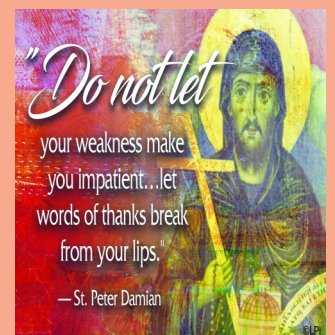
8:30 am †Mark Stenger

Wednesday, February 26th

9:00 am † Tom & Terry Solorz

Saturday, March 1st

9:00 am † Mark Stenger



Parish/Community News

Catholic Watchmen meets at 7 p.m. on first Thursdays at St. Gregory's. The March 7th 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 **Parish Council** meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11th at 6pm in the Parish House.



Stations of the Cross
&
Lenten Soup Supper

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.



Join us on the **First Saturday** of each month for Mass at 9:00 AM. 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. *The Mass will be on February 28th.*

Monthly income for January: \$12,582.68
Budget: \$9916.74



YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

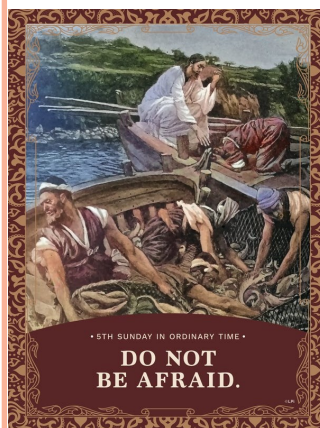
The High School Youth Group is canceled for Sunday, February 9 because of the Super Bowl that evening. The next High School Youth Group will meet on March 16 at 6:00pm - 7:30pm at St. Gregory's Romero House, 6385 Maple Street in North Branch. Permission forms can be found at www.stgregorynb.org under the Youth Ministry tab.

This Sunday's readings remind us of God's powerful call and the strength we draw from Him.

In the **First Reading** from Isaiah (6:1-8), the prophet has a vision of God's glory in the temple. Overwhelmed by God's holiness, Isaiah feels unworthy but responds to God's call with trust and willingness, saying, "Here I am, send me!" This passage calls us to reflect on how we respond to God's invitation in our own lives.

In the **Second Reading** from 1 Corinthians (15:1-11), Paul reminds the Corinthians of the foundational truth of the Gospel—the death and resurrection of Jesus. Paul recounts the appearances of the risen Christ and emphasizes that this message is the source of salvation. His words challenge us to remember the significance of Christ's resurrection and how it shapes our faith and mission.

As we reflect on these readings, let us open our hearts to God's call and embrace the hope of the resurrection in our daily lives.



Reflection for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings for the Sixth Sunday in OT invite us to reflect on the deeper meaning of living according to God's law and the call to holiness.

In the **First Reading** from Leviticus (13:1-2, 44-46), we hear about the laws regarding leprosy in ancient Israel. Those afflicted with leprosy were considered unclean and were to live apart from the community. While these laws may seem harsh, they reveal God's desire to maintain the purity and holiness of His people. In the context of our faith, this can remind us of the importance of spiritual purity and the call to be cleansed from the "leprosy" of sin, to live in communion with God and one another.

In the **Gospel** from Mark (1:40-45), we encounter the powerful story of Jesus healing a man with leprosy. The man, desperate for healing, approaches Jesus with faith, and Jesus, moved with compassion, touches him and heals him. This act of love and mercy shows that, in Christ, there are no barriers to God's healing power. No matter our imperfections or sins, Jesus offers His love and forgiveness, inviting us to be healed and restored.

Finally, in the **Second Reading** from 1 Corinthians (10:31-11:1), Paul encourages the Corinthians to live in a way that honors God in all things—whether they are eating, drinking, or acting. His words remind us that everything we do should be rooted in a love for God and others, reflecting the transformative power of the Gospel in our lives.

As we reflect on these readings, let us open our hearts to the healing touch of Jesus and strive to live according to His example—showing mercy, compassion, and love in all that we do.

