



Church of the Sacred Heart

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | 2-23-2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 3-2-2025

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.



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.

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OFFICE HOURS

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

Lent & Easter

Lent and Easter are rather late this year, so chances are that you are rather ready (or "in need") for this special season.

We kick-off on Ash Wednesday (March 5) with an adjustment this year to the schedules of the distribution of ashes as a consequence of Fr. Fitz's passing. St. Gregory's will have an 8:30 a.m. Word & Communion service as well as a 6:30 p.m. Mass. Sacred Heart will have a 9 a.m. Mass as well as a 6:30 p.m. Word & Communion service.

We will continue with our weekly Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. at both parishes. Of special note, the St. Gregory's youth will perform a Living Stations of the Cross at 5:15 p.m. on April 11th followed by the Knights of Columbus annual Fish Sandwich and Ham Bingo. As Fridays are especially meant to be penitential (and therefore eating rather simply during Lent as we recall what our Lord Jesus did on Good Friday), the weekly 6 p.m. Soup Suppers at Sacred Heart will be a good opportunity for fellowship and solidarity.

The Lenten book that will be given out is titled "The Fountain of Youth" by Dave Durand, who is a Catholic business leader. The book is easy-to-read but gives focus to why the Sacrament of Reconciliation is truly a great gift to the Church for keeping Catholics spiritually young and in a state-of-grace so that they can get to Heaven.

As outlined in the book (and also a reminder), Catholics are bound to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation once a year (if mortal sins are on their souls) to be able to make a valid Communion during the Easter season. To make Reconciliation more widely available, we will be adding supplemental Confession times as follows:

- Communal Service with Individual Confessions on Tue. March 25 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Gregory's
- Drop-in Confessions on Sat. April 5 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart

Lent is essentially the 1-year anniversary of parish small groups. We still have a ways to go until all parishioners believe "I belong to my parish, and I belong to a parish small group." The easiest way to connect with a small group is to tell someone who is already part of a small group that you are interested in learning more about them. For details on when and where small groups meet, please contact the parish.

Besides our annual Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl, St. Gregory's will be doing a fundraiser (in the vestibule) called "Water for Zambia." The goal is to raise \$4200 so that Fr. Andy's parish in Zambia can build a water well (N.B. his church activities are regularly canceled there due to lack of water).

Thanks and have a blessed Lent!

-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, 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

First Saturday, March 1st

9:00 am † Mark Stenger

Sunday, March 2nd-Hospitality Sunday

8:30 am † Elsie Moore



Wednesday, March 5th-Ash Wednesday

9:00 am † Parishioners of SH

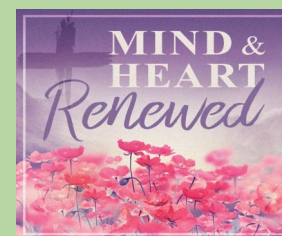
Sunday, March 9th

8:30 am † Fr. Tom Fitzgerald



Wednesday, March 12th

9:00 am † Amy Prickett



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

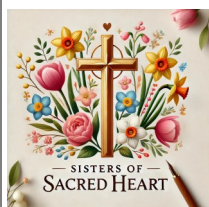
A fellowship gathering will be held in Wey hall immediately following Mass on the first Sunday of each month; join us for refreshments, food, community, and conversation after worship. **We are looking for more volunteers to assist with hospitality. If you are interested, please contact the office or sign up in back of church.**

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.**



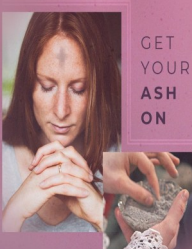
Sisters of Sacred Heart meet every 3rd Thursday of each month. All women of Sacred Heart are invited and encouraged to join in the meetings, they are held in Wey Hall at 6:30pm.

March is right around the corner, which means it's time to gear up for the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign. Let's Pack the Pews with enough money and/or food to support our local food shelf here in Rush City. And remember, MARCH means Matched by GMCC.



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

8:30am – Word & Communion at St. Gregory's
 9:00am – Mass at Sacred Heart
 6:30pm – Word & Communion at S.H.
 6:30pm – Mass at St. Gregory's



YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION

UPCOMING DOC CLASSES

The next DOC classes for all Confirmants will meet on Sunday evening at 5:30pm on February 23 and March 2.

LENTEN PROJECT



The disciples in grades 1-8 are invited to participate in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl project for Lent. Information will be sent home.

Join us at
 Sacred Heart Catholic Church



SOUP SUPPERS + STATIONS OF THE CROSS

weekly, on
 Fridays



Freewill offering!

Join us
 at 6:00pm
 For Soup
 Supper

Lenten Suppers Start March 7th and go until April 11th.

Stations of the Cross start at 7:00 pm.

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Reflection for the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Judgment and Love

On this 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are reminded of Christ's call to love unconditionally and to reject the temptation of judgment. Jesus challenges us to love our enemies, to turn the other cheek, and to forgive as we have been forgiven. In our human nature, it is easy to judge others based on their actions, yet Jesus teaches us that judgment belongs to God alone. As practicing Catholics, we are invited to practice a love that transcends judgment, extending mercy and understanding to all, just as God does for us.

"But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven."

– Matthew 5:44-45

Let us reflect on the power of love over judgment and strive to live out this radical love in our relationships and daily interactions. By embodying Christ's love, we not only grow closer to God but also build a community grounded in compassion and grace.