

Church of the Sacred Heart

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Fifth Sunday of Lent | 4-6-2025

Palm Sunday | 4-13-2025

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

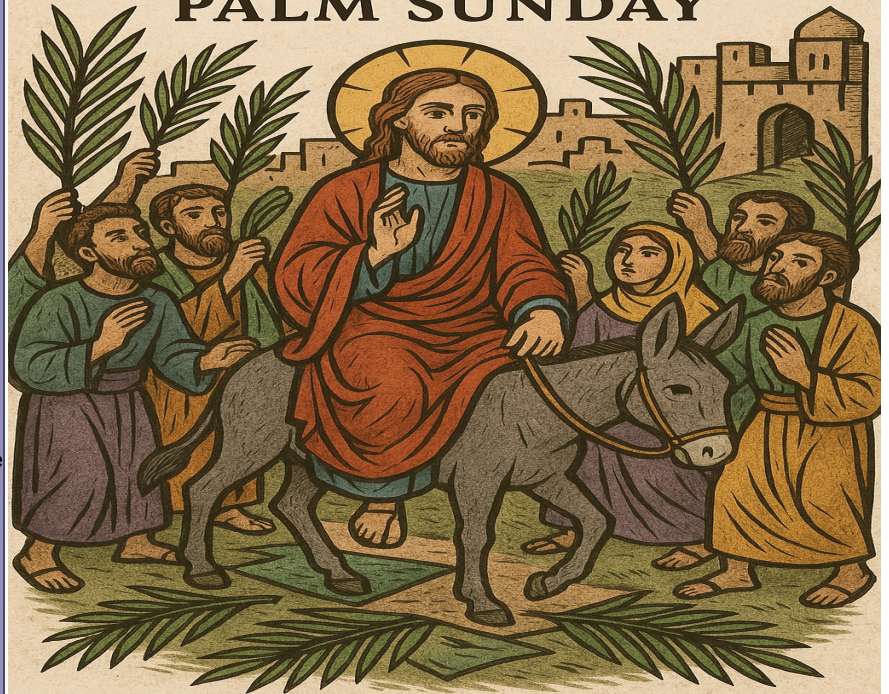
Wednesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at Rushseba Senior Living Center, Sandy Pelant.

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.

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT PALM SUNDAY



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

Fr. Matt Shireman

DEACON

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OFFICE HOURS

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

Holy Week for a Holy Easter

A major opportunity this week is the 2nd annual (after its reboot) youth Living Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 11th at 5 p.m. in St. Gregory's Church. Then stay after for the annual Knights of Columbus' Ham Bingo (with fish sandwiches for purchase).

A week after many of you receive this bulletin, the holiest of all weeks of the year—Holy Week—will begin with Palm Sunday (also called Passion Sunday). The reading of the Passion helps us all to walk in the footsteps of Jesus during the great trial of his life leading up to his death. Our DOC (Confirmation) students will serve the community by cleaning St. Gregory's after the 10:30 a.m. Mass to prepare for the other great liturgies later in the week.

If you have never been to an extra Holy Week service, then I would strongly recommend you to try one that interests you. By entering into these liturgies, we will be better prepared to celebrate on Easter. On Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, there will be 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (note: new time for 2025) at St. Gregory's in lieu of morning Mass. Especially for those who are just beginning to pray the Liturgy of the Hours, these will be good opportunities to pray in community.

Although I do not expect many parishioners to join Deacon Kevin and me at the 10 a.m. Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Holy Thursday, this will mark the first time that we will wear our matching Archdiocesan vestments (that were gifted by the Archdiocese's Deacons). The oils that are used throughout the year—including for our youth being confirmed (in June), babies baptized, and those who are sick being anointed—are blessed at the Chrism Mass. Back at the parishes, the Mass of the Lord's Supper in the evening recalls the loving words and actions that Jesus left His Disciples.

To allow staff the opportunity to enter into the holiest days of the year, it is tradition that our offices close on the afternoon of Holy Thursday and do not reopen until Easter Tuesday (I suppose that is the regular schedule at Sacred Heart). On Good Friday, Catholics engage in abstinence (ages 14+) and fasting (ages 18 to 59; 1 main meal and 2 snacks that do not add up to a meal) similar to Ash Wednesday. If you are able to take Good Friday off from work, you may appreciate the extra opportunity to pray, worship, and be with family. Of note, the solemn intercessions (literally praying for everyone in the world) at the evening Good Friday service are quite moving. There will also be opportunities for Stations of the Cross—noon at Sacred Heart and 3 pm Walking Stations of the Cross starting at Sacred Heart in Rush City (note: the Stations will only be canceled due to inclement weather). Although this is the 3rd annual Walking Stations, this year will be the first one in the town of one of the parishes. As with previous years, we will walk a block or so (singing along the way) and then say a station.

For those who are able to, it is advisable to keep a penitential discipline for Holy Saturday. I am sure that Fr. Chuck (and others) would prefer to start the Easter Vigil Mass before 9 p.m.; however, the Church rubrics state that it is not allowed to start until "nightfall" (i.e. 30 minutes after sunset), which is late this year. Whether you fulfill your Easter obligation by attending the Easter Vigil or a Mass on Easter Sunday, the parish leaders and I hope that you will enjoy celebrating the day that truly changed the world.

-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, Dorothy Kliegle, Jim Brenna, Jody Kliegle, Ken Kircheng, Umbreit Family, Margery Steininger, Violet Pearson, Dick Johnson, Lorraine Holcomb, Ron Clift. 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, April 9th

9:00 am †Richard Kemen

Sunday, April 13th

8:30 am †Amy Prickett

Wednesday, April 16th

9:00 am †Amy Prickett

Holy Thursday, April 17th

7:00 pm Parishioners of SH

Good Friday, April 18th

7:00 pm †Parishioners of SH

Holy Saturday, April 19th

9:00 am Parishioners of SH

Easter Sunday, April 20th

8:30 am †Joe & Elsie Moore



Parish/Community News

Catholic Home Missions Appeal - 2nd Collection on April 27th

On April 27th, we will hold the second collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This appeal supports dioceses and communities in the United States that face significant challenges in spreading the Gospel due to economic hardships, geographic isolation, or lack of resources. Your generous contributions help provide vital support for faith formation, evangelization, and pastoral care, ensuring that all Catholics, no matter where they live, have access to the sacraments and the teachings of the Church.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. Let us join together to strengthen the Church in home missions and spread the love of Christ to all.

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE TO WISCONSIN

Join Fr. Matt on a parish pilgrimage to 3 holy sites in Wisconsin August 6-8. The trip involves a 2-night stay in Appleton, WI, and daytime visits to Our Lady of Champion, Holy Hill Basilica, and Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The approximate cost is \$520 for someone in a single room, or \$410 for someone in a double room. Spots are limited due to bus capacity. Call Marsha in the Parish Office to sign up: 320-358-4370.

Catholic Watchmen meets at 7 p.m. on first Thursdays at St. Gregory's. The May 1st 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.*



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 April 25th.*



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.



Tea Party Fundraiser!

May 3rd at 11am.

Tea Will be served with four courses of delicacies.

\$45 per ticket | \$20 per child 12 & under

Saint John's Lutheran Church, 31075 Genesis Ave, Stacy, MN 55079 |

Buy tickets by April 26th | online: pregotionsfriends.org/events

| email: into@pregotions.org | Phone: 651-674-2121

YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION

HOLY WEEK - NO CLASSES

There are no Faith Formation classes on Wednesday, April 16.

UPCOMING DOC CLASS

DOC class will be held after the 10:30am Mass on Palm Sunday, April 13 at St. Gregory the Great Church. All 1st and 2nd year Confirmands will be cleaning the church with class and a pizza lunch to follow.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The High School Youth Group will meet on Sunday, April 6 at 6:00pm - 7:30pm at the Romero House, 6383 Maple Street, North Branch (St. Gregory the Great Church property). Permission forms are available online at www.stgregorynb.org under the Youth Ministry tab.

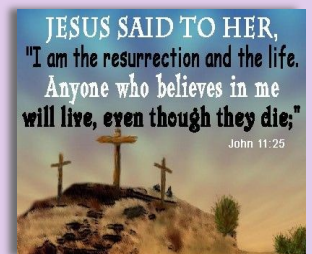
Message for the Fifth Sunday of Lent and Palm Sunday

As we approach the triumphant celebration of Palm Sunday, we also find ourselves in the final days of Lent. This Fifth Sunday of Lent calls us to deepen our journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, as we prepare for the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord.

On Palm Sunday, we recall the joyful procession as Jesus entered Jerusalem, humbly riding on a donkey, greeted by crowds waving palms. This moment of triumph points us toward the sacrifice He would soon endure for our salvation. As we enter Holy Week, let us embrace both the joy and the solemnity of this time, reflecting on how Jesus' passion and death lead to the hope of the resurrection.

May this Fifth Sunday of Lent and Palm Sunday inspire us to renew our hearts in faith, gratitude, and repentance. Let us walk with Jesus through His final days on earth, preparing ourselves to fully celebrate the glory of Easter.

Have a blessed Fifth Sunday of Lent and Palm Sunday!



Stewardship Reflection - 5th Sunday of Lent

In today's readings, we are called to reflect on the transforming power of God's love and the invitation to bear fruit through our lives. As we enter the final days of Lent, Jesus teaches us that true discipleship requires sacrifice, generosity, and a heart willing to serve. Stewardship is about more than just giving of our material resources—it's about offering our time, talents, and love to God and others.

Like the grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies, our sacrifices, when made in faith, bear fruit for the Kingdom of God. Let us embrace our role as stewards of God's gifts, using them to build His Church and spread His message of love and hope.

May this season of Lent deepen our commitment to stewardship and inspire us to live with greater generosity and gratitude.