



# Church of the Sacred Heart

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**Easter Sunday | 4-20-2025**  
**Second Sunday of Easter | 4-27-2025**

## **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.

## **PASTOR**

Fr. Matt Shireman

## **DEACON**

Kevin Downie

## **ASSISTING PRIEST**

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## **PARISH OFFICE**

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

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

## Divine Mercy

Happy Easter! May the resurrection of our Lord fill you and your loved ones with joy from God.

The Sunday after Easter Sunday (a.k.a. The Second Sunday of Easter) has been called Divine Mercy Sunday since St. John Paul II named it such in 2000. This occurred at the canonization Mass of his fellow Polish, St. Faustina Kowalska, who received extensive private revelations (which do not need to be believed by any particular Catholic) allegedly from the Lord himself. The Gospel reading is always the same on Divine Mercy Sunday—the so-called “doubting” Thomas putting his hands into the resurrected Jesus’ wounds a week after the Resurrection. All of the Apostles (in fact, all of the disciples besides Jesus’ own mother) needed to receive the Lord’s mercy for losing faith from Good Friday to Easter Sunday morning.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is the main prayer that St. Faustina has brought to the world. It uses the same beads as a rosary but takes about 8 minutes to say it from start to finish. Many people (myself included) have found it to be a powerful prayer to say, especially when someone is actively dying (I often say it on the way to give someone “Last Rites”). On the main “Hail Mary” beads, the following is said: “For the sake of his sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”

At Sacred Heart, the Divine Mercy image is located on the Confessional. At St. Gregory’s, the image of Divine Mercy has been added to each of the Faith Formation classrooms (plus the Romero House) through the gift of a generous parishioner. The St. Gregory’s Parish Council (under Fr. Shane) and more recently my Prayer Space Needs Committee has discussed what should be brought to the unoccupied outdoor prayer niche (next to the sacristy). Current discussions seem to be landing on a statue of the Divine Mercy image being placed on a boulder (or pedestal) with a bench nearby and some fencing located along the perimeter.

Whether you are able to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday at the afternoon celebration in Taylors Falls (see additional information in this bulletin) or on your own (which I will be doing as I head to Spiritual Director training), I pray that you may encounter the mercy of God in a deep way this year.

-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 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 23rd

9:00 am †Bob & Ellen Rothenbacher

#### Sunday, April 27th

8:30 am †George Strandmark

#### Wednesday, April 30th

9:00 am †Mark Stenger

#### Saturday, May 3rd

9:00 am Parishioners of SH

#### Sunday, May 4th

8:30 am † Joe & Elsie Moore



## YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION

There will be a Personal Safety lesson at Sacred Heart Church on April 30th at 6:00 PM for all Faith Formation children.

### 2ND YEAR CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Please pray for the 2nd Year Confirmands who will be attending their retreat at the Trinity Woods Catholic Retreat Center in Trego, Wisconsin the weekend of April 26 & 27. May the Holy Spirit fill them with faith, hope, and love as they continue on their journey. Also, please pray for our volunteers who will serve in making this retreat a faith-filled experience.

### DOC SCHEDULE CHANGE - APRIL 27

Please note, there is NO CLASS for Year 1 Confirmands on Sunday, April 27.

### FIRST COMMUNION

Please pray for the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Communion for the first time on Sunday, May 4th at Sacred Heart Church and on Sunday, May 4th and May 11th at St. Gregory the Great Church. May God watch over His little ones.

### FRIDAY FUN NIGHT - GRADES 3-5

The next Friday Fun Night for children in grades 3-5 will be at St. Gregory the Great Church on April 25, 2025 from 6:00pm - 9:30pm. Permission forms are available online at [www.stgregorynb.org](http://www.stgregorynb.org) under the Youth Ministry tab.

## Stewardship Reflection for Easter Sunday

On this Easter Sunday, we celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus, a victory that brings hope, renewal, and new life to all. As we reflect on this holy day, we are reminded of the ultimate gift of love and sacrifice that Jesus offered for the salvation of the world. His resurrection calls us to embrace a life of renewal and stewardship, caring for the abundant gifts that God has entrusted to us.

Stewardship is not just about managing resources; it's about responding to God's grace with grateful hearts and faithful action. Just as Jesus gave His life for us, we are called to give of ourselves—our time, talents, and treasures—in service to others. On this Easter Sunday, we are reminded that stewardship is a joyful response to the resurrection: a call to be caretakers of the earth, to nurture our relationships, and to build up the Kingdom of God with every action.

As we celebrate the joy of Easter, let us renew our commitment to living as faithful stewards of God's love and grace. May we offer our lives in service to others, share the hope of the resurrection, and use the gifts we've been given to honor the One who gave everything for us.

**Happy Easter!**



On behalf of the entire congregation, we want to express our deepest gratitude to all of you who dedicated your time, effort, and culinary skills to make our Lenten Soup Suppers a success. Your hard work and generosity provided us with nourishing meals and a warm, welcoming atmosphere throughout this special season.

Without your commitment, these gatherings would not have been possible. Your kindness and willingness to serve others truly reflect the spirit of Lent, and we are deeply thankful for all the love and care you poured into every meal.

Thank you once again for your efforts in making this tradition a meaningful and memorable experience for all of us.

*Thank you!*

## Parish/Community News

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

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

### 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.

**The Mary 1st meeting** is held at 7 p.m. on first Thursdays at St. Gregory's. The May 1st will be in the St. Gregory's parish hall. The Circle, their April meeting is April 24th (due to Holy Week).

### 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.

### Financial Update for March 2025:

March income: \$12,235.50

