



Church of the Sacred Heart

The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

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Fourth Sunday of Easter | 5-11-2025

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

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OFFICE HOURS

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

Rest in Peace, Pope Francis

I woke up on Easter Monday morning to a text from my brother Andy saying that Pope Francis had passed away. On the one hand, it was surprising that Pope Francis passed that day as he had made a public appearance just a day before (on Easter Sunday). However, on the other hand, it was not that surprising due to his poor health over the last few months. Pope Francis' name is the only pope's name that I have said as a priest in the Eucharistic Prayer, so it feels rather odd to not be saying his name any longer.

In the wake of any person's death, it is very natural to share memories of the deceased. Perhaps it is even more true with a pope. My most personal memories of Pope Francis came from my seminary class' trip to Rome in January 2017 as deacons. We were blessed to be at four events with him. As I mentioned to the staff at St. Gregory's, the event that stands out to my classmates and me, though, would be deaconing a Papal Mass at St. Peter's Basilica. At the Lamb of God, several of my classmates and I approached the Papal altar so that we were within a few feet of Pope Francis. I then was tasked with presenting Holy Communion to the Cardinals who were concelebrating the Mass.

On Tuesday, May 6th at 8:30 a.m. at St. Gregory's, I will say a Memorial Mass for Pope Francis. Between liturgical limitations during Easter Week (and the Feast of Ss. Philip and James on May 3rd) as well as the fact that I was at Spiritual Director training from April 27th to May 2nd, this was the earliest that I could offer such a Mass. We will pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis at that Mass while also remembering the gifts that he brought as pope.

The next day—Wednesday, May 7th -- is the official start date for the Conclave to elect a new pope. I will offer Mass for the Election of a Pope that day at 9:00am at Sacred Heart and 5:00pm at St. Gregory's, I will offer Mass for the Election of a Pope. The date of the start of the Conclave is only made known after the Pope's funeral. There has been and will be much written about that process, so I will pass over it for the sake of brevity.

After we see "white smoke" in the Vatican (and hear the words "Habemus Papam") and know who the next Pope is, we will schedule the Mass for the New Pope. If you are not yet getting parish emails, please get that configured now so that you get the news right away. The next pope will choose a name and begin making impressions on everyone everywhere.

We continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. And we pray for the man whom the Cardinals will elect as the next pope.

-Fr. Matt Shireman



PRAYER list...

"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, May 7th

9:00 am †Joe & Elsie Moore

Sunday, May 11th

8:30 am All Mother's of Sacred Heart

Wednesday, May 14th

9:00 am †Mark Stenger

Sunday, May 18th

8:30 am † Becky Moore



YOUTH MINISTRY & FAITH FORMATION

LAST DOC CLASS FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR

The last DOC class for Year 1 & 2 Confirmands will be on Sunday, May 11 at 5:30pm at St. Gregory the Great Church.

CONFIRMATION SENDING CEREMONY

The Confirmation Sending Ceremony for the 2nd Year Confirmands and their sponsors will be during the 8:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, May 18.

FRIDAY FUN NIGHT GRADES 6-8

The next Friday Fun Night for children in grades 6-8 will be at St. Gregory the Great Church on May 9 from 6:00pm - 9:30pm. Permission forms are available online at www.stgregorynb.org under the Youth Ministry tab.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE—Save the Date: May 30th, 7:00 P.M. Rush City High School. **Then on Sunday, June 1st at 8:30 am mass.** Sacred Heart invites our graduating students and their families to celebrate a special liturgy and breakfast in your honor, please wear cap and gown.

Prayer for Those Receiving Sacraments and Graduating

Heavenly Father,
We thank You for the many blessings You pour into our lives, especially in this season of grace and growth.

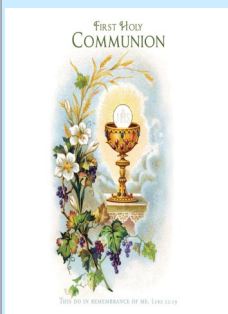
We lift up to You all those in our parish who are receiving the Sacraments. For our children making their **First Holy Communion**, may they always hunger for the Bread of Life and know the deep joy of Your presence in the Eucharist.

For those receiving the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, strengthen them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May they stand firm in faith, bold in witness, and generous in love as they grow into mature disciples of Christ.

We also pray for all our **graduates**—from kindergarten to college—who are closing one chapter and stepping into another. Grant them wisdom for the journey ahead, confidence in their purpose, and faith to follow wherever You lead.

Bless their families, teachers, and all those who have guided and supported them along the way. May these moments of celebration draw us all closer to You, the source of all hope and joy.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST COMMUNION



Dear Lord,
We thank You for the gift of this special day,
as **Josiah Morris and Anna West** receive You
for the first time
in the Holy Eucharist.
Fill their hearts with Your love,
their souls with Your grace,
and their lives with the light of Your presence.
May this Holy Communion
strengthen their faith,
draw them ever closer to You,
and guide them in Your truth all their days.
Bless their families and all
who walk with them in faith.
We rejoice in this sacred step on
their journey with You.
Amen.



Baptized into the Family of God

Silas John Yurick

Son to
Curtis & Sara

May God's grace and blessings that
you receive on your Baptism, guide you
throughout your life.

PARISH/COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

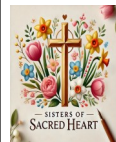
Fellowship & Hospitality

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 May 30th.**



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. **The next scheduled meeting is on Thursday, May 15th.**



Fall Festival Planning Meeting – Tuesday, May 13th

The first planning meeting for this year's **Fall Festival** will be held on **Tuesday, May 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish House**. We invite anyone who would like to help organize the event or share ideas to join us. Your input and involvement are greatly appreciated!



JOIN OUR FAITH FORMATION STAFF AT ST. GREGORY'S Have you heard? Sadly, Dion and Shawn have both decided to leave St. Gregory's staff for other endeavors. We are actively seeking applications for both positions which are posted on [Indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com) and the Archdiocese Careers page (www.archspm.org/careers and search by 55056 ZIP

code).

Director of Faith Formation: (full-time, 36 hours per wk) provides primary leadership for the design and implementation of the KIC, DOC, and Sunday School programs.

Administrative Assistant to Faith Formation: (part-time, 24hrs/ wk) daily office operations and communications Submit cover letter and resume to the parish office at info@stgregorynb.org. Call 651-674-4056 for full descriptions.