



Church of the Sacred Heart

The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

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The Ascension of the Lord | 6-1-2025

Pentecost Sunday | 6-8-2025

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—**We're off for the summer—back in the Fall!**

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.

Graduations, Confirmations, and Ordinations!

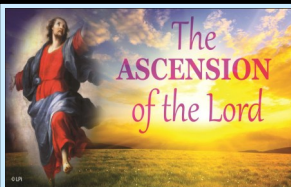
It is June, so summer is here! The Rush City Graduation was this past Friday night. North Branch's Graduation will be next Sunday. We are celebrating our graduating seniors at Masses at both parishes with receptions to follow. As always, there will be plenty of graduation parties in the days and weeks ahead.

Our parishes' Confirmation Mass is relatively late this year—Sunday, June 8th (Pentecost!) at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral. As a reminder, Confirmation is one of the Sacraments of Initiation—it provides sacramental grace for its recipients to witness to Christ and His Church. Please continue to pray for these young people. As Sacred Heart was able to witness at the Rite of Sending on May 18th, our group of 15 confirmands is rather large for our parishes. St. Gregory's will celebrate them at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on June 15th.

On the diocesan level, Archbishop Hebda will ordain 6 men (a couple of them I know fairly well) to the priesthood on Saturday, May 31st at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul. It is a reminder that God still calls men to the priesthood. Three men were already ordained as transitional (i.e. on the path to priesthood) deacons; there may be two additional ones in the fall as seminarians studying in Rome are typically ordained over there. Pope Leo, in the initial phase of his papacy, has spoken of the need to foster vocations. Whatever God's plan for a state-in-life of an individual, we can be assured that if they live it well, that they will experience joy in it.

Praise God for the great hope that we see in these young people! May we be generous in assisting them in their journeys ahead, especially in the times that are difficult.

Fr. Matt Shireman



The Ascension of the Lord is the moment when Jesus, after His Resurrection, was taken up into heaven in the sight of His disciples. It marks the completion of His earthly ministry and the beginning of the Church's mission to spread the Gospel. Celebrated 40 days after Easter, it reminds us that Christ reigns in glory and intercedes for us, and that we are called to be His witnesses on earth.

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How are you being a witness to Christ in your daily life?

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. 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, June 4th

9:00 am †Joe & Elsie Moore

Saturday, June 7th

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Sunday, June 8th

8:30 am †Marcella Kemen

Wednesday, June 11th

9:00 am †Clara Deusch

Sunday, June 15th

8:30 am †Gieson Family



PARISH/COMMUNITY NEWS

Children's Clothing Drive

Sisters of Sacred Heart is sponsoring a Clothing Drive for new children's clothing for Options for Women. There will be a collection bin in the back of church. Options for Women has stated they are in need of summer clothing, sizes newborn to age 6. This includes swimsuits (one-piece for girls) and also swimming diapers. The drive will run through Sunday, June 8.



History Books and Graphic Novels Available
The Archdiocese's history books (\$36) and graphic novels (\$16) are now available for purchase in the church office. Stop by during office hours to get your copy!



Sisters of Sacred Heart Meeting & Fall Festival Planning

The Sisters of Sacred Heart will hold a combined meeting with the Fall Festival planning on **Thursday, June 19 at 6:30 PM**. During this meeting, we'll be finalizing the menu for the event and beginning preparations.

We are especially in need of volunteers to help gather donations for the raffle, so please come ready to share ideas and offer support. Your time and talents make this event a success each year – thank you!



Check Out Our Mini Church Library!

Hi everyone! Have you noticed the new mini library located by the door in the *vestibule*? It's filled with **Bibles, Christian books, clean reads, and children's books** – something for everyone!

Please feel free to **browse and take whatever you'd like**. No need to check anything out – just enjoy, read, and be blessed! –*Sandy Palent*

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.**

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.



Pints with Padre

We're happy to share that Fr. Matt will continue hosting Pints with Padres throughout the summer! Stay tuned—Wednesday, June 18th at The Fort, in Rush City, Thursday, July 17th at the North Folk Winery, in Stark and Wednesday, August 20th at The Fuse in Harris. The gathering starts for each at 6pm, talk with Q & A at 6:30pm and social at 7pm for each. This is a wonderful way to relax, ask questions, and grow in faith in a casual setting.

MISSION APPEAL: WARANGAL, INDIA

On June 14 and 15, our parishes will be visited by Fr. Papi Reddy Yeruva. He comes to us from Our Lady of Sorrows in Ladysmith, WI, but he represents the Diocese of Warangal, South India. His Mission has this statement to share:

The Diocese of Warangal is a very poor mission, and does not have any resources of our own to meet our missionary and Pastoral needs. We depend solely on parishes such as yours to support our missions. Most Catholics here are farm laborers living in utter poverty, who are victims of thousands of years of oppression from the caste system; they are the poorest of the poor.



We have established programs for education of orphans, homes for the elderly, care for people infected with HIV/AIDS, youth faith formation, Media Ministry, and caring for the poorest of the poor. We preach to and evangelize the animists—nature worshippers—among us. We have a special focus on rural education, especially to girls who often drop out or are prevented from attending school. Hospitals are difficult to access, and sick people are often turned away for lack of money. We strive to provide basic minimum medical supplies to maintain good health. We appeal to your generosity to continue these projects for the poor and needy people here. Therefore we humbly request you to be generous towards our cause.

Catechetical Institute

Immaculate Conception Church in Pine City, MN will be hosting the Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute 2025 Class of Blessed- Soon to be Saint- Carlo Acutis this coming fall. Journey through the 4 pillars of the Catechism with other adult Catholics to deepen your knowledge of the faith and further your spiritual formation, This 2-year program meets Monday Evenings 7-9pm.

Come meet Kelly Wahlquist, Director of the Catechetical Institute, at the Open House: Wednesday, June 4th, 7:00-8:00 pm at Immaculate Conception Church 8th Street SW, Pine City, MN 55063. Learn more about: benefits of the program, program details and commitment, steps to becoming a student and tuition information.

Go to <https://saintpaulseminary.org/ci/> for more information. Space is limited. Applications are being accepted through August 1. Please contact Karen Wilcox, parishioner, at fkwilcox@comcast.net with any questions.