



Church of the Sacred Heart

The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 7-13-2025

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 7-20-2025

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

Men's small group, **3rd Saturday** of each month @St. Gregory's from 7:30am-9am.



• 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**YOU SHALL LOVE
YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF.**

WEEKDAY/WEEKEND MASSES

Sunday 8:30 am

Wednesday 9:00 am

1st Saturday of each month 9:00 am

Weekend Mass @ St. Gregory's - North Branch

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 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.

Lord, Renew Your Church Campaign

Did you know that it has been over 20 years since the last Archdiocesan Capital Campaign? Most charitable organizations, including churches, need to regularly have capital campaigns to provide money for bigger projects that cannot be covered by general operating funds (or even rainy day maintenance funds).

As of July 1st, Archbishop Hebda and the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis have completed the Pilot Phase of the "Lord, Renew Your Church" capital campaign. The total goal set for the campaign is \$250 million over the course of 5 years; half of that money (\$125 million) will be staying with parishes. Overall, there has been very good support from the parishes and people who were asked to give during that Pilot Phase. St. Gregory's and Sacred Heart are part of what is known as Phase 1, which will actively run from this month to December of this year. We are about to have our launch events for our parishes, so I wanted to describe those to you.

On Wednesday, July 23rd at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart's Wey Hall (beneath the church), we will have our Parish Orientation. At that event, our campaign director and I will outline the projects chosen for both St. Gregory's and Sacred Heart. As this information cannot be easily shared at a Mass or in a bulletin article, I would ask that you come to that event if you are available.

On Wednesday, July 30th at 6 p.m. at St. Gregory's Parish Hall, we will have our Volunteer Orientation. For the campaign to be successful, every household will be receiving a personal contact. I will certainly need a team of volunteers assisting other campaign coordinators who have already agreed to their roles to achieve this end. Adequate training and resources will be provided throughout the process, so please keep an open mind and attend the Volunteer Orientation. If you discern at that time that now is not a good time to take on a volunteer role, you can opt out then.

Finally, I ask that you pray for the success of the Lord, Renew Your Church campaign. Please pray about how much you can offer (in addition to your regular giving to the parish) to further our mission and needs. May our generous God bless you for the time, talent, and treasures you offer.

~ Fr. Matt



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 Kirckberg, 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 Kirckberg, Umbreit Family, Margery Steininger, Violet Pearson, Dick Johnson, Tori Yurick-Schieber. 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.

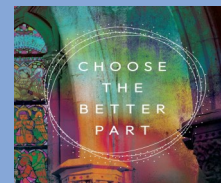
Mass Intentions

Wednesday, July 16th

9:00 am †Amy Prickett

Sunday, July 20th

8:30 am † Amy Prickett



Wednesday, July 23rd-Word & Communion

9:00 am † No mass intention

Sunday, July 27th

8:30 am PRAYERS- Dominic Gieson

"Let the Word of God take root in your heart, so it may bear fruit in your life and in the lives of others."

PARISH/COMMUNITY NEWS

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

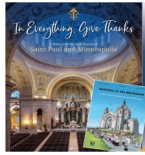
With several individuals connected to our parishes expressing interest in becoming fully initiated Catholics, Father Matt is holding an **OCIA (formerly RCIA) Inquiry Session on Sunday, July 13th at 11:45 a.m.** in **St. Gregory's Cry Room.**



OCIA—the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults—is for anyone **age 7 and up** who needs to get caught up on for **Baptism, First Eucharist, and/or Confirmation.** This brief summer session is an important first step before classes begin in the fall, leading to the Sacraments at Easter. If you or someone you know is interested, we'd love to see you there!

Last chance-Marian Pilgrimage To Wisconsin

Join Fr. Matt for a meaningful parish pilgrimage to three beautiful holy sites in Wisconsin from **August 6–8.** This 3-day trip includes visits to **Our Lady of Champion, Holy Hill Basilica,** and the **Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe,** with a 2-night stay in **Appleton, WI.** The approximate cost is **\$410 per person for a double room or \$520 for a single room. Spots are limited due to bus capacity.** To reserve your place, call the Parish Office at **320-358-4370.** Don't miss this opportunity to travel, pray, and grow in faith with your parish community!



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 continues to be joined with the Fall Festival upcoming meetings. Fall Festival planning meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 22nd at 6:30 PM** in Wey Hall.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Be the good soil—receive the Word with faith, nurture it with love, and let it grow into a harvest of grace."

In this Sunday's Gospel (Mark 4:1–20), Jesus tells the Parable of the Sower. The seed is God's Word, and the soil is our hearts. Some hearts are hard, some distracted, others shallow—but those who are open and ready allow the Word to grow and bear fruit.

Ask yourself this week: **What kind of soil am I?** Am I open to God's Word, or do worries and distractions choke it out?

A Simple Prayer

"Lord, prepare my heart to receive Your Word. Help me grow in faith and bear fruit for Your Kingdom."

From the Saints

"The soul cannot live without love." — St. Catherine of Siena

Weekly Challenge

Spend 5–10 quiet minutes a day with Scripture. Let God speak—and listen with an open heart.

YOUNG ADULTS

Young adults (ages 18 to 39) are invited to join the St. Peter's Young Adult Group in Forest Lake. For more information about events or to get on the email list, please visit <https://www.stpeterfl.org/young-adults> or email spfyounga-dults@gmail.com

Wedding Banns –Second/Third Announcement



The Banns of Marriage are announced for:
Kelly Taffe, daughter of Roman and Carol Taffe, and **Adam Eye**, son of **Jeff Eye (deceased)** and **Tura Eye**, who intend to be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on **Saturday, July 19, 2025,** at **Sacred Heart Catholic Church.**

Let us keep **Kelly and Adam** in our prayers as they prepare to enter into this sacred covenant of marriage.

Parish News Continued

ARCHDIOCESAN PASSPORT ADVENTURE

Become an Archdiocesan Jubilee Pilgrim: **Now through October 12,** visit seven or more parishes, including our Jubilee co-cathedrals and look for the Jubilee Cross in each of them. Participate in a Mass at a different church to expand your liturgical experience. **Join others on October 12 for mass + Ice Cream Social at the Cathedral of Saint Paul (pre-registration required).** Print your own passport by visiting <https://www.archspm.org/passport/> or by scanning the QR code in back of church on the large flyer.



Save the Date:

Mark your calendars! Our annual **Fall Festival** is coming up on **Sunday, September 21st,** and we need your help to make it a success!

Volunteers Needed

We'll need at least 25 volunteers for the kitchen alone—please consider lending a hand!

Silent Auction & Country Store Donations

We're collecting items for the **Silent Auction**—gift baskets, themed packages, or new items are all welcome. Need ideas? Check the sheet in the back of the church.

We're also stocking our **Country Store** with **canned goods, baked goods, homemade crafts, and other new, handmade items.** Your time, creativity, and generosity make this event possible. **Let's make this year's Fall Festival our best yet!**



Pints with Padres – Summer Series

Pints with Padre: Round Two!

If you missed the first one, now's your chance to join Fr. Matt for another evening of meaningful conversation, community, and faith—served up in a relaxed, welcoming setting.

- ☐ Thursday, July 31 – North Folk Winery, Stark
- ☐ Wednesday, August 20 – The Fuse, Harris

Each gathering begins at 6:00 PM, followed by a short talk and Q&A at 6:30 PM, and a social at 7:00 PM.

Bring your questions, bring a friend—and enjoy growing in faith together!