



Church of the Sacred Heart

The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

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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.

IF TODAY YOU
HEAR HIS VOICE,
HARDEN NOT
YOUR HEARTS.



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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.

PASTOR

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OFFICE HOURS

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

Projects to Be Funded through "Lord, Renew Your Church"

It was good to have a subset of each parish represented at the "Lord, Renew Your Church" (Archdiocesan Capital Campaign) Parish Orientation this past week. As mentioned previously, the Volunteer Orientation is Wednesday (July 30th) at 6 p.m. at St. Gregory's Hall. If you have not heard directly from anyone on the Campaign team yet, you can expect that you will receive an email or a phone call during the duration of our active phase of the Campaign (which runs until December). I ask you to be open to what one of the volunteers or I ask of you.

I mentioned previously that the main beneficiaries of the "Lord, Renew Your Church" campaign are the parishes in the Archdiocese. The Archdiocese asked every parish to create case statements for what they would fund with the money they receive. Please know that at least 60 percent of the money collected through the parish's campaign will stay at the parish. Parish goals (for the entire 5 years of the campaign) were set based on 138 percent of parish's annual Sunday collections. The parish goal at St. Gregory's is \$345,000, while the parish goal at Sacred Heart is \$130,000. We are already well on our way to reaching our goals thanks to parishioners who have committed to pledges prior to the launches at the parishes.

You can expect to hear more about the projects chosen for each parish especially during this active phase of the campaign, but I want to briefly mention them here. At St. Gregory's, the needs are threefold. First, we need some additional temperature control, especially in getting a new furnace and heat control valves for the office side of the building as well as an air conditioner unit for the church. Second, we will improve the security of the building through security cameras and key fobs. Third, the campus will be beautified through projects such as the outdoor prayer niche (next to the sacristy), the planting of trees, and the construction of a playground behind Romero House.

At Sacred Heart, there are two uses of the money that will stay at the parish. The first is to redo the wood paneling surrounding the stained glass windows in the church. The minimum cost of the project is \$100,000, so the additional money will come from funds previously gifted to the Church. The other use of the money is to create an endowment that will provide money for youth activities in Rush City. Given challenges to the Sacred Heart budget, it has been difficult to set aside money to fund the mission of forming our youth as disciples of Christ, so I look forward to ramping up our offerings.

With the already positive reception of the "Lord, Renew Your Church" capital campaign, I am hopeful that you and your household will also get excited (if you are not already) for the special opportunities that will come to our parishes. These projects will help our parishes to be well-suited for long-term health. As always, thank you for all the ways that you already support the parishes as well as specifically for "Lord, Renew Your Church." May God reward you for your generosity.

~Fr. Matt



PRAYER list

Heavenly Father,

In Your loving mercy, look upon all who are sick. Give them comfort in their pain, strength in their weakness, and hope in their trials. May they feel Your healing presence and know they are never alone. Surround them with compassionate caregivers and fill their hearts with peace.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Pat Mihm, Audrey Larson, Kim Wall, David Kirchberg, 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 Kirchberg, 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 30th

9:00 am Mike Lee

Saturday, August 2nd

9:00 am † Amy Prickett

Sunday, August 3rd

8:30 am † Joe & Elsie Moore

Wednesday, August 6th

9:00 am † Joe & Elsie Moore

Sunday, August 10th

8:30 am † John & Effie Kay



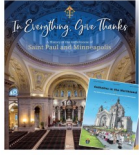
"Lord, grant me a heart that seeks Your wisdom above all things, so that I may walk in Your ways and recognize the treasures of heaven."

PARISH/COMMUNITY NEWS



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 **Sunday, August 3rd at 6:30 PM** in Wey Hall.



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!

Calvary Cemetery

A parishioner has offered to pay for a new, sturdier fence at the parish's Calvary Cemetery. If you or someone you know would be interested in taking down the partially-damaged (due to snow plowing) fence, or at least hauling it away after being taken down by an outside contractor, please contact Steve at the office.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Join us as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption, a Holy Day of Obligation, honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary's assumption into heaven.

Mass Schedule:

- **Thursday, August 14 (Vigil)**
7:00 PM – Sacred Heart
- **Friday, August 15**
8:30 AM – St. Gregory's
9:00 AM – Sacred Heart
6:30 PM – St. Gregory's



All are welcome to attend as we gather in prayer and thanksgiving for Our Lady's intercession and example of faith.



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!



Saint Spotlight: St. Teresa of Calcutta

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

St. Teresa of Calcutta reminds us that even the smallest act done with love can reflect Christ's light. How will you serve with love this week?

YOUNG ADULTS

Watch for your Faith Formation registration forms—coming soon! Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 17, 2025.

We look forward to another year of growing in faith together! If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.



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!**

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Stewardship Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the Kingdom of Heaven as a treasure and a pearl of great price. As Christian stewards, we are called to recognize the surpassing value of our faith and respond by living lives rooted in gratitude and generosity. Stewardship begins with the realization that all we have is a gift from God—our time, talents, and resources. When we place God first, we joyfully give of ourselves for the sake of His Kingdom.

Scripture:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

—Matthew 13:44

Prayer:

Lord, open my heart to see the true treasure in Your Kingdom. Help me to offer my life in generous service, trusting in Your promise and goodness. Amen.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Stewardship Reflection

Jesus feeds the multitudes with just five loaves and two fish, showing that even the smallest offering, when given with love, can be multiplied in God's hands. As stewards, we are invited to bring what we have—no matter how limited it may seem—and trust that God will use it to nourish others. True stewardship means offering ourselves fully to God, confident that He can do great things through our willingness to serve.

Scripture:

"They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full."

—Matthew 14:20

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, take what I have to offer—my time, my talents, my love—and bless it for the good of others. Help me to trust that nothing given in Your name is ever wasted. Amen.