



# 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).

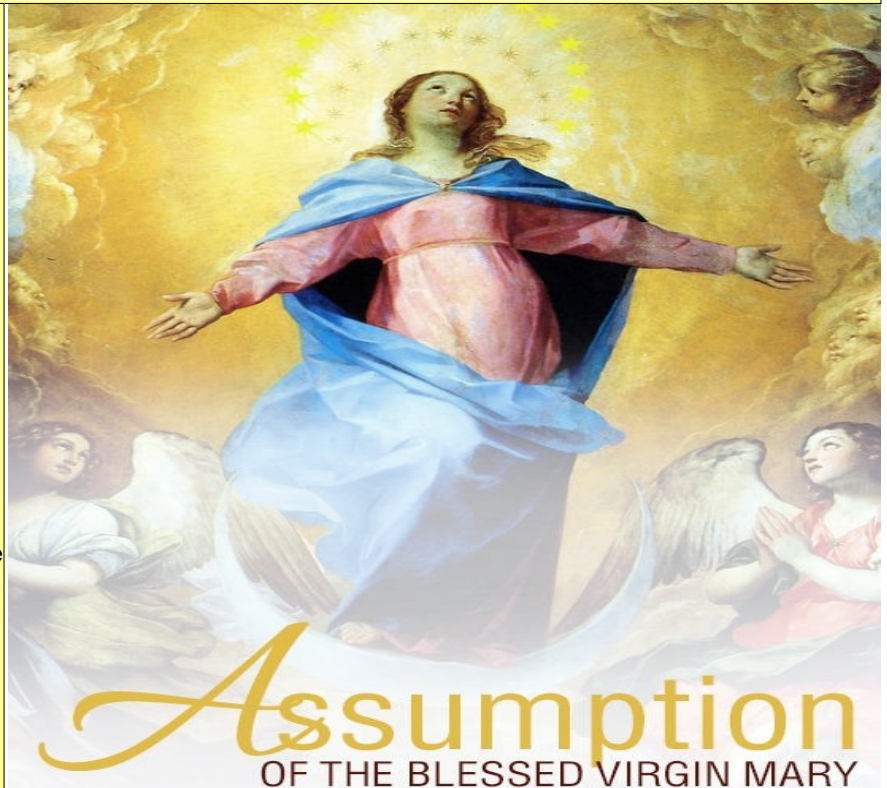
**Mondays** from 6-7:30pm at the Herberg's—**We're off for the summer—back in the Fall!**

**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.



## 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

Fr. Matt Shireman

## DEACON

Kevin Downie

## ASSISTING PRIEST

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## OFFICE HOURS

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

## Summer Youth Activities Recap

I know that some of you already know what our youth were up to this summer, but allow me to fill in everyone else.

A few weeks ago, we finished the first ever Totus Tuus (Latin for "Totally Yours") Vacation Bible School-style program at St. Gregory's. Both the main session for kids in Grades 1-Bu6 as well as the evening session for kids in Grades 7-12 were run by college students—2 seminarians, St. Gregory's own Brianna Hendren, and a freshman woman at the University of St. Mary's in Bismarck, ND. The parishioners who helped with its running said the kids learned a lot. And the kids really enjoyed all of the games and the water fight on the last day of the week. We will probably host it again next year, and I would love to see even more youth experience the program.

St. Gregory's youth hosted a "Stockholder" reception for those who donated for their summer programs as well as others interested from the community. Due to the Presbyterian Assembly, I was not able to go on the mission trip to Helena, Montana, but I saw the images and heard the stories from the trip. Our group of about 15 joined with St. Bridget's (Lindstrom) and St. Mary's (White Bear Lake) to fill a bus. The youth had many opportunities to practice their faith as well as serve others throughout the week. They are looking forward to a re-

union where they will see the others that were part of the bus group.

Also represented at the reception, I was able to attend much of our parishes' first trip to Extreme Faith Camp (EFC for short) at beautiful Trinity Woods Camp in Trego, Wisconsin (note: this is the same place where our Confirmation students had their retreat this year). EFC is primarily geared for middle schoolers but high schoolers are also recruited to be volunteers and small group leaders. We had a modest group (6 youth and 4 adults) but we were joined by many other parishes, including my home parish (St. Therese in Deephaven) and my first assignment parish (St. Stephen's in Anoka). There were many priests there, especially on Tuesday evening when Confessions were offered to the 300 participants. Activities included a zipline, jumping off a gigantic inflatable platform in the lake, and archery tag.

I am grateful to all those who made the youth experiences possible—the benefactors, Vince Hendren, Liz Long, and the other adult volunteers. We hope to offer a similar set of opportunities next year, so I hope even more youth will have deep encounters with Christ.

-Fr. Matt



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, August 13th**

9:00 am Jake Carlson

**Assumption -Thursday, August 14th**

7:00 pm Parishioners

**Assumption -Friday, August 15th**

9:00 am Luke Carlson

**Sunday, August 17th**

8:30 am † Amy Prickett

**Wednesday, August 20th**

9:00 am † Mark Stenger

**Sunday, August 24th**

8:30 am † Amy Prickett

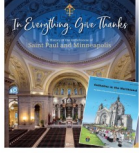


## PARISH/COMMUNITY NEWS



### Sisters of Sacred Heart Meeting & Fall Festival Planning

The Sisters of Sacred Heart continues to be joined with the Fall Festival upcoming meetings. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 21st 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.

**Parish Council** meeting will be held **Tuesday, August 12th at 6pm** in the Parish House.

**FREE 65" Toshiba TV**, Works! Perfect for a Vikings game room. Big & heavy – 61"H x 59"W x 26"D. Bring help to move, in Wey Hall. First come, first served!



### 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 – "Spiritual Direction 101" Don't Miss Your Last Chance!

Join us for the final *Pints with Padre* night on **Wednesday, August 20 at The Fuse, Harris!**

We'll kick things off at **6:00 PM**, followed by a short talk and Q&A at **6:30 PM**, and wrap up with a social at **7:00 PM**. **Bring your questions, bring a friend—and let's grow in faith together!**

### Second Collection – Sunday, August 24th

There will be a second collection on Sunday, August 24th to support our local Food Shelf. Your generosity helps provide essential food and supplies to individuals and families in need within our community.

Thank you for your continued support.



## FAITH FORMATION

Watch for your Faith Formation registration forms—coming soon!

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!**

### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Stewardship Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus urges us to stay alert and ready, like servants waiting for their master's return. As Christian stewards, we are called to live with faithful vigilance—using our time, talents, and treasure wisely and generously in service of God's Kingdom. Stewardship is not only about giving, but about being prepared each day to respond to God's call with trust and joy, knowing that we are caretakers of His blessings.

#### Scripture:

"Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

—Luke 12:34

#### Prayer:

Lord, help me to live each day with a ready and generous heart. Teach me to treasure the things of heaven and to serve You faithfully with all that You have entrusted to me. Amen.

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Stewardship Reflection

Jesus speaks boldly in today's Gospel about the cost of discipleship. Following Him may lead us into discomfort, challenge, or even division—but Christian stewardship means choosing faithfulness over ease. It is in giving our lives fully to Christ, through prayer, service, and sacrificial love, that we truly become His disciples. May our stewardship reflect a heart on fire with love for the Lord.

#### Scripture:

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!"

—Luke 12:49

#### Prayer:

Lord, ignite my heart with the fire of Your love. Give me the courage to live my faith boldly and to give generously, even when it costs. Let my life be a light that draws others to You. Amen.