



Church of the Sacred Heart

The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross | 9-14-2025

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 Home

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.

1st and 3rd Sunday from 9:30-11:30 in Parish House. Restarts in October.

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



ВОЗДВІЖЕННЯ КРЕСТА ГОСПОДНЯ

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.

Healing from the Wounds at Annunciation

Certainly any school shooting grips the attention of a nation, but the Annunciation one hits real close—it happened in our city involving a parish and a school in our Archdiocese. As members of the Body of Christ, we all suffer when other members are suffering (1 Cor 12:26). For those who were away on Labor Day weekend, I spoke in my homily of the need to pray during this difficult time as well as to do more for our youth so that they can live connected, integrated lives.

I have some limited ties to Annunciation parish. My first spiritual director at the St. Paul Seminary was the late Fr. Jim Himmelsbach, who was then pastor at Annunciation (prior to his retirement). Sometimes I would have my spiritual direction at Annunciation, and I even attended their parish festival once. With Archbishop Hebda as the main celebrant, I concelebrated Fr. Jim's funeral Mass at Annunciation.

As people of faith, we know that God hears the cries of the poor (Psalm 34). Healing will take a lot of time and effort, especially for the people directly affected—the parishioners and families of Annunciation Parish and School. The desecrated church will need to be reconsecrated (likely to be performed by Archbishop Hebda). Three lives were lost and one youth remains in serious condition at the time of this writing. In case you have not heard, the Annunciation Hope and Healing Fund through the Catholic Community Foundation (separate from the Archdiocese) has been set up. You can find more information about that as well as everything related to the Annunciation incident at <https://www.archspm.org/annunciation/>.

There will be much more said and written of the Annunciation attack, but we want to face everything from our Catholic faith. As Archbishop Hebda mentioned in a homily at Annunciation School the evening of the attack, we have true hope in a God who loves all, including particularly those affected by the tragedy, who will bring about healing in his little children. May Mary under the title of Our Lady of Sorrows intercede for all of us.

~Fr. Matt Shireman



Prayer/Mass Intentions

Heavenly Father,
In Your boundless love and mercy, we lift up to You all those who are sick, suffering, or burdened in any way—whether in body, mind, or spirit.
Grant them comfort in their pain, strength in their weakness, and peace in their hearts. May they feel Your presence and know they are never alone.
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, 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, September 10th

9:00 am Eva Dittrich

Sunday, September 14th

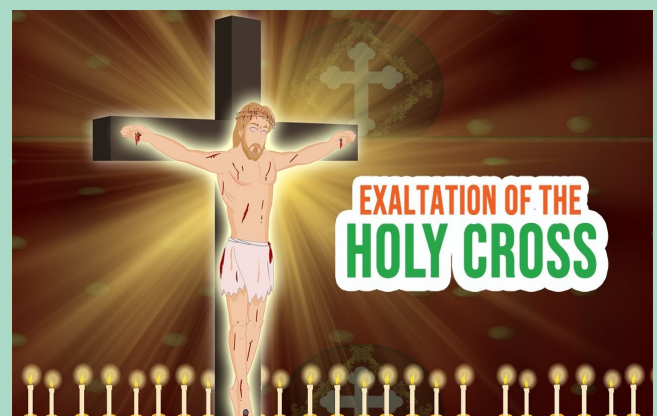
8:30 am †Amy Prickett

Wednesday, September 17th

9:00 am Seth Carlson

Sunday, September 21st

8:30 am † Ralph & Dorothy Anderson



RECLAIMING SUNDAY'S

Recover Sunday as a Day for the Lord and Family September – A Month of Prayer

This September, we begin our 12-month journey to reclaim Sundays as a sacred day of rest, worship, and renewal. As the foundational pillar of our campaign, September is devoted to prayer—the heart of our relationship with God.

Let this month be a time for families and individuals to reconnect with God and each other through intentional moments of prayer.

Activities for September:

- Attend Mass together every Sunday this month
- Pray before meals as a family

As we give focus to “Reclaiming Sundays,” we start with the importance of participating in Sunday Mass. Jesus Christ died so that we may have eternal life; God asks us to worship Him every **Sunday (and Holy Day of Obligation)** so that we can become the saints that He wants us to be.

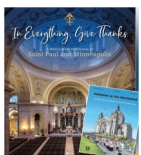
Action for this Month: As a family, attend Mass every Sunday this month. Sometimes just showing up (especially as your family settles into the new routine of the school year) is the first small step that is most pleasing to God.

PARISH/COMMUNITY NEWS

Sisters of Sacred Heart Meeting & Fall Festival Planning



Please mark your calendars for our next *Sisters of the Sacred Heart* meeting, which will be held on **Thursday, September 18th at 6:30 PM**. In addition, the next *Fall Festival* planning meeting will take place on **Tuesday, September 9th at 6:30 PM**.



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!



Catholic Watchmen – Monthly Gathering
Men of the parish are invited to join the Catholic Watchmen on the **1st Thursday of every month** for an evening of prayer, fellowship, and strengthening in faith. Come grow as a spiritual leader in your family and community. All men are welcome!
Please watch bulletin for locations.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Kick-Off – Wednesday, September 17th

Our Faith Formation program will begin on **Wednesday, September 17th from 6:00–7:30 PM** with a special kick-off evening. **Both children and their parents** are invited to attend this important first session. Join us as we start a new year of growing in faith together!

Join Us for Our Annual Fall Festival!
Sunday, September 21st, 2025

Start the day with **8:30 AM Mass**, then stick around —
The **Festival** kicks off at **10:00 AM** and runs until **1:00 PM**!

What to Look Forward To:
Serving up the **famous BrassRail Chicken** with all the delicious sides!
Silent Auction — Bid on unique basket items
Country Store — Homemade goods, treats, and treasures
50/50 Wine & Spirits Raffle — Take your chance and **win big!**
Raffle Tickets — Great prizes up for grabs! Get your tickets at the event or in advance!

family It's a perfect day for the whole family
Fun Great food, friendly faces, and fun for all ages.

Don't miss it — bring a friend or two and celebrate fall with us!

NEW ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

NEW CLASSES!

Confirmation/DOC parent meeting is Sunday, September 21st at 5:30 p.m. at St. Gregory's Hall. Students do not need to attend the session, but the High School Youth Group kickoff will be going on at the same time in the Romero House.

For more information about Confirmation, please contact **Danielle Miller, Confirmation Coordinator**, at danielle@stgregorynb.org.

Options for women & families

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL
FALL FUNDRAISER
Benefit

2025
THURSDAY | 25 | SEPTEMBER
6:00 pm | \$50/ticket | \$400/table

THE SCANDIA CREAMERY
21279 OLINDA TRL N, SCANDIA, MN 55073

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Sunday, September 14th
The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross calls us to reflect on the mystery of Christ's sacrifice and the glory that comes through the Cross. What was once a symbol of death has become, through Christ, the instrument of our salvation. As we honor the Holy Cross, we are reminded that in every trial and suffering, God can bring forth redemption, healing, and new life. May we never forget the power of the Cross to transform hearts and reveal the depth of God's love.