



Church of the Sacred Heart

The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 10-12-2025

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).

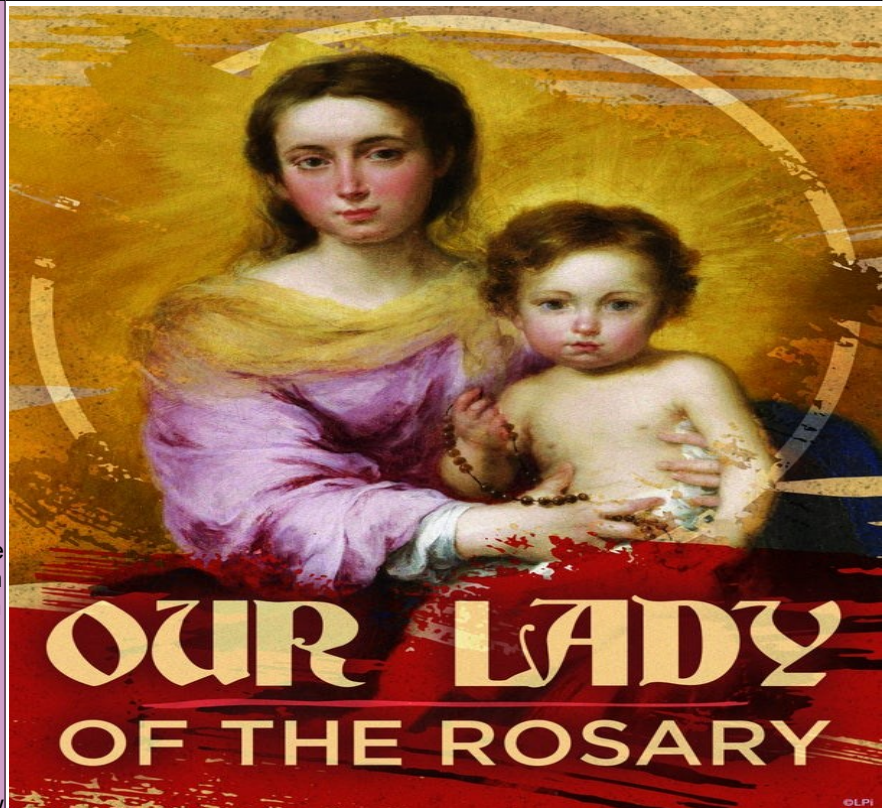
Mondays from 6-7:30pm in the Parish House.

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.



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.

Sundays are for Rest, Recreation, and Prayer

Hopefully you were able to enjoy the Brass Rail Chicken Dinner and/or the Booya at the recent Fall Festivals. The food was delicious and those who were there enjoyed the activities. A big thank you to the staff and volunteers who made the Fall Festivals possible.

Our second theme for the initiative of “Reclaiming Sundays” is “Rest, Recreation, and Prayer.” Consider that theme for yourself—do you see Sunday as a day of rest, recreation, and prayer? Or does your family treat it as a day of (home)work, chores, errands, and screentime?

I remember back to my high school years when my youth minister challenged my peers and me to not do homework on Sundays. My initial protestation at the time was that I needed time on Sundays to do my Calculus homework. In undergrad, the temptation was to use Sundays for engineering homework. In grad school, it was to use Sundays for group projects or to work on my thesis. In seminary, it was to study for exams and write papers (after all, it was all God-centered). As a priest, the temptation is to check and respond to emails and work on those tasks that I didn’t get on the other workdays. I am grateful to God, though, for taking my youth minister’s challenge to heart even if I have not always lived out the Commandment (and needed serious tweaks at times).

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (which can be accessed in print, online, or through Fr. Mike Schmitz’ series) gives us help on all aspects of our faith and morals, so allow me to quote the entirety of paragraph 2272:

God’s action is the model for human action. If God ‘rested and was refreshed’ on the seventh day, man too ought to ‘rest’ and should let others, especially the poor, ‘be refreshed.’ The sabbath brings everyday work to a halt and provides a respite. It is a day of protest against the servitude of work and the worship of money.

The Reclaiming Sundays bulletin box this month will provide activities and examples of how to live Sundays as days of “Rest, Recreation, and Prayer.” I pay forward the challenge from my youth by challenging you and your family to refrain from unnecessary work on Sundays. May you experience the joy and fulfillment of making Sundays special.

Fr. Matt



Financial Update

September Income: \$6045

September Budget : \$9916.74

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, John Urlaub. 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, October 8th

9:00 am †Fr. Larry Johnson

Sunday, October 12th

8:30 am †Amy Prickett

Wednesday, October 15th

9:00 am Parishioners

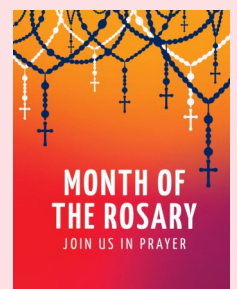
Sunday, October 19th

8:30 am †Paul & Elenor Capecci



Heavenly Father,
In this month of October, we draw close to You through the gentle hands of Mary.
As we pray the Rosary, help us to meditate on the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son.

May each Hail Mary be a step deeper into faith, hope, and love.
Through the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, grant us peace in our hearts, in our families, and in the world.
Amen.



SYNOD-RECLAIMING SUNDAY'S



As we continue our "Reclaiming Sundays" initiative for the year, we turn to the theme of Sundays being days of "**Rest, Recreation, and Prayer.**" God gives us the model for treating Sundays as a day of rest when He rested on the Seventh Day of Creation (cf. Genesis 2:2). Christians' Sundays are marked differently than Jews' Sabbath (Saturdays), but both focus on the importance of resting on that one day a week.

Action for this Month: As a family, choose activities focused on recreation, leisure, and rest. Some examples of activities that help us to recreate (literally, "re-create") well include reading a good (especially Catholic) book or newspaper (like The Catholic Spirit), going for a long walk or playing outside, playing a game (especially as a family), or doing a puzzle. It does not matter too much what the activity is, although there are limits to fruitfulness with screens (note: the focus in February will be about making Sundays low-tech).

PARISH NEWS

OCIA—BECOMING CATHOLIC

This class is intended for adults seeking to become Catholic. Classes will meet twice monthly from September to April. The next class will be Saturday, October 18th, 9:30 am to 11:30am at St. Gregory's Parish Hall.



Sisters of Sacred Heart Meeting Please mark your calendars for our next *Sisters of the Sacred Heart meeting*, which will be held on **Thursday, October 16th at 6:30 PM.**

Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday, **October 14th at 6:00 pm**, the Parish House.

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 at St. Gregory's. **The next gathering will be on Thursday, Oct. 9th.** All men are welcome!



BIBLE STUDY

Join Fr. Matt for Bible Study every Friday at 9:15 AM in the Romero House, 6385 Maple St., North Branch. Please note: There will be no Bible Study this Friday (10/10) as Fr. Matt will be away but we'll resume on **Friday, October 17th.**



BAPTISM PREP CLASS

Parents seeking Baptism for their child are required to attend a single Baptism class, which we offer on the second Thursday of each month at the Parish Hall at St. Gregory's, 6:30-7:30pm. Call the Parish Office to sign up.



Fellowship Sunday's— change of date

Join us every **3rd Sunday of the month** for Fellowship in Wey Hall — right after service! This isn't just coffee and donuts (though we love those too)... we're talking egg bakes, fresh fruit, rolls, and a place to connect. Why head out for brunch when brunch is right here with your church family? **We'd love to see you there.**

COMMUNITY NEWS



TRUNK OR TREAT— It's almost time for St. Gregory's 4th annual Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 26th from 2:00-4:00pm. Everyone is welcome! Please consider hosting a trunk! It's easy and fun! Be creative, but please keep the scare PG. Trunks help to make this event a success. Contact Liz — liz@stgregorynb.org office to sign up or with any questions.

Anointing Mass

On Friday, October 24th at 8:30am at St. Gregory's, Fr. Matt will offer an Anointing Mass. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may be administered to Catholics who are in danger of death—through old age (around 75+), a serious medical condition, or preparing for a serious medical procedure including one that uses general anesthesia. No pre-registration is necessary but those who receive the Sacrament at the Mass will need to give their name for record keeping. Questions may be directed to Fr. Matt—fathermatt@stgregorynb.org.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

The 4th Degree Knights will be holding their annual clothing drive now through November 2. The donation bin is in the vestibule.



Rosary Rally

All are welcome to join us at the Rosary Rally again this year here at Sacred Heart on **Oct. 11th starting at 12noon!**



Wedding Banns—Third Announcement

The Banns of Marriage are announced for: **Garett Schmidt, Kayla O'Meara**, who intend to be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on **Saturday, October 18th, 2025**, at **Sacred Heart Catholic Church.**

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

ADULT CATECHISM

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH: CATECHISM FOR ADULTS

Explore the Catechism from Ascension Press with videos from Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jeff Cavins, and Dr. Edward Sri on last Mondays of the month, 6:00-7:30pm in the Parish Hall at St. Gregory's. The next session will be **October 27th**. This class, led by Dion Scott and Mike O'Meara, is geared to any adult wanting to enrich their understanding of the faith. To register, call the parish office or contact Dion (dion@stgregorynb.org) or call the Parish Office.

