



# Church of the Sacred Heart

The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 10-26-2025

## 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 the 1st Sunday in November

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

Fr. Chuck Brambilla

## PARISH OFFICE

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## FAITH FORMATION

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## OFFICE HOURS

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

## Resting on Retreat

Jesus says, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while" (Mark 6:31). Although priests (I am just coming off mine) and deacons are required to go on an annual retreat, it is a praiseworthy practice for all Catholics to aim for at least a short one every year or so. We require it for our 2nd year Confirmation students. The married couples group that I am chaplain for (Teams of Our Lady) does an annual retreat. We used to do a weekend of camping; now we do a day in a house rented by a church.

I would like to offer some opportunity for our men and/or women to be on retreat together. There are some parishioners who take it upon themselves to go to a place like Demontrouville Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Elmo (<https://demontrevilleretreat.com/>) for a weekend silent retreat or a hermitage at Pacem in Terris in Isanti (<https://www.paceminterris.org/>), but by and large, I am guessing that most of you do not regularly experience retreats.

Retreats can be communal or silent or somewhere in between. They include something like dorm rooms or small hotel-style rooms and places to pray, including typically a chapel. If the retreats are more communal in nature, they may include talks given by a retreat master. In general, there are times for both communal prayer and personal prayer. Food and nap time are also important components of retreats; our schedules are usually so full that we need to really slow down and savor what is good. Even priests usually spend the first day or two of their 5-day (or 8-day) retreat resting.

If one is doing more of a silent retreat but does not have a retreat master for their time away, it is advisable that a person connects with me or some other clergyman before their retreat. Just having a list of short Bible passages can be helpful for opening oneself up to hearing God. As the Bible says, "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:11).

If you are hesitant to go on a retreat by yourself, talk to your small group or a group at the parish (like Catholic Watchmen or the women's group) to consider planning one. Let me know if I can be of assistance.

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.

*George Stenger, 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, Al & Mary Petschl. 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 22nd**

9:00 am Parishioners

**Sunday, October 26th**

8:30 am †Fr. Ralph Huar

**Wednesday, October 29th**

9:00 am †Tom & Terry Solorz

**Saturday, November 1st**

9:00 am †Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday, November 2nd**

8:30 am †Joe & Elsie Moore



On the commemoration of All Souls' Day, we remember the dead, and apply our efforts, through prayer, almsgiving, and sacrifice of the Mass for their purification. Join us for All Souls' Mass to remember all of those who have gone before us, especially those who have passed this past year.

**November 1st—St. Gregory at 5:00pm**

**November 2nd—Sacred Heart at 8:30am**  
**St. Gregory—11:00am**



†GEORGE CURWICK

SERVICE IS ON NOV. 4TH, 2025

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,  
Rest in Peace. Amen.

## SYNOD-RECLAIMING SUNDAY'S



During October, the theme for the "Reclaiming Sundays" initiative is "Rest, Recreation, and Prayer." As Dr. Naughton of Catholic Studies at the University of St. Thomas likes to state, "If we don't get Sundays right, we won't get Mondays right." The primary purposes of Sunday are to pray/worship and to rest. Other activities (such as unnecessary shopping and servile labor) can be problematic if those primary purposes are curtailed.

Action for this month: As a family, refrain from house projects and tasks centered around productivity. If you need something like orange juice, it is not sinful to go to the store; however, avoid making Sundays a shopping day. If you like to garden, then go ahead and garden on Sundays; if you don't like it, take a day-off. Similar things could be said for other household tasks.

## 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, Nov. 8th, 9:30 am to 11:30am at St. Gregory's Parish Hall.



**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, Nov. 6th.** 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



### 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.**

## FAITH FORMATION

### FRIDAY FUN NIGHT –At St. Gregory's

The 6th-8th grade FFN is November 7th, starting at 6pm. Hoping to be off-site, details and permission slips coming soon.



### Financial Update Week #16-Sunday Oct. 12th

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| Weekly Envelopes             | \$2653.00 |
| Weekly Plate                 | \$ 575.00 |
| Weekly Received for the week | \$3228.00 |

Total Projected Income: \$134,350.00/52=\$2584.00 per week

## 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.



### 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](mailto:fathermatt@stgregorynb.org).



### Annulments and Convalidations

Many parishioners ask about the annulment process and/or having their marriages blessed in the Catholic Church if they were not previously married within the Catholic Church (Convalidations) either for themselves, a friend, or loved one.



**Please join us on Monday, November 10, 2025 from 6:30pm-8:00pm in the St. Gregory the Great Parish Hall** for a presentation by Amy Tadlock, a canon lawyer from the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Amy's presentation will focus on explaining these important processes and dispelling some common misunderstandings.

Come with questions and enjoy some light refreshments! There is no charge for this presentation and no pre-registration is required.

## 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](mailto:dion@stgregorynb.org)) or call the Parish Office.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Rush City's

### Bountiful Boutiques

Pop-up & occasional market • High-quality goods

**-Friday 11-7 • Saturday 9-5 • Sunday 11-3**

Find boutique locations on bulletin boards throughout town.

After Hours Shopping Friday 7-9 PM

at Chucker's Bowl – bonus shopping, fun & community!

**All proceeds benefit the Rush City Food Shelf**

