



Church of the Sacred Heart

The Mother Church of East Central Minnesota

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All Souls' Day | 11-2-2025

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica | 11-9-2025

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.

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OFFICE HOURS

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8:30am. - 12:30 pm.

All Souls Day + Feast of the Lateran Basilica

It happens every 7 years or so, including in 2025—All Souls Day (November 2nd) falls on a Sunday. The Catholic Church has a long tradition of commemorating all of those who have died, especially all of the loved ones who have passed in the last year. Although violet is the most common color for vestments on this day, white or even a more stark black are options, too. As mentioned in the Reclaiming Sundays section, it is a good pious custom to visit a cemetery to pray for the souls of the faithful departed. One can obtain an indulgence (possibly plenary/full) for a deceased soul by visiting a cemetery and praying for both the dead and the Pope once a day between November 1 and 8.

Next week, we take another break from regular Ordinary Time Sundays to celebrate a feast that is a bit more obscure—the Lateran Basilica (color: white). The word Lateran comes from the name of a man who owned a palace but was beheaded by Emperor Nero in the 1st Century. The Basilica was dedicated on November 9 in 324 AD, and it is named after Saints John the Evangelist and John the Baptist. The significance of the church is that it is the official cathedral of Rome (note: it is not St. Peter's Basilica as many might assume). That means Saint John Lateran is not only the mother church of the Archdiocese of Rome but also the mother church of the entire world.

It is a reminder that we as Catholics value Jesus' incarnation in a special way by building and dedicating beautiful, sacred spaces to worship God.



Other related feasts we celebrate each year include the Chair of St. Peter (February 22; the Chair is located in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, but it signifies the special role of the Pope), the dedication of the diocesan cathedral (St. Paul: October 13), and the dedication of one's parish church.

Although Ordinary Time is never ordinary, hopefully you will join me in thanking God for the change-of-pace as we approach the end of the liturgical year (including Christ, the King of the Universe) and gear up for the season of Advent. **-Fr. Matt**

AN UPDATE ON JACOB O'MEARA -

At a special Mass on Monday, October 27th at the St. Paul Seminary, seminarian Jacob O'Meara (from Harris) and his classmates were admitted to a role called Acolyte. As an Acolyte, Jacob becomes the most ordinary of extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. In other words, when a minister is needed and there are not enough priests or deacons, Jacob would be first in line to assume the role of distributing Holy Communion. He is also trained to purify the sacred vessels at Mass.



Please continue to pray for Jacob and all seminarians. Please also pray for increased vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and sacramental marriage.

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, November 5th

9:00 am †Fr. Larry Johnson

Sunday, November 9th

8:30 am †Amy Prickett

Wednesday, November 12th

9:00 am †Souls' of Purgatory

Sunday, November 16th

8:30 am †Tim Risland



Second Collection - Sunday, November 9, 2025

Next weekend, our parish will take up the Triennial National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The AMS serves those who serve—providing the sacraments, pastoral care, and religious education to men and women in the U.S. Armed Forces, their families, and veterans in VA Medical Centers. Your generous support helps ensure that the Church's ministry continues for those who protect our nation. *Thank you for your prayers and contributions.*



SYNOD-RECLAIMING SUNDAY'S



Beauty, Prayer, and Remembrance
As we journey through November — a month dedicated to Beauty and Prayer — we are invited to reclaim Sunday as a sacred time for worship, rest, and togetherness. Amid life's busyness, Sunday calls us back to what matters most: the Lord's presence and the love of family.

This All Souls' weekend, we remember with gratitude all who have gone before us in faith. May their memory draw us closer to God, who is our eternal hope and peace.

Activity: Take a quiet moment at home to light a candle and pray for your departed loved ones, or visit a family member gravesite.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May our Sundays this month be filled with renewal, gratitude, and grace.

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, November 8th, 9:30 am to 11:00am in the Romero House (6385 Maple Street, North Branch)-St. Gregory's.



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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

All high school youth of St. Gregory's and Sacred Heart are invited to the next gathering on **November 16, 6-7:30pm** in the Romero House. Signed permission slips are required by all youth who attend.

FRIDAY FUN NIGHT –At St. Gregory's

All 6th-8th graders don't miss the Friday Fun Night at Thunderblades Roller Rink in Princeton on **Friday, November 7**. Transportation will be provided; meet at **6:00pm at St. Gregory's** and we will return around 9:30pm. Please have kids eat dinner before arriving. Permission slips are available by the Formation Office and narthex. Please contact Liz Long to RSVP for transportation. liz@stgregorynb.org



Fall Festival Raffle Winners!!

1st - \$850	Todd Flann
2nd - \$300 Kwik Trip GC	Hayden Poellinger
3rd - \$150 Fleet Farm GC	Jenny Dimunge
4th - \$100 The Fuse GC	Mary Forbe
5th - \$100 Chilson GC	Char Kennen
6th - \$100 Clean Haven GC	Linda Lang
7th - \$100 Kaffe Stuga GC	Brian Chilson
8th - (2) \$30 Merchants Café	Mary Forbe



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.

Wedding Banns –First Announcement

The Banns of Marriage are announced for:
Beau Bellmore, Betty Dailey, who intend to be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on **Saturday, December 6, 2025**, at **Sacred Heart Catholic Church**.

Let us keep **Beau & Betty** in our prayers

COMMUNITY NEWS



THANKSGIVING BINGO

The annual taco dinner and Thanksgiving BINGO sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be



Friday, November 14th Taco

Dinner at 6pm, BINGO at 7pm

The lucky winners receive a Gift Card from County Market to purchase items for their Thanksgiving Dinner.

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

