

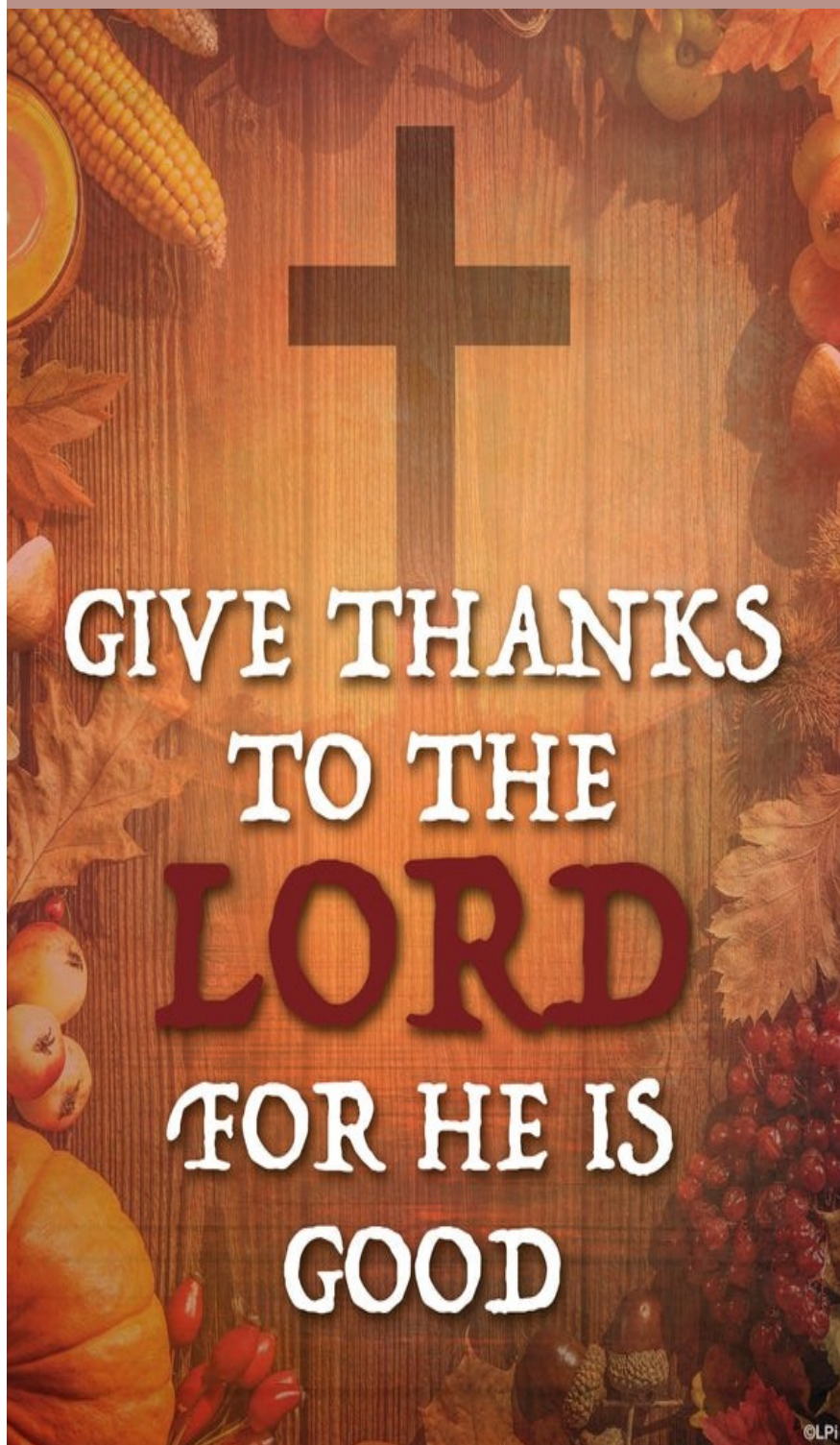
CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
THE MOTHER CHURCH OF EAST CENTRAL MINNESOTA

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | 11-23-2025



**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!

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

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

The Principles of Solidarity and Subsidiarity



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The Catholic Church has a robust set of principles for guiding Catholics and others on how to work for justice in the world. This is called Catholic Social Teaching. One of the main components of this set of teachings is justice, which is essentially focused on giving what is due to another. Due to our inherent human dignity, human beings have intrinsic rights. First and foremost, this means the right to life. Any deliberate killing of an innocent human life, as happens in abortions at the national rate of about a million per year, is murder.

There are two main principles that are at work in Catholic Social Teaching—solidarity and subsidiarity.

Solidarity is the principle that we are united with everyone around the world and must work for our sisters and brothers that face injustices every day. We cannot be indifferent to suffering here or abroad. There is also a preferential option for the poor. Because the poor are often forgotten about in public policies, Christians are called to work so that all can have access to food, health care, and a safe home. For that reason, both the US Conference of Catholic bishops (USCCB) and Minnesota bishops (as part of the Minnesota Catholic Conference) have been calling for the lay faithful to pray for and support migrants and those affected by the SNAP cuts in recent weeks.

Subsidiarity is the principle that decisions should be left to those who are closest to the issue. Pope Benedict XVI in his encyclical *Truth in Charity* (Caritatis in Veritate) places subsidiarity under the virtue of charity (rather than justice). For example, a federal government should not force a cookie-cutter approach to an issue when towns would be better suited to states or even towns. This is why decisions like *Roe v. Wade* or the previous administration prohibiting public schools from having outright bans on transgender-affirming policies. Grassroots efforts are essentially the principle of subsidiarity in action.

Solidarity and subsidiarity are meant to work together to arrive at the truth of a situation in charity. An individual cannot make demands on everyone else if others' rights are at issue. On the other hand, a large group approach to decisions can be helpful for many but may fail in some of the nuances that are particular to individuals.

In our U.S. two-political party system, both parties regularly fail in at least one of the principles. Catholic Social Teaching informs politics but is not beholden to either political party. Groups like Minnesota Catholic Conference (www.mncatholic.org) inform Catholics in the pews of the relevant issues at the state level. One current action alert involves the safety of children at all schools and in particular Catholic schools. The more informed we are, the better that we bring justice and charity to bear in our world.

Fr. Matt Shireman

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.

PRAYERS FOR:

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 19th

9:00 am †George Curwick

Sunday, November 23rd

8:30 am †Amy Prickett

Wednesday, November 26th

9:00 am †George Curwick

Sunday, November 30th

8:30 am †Ralph & Dorothy Anderson



Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the many blessings You have poured into our lives—our families, our friends, and the abundance we often take for granted. Help us to share Your love with others and to live with grateful hearts each day. May Your Spirit guide us to acts of kindness, and may we always give You glory in all we do.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The parish continues to have Formed.org, which can be described as “Catholic Netflix.” Here is how to sign up to watch their movies.

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "Sign Up As A Parishioner"
4. Find St. Gregory's by parish name, address, or zip code (55056)
5. Enter your email – and you're in!



SYNOD-RECLAIMING SUNDAY'S



During November, the theme for the "Reclaiming Sunday's" initiative is "Beauty and Prayer". To that end, identify a suitable location in your home and create a small sacred space (prayer table/family altar). Enlist contributions from everyone in your family to make it beautiful (flowers in a small vase, draw pictures for Jesus, etc).

Activities for November:

Create a sacred/prayer space in your home.

PARISH NEWS



We invite you to join us to our Thanksgiving Day Mass as we gather to offer our deep gratitude for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. Please join us on **Thursday, November 27th, at 9:00 AM**, with Father Chuck presiding, as we begin our holiday

with a communal prayer of thanksgiving before celebrating with our families and friends. All are welcome to attend this service!

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, Dec. 4th at 7pm-8pm.** 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.

FAITH FORMATION



All youth in grades 3-12 are invited to a Youth Get-Together and Pizza Party on Thursday, November 21, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish House. It will be an evening of food, fellowship, and fun for all our young parish members. Permission

slips are required and can be picked up in the parish office. For more information, please contact Fr. Matt.

Wedding Banns –Second 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 as they prepare to enter into this sacred covenant of marriage.

Financial Update –Month of October Collections

Monthly Envelopes and Plate \$15,743.90

2024-25 Year End Fiscal yr. recap is on the back bulletin board

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.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Christmas Caring Tree at the Rush City Library
Spread some holiday cheer! From **November 18–December 12**, stop by the library and **pick a tag from the Caring Tree** to make a local child's Christmas brighter.

Library Hours:

Tuesday: 10 AM – 7 PM

Wednesday: 10 AM – 5 PM

Thursday & Friday: 12 PM – 5 PM

Saturday: 10 AM – 1 PM

Together, we can make the season merry and bright!



The Leos (Rush City High School student group similar to the Lions organization) are doing a Santa Store again – **Saturday Nov 29 at Chuckers from 11am to 2pm**. Leos will display donated items, help people (mostly kids) pick out gifts, and wrap gifts – all at no cost!

They are looking for donations of new or gently used items that would be good gifts for kids, moms, dads, grandparents, etc. Some ideas: Puzzles, Games, Toys, Action Figures, Books, Stuffed Animals, Jewelry, Candles, Tools.

Donations can be dropped off at the High School Office or Elementary School Office by Tuesday Nov 25th.

Fix-It Clinics–Chisago County Fix-It Clinics

A Fix-It Clinic is a free event where you can bring broken items from home—like small appliances, electronics, toys, clothes, and more—and get them fixed! Skilled volunteers will help you figure out what's wrong and show you how to repair it. You'll get hands-on help with things like taking items apart, sewing, unscrewing, or opening them up. It's a fun way to learn useful repair skills, prevent items from being thrown away, connect with others in your community, and save money! The next Fix-It Clinic is scheduled for **Saturday, November 22, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Rush City Community Center, which is located at 720 W 14th Street in Rush City.**

Volunteer at a Fix-It Clinic

Do you love fixing or mending things? They are looking for volunteers to assist with repairs or event support! If you have skills in tinkering, carpentry, electrical work, mending, or can help with general event tasks, they would love for you to join them!