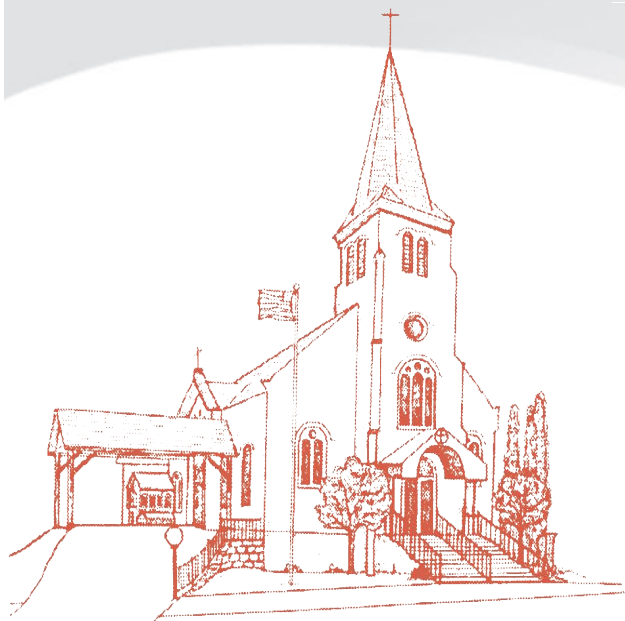


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1st Sunday OF ADVENT



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

Weekdays

Wednesday 9:00 am

First Friday of each month 9:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 9:30 am - noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Friday of each month 8:30 am

First Saturday of each month 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Or by appointment

November 27, 2016

First Sunday of Advent

On my Assignment

As I mentioned last week at all the Masses at Saint Gregory the Great, Archbishop Hebda granted me an extension on my assignment at my North Branch parish. My twelve-year term ended on September 14 with two years left of my first term at Sacred Heart. In part, below, is what the Archbishop wrote to me in his letter.

"I have reviewed your request to continue as pastor although you have already completed two six-year terms at Saint Gregory the Great. Having considered the motivations for your request, and mindful that you have not yet completed a full term at Sacred Heart, I have decided to extend your current appointment *pleno iure*, that is, to allow you to remain in office as pastor until you are informed otherwise. I intend to leave this appointment in place for up to three years...I hope this extension of time proves to be pastorally fruitful and a blessing in your priest life."

You might be questioning what does this mean for the typical parishioner? Good question! Even I needed to call someone in the Archdiocese to get clarification about what the letter intended to convey to me. First, I stated in my letter to the Archbishop several motivations as to why I wanted to stay at my current assignment. These included the fact that I am just getting to know my parishioners at Sacred Heart; I want to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of my priesthood ordination here; I desire to enjoy the recent renovations at Saint Gregory, and I want to observe the 150th anniversary of Sacred Heart's founding.

The Latin term, "*pleno iure*," means "with full authority." With this, I continue to have the full rights and privileges given to me as pastor as written in the Church's canon law. Basically then, I have the same authority as I have had over the past twelve years as a pastor.

Archbishop Hebda stated that I can continue in the office as pastor until "informed otherwise" with the intention of allowing me to remain pastor "for up to three years." In smaller dioceses, the bishop usually knows the needs of priests and parishes and is more inclined to ask a priest to move when deemed necessary before a term or extension expires. Due to our size, I do not anticipate that I will be asked to move to a different assignment before my three years are up, which would be July 1, 2019. As I indicated above, one of my motivations for wanting to stay longer is so that I can be present when Sacred Heart celebrates its 150th anniversary, which will be in 2020. Accordingly, at the present time, I would like to remain in northern Chisago County for another three and a half years.

Lastly, I fully expect my extension will be pastorally fruitful and a blessing to my priestly life. Never in my life have I been part of a community as much as I am here, nor have I developed as many meaningful and deep relationships as I have at both parishes. May we continue to grow closer to God as we journey spiritually together in the approaching years.

Blessings, your pastor, Father Shane

SANTA DAYS

This year's Santa Days is this Saturday, December 3 so that means the CCW will have our annual cookie sale at the Rush City Public Library on that day from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Since the individual circles have disbanded, we would like all ladies of the parish to furnish a double batch of their favorite Christmas Cookie to sell. Please bring the cookies to the Library on December 3rd by 8:30 a.m. Your participation is much appreciated!

CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER

We have an opportunity for one or two families to take over hosting the annual Christmas Eve Dinner. For more information, please contact Marsha at 651.252.8325.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send all bulletin announcements to Barb at St. Gregory's until the office position has been filled here at Sacred Heart. Please send to info@stgregorynb.org

ADVENT:

A rich and powerful season of the Church year.

We often miss Advent's power because these December weeks are full of secular Christmas parties and preparations for Christmas. Each year, the busyness of this season serves to distract us from having an Advent season that truly prepares us for the celebration of Christmas, with all its meaning. To help us this Advent, resources will be taken from: "*Praying Advent*", Used with permission from the Creighton University's *Online Ministries* web site:

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>

This site offers simple ways to enter into this Advent season, week by week, in the midst of our everyday lives.

What are the key first steps to enter into Advent?

We can all slow down. We can all breathe more deeply. We can all begin to trust that this will be a blessed time. Then, when we let ourselves be who we are, and hear the Scriptures, we can begin to quietly pray, "Come, Lord, Jesus." We might expand that prayer, in quiet moments of our days ahead, "Come into my life. I trust you don't mind if it is still messy. I believe you love me, because I need your love. I don't fear you can't find the way to my heart. Come and fill me with peace and the love only you can give." Some of us will want to open our hands on our laps or hold up our arms in the privacy of our rooms and say out loud, "Come, Lord, Jesus, come into this house, into my family, into our struggles. Come and heal us, and give us joy again. Come and unite us and let us experience, each in our own way, a bit of the joy you are offering me now." And, before a single decoration goes up, we have prepared for Christmas' message with the foundation of faith, with the mystery of Advent's gift. God wants to be with us. Advent is letting God's will be done in our hearts and in our everyday lives.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, December 3, 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Rick Drevecky
 Communion: Jeanne Kay, Mary Stenger
 Gifts: Drevecky Family
 Ushers: Ken Opatz, Dick Ordner
 Servers: Connor Frazier

Sunday, December 4, 9:00 a.m.

Lectors: Dave Prickett, Wayne Herberg
 Communion: Beth Churchsmith, Scott Tryon
 Liz Herberg
 Gifts: Peterson Family
 Ushers: Don Belland, Bill Peno
 Rodney Swanson, Joe Moore
 Servers: Elena Herberg

MASS INTENTIONS

November 30 Parishioners
 December 3 Parishioners
 December 4 †Madeline Bier

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 30

Fr. Shane Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday, December 3

Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 4:00 pm
 Fr. Shane St. Gregory's 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 4

Fr. Fitzgerald St. Gregory's 8:30 am
 Fr. Chuck Sacred Heart 9:00 am
 Fr. Fitzgerald St. Gregory's 10:30 am

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

Marjorie King	Margarette Brooker	Kim Sarago
Jean Amunson	Marvin Johnson	Jim Kirchberg
Arlene Greenhagen	Bill Sempel	Ethel Thomas
Mary Knack	Bev Hurley	Tom McKenzie
Wayne King	Jim Mitchell	Sue Roth
Robby Murry	Judie Peltier	Abby Larson
Heidi Blatz	Eileen Kost	Betty Erickson
David Gaul	Jim Noon	Rose Peloquin
Colleen Najewski	Cecilia Shinler	Nick Cieminski
Joan Parkin	Betty Anderson	Lenny Anderson
Cathy Gamache		

Please advise the office if any of these names can be removed. Thank you.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

11/22/2016

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Total \$3,965.55

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CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Chaplet of Divine Mercy Holy Cards are available for you to pick up in the back of church. This devotion is an excellent way to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

MISSION STATEMENT

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, other sacraments, and reflection on the scriptures.

We work hard to build the kingdom of God through evangelization, catechesis and service for all.

HOLY DAY MASSES

This Thursday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held:

Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 6:45 p.m. at Sacred Heart

Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Gregory the Great

Thursday, Dec. 8 at 9:00 a.m. at both parishes.

There will not be an evening Mass on Thursday, Dec. 8 at either parish. Thank You.



SACRED HEART OFFICE POSITION

Duties include: provide receptionist and secretarial support, to serve the parish community, to provide office services to staff and parish members, to create weekly church bulletin, to extend hospitality to all callers and visitors. This is a part time position. For more information contact Steve in the parish office at 320.358.4370 or Fr. Shane at 651.674.4056x111.

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