

Sacred Heart Catholic Church St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
415 W. 5th St. ~ PO Box 45
Rush City, MN 55069

MASS TIMES:
Wednesday ~ 9:00 am
1st Saturday Mass ~ 9:00 am
Sunday ~ 8:30 am

ADORATION:
Wednesday ~ 9:30 am - Noon

RECONCILIATION:
Wednesday ~ 9:30 am
1st Sunday ~ 8:00 - 8:20 am

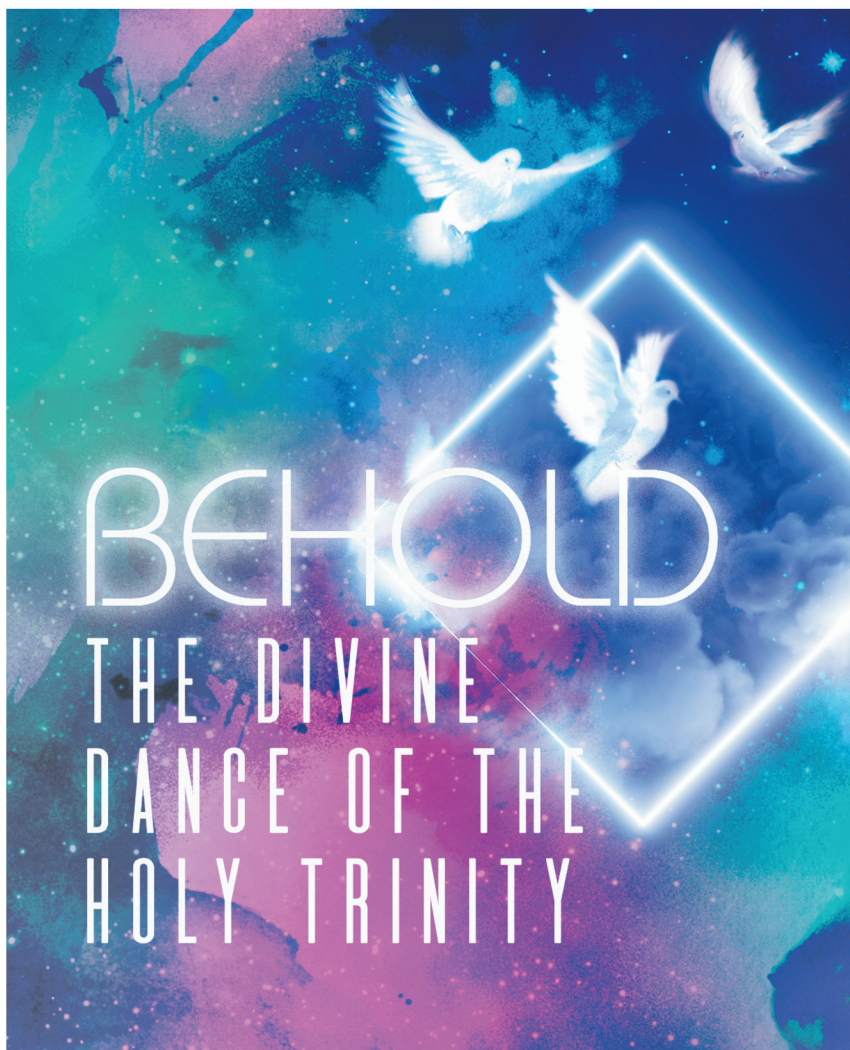
St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church
38725 Forest Blvd ~ PO Box 609
North Branch, MN 55056

MASS TIMES:
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday ~ 8:30 am
Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ Tuesday 9:05 am
(No Wednesday Mass June-August)
Saturday ~ 5:00 pm
Sunday ~ 10:30 am

ADORATION:
Tuesdays & Friday ~ 7:30 - 8:20 am
Thursday ~ 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

RECONCILIATION:
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday ~ 8:00 am
Saturday ~ 4:00 - 4:30 pm

ROSARY:
Saturday ~ 4:30 pm
Sunday ~ 10:00 am



Parish Staff:

Pastor - Fr. Matt Shireman fathermatt@stgregorynb.org
Deacon - Dn. Kevin Downie | **Assisting Priest - Fr. Chuck Brambilla**
Bookkeeper: Mary Felix mary@stgregorynb.org

SACRED HEART PARISH OFFICE

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Project Asst./Music: Steve Yurick
Tina Heidelberger, Faith Formation,
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday -
8:30am - 12:30pm

ST. GREGORY PARISH OFFICE

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Donna Groschen, Admin Asst., Safe Environment Coordinator

Cathie Hendren, Music Director
Rosemary Balster, Sexton
Vince Hendren, Youth Music
Rich Ohmann, Maintenance Dir.
Lisa Ohmann, Custodial Tech.

Barb Karel, KIC Coordinator
Patty Miller, KIC/DOC Admin Asst
Danielle Miller, DOC Coordinator
Liz Long, Youth Events Leader
Donald Ohmann, Maint./Grounds
Jacob Ohmann, Maint./Grounds

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday & Friday - 8:00am - 1:00pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday - 8:00am - 4:30pm

FAITH FORMATION SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday through Thursday - 9:00am - 5:00pm

May 31st, 2026 Holy Trinity ~ June 7th, 2026 Corpus Christi

A VISION FOR PARISH YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Sacred Heart parish survey results were in an insert for the last set of bulletins. One of the concerns for Sacred Heart was limited opportunities for youth.

Sacred Heart (and St. Gregory's) were still affected by changes due to Covid when I began my ministry as Parochial Administrator in July 2022. Starting in that first year, we increased the offerings for youth through a restarting of Vacation Bible School (now Tutus Tuus) and a new high school youth group as well as Friday Fun Nights (among other things). Although some Sacred Heart families participated in a few of the events, the distance to St. Gregory's proved challenging (even now with scholarships available for Sacred Heart families for activities like Tutus Tuus and Extreme Faith Camp). At the time, all Faith Formation was being held at St. Gregory's. Following a parish meeting in summer 2023, the decision was made to bring back Faith Formation for grades 1 through 8 at Sacred Heart.

Having the responsibility of two parishes, I rely on volunteer catechists at Sacred Heart to run the weekly Faith Formation program so that our children grow in faith together. Although the helpers are dedicated and gifted, a lot is placed on the shoulders of a few. One set of offerings that has been in place since November is Youth Socials—something that I have organized with the help of the catechists. The first 3 socials had 7 to 9 children at them.

Staff and volunteers have begun to read and reflect on Archbishop Hebda's pastoral letter on families called "Only One Thing is Necessary." In the letter, Archbishop Hebda is setting the vision for the Archdiocese (and thus both Sacred Heart and St. Gregory's) in how to minister to families, especially those with school-aged children. Ultimately the better that parents can be equipped to form their own children in the faith, the greater the fruit we will see in our parishes. To that end, some approaches to Faith Formation will need to adjust and change so that parents aren't just leaving the teaching to catechists. At St. Gregory's, we have been already implementing events that bring the whole family together to learn and socialize with other families.

With the generous support of the youth endowment from the Lord, Renew Your Church capital campaign, we look to provide more monies to youth programs and a possible part-time Youth (and Family) Minister for Rush City youth, but we want to make sure first that everything is aligned with Archbishop's vision.

~ Fr. Matt

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS



The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Please join us on Friday, June 12th at 6:30 PM at Sacred Heart for a special Mass celebrating the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

ST. GREGORY - CHANGE TO WEDNESDAY MASS



We will take a break from Wednesday Mass at St. Gregory's for the Summer months. The last 5:00pm Wednesday Mass will be May 27, and resume again on September 2. The Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will temporarily move to 9:05am on Tuesdays during the Summer. There will be no change to the 9:00am Wednesday Mass schedule at Sacred Heart.

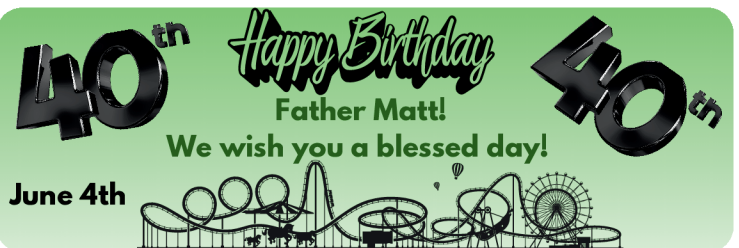
****NEW SUMMER EVENT ALERT!!****

St. Gregory's Grill & Gather

The first of three Grill & Gather events is taking place on June 10th, from 6:00-8:00pm. This event is open to all members of Sacred Heart and St. Gregory's, and offers many things for ALL ages! There will be hot dogs, chips and root beer floats



plus a Cribbage Tournament, (bring your own board if possible), 9 Square in the Air, Bingo, crafts and activities, and much more. Don't miss it! Please bring along a lawn chair and enjoy the fun & fellowship! There is no charge and no RSVP needed. Contact Patty to volunteer or for more information at: patty@stgregorynb.org



Archbishop Hebda's Pastoral Letter: "Only One Thing is Necessary"



Archbishop Hebda has released his new pastoral letter, "Only One Thing is Necessary," focusing on parents as the primary educators of their children in the Catholic faith. He is calling for a "sea change" in how the Church ministers to families and is asking every Catholic to read and reflect on it.

Read or listen online at archspm.org/familyletter

Printed copies are also available in the church.

RECLAIMING SUNDAYS: Screen-Free Sundays



The final Reclaiming Sundays theme is "Screen-Free Sundays." One activity that is part of a liturgical celebration is to participate in the Corpus Christi procession on June 7th (after both the 8:30 and 10:30am Masses). Last year, the parishes restarted a long-standing Church tradition of doing an outdoor Eucharistic procession at the end of Corpus Christi Mass. Please pray for good weather! In the event of bad weather, the procession will either be shortened or canceled (due to the fact that the new liturgical rites require that a procession at this celebration goes outside).

SACRED HEART

Please keep our graduating students and confirmation students in your daily prayers. We congratulate our graduates on their achievements and ask for your continued prayers for our confirmation students as they prepare to be confirmed on June 14th at the

Cathedral in St. Paul.

Our Confirmation Candidates:

Matthew Heidelberger
Zoe Wendorf
Timmy Morris
Max Morris
Dominic Turner



Our Graduates:

Lucas Dietrich
Brayden Ertz
Kathryn Heidelberger

A special Liturgy & Breakfast on Sunday, May 31st for the graduates.

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 at St. Gregory's from 7:30am-9am.

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.

PRAYERS FOR:

Carole Stenger, Pat Mihm, Audrey Larson, Ken & David Kirchberg, Shirley Kirchberg, Grace Schwaab, Sue Roth, Gerald Mollberg, Erin Hestbeck-Mielke, Gary Frazier, Jim Brenna, Margery Steininger, Violet Pearson, Tori Yurick-Schieber, Al & Mary Petschl, Denise Boyd, Steve Lauinger, Michelle Pepke

Call the Parish Office to have yourself or loved one added to this prayer list for up to 3 months at a 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 your parish office. Sacred Heart and St. Gregory both have volunteers for this homebound ministry.

Online giving is now officially live at Sacred Heart through our secure partner, Vanco. You can contribute directly by visiting secure.myvanco.com/L-ZYTM or by selecting the "Online Giving" tab on the parish website. Keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks, and feel free to reach out to Mary or Marsha at the office with any questions.

"When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."
— Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Prayer to the Holy Trinity

Glory be to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, who calls us into communion with Him, a life of grace and mystery, reconciliation and unity.

Amen.

Sisters of The Sacred Heart

Please mark your calendars for the Sisters of the Sacred Heart meetings, which are held on each 2nd Thursday in Wey Hall at 6:30 pm. The next one will be on June 11th, 2026.



Summer Opportunities for Youth

All of the youth events listed in the St. Gregory section—Totus Tuus (Vacation Bible School), Extreme Faith Camp, and Mission Trip—are open to all youth at Sacred Heart. Sacred Heart will provide scholarships to any youth who are interested. Please contact the Sacred Heart office or the Faith Formation office at St. Gregory's for more information. **Please contact the Church office ASAP if your child would like to participate in the Youth Summer activities!**

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, June 3rd

9:00 am †Amy Prickett

Saturday, June 6th

9:00 am † Marge Rydlund

Sunday, June 7th

8:30 am †Joe & Elsie Moore

Wednesday, June 10th

9:00 am †Marcella Kemen

Fest of the Sacred Heart Friday, June 12th

6:30pm Presider's Choice

Sunday, June 14th

8:30 am †Paul & Elinor Capecchi



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.

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

CALENDAR

Faith Formation Office: 651-674-7382

Barb Karel, Coordinator ~ barb@stgregorynb.org
Patty Miller, Admin Asst. ~ patty@stgregorynb.org
Danielle Miller, Confirmation ~ danielle@stgregorynb.org
Liz Long, Youth Events Leader ~ liz@stgregorynb.org
Vince Hendren, Mission Trip ~ vince@stgregorynb.org

FAITH FORMATION

REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2026 FAITH FORMATION

Registration for next year's Faith Formation will be happening SOON! We're excited and looking forward to all of the NEW things happening this fall! NEW THIS YEAR! We will be offering online registration AND payment! Watch for more information on this and how to access it in the very near future via the bulletin and Flocknote.



TOTUS TUUS SUMMER PROGRAM

Last call for Totus Tuus registration!!

Day Program for grades 1-5 -

June 15th – 19th; 8am -1:30pm (Bring a bag lunch.)

Evening Program for grades 6-12 -

June 14th – 18th ; 5:30pm to 8:15pm

Forms are in the narthex, Faith Formation office, and office entryway. Cost is \$50 per student; \$150 family max.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO NEEDED! Please see the sign-up sheets in the narthex for areas where help is needed. WE NEED YOU! Please help if you can!

Baptized into the Family of God



May God's grace and blessings that you receive on your Baptism guide you throughout your life.

Miguel San Garces Koehler
son of Rodolfo & Briana



DIVINE MERCY STATUE AND DEVOTIONAL

St. Gregory's has a Divine Mercy statue which may be taken to your home for private prayer and devotion. Mary Ruyman-Lee is the caretaker. You may reserve the statue by contacting her or St. Gregory's Parish Office.

Prayer REQUESTS

Almighty God, we lift up all those who are ill in body, spirit, or mind. We ask you to bring healing, comfort, and peace to them. Calm their fears and help them experience the healing power of Your love. Amen

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR:

Roger, Steve, and Pat Dusbabek, Stephen Lauinger,
Glen Magnuson, Tom Mellgren, Marcia O'Brien

Call the Parish Office to have yourself or loved one added to this prayer list for up to 3 months at a time, or to be added to the Prayer Chain.

ST. GREGORY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Goal \$5,908.65

Offering for 05/03 Week 45	\$5,617.55
Offering for 05/10 Week 46	\$9,009.00
YTD Weekly Goal	YTD Actual Offering
\$271,797.90	\$259,313.58

MASS ATTENDANCE

Date	5:00pm	10:30am
May 2 & 3 Week 45	101	290 (1st Communion)
May 9 & 10 Week 46	131	177

Note: Wednesday Daily Mass will be suspended for the Summer months. The Devotion to our Lady of Perpetual Help will move to Tuesdays at 9:05am until September 2.

Tuesday, June 2

9:05 am Our Lady of Perpetual Help.....Church
7:00 pm NA Meeting.....Classrooms

Thursday, June 4 - Happy Birthday, Father Matt!

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration until 9:00pm.....Church
5:30 pm Women's Speaker Event.....Parish Hall

Friday, June 5

9:15 am Bible Study.....Rectory Gazebo

Saturday, June 6

9:00 am First Saturday Mass.....Sacred Heart
4:00 pm Reconciliation.....Confessional
4:30 pm Rosary.....Church
5:00 pm Mass.....Church
6:00 pm Evening Prayer.....Church
6:00 pm Graduation Dinner.....Parish Hall

Sunday, June 7

10:00 am Rosary.....Church
10:30 am Mass.....Church
11:30 am Corpus Christi Procession.....Outdoors
11:30 am Sunday Hospitality.....Parish Hall

Tuesday, June 9

7:00 pm NA Meeting.....Classrooms

Wednesday, June 10

6:00 pm Grill & Gather.....Parish Hall & Outdoors

Thursday, June 11

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration until 9:00pm.....Church
6:30 pm Baptism Prep Class.....Parish Hall

Friday, June 12

9:15 am Bible Study.....Rectory Gazebo
6:30 pm Mass, Feast of the Sacred Heart.....Sacred Heart

Saturday, June 13

4:00 pm Reconciliation.....Confessional
4:30 pm Rosary.....Church
5:00 pm Mass.....Church
6:00 pm Saturday Hospitality.....Parish Hall

Sunday, June 14 - Flag Day

10:00 am Rosary.....Church
10:30 am Mass.....Church
11:30 am Coffee Sunday.....Parish Hall
2:00 pm Confirmation.....Cathedral of Saint Paul
5:00 pm Totus Tuus begins (gr. 6-12).....Parish Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, June 2, 8:30am

Stephen Lauinger

Thursday, June 4, 8:30am

†Dylan & †Lucille Dusbabek

Friday, June 5, 8:30am

†Marie Cardinal

Saturday, June 6, 5:00pm

The People of St. Gregory and Sacred Heart

Sunday, June 7, 10:30am - Corpus Christi Sunday

Stephanie, Jason, Heather, & Evan Pommier

Tuesday, June 9, 8:30am

†Tillie & †Robert Heaser

Thursday, June 11, 8:30am

Jacob O'Meara

Friday, June 12, 8:30am

†Dylan Dusbabek

Saturday, June 13, 5:00pm

The People of St. Gregory and Sacred Heart

Sunday, June 14, 10:30am - The Most Holy Trinity

†Jane Dillon



YOUTH EVENTS

Vince Hendren vince@stgregorynb.org
Liz Long: liz@stgregorynb.org or call St. Gregory's Parish Office (651-674-4056) for their phone numbers.

BACCALAUREATE WORSHIP SERVICE

The annual Baccalaureate Service will be on Wednesday, June 3 at 7:00pm in the North Branch High School Auditorium. All senior students, families, and the public are invited to this non-denominational service to bless and celebrate the graduating class.



INVEST IN OUR YOUTH FUNDRAISER

You may have noticed a very colorful posterboard in the entryway of St. Gregory's Church. Instead of the "Stock Program" that has been done in the past to raise money for our youth trips and events, we have decided to change it up by having a variety of colored envelopes with various amounts that can be contributed.

Please take an envelope, fill out the slip inside and return it in the same envelope along with your donation.

See a "Surprise Me" envelope? You can surprise US by contributing whatever amount YOU want! Envelopes can be deposited in the collection basket or returned to the Parish or Faith Formation office.

Not able to grab an envelope but still want to help? Scan this QR code to make an online contribution!

100% of the money raised will go to assist St. Gregory and Sacred Heart youth to attend the Mission Trip or Extreme Faith Camp.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



CINNAMON ROLL FUNDRAISER

Buy yourself a treat and help our parish youth at the same time! Baked cinnamon rolls will be for sale after Mass on the following dates and locations. Priced at \$8.00 for a plate of 4 rolls, all proceeds will help fund the youth trip to Extreme Faith Camp in Trego, Wisconsin, July 12-16.

- Saturday, May 30th @ St. Gregory's
- Sunday, May 31st @ St. Gregory's
- Saturday, June 20th @ St. Gregory's
- Sunday, June 21st @ Sacred Heart
- Saturday, June 27th @ St. Gregory's
- Sunday, June 28th @ Sacred Heart and St. Gregory's



YOUTH DISCERNMENT RETREAT - July 28-30

Trying to figure out God's plan for your life? St. Mary's in Milaca is hosting a Discernment Retreat, giving youth the opportunity to learn how to discern single life, married life, religious life or the priesthood. There will be talks, prayer, adoration, Confession, games and food. The cost is \$50.00 for kids entering 7th grade and up. Kids entering grades 4-6 are invited up for the afternoon on July 30th; cost: \$15.00.

Registration is due by June 15. To find out more info and to register, please visit <https://www.fourpillarsinfaith.org> and click on Discernment Retreat.

FORMED.ORG VIDEO OF THE WEEK:

Lectio: God - Who is God and what does he mean when he says "I Am Who I Am"? Join Dr. Elizabeth Klein in her latest Lectio series as she begins to unpack the mystery of who God is.
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1962359/>



NEWS FOR ALL

Fr. Matt Shireman: fathermatt@stgregorynb.org

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS may be found online at:
<https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>

BIBLE STUDY

Join Fr. Matt for Bible Study on Fridays at 9:15am in the Cry Room (or the gazebo as the weather warms) of St. Gregory's, North Branch.

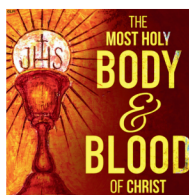


GUEST SPEAKER

**Thursday, June 4
5:30-7:30pm**

"Mary and Martha - Woundedness to Hope"

We look forward to seeing women of the parish on June 4 at our women's speaker event with Alyssa Bormes. As a reminder, doors will open at 5:30pm. Presentation will be 6:00-7:00pm. Light snacks and refreshments will be served. Alyssa will bring books available for purchase following the presentation. Sponsored by the Mary & Martha Group of St. Gregory's.



CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSIONS

To celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday, June 7, clergy will lead a short outdoor procession around church property after Mass. This will be at both Sacred Heart (after 8:30am Mass) and at St. Gregory's (after 10:30am Mass). The procession will be cancelled in case of bad weather.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - TOTUS TUUS 2026

We are also looking for adult volunteers to help with Totus Tuus during the program:

- * Help with mealtime/snacks/classroom supervision
- * Provide lunch for TT team (4 individuals)
- * Provide dinner for TT team and participants

Contact: Liz Long (liz@stgregorynb.org) or see sign-up sheets in the narthex.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Spend time with Jesus.

We are seeking people to be regular scheduled adorers at either Sacred Heart on Wednesdays (9:30am to Noon) or on Thursdays at St. Gregory (9:00am to 9:00pm). Particularly, we need at least one more person for the hours of Noon and 4:00pm at St. Gregory. Contact the respective Parish Offices to sign up.



PINTS WITH PADRE

This Summer event will return for a 3rd year, although just one date is set for this year. All adults of both parishes are invited to join Fr. Matt at The Fort Restaurant & Bar on Thursday, August 27, 6:00 to 8:00pm. (80 W 4th St, Rush City)



DeMontreville Jesuit Retreat House

Come to a place where you can hear the voice of the Lord in the quiet and peaceful setting of Lake DeMontreville. Join us for a three-day men's silent retreat at the DeMontreville Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Elmo, Minnesota. The retreat begins Thursday evening, July 23, 2026, and ends Sunday evening, July 26, 2026. Free-will donations are accepted.

For more information, call our office at 651-777-1311 or see our website www.demontrevilleretreat.com

