

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

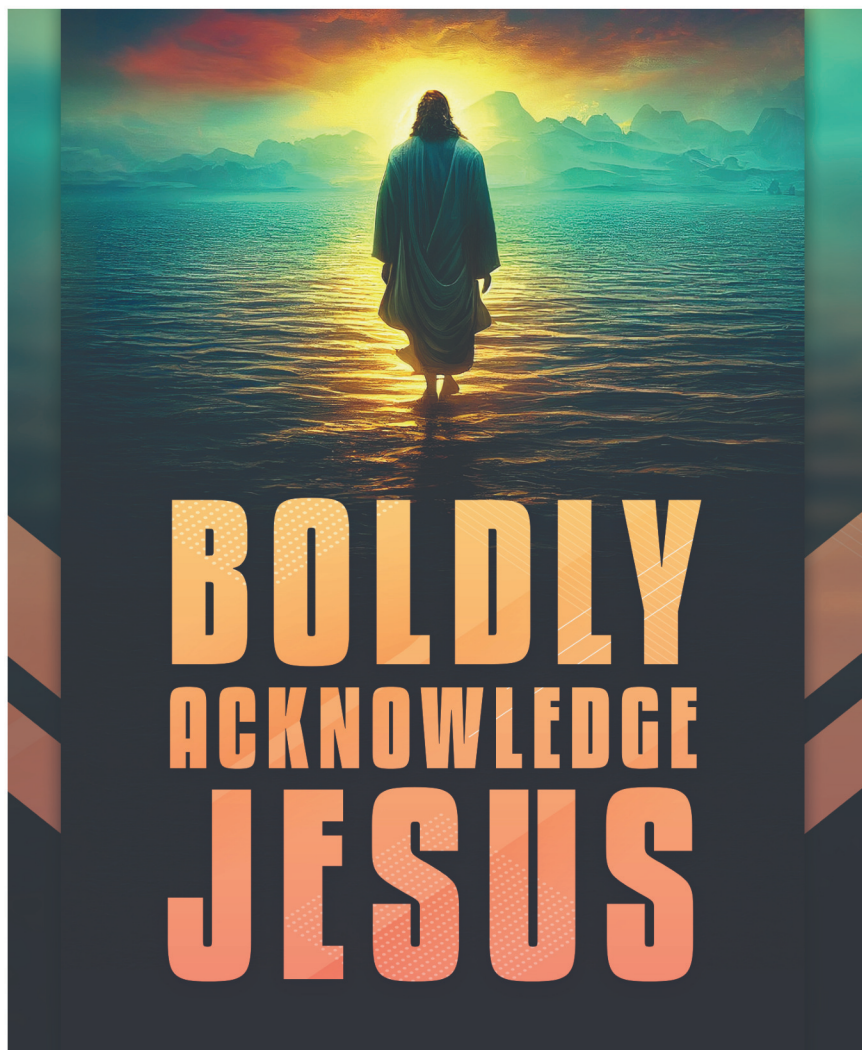
St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church
38725 Forest Blvd ~ PO Box 609
North Branch, MN 55056

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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www.sacredheartrcmn.org

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

ST. GREGORY PARISH OFFICE

651-674-4056 info@stgregorynb.org www.stgregorynb.org
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
Bridget Weber, Monday Admin Asst

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 - 4:00pm

June 14th, 2026 ~ 11th Sunday OT & June 21st, 2026 ~ 12th Sunday OT

DESIRING MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARISHIONERS

The second (and final) concern I wanted to address from the Sacred Heart parish survey is limited opportunities for parishioners.

I understand the desire to belong to a dynamic parish with lots of offerings. Obviously a big part of the challenge for the parish of Sacred Heart (as well as St. Gregory's) is the fact that I have a split assignment. As you are well aware, Sacred Heart is not able to currently support both a priest's salary (mine is paid by St. Gregory's) and benefits (mine is paid by Sacred Heart). A priest in such a situation where he is being pulled in different directions is forced to allot more time at the site of his main rectory and where there are more needs in ministry (both of which are St. Gregory's).

As part of this discussion, it may be good to consider many of the added opportunities for Sacred Heart parishioners. I have tried to think outside of the box and not just settle for what has been the schedule for years. The five Parish Small Groups are a significant addition to the life of the parish. Another opportunity is First Saturday Mass at 9 a.m. (Morning Prayer at 8:45 a.m.); many people (including from St. Gregory's) have made it part of



their worship schedule. The Sisters of Sacred Heart have started up rather recently and have been helping out with lots of functions including the 3 hospitalities in May. Several Sacred Heart parishioners have regularly come to St. Gregory's for Friday Bible Study (anybody can sign-up to receive the notes) and Catholic Watchmen. There are also a few opportunities that were short-lived either due to the nature of the program (such as The Rescue Project and Advent talks) or due to low attendance (Mass at Rushseba; replaced by a Word and Communion service).

If you are looking for more opportunities, my first set of questions would be (1) are you involved in a small group and (2) are you involved with the men's or women's ministry? We can do more together than if you wait for me or someone else to get something going. I encourage everyone to discern what gifts God has given you to help build up the parish. To modify President Kennedy's line: ask not what your parish can do for you, but what you can do for your parish.

~ Fr. Matt

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

LORD, RENEW YOUR CHURCH Capital Campaign Office: 651-251-7700 Please call the campaign office directly if you need to change or update your pledge or payment method. Please mail your checks in the envelope provided with your pledge statements.

ST. GREGORY - CHANGE TO WEDNESDAY MASS



We will take a break from Wednesday Mass at St. Gregory's for the Summer months. The 5:00pm Wednesday Mass will resume on September 2. *The Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help* will temporarily move to 9:05am on Tuesdays during the Summer.

Sacred Heart will continue to have Wednesday Mass at 9am.

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



Summers are typically pretty pleasant in Minnesota. As we continue the theme of "Screen-Free Sundays" plan on either attending or hosting an outdoor gathering.

St. Gregory's is starting parish-wide monthly socials called "St. Greg's Grill & Gather" during the summer on the following dates (starting at 6 p.m.): June 10th, July 8th, and August 5th. If you have the ability to hold a bonfire, that can be a good and simple way to spend time with family and friends while getting a break from screens.

June video:

https://youtu.be/FE2xQGRG_LY?si=OIWDkd2EiwgmLB_S

NO GREATER LOVE:

A WALK THROUGH CHRIST'S PASSION

St. Gregory's will host this new 5-month series from Ascension Press. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this series is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. We will be guided step by step through the last hours of Christ's life. Join us at St. Gregory on the 2nd Monday of the month, 7:00-8:30pm. The next session is July 13. Each night will involve a 30 minute video and discussion. There is no cost to attend, unless you purchase the book from Ascension Press (optional). Contact Dion Scott or St. Gregory's parish office for more information: dion@stgregorynb.org



ASCENSION
The Faith Formation Leader

St. Gregory's Grill & Gather

The second of three Grill & Gather events is taking place on July 8th, 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 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

SACRED HEART



Congratulations

on this major milestone of Confirmation, a beautiful day of commitment and joy!

Matthew Heidelberger, Zoe Wendorf,
Timmy Morris, Max Morris, Dominic Turner

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.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, June 17th

9:00 am †Brian Erickson

Sunday, June 21st

8:30 am †Margaret Backes

Wednesday, June 24th

9:00 am †Amy Prickett

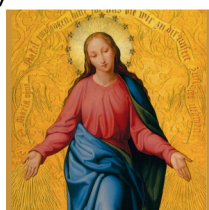
Sunday, June 28th

8:30 am †Dorothy & Ralph Anderson



Devotions, Explained! Marian Consecration

Marian consecration is the act of consecrating oneself to Jesus through the intercession of his Blessed Mother and is rooted in the words of Jesus himself when he beseeched the Apostle John to look upon Mary as his mother (John 19:27).



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.

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 July 9th, 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!*

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.



A Father's Day Blessing

Heavenly Father,

Bless our fathers and father figures today with your wisdom, strength, and peace. May they feel deeply appreciated for their love and sacrifices, and may you guide them in grace every day. Amen.

Financial Update	Budget	Actual
May 2026	\$10,020	\$9761.00

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 available soon! NEW THIS YEAR! We will be offering online registration AND payment (only for St. Gregory's)! All of this will be ready to go in just a few weeks, so watch for more information on this and how to access it via the bulletin and Flocknote. We're excited and looking forward to all the NEW things happening this Fall!



CONFIRMATION

Please pray for and congratulate the 2nd year Confirmandi of Sacred Heart and St. Gregory who will be confirmed at the Cathedral of Saint Paul on Sunday, June 14. We will also bless and celebrate them at St. Gregory's with Mass and Hospitality on Sunday, June 21.

Congratulations to those receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this year:

Daisy Anderson
Bryan Campos-Balderas
Jaime Campos-Balderas
Gabriella Derosier
William Determan
Jackson Kelly
Nicholas Melvin
Sophia Petersen
Annalyse Swager
Jameson Zerwas

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 15, 8:30am

The Youth of St. Gregory and Sacred Heart Parishes

Tuesday, June 16, 8:30am

Stephen Lauinger

Wednesday, June 17, 8:30am

†Ordean Pierce

Thursday, June 18, 8:30am

The Family of Mary Ruyman-Lee

Friday, June 19, 8:30am

†Deceased Family of Geri and Joe Sausen

Saturday, June 20, 5:00pm

The People of St. Gregory and Sacred Heart

Sunday, June 21, 10:30am - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

†Ken and †Jim Zupon

Tuesday, June 23, 8:30am

†Duane John

June 25-26 - Word and Communion Service

Saturday, June 27, 5:00pm

The People of St. Gregory and Sacred Heart

Sunday, June 28, 10:30am - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

†Frances & †John Lauinger



Note: The Daily Liturgy schedule will be Word & Communion services while Fr. Matt is out of town June 25-26. Bible Study is cancelled for June 19 & 26. 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.

Monday, June 15

8:00 am Totus Tuus until 1:30pm (gr. 1-5)...Parish Hall
 8:30 am Daily Mass (due to Totus Tuus).....Church
 5:00 pm Totus Tuus until 8:00pm (gr. 6-12)..Parish Hall

Tuesday, June 16

8:00 am Totus Tuus until 1:30pm (gr. 1-5)...Parish Hall
 5:00 pm Totus Tuus until 8:00pm (gr. 6-12)..Parish Hall
 9:05 am Our Lady of Perpetual Help.....Church

Wednesday, June 17

8:00 am Totus Tuus until 1:30pm (gr. 1-5)...Parish Hall
 8:30 am Daily Mass (due to Totus Tuus).....Church
 5:00 pm Totus Tuus until 8:00pm (gr. 6-12)..Parish Hall

Thursday, June 18

8:00 am Totus Tuus until 1:30pm (gr. 1-5)...Parish Hall
 5:00 pm Totus Tuus until 8:00pm (gr. 6-12)..Parish Hall
 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration until 9:00pm.....Church
 5:30 pm Mary & Martha Meeting.....Romero House

Friday, June 19 - Office Closed (Juneteenth Holiday)

8:00 am Totus Tuus until 1:30pm (gr. 1-5)...Parish Hall

Saturday, June 20

4:00 pm Reconciliation.....Confessional
 4:30 pm Rosary.....Church
 5:00 pm Mass.....Church

Sunday, June 21 - Father's Day

10:00 am Rosary.....Church
 10:30 am Mass, Blessing of Confirmandi.....Church
 11:30 am Hospitality & celebrate Confirmandi..Parish Hall

Tuesday, June 23

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

Thursday, June 25

8:30 am Word & Communion Service.....Church
 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration until 9:00pm.....Church
 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Meeting.....Off-Site
 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting.....Parish Hall

Friday, June 26

8:30 am Word & Communion Service.....Church

Saturday, June 27

4:00 pm Reconciliation.....Confessional
 4:30 pm Rosary.....Church
 5:00 pm Mass (Mission Speaker).....Church

Sunday, June 28

10:00 am Rosary.....Church
 10:30 am Mass (Mission Speaker).....Church
 11:30 am Sunday Hospitality.....Parish Hall



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. Contact Mary Ruyman-Lee (statue caretaker), or St. Gregory's Parish Office to reserve the statue.



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, 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.

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.

TOTUS TUUS

Please pray for our youth and volunteers participating in the Totus Tuus program this week at St. Gregory's. We hope they will strengthen their bond with God, learn more about their faith, and have fun with friends.



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, June 20th @ St. Gregory's
- Sunday, June 21st @ Sacred Heart
- Saturday, June 27th @ St. Gregory's
- Sunday, June 28th @ both churches



CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. GREGORY'S SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!



Parish Council: Maria O'Meara
Mary & Martha Group: Nate Damiani
Knights of Columbus: Joe Damiani

EUCHARISTIC 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 5:00pm at St. Gregory. Contact the respective Parish Offices to sign up.



ST. GREGORY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Goal \$5,908.65

Offering for 05/17 Week 47	\$4,667.20
Offering for 05/24 Week 48	\$3,597.20
YTD Weekly Goal	YTD Actual Offering
\$283,615.20	\$267,577.98

MASS ATTENDANCE

Date	5:00pm	10:30am
May 16 & 17 Week 47	66	190 (1st Communion)
May 23 & 24 Week 48	123	165

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.

Mary and Martha Women's Group

Please note the location will change to the Romero House for the June meeting.

We will still meet on our usual third Thursday, which is June 18 at 5:30pm.



Thank you to all who donated to the Options for Women baby shower in May. Because of your generosity, local families have access to the diapers, clothing, and essentials they need to welcome their little ones.

Mary Mother of God Mission Society

On the weekend of June 27 and 28, the Mary Mother of God Mission Society will visit St. Gregory's and Sacred Heart to preach at all weekend Masses. We invite you to hear about their inspiring work and support their efforts through your prayers and your contributions to our second collection for June.

Archdiocesan Marriage Day Celebration

Celebrate the beautiful gift in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on June 27, at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Mass at 10am with a reception to follow. Open to all years of marriage, but those celebrating a 25th or 50th anniversary within 2026 will be honored in a special way. Registration is recommended by June 19 - 651-291-4488, ode@archspm.org



Are you able to crochet or knit and want to make a difference in someone's life in their time of need? Join the **Prayer Shawl Group** to make beautiful shawls to comfort those who are in need. We meet on the last Thursday of the month from 1pm-3pm. Please contact the office at St. Gregory's for more details.

FORMED.ORG VIDEO OF THE WEEK:

How to Grow in Eucharistic Devotion (Even When You're Busy) – The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life—but how do we actually grow in devotion to it in the middle of everyday life? In this episode of Practicing Catholic, Taylor Kemp and Scott Hefelfinger explore the beauty of the Eucharist and simple, practical ways to deepen your relationship with Christ. <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3988247/>



Deepen your faith and join the upcoming Class of Archbishop Fulton Sheen in The Saint Paul Seminary **Catechetical Institute's two-year Pillars Program**, beginning September 2026. Meeting on Monday evenings from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, this transformative program guides students through the Catechism of the Catholic Church via four 11-week modules, featuring small group dynamics and lessons from top archdiocesan instructors like Jeff Cavins. While the main in-person class is hosted at St. Bartholomew in Wayzata, you can also participate via a live stream from the satellite site at St. Peter's in Forest Lake. Applications are being accepted through August 15, 2026; to learn more or apply, visit saintpaulseminary.org/ci or call (651) 962-5072.

