

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



Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.

PSALM 33:12

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
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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
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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 28th, 2026 ~ 13th Sunday OT & July 5th, 2026 ~ 14th Sunday OT

ONE (GRILL AND GATHER) DOWN, TWO TO GO!

Many of you, including a few from Sacred Heart, attended the first ever St. Greg's Grill and Gather. Despite the rain right before the event, we still saw 175 hot dogs consumed in that time! The staff, especially Barb and Patty from the Faith Formation department, along with many volunteers made for a fun evening of food and fellowship. A swarm of youth (and a few adults) helped me to try out the new 9-Square equipment (if you don't know what 9-Square is, think of 4-Square but up in the air with PVC pipe and rope). Deacon Kevin ran a Cribbage tournament—more will be played at the future nights. There was a great mixing of people—old with young, 5 p.m. regulars with the 10:30 a.m. regulars, etc.

You—as well as anybody you want to invite—should come on the future dates (if you are available)—July 8 and August 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. We will have enough food and drinks for everyone!

I am highlighting this series of events, because this type of gathering is a new (or refurbished) way of being parish. We plan to do similar events approximately every 3 months during the school year. Although we won't always be able to "Grill and Gather," we can still meet inside for fun activities (one working title is "Chill and Chatter"). The goal is to make St. Gregory's and Sacred Heart places where people want to belong. All of the teaching and fundraising (such as each parish's Fall Festival) is important, but becoming more and more of a family is something, too, that we need to be intentional about. The world, and thus parish life, was very different many decades ago. This means, too, that we need to change our approach to how we outreach to either those who have fallen away or those who have never really encountered Jesus. The jump from not going to Sunday Mass to going to Sunday Mass is quite high, whereas the step to a social event or to a parish small group is relatively small.

The leaders and I believe, too, that there will be spillover effects (to things like the Fall Festival) from events such as the Grill and Gathers. At St. Gregory's, we are instituting "Welcome Sundays" on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Some representatives from the Faith Formation staff will be there to connect with people at Hospitality Sunday, and there will be a Welcome Table in the Cry Room.

Whoever you are, welcome home!

~ 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.

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 of 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.



ASCENSION
The Faith Formation Leader

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

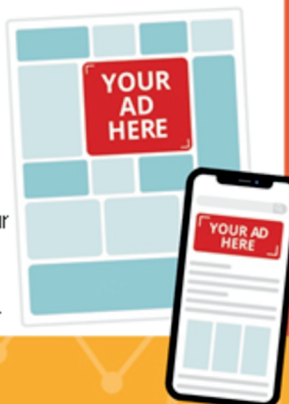
AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

John Neidermire from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



John Neidermire
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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

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, July 1st

9:00 am †Amy Prickett

Saturday, July 4th

9:00am † President's Choice

Sunday, July 5th

8:30 am †Joe & Elsie Moore

Wednesday, July 8th

9:00 am †Brian Erickson

Sunday, July 12th

8:30 am †John & Effie Kay



Putting God First

Summer often brings vacations, family gatherings, outdoor activities, and busy schedules. While these moments are blessings, they can also make it easy to place our relationship with God on the back burner.

Jesus reminds us that our faith should remain at the center of our lives, not just on Sundays, but every day. When we put God first through prayer, Mass attendance, Scripture reading, and acts of kindness, everything else falls into its proper place. Our worries become lighter, our decisions clearer, and our hearts more at peace.

As we enjoy the gifts of this season, let us remember to begin each day by turning our hearts toward God. A few moments of prayer in the morning, grace before meals, or a quiet conversation with the Lord can transform an ordinary day into an opportunity for grace.

This week, ask yourself: What is one simple way I can put God first today?

"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you besides." — Matthew 6:33

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 Note: The Sisters will attend Fall Festival planning meetings instead of their regular monthly meetings on the second Thursday. Normal monthly meetings will resume after the Festival.

**SAVE
The DATE**

**fall
festival**

The Fall Festival date has been changed this year to September 13th, 2026. Tickets will be sold after masses. Watch for more details.



†Dean Rothenbacher

February 20, 1959 — May 27, 2026

Funeral Service- July 6th @ 11am at SH

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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

SACRED HEART FAITH FORMATION:

2026-27 FF Registration forms are available in the office.

Tina Heidelberger ~ 763-670-8594,
tina.joeheidelberger@gmail.com

Confirmation: Danielle Miller ~ danielle@stgregorynb.org

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

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

CALENDAR

Note: Wednesday Daily Mass has been 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 30

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

Thursday, July 2

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration until 9:00pm.....Church
 6:00 pm Booya Planning Meeting.....Parish Hall

Friday, July 3 - Offices Closed (holiday observance)

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

Saturday, July 4 - Independence Day Holiday

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.....St. Gregory Church

Sunday, July 5

10:00 am Rosary.....Church
 10:30 am Mass.....Church
 11:30 am Hospitality Sunday.....Parish Hall

Tuesday, July 7

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting.....Rafka Room
 7:00 pm NA Meeting.....Classrooms

Wednesday, July 8

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

Thursday, July 9

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

Friday, July 10

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

Saturday, July 11

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

Sunday, July 12

10:00 am Rosary.....Church
 10:30 am Mass.....Church
 11:30 am Coffee Sunday.....Parish Hall

July 12-16 Extreme Faith Camp:

Father Matt will be attending Extreme Faith Camp in Trego, WI with our youth from July 12 (after Mass) through July 15. Our Daily Mass schedule for Tuesday and Wednesday (at Sacred Heart) will be unchanged.

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!

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO INVEST IN OUR YOUTH!!

Our "Invest in Our Youth" program is almost over! It has been VERY successful so far, thanks to YOU! Remember, you can return your envelope, with contribution, in the collection basket or return to the Parish or Faith Formation offices. You can always contribute online too! Scan this QR code to make an online contribution! Thank you in advance for your generosity!



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

TOTUS TUUS WRAP-UP

Every Catholic has the responsibility to know and serve God. Totus Tuus is an excellent tool for the spiritual growth of Catholic youth. This past week has been an exciting opportunity to experience our faith for us teachers, the students and your community. As a team, we've received tremendous hospitality and support from parishioners, for which we are eternally grateful. It's wonderful to see the Holy Spirit at work in each and every one of our lives!

Thank you so much for this amazing week allowing us to serve you all. We hope to see you next summer. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue Jesus' ministry on earth and particularly as we complete our Parish assignments this summer.

Team: St. Pier Giorgio of Maria, Megan, Peter and Benny

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Totus Tuus week a success.

I appreciate all of your time and talents. The kids are already looking forward to next year!
 ~Liz



JUNE 28 & JULY 5

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.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO CHAMPAIGN, IL

The Mission Trip Participants would like to thank everyone at St. Gregory's for their support of this year's trip to the Catholic Heart Workcamp in Champaign, IL. Through your prayers and financial support, we were able to help make a difference in the lives of people in the greater Champaign community. Thank You!



CINNAMON ROLL FUNDRAISER

LAST CHANCE! Buy yourself a treat and help our parish youth at the same time! Baked cinnamon rolls will be for sale after Mass for one final weekend. 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 27th @ St. Gregory's
- Sunday, June 28th @ both churches

RECLAIMING SUNDAYS: Screen-Free Sundays

June video:

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



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 05/31 Week 49	\$3,929.00	
Offering for 06/07 Week 50	\$5,531.00	
YTD Weekly Goal	YTD Actual Offering	
\$295,432.50	\$277,802.98	
MASS ATTENDANCE		
Date	5:00pm	10:30am
May 30 & 31 Week 49	92	205
June 6 & 7 Week 50	106	179

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, June 30, 8:30am

†Leroy Sullivan

Thursday, July 2, 8:30am

Jacob O'Meara

Friday, July 3, 8:30am

Will Klobe

Saturday, July 4, 5:00pm

The People of St. Gregory and Sacred Heart

Sunday, July 5, 10:30am - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

†Joseph and †Sarah Kunza

Tuesday, July 7, 8:30am

Family of Mary Ruyman-Lee

Thursday, July 9, 8:30am

†Dylan & †Lucille Dusbabek

Friday, July 10, 8:30am

Stephen Lauinger

Saturday, July 11, 5:00pm

Kurt & Bridget Weber

Sunday, July 12, 10:30am - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The People of St. Gregory and Sacred Heart



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 Gazebo of the Rectory at St. Gregory's, North Branch.

Mary and Martha Women's Group

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 16th in the parish hall at 5:30pm.



ST. GREGORY'S SEEKS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

We are seeking more people to volunteer with the Mass at St. Gregory's. Please contact the parish office for more information about any of these roles for Saturdays or Sundays:

Cantor
Eucharistic Minister
Youth Altar Server
Usher
Lector

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.



YOUNG ADULT NEWSLETTER

Following the May 5 Young Adult Prayer and Listening Event, a newsletter outlining events for young adults has been created. Join it by logging into your Flocknote account, click Group Communications, search "Young Adults" and click "Join this group".



Don't have a Flocknote account yet?

Text GREGORY to 84576 to get started. It's free to join and an easy way to stay connected to your parish.

Happy 250th Birthday America!



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.

FORMED.ORG VIDEO OF THE WEEK:

Saint Peter: Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.

<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/588407/>

