

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

ADORATION:
Wednesday ~ 9:30 am - Noon

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

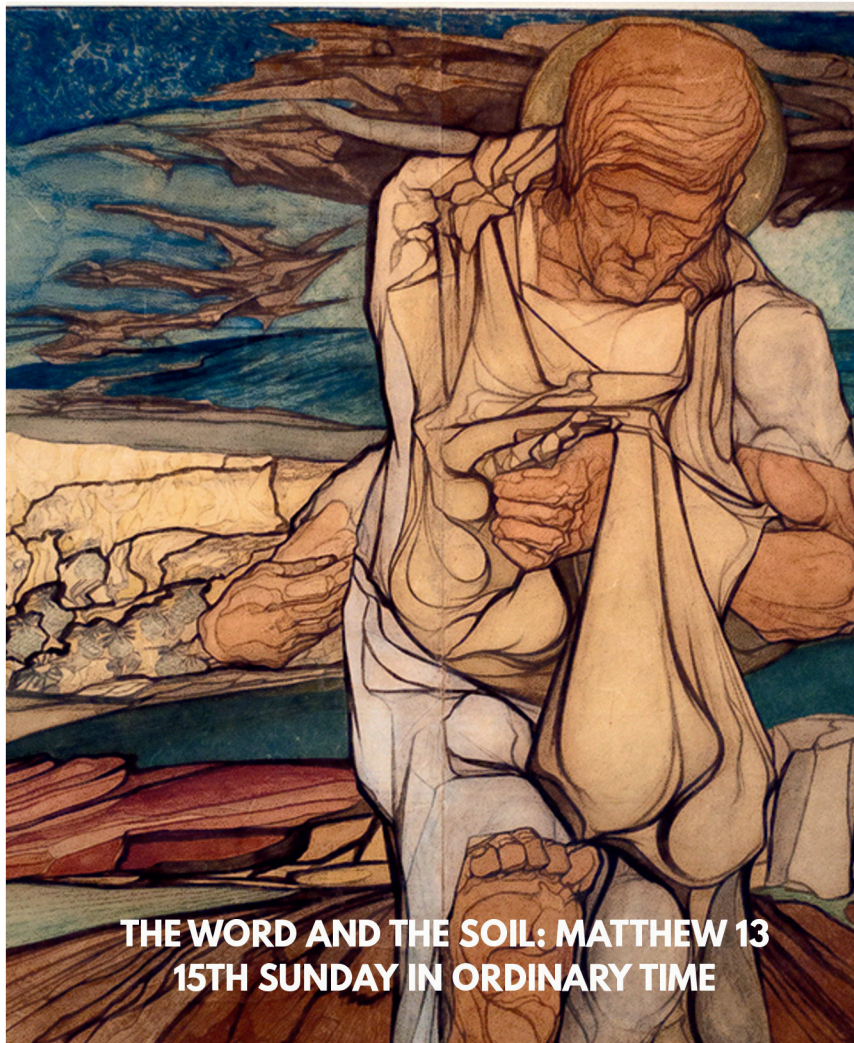
St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church
38725 Forest Blvd ~ PO Box 609
North Branch, MN 55056

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:
Saturday ~ 5:00 pm (Rosary at 4:30pm)
Sunday ~ 10:30 am (Rosary at 10:00am)

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday ~ 8:30 am
Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ Tuesday 9:05 am
(No Wednesday Mass June-August)

ADORATION:
Tuesday & 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



**THE WORD AND THE SOIL: MATTHEW 13
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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, Parish Office Administrative Assistant
Patty Miller, KIC/DOC Admin Asst, Safe Environment Coordinator

Cathie Hendren, Music Director
Vince Hendren, Youth Music
Rich Ohmann, Maintenance Dir.
Lisa Ohmann, Custodial Tech
Bridget Weber, Monday Admin Asst

Barb Karel, KIC Coordinator
Danielle Miller, DOC Coordinator
Liz Long, Youth Events Leader
Rosemary Balster, Sexton
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

July 12th, 2026 ~ 15th Sunday OT & July 19th, 2026 ~ 16th Sunday OT

USA: WORLD CUP AND 250 YEARS

This bulletin article is going to press a day after Team USA lost to Belgium in the Round of 16 at the World Cup (following the controversial reinstatement into the match of our leading scorer Balogun). As you may know, the USA has been one of the three hosts (along with Canada and Mexico) of this edition of the World Cup. In addition, this edition is the largest World Cup to date—48 teams (up from 32 teams of recent Cups).

The first World Cup was in 1930, so the next one in Portugal, Spain, and Morocco will be the 100-year anniversary. In the USA, it is not widely known that the international football (what most of the world calls the sport) governing board, FIFA, was started by a devout Catholic Frenchman. His name was Jules Rimet. Rimet was struck at a young age by the previous Pope Leo (the 13th) in his encyclical (called *Rerum Novarum*) on the difficulties of workers in the Industrial Age. Rimet first created a soccer team that was open to people of all classes. After serving in World War I, he set out to initiate the World Cup as a way to foster solidarity among people of different countries—even among those who were warring.

It is rather fitting that the USA has hosted at this time when the nation has celebrated its 250th birthday. The American Experiment that began in 1776 has proved to be revolutionary in fostering human rights, both those enshrined in the Constitution but also set forth in other places like the UN Declaration of Human Rights (1948). Pope Leo in a video for the 250th called himself 'a son of this great country' and took the opportunity to encourage Americans to continue to work for justice and peace.

Although Americans have not traditionally considered themselves soccer fans, there are many great things to point out in the sport. Team USA star Christian Pulisic leads a Bible Study with teammates. The Caribbean team of Curaçao was joined in prayer by Christians from the German team following their game. And Argentina's star Messi (perhaps the greatest player to ever play the game) publicly thanked God for setting a record of 16 World Cup goals. Messi is a devout Catholic.

May God bless the USA. And may God bless sport, including the World Cup.

~ Fr. Matt



HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

We are committed to protecting children and vulnerable adults at St. Gregory's and Sacred Heart. We have procedures in place to implement Archdiocesan Safe Environment policies and best practices. Employees and volunteers who interact with minors or vulnerable adults, must complete the Essential 3 (E3) requirements prior to beginning service. This includes a criminal Background Check, signing a Code of Conduct, and completing Safe Environment Training. Additional resources, including how to report suspected child abuse and for Victim Assistance, are available from the Archdiocese at SafeCatholicSPM.org.

As of July 2026, the primary Safe Environment Coordinator for both churches is Patty Miller: 651-674-7382, patty@stgregorynb.org. Donna Groschen will serve as the back-up SEC (donna@stgregorynb.org, 651-674-4056).



St. Gregory's Grill & Gather

The third (and final) summer Grill & Gather event will be August 5th, 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! Come on out for fun, fellowship, hot dogs, chips and root beer floats! There is no charge and no RSVP needed. Who will win at BINGO or Cribbage this time?

Don't miss your last chance of the Summer for this fun event! But don't fret - We will host a few Chill & Chatter events to help break up the Winter blues.



Dates and details coming soon. Contact Patty to volunteer or for more information at: patty@stgregorynb.org

OCIA Becoming Catholic – An Informal Meeting

On Sunday, August 9th at 11:30am, Fr. Matt is offering a "Becoming Catholic" inquiry session in the Cry Room at St. Gregory's.



This is an informal session for any adult who is interested in joining the Catholic faith. No need to register - just show up, grab some refreshments from our Coffee Sunday Hospitality in the Hall, and then head into the Cry Room, for a discussion with Fr. Matt. This process for Adults and Children over 7 used to be called the RCIA process but now it is called the OCIA process (Order for the Christian Initiation of Adults). The class is set to begin in September, but the day of the week will depend on those who are interested.

Current Catholic parishioners are encouraged to invite their non-Catholic friends, neighbors, or family members who may be interested in joining the church. If you have any questions or if the interested person(s) are unable to attend (but are still interested), please contact Fr. Matt (fathermatt@stgregorynb.org) or the St. Gregory's Office (ideally before the meeting).



ASCENSION
The Faith Formation Leader

NO GREATER LOVE: A WALK THROUGH CHRIST'S PASSION

Join us at St. Gregory on the 2nd Monday of the month, 7:00-8:30pm for this 5-part video series to follow Christ through the final hours of his life. The next sessions for this video series are July 13, August 10, September 14, and October 12. Each night will involve a 30 minute video and discussion. Contact Dion Scott or St. Gregory's parish office for more information: dion@stgregorynb.org

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.

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, Tori Yurick-Schieber, Al & Mary Petschl, Denise Boyd, Steve Lauinger

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 15th

9:00 am †Nick & Carol Cimenski

Sunday, July 19th

8:30 am †Dave Backes

Wednesday, July 22nd

9:00 am †Gerald Prickett

Sunday, July 26th

8:30 am †Fr. Ralph Haur



A Small Seed, A Big Impact

Jesus reminds us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a tiny mustard seed or a pinch of yeast. Don't underestimate the small things! A quick prayer in the morning, a kind word to a neighbor, or a moment of patience when you're frustrated are the exact "small seeds" God uses to transform the world.

This Week's Challenge: Pick one small habit to nurture the "good soil" of your heart. Whether it's five minutes of silent scripture reading or offering up a chore in prayer, let God do the growing.

2026-2027 Faith Formation Registration It is already time to start looking ahead to the next school year. Registration forms for the 2026-2027 Faith Formation program are now available.

- You can pick them up in the church office during regular hours or grab one from the back of the church.

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 /Fall Festival Meeting

Upcoming Planning Meeting & Call for Volunteers!

We would love your help to make this year's festival a success! We encourage anyone who is available to volunteer or help plan to join us every two weeks, our next meeting is Tuesday, July 7th at 6:00 PM in the Parish House.



The Fall Festival date has been changed this year to Sept. 13th, dinner from 11-2pm. Booths open at 10am. Tickets will be sold after masses. Watch for more details.



Special Offering:-Rush City Food Shelf

On Sunday, July 19th, we will be collecting a special offering to support our Local Food Shelf. Every dollar raised goes directly to helping feed families right here in our community. Please come prepared to give what you can—thank you so much for your generosity!

Financial Update	Budget	Actual
June 2026	\$10,020	\$6909.00

SACRED HEART FAITH FORMATION:

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

Please call the Parish office with all inquiries
320-358-4370

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

FAITH FORMATION

REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2026 FAITH FORMATION

**REGISTRATION
OPEN NOW**



NEW THIS YEAR! We are up and running with online registration forms AND payment! You can register and pay online by using this QR code.

This link is good for all ages and classes of Youth Faith Formation from Pre-K through 7th graders from St. Gregory's parish and all 8th-10th graders of both parishes preparing for Confirmation. Details about class days and times are listed on the form.

***Note** - if you are registering multiple children, you must enter a discount code to pay the family max of \$230. Read the instructions carefully before submitting payment. Stop and call the Faith Formation office if the codes are not working for you so we can help before your card is charged.

Paper forms are available at both entryways & at the FF office if you need them. Don't delay - Rates will increase on August 29th. We're excited and looking forward to all the NEW things happening this Fall!

INVEST IN OUR YOUTH

Special thanks to EVERYONE who contributed to our "Invest In Our Youth" fundraiser! We received a total of \$2,467.00!! Whether you contributed online or using the little colored envelopes, your generosity will help the youth of St. Gregory's attend special retreats and events in the coming year.

May God bless you for your generosity!

**THANK
YOU!**

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.

Baptized into the Family of God

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

Jonah Matthew

son of Ben and Galytea



Blessing for the Summer

Pour Your mercy upon this season, Lord! As the days fill with sun, fill our hearts with the fire of Your love. As we gather to share story and song, campfires and connection, be with us. Bless our work, our rest, and our play in Your goodness. Amen.



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.

Monday, July 13

7:00 pm "No Greater Love" Video Series.....Parish Hall

Tuesday, July 14

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

Thursday, July 16

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration until 9:00pm.....Church

5:30 pm Mary & Martha Group meeting.....Parish Hall

Friday, July 17

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

Saturday, July 18

4:00 pm Reconciliation.....Confessional

4:30 pm Rosary.....Church

5:00 pm Mass.....Church

Sunday, July 19

10:00 am Rosary.....Church

10:30 am Mass.....Church

11:30 am Hospitality Sunday.....Parish Hall

11:30 am Welcome Table.....Cry Room

Tuesday, July 21

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

Thursday, July 23

9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration until 9:00pm.....Church

Friday, July 24

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

Saturday, July 25

4:00 pm Reconciliation.....Confessional

4:30 pm Rosary.....Church

5:00 pm Mass.....Church

Sunday, July 26

10:00 am Rosary.....Church

10:30 am Mass, Memorial for Fallen 4th Degree Knights...Church

11:30 am Sunday Hospitality.....Parish Hall

*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, Marcia O'Brien

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, July 14, 8:30am

The Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, July 16, 8:30am

Stephanie, Jason, Heather, and Evan Pommier

Friday, July 17, 8:30am

†Pat Peltier

Saturday, July 18, 5:00pm

The People of St. Gregory and Sacred Heart

Sunday, July 19, 10:30am - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

†Jared Durant

Tuesday, July 21, 8:30am

Martin Chesney

Thursday, July 23, 8:30am

The Nimz Family

Friday, July 24, 8:30am

†Bobby Nimz

Saturday, July 25, 5:00pm

The People of St. Gregory and Sacred Heart

Sunday, July 26, 10:30am - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

†Gloria Still



JULY 12 & JULY 19

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.

EXTREME FAITH CAMP, JULY 12-16



Please keep the 8 youth and 2 adults attending Extreme Faith Camp this week in your prayers. They are excited and looking forward to this experience at Trinity Woods in Trego, Wisconsin. Thank you for your prayers and support!

YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS RECEPTION

All parishioners are invited to join youth from the Mission Trip and Extreme Faith Camp for a reception in the Parish Hall after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, July 26. Enjoy some refreshments, watch a highlight video, and hear youth talk about their experiences this summer.

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.

FORMED.ORG VIDEO OF THE WEEK:

St. Bonaventure | Catholic Saints
Discover the life, profound humility, and deep love for God of St. Bonaventure—the "Seraphic Doctor." Hosted by Dr. Chris Mooney and Mary McGeehan.

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



ST. GENEVIEVE'S PARISH FESTIVAL - AUGUST 16

You are invited to join us for a chicken dinner, silent auction, Bingo, children's games, new and improved hamburger stand, Country Store and more on August 16. Food is served from 11am to 3pm. All activities are at our Parish Community Center - 6995 Centerville Rd in Centerville. www.StGens.org Adults \$15; Kids 10 & under \$7.

Deepen your faith by joining the upcoming Class of Archbishop Fulton Sheen in The Saint Paul Seminary **Catechetical Institute's two-year Pillars Program**, beginning September 2026. Meet on Mondays 7:00-9:00pm at St. Peter's in Forest Lake, to be guided 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. Applications are being accepted through August 15, 2026. To learn more or apply, visit saintpaulseminary.org/ci or call (651) 962-5072.



ST. GREGORY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Goal \$5,908.65

Offering for 06/14 Week 51	\$4,801.20
Offering for 06/28 Week 52	\$4,345.00
YTD Weekly Goal	YTD Actual Offering
\$307,250.00	\$291,336.43

MASS ATTENDANCE

Date	5:00pm	10:30am
June 13 & 14	140	166
June 20 & 21	115	195
June 27 & 28	116	186

NEWS FOR ALL

Fr. Matt Shireman: fathermatt@stgregorynb.org

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

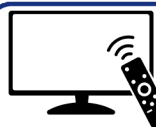
BIBLE STUDY

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. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend.

The annual Ice Cream Social will be held during Sunday Hospitality on August 2nd in the Parish Hall after Mass.



IT/TECHNOLOGY HELP NEEDED

We are looking for 1-2 volunteers to help set up 8-10 flatscreen TVs needed for the Faith Formation program. This entails mounting a bracket and TV to the wall in each classroom and setting up the TV apps. We would need help near the beginning of August, but the date is currently flexible. For more information, please contact Patty at: patty@stgregorynb.org or 651-674-7382.

ST. GREGORY'S IS SEEKING REGULAR ADORERS & 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: **Regular Adorer (Thursdays, especially 5:00pm)**

Cantor **Usher** **Lector**
Eucharistic Minister **Youth Altar Server**

NEW INITIATIVE: "WELCOME" SUNDAY

Based on the parish survey earlier this year, the Parish Leadership Team has rebranded the 3rd Sunday of the month at St. Gregory as Welcome Sunday, with the inaugural one on July 19th. You will still get to enjoy the light meal of Hospitality Sunday in the Hall after 10:30am Mass but you can count on the Faith Formation staff to be around to chat.



There will also be a Welcome Table in the Cry Room after Mass. If you are new to the parish, want to register, have questions, or just visiting, please stop by the table to chat with our friendly volunteers. We would love to get to know you and make you feel at home at St. Gregory's!

RECLAIMING SUNDAYS: Screen-Free Sundays

The Lord has given us the Lord's Day (called the Sabbath before Jesus' earthly ministry) to bless and delight the fullness of our work. Creation is celebrated and blessed on the day of rest and seen as good. It is in acknowledgment of the gift and blessing of creation that we can more fully appreciate God's providence.

Activities for July: Get outdoors! Schedule an outing to a park and leave behind your cell phones (or at least put them on silent). Take in the natural sights and sounds that you see and thank God for them.

July video: Creation

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

