

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 ~
Wednesday 4:50pm
Wednesday ~ 5:00pm

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 Lord
is near
to all those
who *call*

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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Admin Asst: Marsha Marcussen
Project Asst./Music: Steve Yurick
Faith Formation: Tina Heidelberg,
763-670-8594,
tina.joeheidelberg@gmail.com

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

September 20, 2026 ~ 25th Sunday OT & September 27, 2026 ~ 26th Sunday OT

WE ARE BECOMING TEACHING PARISHES!

In any field, it is important for those who are already in their career to mentor and train those who are considering to work in that field. In undergraduate studies, I worked under a traffic engineer. In seminary, Fr. Bob mentored me at St. Victoria's in Victoria (west of Chanhassen). Soon, I (in a role as teaching parish pastor) will be paying that forward. This means that St. Gregory's and Sacred Heart are becoming teaching parishes for a seminarian.

We have not been teaching parishes in recent years, so I will first explain the process for a seminarian. The Saint Paul Seminary (or "SPS" for short) is located at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. Although paths to the priesthood can vary from priest to priest, it generally takes 7 or 8 years. The seminarian who will be assigned to us will be in his Theology 1 year. This means that he has already completed his philosophy studies (3 to 4 years) at UST or elsewhere with 3 years to go after. Typically a seminarian is ordained as a deacon at the end of Theology 3 (N.B. Jacob O. is in Theology 3 this year) and then as a priest at the end of Theology 4. Thus, our seminarian will have about 4 years until he is ordained as a priest (God-willing, as we say).

So what is the role of teaching parishes? In addition to their studies, prayer, and other responsibilities, seminarians spend a couple hours each week at their teaching parishes. Over the course of their 3 years, they will experience many of the aspects of parish life: Faith Formation, OCIA/Catholic 101 (note: open to all this year), pastoral care, funerals, and weddings. Once a month, the seminarian also participates in Sunday Masses at the parishes. Initially, he will be in the pews with all of you. After he is installed as a Lector and an Acolyte (a combination of a server and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion), he can assist in those roles at Mass. The seminarian will also have a monthly Teaching Parish Committee formed by a diverse group of parishioners selected by the pastor. Through those meetings, the seminarian will try his hand at teaching while at the same time getting input and feedback from the lay faithful.

This weekend (9/19 and 9/20) was the first Teaching Parish Weekend, so many of you have already met him. Please keep him in your prayers and go out of your way to welcome him to the parish. ~ **Fr. Matt**

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS



Options
for Women, Men & Families
North Branch, MN

**FALL
BANQUET**

THE CREAMERY
21279 Olinda Trail North
Scandia, Minnesota 55073

SEPTEMBER 24
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM



651-674-2121
www.pregoptions.org

Part-time Bookkeeper

WE ARE HIRING!

We are hiring for a part-time bookkeeper to work 10-20 hours per week, who would split their time between both parish locations. The ideal candidate would have prior bookkeeping or accounting experience, knowledge of Microsoft computer software, non-profit accounting, and is a practicing Christian. Details may be found in the job posting on Indeed: <https://www.indeed.com/job/part-time-bookkeeper-ab3d15a034f57238>

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to Donna in the St. Gregory parish office (donna@stgregorynb.org).

SYNOD YEAR 4 OBJECTIVES

As an objective of the Synod - Year 4 plan, each month will feature a special blessing on one weekend, and a liturgy to highlight.

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY BLESSING:

The blessing at Mass on September 19 and 20 will be for all families.

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTED LITURGY:

The Memorial of St. Therese of Lisieux will be celebrated at St. Gregory's on Thursday, October 1st at 8:30am. St. Therese is the patron saint of missionaries, despite never leaving her convent. She is known for the "The Little Way" - making small acts of love.

OCIA/CATHOLIC 101 - CLASSES OPEN TO ALL, NEXT CLASS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

"OCIA/Catholicism 101" class is now open to all adults—those hoping to become Catholic as well as parishioners who would like to learn more about their Catholic faith. The group will generally meet every other Saturday (until Easter) from 9:30 to 11:00am in St. Gregory's Parish Hall. The first class is scheduled for Saturday, September 26th from 9:30 to 11:00am in the Romero House (note: location change). Contact Fr. Matt (fathermatt@stgregorynb.org) or the parish office to sign-up.

SACRED HEART

And the Winner is...

- 1st Prize- Julie Ertz
- 2nd Prize- Elizabeth Herberg
- 3rd Prize-Anna Gamache
- 4th Prize-Elizabeth Herberg
- 5th Prize-Jeanne Kay
- 6th Prize Vinny Herberg
- 7th Prize Charlie Miettmer

A huge thank you to everyone who gave their time and energy to make our Fall Festival such a success! We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you!

Sisters of The Sacred Heart

The Fall Festival follow-up meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:00 PM to recap the event, review feedback, and discuss next steps. Additionally, the Sisters of Sacred Heart will resume their regular schedule starting Thursday, October 8th, with ongoing meetings taking place on the second Thursday of each month.



Our Faith Formation classes are officially in session! Please keep our students, families, catechists, and volunteers in your prayers as we journey together in faith this year. Late registrations are still being accepted.

SACRED HEART FAITH FORMATION:

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



ATTENTION ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 3-12!

PIZZA PARTY-FOOD, GAMES, & FUN

SEPTEMBER 25TH 6-9PM AT SACRED HEART

PERMISSION SLIPS ARE REQUIRED! CONTACT THE OFFICE OR FR. MATT FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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:

Pat Mihm, Audrey Larson, Ken Kirchberg, Sue Roth, Gary Frazier, Tori Yurick-Schieber.

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, September 23rd

9:00 am †Marge Rydlund

Sunday, September 27th

8:30 am †Paul & Elinor Capeccchi

Wednesday, September 30th

9:00 am †Fr. Tom Fitzgerald

Saturday (First), October 3rd

9:00 am Presiders choice

Sunday, October 4th

8:30 am †Joe & Elsie Moore



Financial Update	Budget	Actual
August 2026	\$13,040	\$8932.00

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.



Join us at First Lutheran Church of Rush City on **Sunday, October 4th, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM** for our **Blessing of the Animals!** All creatures great and small are loved by God, and we invite your whole family to bring along your beloved animal friends for this special time of blessing and fellowship.



RUSH CITY'S ANNUAL

Bountiful Boutiques

NOVEMBER 6TH, 7TH & 8TH

Friday: 11-6 Saturday: 9-5 Sunday: 11-2

After-hours event Friday 6-8 pm at Chuckers benefits the Rush City Food Shelf!

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

*On Wednesday evenings with Faith Formation classes at St. Gregory's, the Church, Parish Hall, Classrooms, and Romero House will all be in use 6:00-7:30pm.

FAITH FORMATION

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This year's Faith Formation is in full swing! The last of our classes begins this weekend, (Sunday, September 20) and we are very happy to be back with everyone! It's not too late to register! If you are new to the parish or have not registered yet, please reach out to the Faith Formation office at: patty@stgregorynb.org or 651-674-7382.

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Every month, we will be celebrating the Baptism Anniversaries for our KIC students. If you have not let the Faith Formation office know your child's date of Baptism, please do so before September 30th so they do not miss out! You can email: patty@stgregorynb.org or call: 651-674-7382.

ST. GREGORY'S BOOYA & FALL FESTIVAL:

Sunday, September 27, 11:30am-2pm – Our 45th Annual Booya and Fall Festival is just around the corner! We will have a silent auction, raffle, country store, wine bottle booth, 50/50 raffle, bottle booth, and activities for the kids. Now is the time to start thinking about how you can contribute to make our one fundraiser of the year successful.

- **Will you buy or sell raffle tickets?** - Tickets still available! We could raise \$12,500 if we sell them all!!
- **Will you donate an item or basket to the Silent Auction, Country Store or Wine Bottle Booth?** - Donations can be dropped off anytime.
- **Will you donate your time to help prep, serve, or clean?** We have lots of volunteer roles available, including sitting jobs. This festival runs on people power and we could use your help!
- **Donate ingredients for the Best Booya in town?** ~ Sign-up boards available in the narthex. What can you donate?

FORMED.ORG VIDEO OF THE WEEK:

St. Therese | Littlest Saints Which flower in Jesus's garden is the best? The most beautiful? St. Therese gives us her "little" answer to these questions.
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2908834/>

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CONNECT WITH YOUR PARISH

Don't miss the next St. Gregory's Newsletter, a bi-weekly email sent via Flocknote, our free email service.

Don't have a Flocknote account yet?

Text GREGORY to 84576 to get started.



†Karl Wheeler

Son of Arlene and Lawrence Wheeler

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

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:

Wendy Cole, Roger, Steve, and Pat Dusbabek, Loretta Kincaid, Stephen Lauinger, Addison Millsap, Marcia O'Brien

WELCOME SUNDAYS

Join us on September 20, after the 10:30am Mass to welcome new visitors and parishioners to our parish family! Registration forms and Welcome packets will be available if you would like to officially become a member of St. Gregory's parish. A friendly volunteer or staff member will be on hand to answer questions and offer resources for everyone. No matter how long you've been attending, come say 'hi' to the staff and volunteers that serve our parish.

Tuesday, September 22

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

Thursday, September 24

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

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Meeting.....Off-Site

5:30 pm Mary & Martha Women's Meeting.....Parish Hall

Friday, September 25

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

Saturday, September 26

9:30 am OCIA/Catholic 101 class.....Romero House

3:00 pm Medina Baptism.....Church

4:00 pm Reconciliation.....Confessional

4:30 pm Rosary.....Church

5:00 pm Mass.....Church

Sunday, September 27

10:00 am Rosary.....Church

10:30 am Mass.....Church

11:30 am Booya and Fall Festival.....Parish Hall/Outdoors

Tuesday, September 29

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

Thursday, October 1

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

7:00 pm Catholic Watchmen gathering.....Parish Hall

Friday, October 2

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

Saturday, October 3

4:00 pm Reconciliation.....Confessional

4:30 pm Rosary.....Church

5:00 pm Mass.....Church

6:00 pm Evening Prayer.....Church

Sunday, October 4

10:00 am Rosary.....Church

10:30 am Mass.....Church

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 22, 8:30am

Stephen Lauinger

Wednesday, September 23, 5:00pm

†William Rauch, Sr.

Thursday, September 24, 8:30am

†Bill Nosbush

Friday, September 25, 8:30am

Luke Voss

Saturday, September 26, 5:00pm

The People of St. Gregory and Sacred Heart

Sunday, September 27, 10:30am - 26th Sunday in OT

†Robert Dahl

Tuesday, September 29, 8:30am

†Dusty Miller

Wednesday, September 30, 5:00pm

Will Klobe

Thursday, October 1, 8:30am

†Dylan & †Lucille Dusbabek

Friday, October 2, 8:30am

Dn. Kevin & Linda Downie - 50th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, October 3, 5:00pm

The People of St. Gregory and Sacred Heart

Sunday, October 4, 10:30am - 27th Sunday in OT

†Kay Dunker



SEPTEMBER 20 & 27

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.

FRIDAY FUN NIGHT FOR GRADES 3-5

The next Friday Fun Night will be for youth in grades 3-5 only. It will be on October 9, 6:00-8:30pm at St. Gregory's Parish Hall. Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 7. Signed permission slips are required, except for kids enrolled in Faith Formation (you have already signed a permission form).

Mary and Martha Women's Group

Please note: The September meeting will be one week later than usual. It will take place on Thursday, September 24th at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.



INCENSE USE AT MASS - ST. GREGORY'S

Mass at St. Gregory on September 27 and October 25 will use incense.



SAVE THE DATE: VETERAN'S DAY BREAKFAST

All parishioners who are veterans or active duty military are invited with their immediate family members to our 2nd annual Veteran's Day Breakfast on Saturday, November 7th in the St. Gregory Parish Hall. More details coming soon. Volunteers interested in helping with this event should contact Liz Long at liz@stgregorynb.org.



Please Welcome OUR NEW MEMBERS

We are so glad you have joined St. Gregory's!

Robert & Tomira Francis Joan Ringhand
Christian & Rylie Haak DJ & April Stansell
Shaun Kane & Julie Keyes-Kane
Darren & Marie Melland

Baptized into the Family of God

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

Grace Philomena

daughter of Matthew and Rebecca

Camila Campos & Ivan Campos

children of Cesar and Maria

Nathan Acosta

son of Cesar and Diana



Dn. Kevin & Linda Downie

Your marriage is a beautiful testimony of God's love. Wishing you endless blessings as you celebrate your golden milestone.

ST. GREGORY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Goal \$5,892.31		
Offering for 08/30 Week 9		\$4,941.61
Offering for 09/06 Week 10		\$6,647.97
YTD Weekly Goal	YTD Actual Offering	
\$58,923.10	\$54,316.15	
MASS ATTENDANCE		
Date	5:00pm	10:30am
August 29 & 30	124	183
September 5 & 6	122	150

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.



CATHOLIC WATCHMEN

Fr. John Drees of St. Joseph's (Taylor's Falls) and St. Francis Xavier (Shafer) parishes will be the guest speaker at the Catholic Watchman on Thursday, October 1st at 7 pm in the St. Gregory Parish Hall. All men of both parishes are welcome.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus are holding their annual winter clothing drive October 1 through November 1. Please place your donations of winter clothing for any size/age in the bin in St. Gregory narthex.



PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

Mary Ruyman-Lee will lead an outdoor Public Square Rosary on Saturday, October 10. Details coming soon.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB COMING SOON

All women are invited to join us in reading and discussion of "St. Monica and the Persistent Power of Prayer" by Mike Aquilina and Mark Sullivan. Sign up sheets are available in the St. Gregory narthex beginning October 3. In our six weeks together we will learn about St. Monica and join her as we pray for those who have left the faith.

You may choose either a Wednesday morning session beginning October 14 (9:00-10:30am) or a Thursday evening session beginning October 15 (7:00-8:30pm). Please purchase your own book available online at The Catholic Company and Catholic Supply. Contact Teresa Peterson, Claire Kind, or the parish office with questions.



SECOND COLLECTION: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, October 18, 2026, marking the historic 100th anniversary of this global observance established by Pope Pius XI in 1926.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR MEN AGES 17-24

Thinking about a vocation in the Catholic Church? Join Archbishop Bernard Hebda, Fr. Mark Pavlak, and archdiocesan seminarians for a weekend of prayer and discernment October 16 (5:00pm) through October 18 (1:00pm) at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN. RSVP required before Thursday, October 1. www.1000vocations.org



TRUNK OR TREAT - October 25

The 5th Annual Trunk or Treat at St. Gregory's is coming up on Sunday, October 25, from 2:00 to 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome to host a trunk or come for the treats. Contact Liz Long if you want to host a trunk.

† Charles Vogel
Brother of Paul Vogel

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