

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



Our Lady of the Rosary

Feast Day: October 7



Pray for Us

@cathapostlectr

Parish Staff:

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

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Faith Formation: Tina Heidelberg,
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday -
8:30am - 12:30pm

ST. GREGORY PARISH OFFICE

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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

October 4, 2026 ~ 27th Sunday OT & October 11, 2026 ~ 28th Sunday OT

WELCOME SEMINARIAN WESTIN GOURNEAU!

Greetings! For those who do not know me, I am Westin Gourneau, a seminarian studying at Saint Paul Seminary for the Diocese of Crookston. I am excited to start my teaching parish assignment here at St. Gregory the Great and Sacred Heart, respectively. As I enter my fifth year of seminary, I believe that the teaching parish will be one of the most fun and important aspects of my major seminary formation.

I grew up in Bemidji MN, the town known for the popular tourist attractions of Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox. While in Bemidji I picked up many hobbies such as skiing, soccer, photography, and film making. Among those hobbies I also enjoyed keeping up with professional sports, and spending time with friends and family.

Towards the end of my time at Bemidji High School, the Lord was calling me to be a priest. Although I always grew up going to Mass, I never thought God actually had a special plan for my life. This changed when I truly discovered in prayer that God had the capacity to fulfill my every desire and that he wanted me to participate in the salvation of souls. God not only wanted to form my heart into a saint he wanted me to help bring others to Himself. After I grew in trust that His promise was true I could properly say "yes" to God's call in my life and to this day I do not regret it.

After responding to God's call, I went to Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary (IHM) in Winona, MN, for four years and received a bachelor's degree in philosophy. Although studying was an important part of formation it was not the only part of my minor seminary formation. While at IHM I picked up the practice of the daily holy hour which helped foster growth in my spiritual formation. At IHM there was also the significant opportunity of serving the community by volunteering to lead a small group in prison, visiting the nursing home, serving college ministry, and serving the mentally and physically disabled. I look fondly upon my years at IHM and believe they formed me into the person that you will see at the parish throughout my time at the here.

I hope this article helped you to get to know me a little better. I look forward to the prospect of getting to know you all a little better as well over the next four years. Know of my prayers for you, please pray for me.

In Christ, Westin Gourneau

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED For parishioners of Sacred Heart and St. Gregory – We are seeking adults of the

parish to commit to being prayer partners with an 8th, 9th, or 10th grader of St. Gregory's or Sacred Heart who is enrolled in the Confirmation program.

Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex or sign up online using this QR code. Contact the parish office or Danielle Miller with questions: danielle@stgregorynb.org



St. Gregory's Chill & Chatter

The first of three St. Gregory Chill & Chatter events will be here before you know it! Mark your calendars to join us on November 8, after 10:30am Mass for new games, new food (pizza and popcorn), and new FUN! We will also have our usual Sunday doughnuts and coffee, if that is your preference.

And don't worry - we'll be in the Parish Hall, not outside. Don't miss it! Open to all ages of both parishes!! Can't make it in November? Save the date for the other events on January 31, and April 4.

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.

OCTOBER MONTHLY BLESSING:

The Mass blessings on October 17th & October 18th will be for all married couples.

OCIA/CATHOLIC 101 - CLASSES OPEN TO ALL, NEXT CLASS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

"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 9:30am to 11:00am in St. Gregory's Parish Hall. Contact Fr. Matt (fathermatt@stgregorynb.org) or the parish office to sign-up.

SACRED HEART

Finding sacred moments in simple daily routines.

Where Did You See Him Today?

When life gets busy, it's easy to treat our faith like an appointment on Sunday morning—a dedicated hour to log, check off, and carry on with our week. But God rarely confines Himself to an hour or a building.

He meets us in the noise of a chaotic kitchen, in the middle of a weary workday, and in the quiet patience required when someone tests our nerves. As St. Teresa of Ávila famously reminded us, "God walks among the pots and pans."

As we enter this autumn season, ask yourself: Where did you notice Christ this past week? Was it in a moment of unexpected grace, a quiet stillness, or the kindness of a stranger? More importantly, who encountered Christ through you?

Let's carry our liturgy out the church doors this week. Look closer. He is already there.

Sisters of The Sacred Heart

The Sisters of Sacred Heart has resumed their regular schedule, the next meeting is on, Thursday, October 8th, at 6pm 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



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, Frank Storm.

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, October 7th

9:00 am †Brian Erickson

Sunday, October 11th

8:30 am †John & Effie Kay

Wednesday, October 14th

9:00 am †Mariann Schmitz

Sunday, (Hospitality) October 18th

8:30 am †Dave Backes



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.



Public Square Rosary Rally

Please join us for the annual Public Square Rosary Rally right here at Sacred Heart Church on **Saturday, October 10th at 12:00 PM**. We will gather together in the parking lot at noon to pray the Rosary for peace and our nation.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

CALENDAR

Faith Formation Office: 651-674-7382

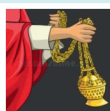
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 Liz Long, Youth Events Leader ~ liz@stgregorynb.org
 Vince Hendren, Mission Trip ~ vince@stgregorynb.org

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE:

- Sunday, October 4, 6:00pm - DOC Parent Meeting (all grades) with Pastoral Letter discussion, Parish Hall
- Wednesday, October 7, 6:00pm - KIC, DOC 8th & 9th graders
- Sunday, October 11, 6:00pm - DOC 10th graders
- Wednesday, October 21, 6:00pm - KIC - Rosary Night, DOC 8th & 9th graders

***Note - There are no Faith Formation classes on Wednesday, October 14 due to MEA week.**



INCENSE USE AT MASS

Fr. Matt plans to use incense at St. Gregory's Mass on October 25.

ST. GREGORY'S BOOYA & FALL FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone who attended or volunteered at the Booya and Fall Festival on Sunday, September 27! At the time of publishing, the numbers were still being tallied. A report and raffle winners will be reported in the next bulletin.

FORMED.ORG VIDEO OF THE WEEK:

Faustina and the Spread of Divine Mercy | **formed**
 This episode of Divine Mercy and the Second Greatest Story Ever Told, reveals how a saint from Poland embarked on one of the greatest missions in the history of the Church, becoming a catalyst for the message of Divine Mercy.
<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/573155/>



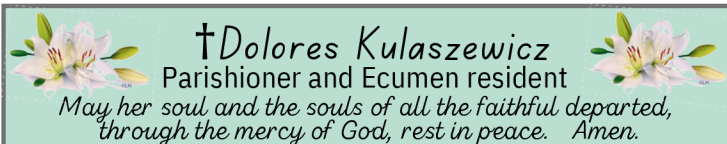
TRUNK OR TREAT - October 25

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 - liz@stgregorynb.org.

***New this year:** Bring a donation of winter clothes (size 2T-5T), diapers, wipes or other baby supplies for Options for Women and be entered to win one of two gift baskets!

INFERTILITY EVENT: Come join a brand new community for women journeying through primary and secondary infertility at our kick-off event! Our evening will include adoration, encouraging fellowship, and a short talk on finding meaning in the midst of suffering.

Wednesday, November 18th, 7-9pm St. John the Baptist Catholic Church 835 2nd Ave NW, New Brighton, MN 55112 To RSVP, send an email to tccatholicinfertility@gmail.com.



*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.

Note: The Daily Liturgy schedule will be Word & Communion services while Fr. Matt is out of town October 5-13. Bible Study is cancelled for Friday, October 9.

Tuesday, October 6

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

Thursday, October 8

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

6:30 pm Baptism Prep Class.....Parish Hall

Friday, October 9

7:00 am Walk & Roll to School, until 7:45am...Parking Lot

Saturday, October 10

12:00 pm Public Square Rosary.....Parking Lot

4:00 pm Reconciliation.....Confessional

4:30 pm Rosary.....Church

5:00 pm Mass.....Church

6:00 pm Saturday Hospitality.....Parish Hall

Sunday, October 11

10:00 am Rosary.....Church

10:30 am Mass.....Church

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

Monday, October 12 - Columbus Day, Offices closed

7:00 pm "No Greater Love" video series.....Parish Hall

Tuesday, October 13

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

Wednesday, October 14 - No Faith Formation classes

Thursday, October 15

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

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

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting.....Parish Hall

Friday, October 16

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

Saturday, October 17

4:00 pm Reconciliation.....Confessional

4:30 pm Rosary.....Church

5:00 pm Mass.....Church

Sunday, October 18

10:00 am Rosary.....Church

10:30 am Mass.....Church

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

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



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

MASS INTENTIONS

October 6-9

Word and Communion Services; No Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 10, 5:00pm

The People of St. Gregory and Sacred Heart

Sunday, October 11, 10:30am - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

†Darlene Mellgren

October 13

Word and Communion Service; No Mass Intention

Wednesday, October 14, 5:00pm

Stephen Lauinger

Thursday, October 15, 8:30am

Stephanie, Jason, Heather, & Evan Pommier

Friday, October 16, 8:30am

†Jonah Lehnen

Saturday, October 17, 5:00pm

The People of St. Gregory and Sacred Heart

Sunday, October 18, 10:30am - 29th Sunday in OT

†Deceased Family of Geri & Joe Sausen



OCTOBER 4 & 11, 2026

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).

LIFELINE MASS FOR 6TH-12TH GRADERS

The next Lifeline Mass will be Saturday, November 7th at 6:00pm at the NET Ministries Center in St. Paul. Don't miss this amazing event! Contact Liz Long by November 4 to sign up.

Mary and Martha Women's Group

Attention all ladies of our parish community. You are all invited to attend our next meeting for the Mary & Martha Women's group which will be on Thursday, October 15 at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall. We hope to see you there!



M&M's Prayer Partner Ministry: All women of the parish are invited to participate in the M & M's Prayer Partner ministry by praying for another for a period of one year. Interested women should fill out one of the forms in the pews the weekends of October 3-4 or 10-11. Please deposit your completed form in the container at the back of church. We will draw names from all those who are interested to determine prayer partners and you will be notified of who your partner is. You also may have the opportunity to meet your prayer partner at a breakfast sponsored by the M&M's in the spring. Contact Teresa Peterson or the Parish Office with questions.

FOODSHELF DONATIONS

Thanks to your generosity at St. Gregory's, we have donated 365 pounds of food to the Family Pathways food shelf in North Branch over the past year. The bin for donations is located in the narthex and volunteers take the food to Family Pathways weekly.

HOSPITALITY WEEKEND AT ST. GREGORY:

The next Hospitality Weekend is coming up with Saturday Hospitality after 5:00pm Mass on October 10, and Coffee Sunday after 10:30am Mass on October 11.

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.

ST. GREGORY FINANCIAL UPDATE

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Weekly Goal \$5,892.31		
Offering for 09/13 Week 11		\$4,818.46
Offering for 09/22 Week 12		\$3,944.00
YTD Weekly Goal		YTD Actual Offering
\$70,707.72		\$63,107.64
MASS ATTENDANCE		
Date	5:00pm	10:30am
September 12 & 13	116	145
September 21 & 22	102	170

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

Bible Study is cancelled for October 9. Join Fr. Matt for Bible Study on other Fridays at 9:15am in the Gazebo (or Cry Room in cold weather) at St. Gregory's.

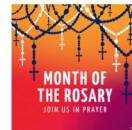
WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

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 the St. Gregory narthex.



PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

Mary Ruyman-Lee will lead an outdoor Public Square Rosary on Saturday, October 10 at Noon in the St. Gregory main parking lot. Bring a lawn chair if you wish.



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.

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.



WELCOME SUNDAYS

Join us on October 18, 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.

TURKEY BINGO

The annual Turkey BINGO and taco dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus will be on Friday, November 13, with food service beginning at 6:00pm and BINGO at 7:00pm. Come over to St. Gregory's Parish Hall for a chance to win a Thanksgiving dinner with all of the fixings!

