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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
"Now I have seen and testified that he
is the Son of God." - Jn 1:34

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

Weekdays

Wednesday 9:00 am

First Friday of each month 9:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration has been suspended until further notice due to the weather.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Friday of each month 8:30 am

First Saturday of each month 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Or by appointment

January 15, 2017

On Christmas Thanks and a Conference

With the conclusion of the Christmas Season on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, which was last Monday, I want to take the opportunity to offer my gratitude to the parishioners who helped in any way during this holy time of the year.

It has been five years since I have had a normal Advent and Christmas Season. By "normal," I mean that there were no employees resigning just before Christmas, and I wasn't sick. Therefore, it was just a much welcomed ordinary time waiting for the birth of Our Savior. For this I am very happy.

Many thanks to all involved at the music end of things, the small but great children's choir at Saint Gregory the Great, and the adult choirs. I was able to hear some of the music at Sacred Heart as I greeted parishioners at the end of Mass on Christmas Day. Once again, I have a lot of appreciation for the donation of the Christmas trees: Jerry and Cindi Regnier donated trees at Sacred Heart and the Dan and Diana Graff family donated them to Saint Gregory the Great. Thanks too to all ministers who served in any liturgical roles. Many thanks to all the parishioners, particularly the confirmation students who helped decorate the church at Sacred Heart. I am thankful for the handmade decorations from the PreK-4 grade CFC students that were placed on the tree at the entrance of the church at Saint Gregory. With fewer students, we were only able to adorn the one tree.

Jazira, Flannery, and I treasured the many cards, gifts, and food of all sorts received. I sincerely like hearing about parishioners lives through letters they include in their Christmas cards.

If I were to write that I was happy with everything about Christmas, I would be lying. I am rather disappointed in the number of those who helped decorate the Church at Saint Gregory. We only had four parishioners show up; therefore we were unable to put up the gold and silver banners. If it weren't for the aid of the "morning break boys" of St. Gregory, we probably would not have any Christmas trees up. I am hoping that we will have more help when it comes to decorate for Holy Week and Easter in April.

On another note, I will be leaving this Monday for El Paso, Texas for one week, largely to attend the Southwest Liturgical Conference 55th Annual Study Week. This year's theme is called "Breaking Bread: Eucharist and the Domestic Church." The Domestic Church is the family home where children are first formed in the Catholic Christian faith by their parents and/or other relatives. I am exceptionally excited to hear the keynote speaker, that is, Father Ronald Rolheiser, OMI. He is one of my favorite, modern spiritual authors.

Also while in El Paso, I have signed up for a tour of Mission Church offered the day before the study week begins. A side trip to the El Paso zoo may also be on my itinerary. See you when I get back!

Have a good week, Father Shane

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

We are seeking individuals to help with our Money Counter Ministry and our Usher Ministry. Training Provided! Please contact Steve in the parish office for more information. We are also in need of Altar Servers. Please talk to Janet Yurick after Mass on Sundays if your child is interested, or you can call her at: 763.689.3018 or cell 763.244.0771.

UPCOMING MEETING

There will be a Finance Council meeting Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish House.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Just a "heads up". All items to be published in the bulletin will need to be in the office by 9:00 am each Tuesday prior to the following weekend beginning Tuesday, January 31, 2017. Additional reminders for this new deadline will appear in subsequent bulletins and on the website.

PRAYERS FOR THE UNBORN

On Jan. 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions legalized abortion on demand. This year marks the 44th year that pro-lifers rally together to help change laws and save lives.

Millions of Catholic Christians around the country will observe the day in fasting, prayer, and reflection. At St.



Gregory the Great, the Knights of Columbus and Father Shane invite everyone to participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, January 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. concluding with Vespers with Fr. John Drees of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Forest Lake. Please sign up to spend time in prayer with our Lord. A sign up sheet is available in the vestibule.

MISSION STATEMENT

Sacred Heart parish is a community of Catholic Christian believers, established by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. We strive to grow in holiness through prayer, celebration of the Eucharist, other sacraments, and reflection on the scriptures. We work hard to build the kingdom of God through evangelization, catechesis and service for all.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



It is important to know who we are and from where we come.

Having a clear sense of identity allows us to make choices that further express and develop our ultimate purpose and goals.

We are reminded today of Jesus' unique identity as God's Son and that by our baptism we are given the gift of sharing in that

same intimate relationship with God.

May knowledge of this make a difference in how we live our lives!

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, January 21

4:00 p.m.

Lector: Sue Roth
Communion: David Prickett,
Chuck Debeveck
Gifts: Thiel Family
Ushers: Ken Opatz, Dick
Ordner
Servers: TJ Roth

Sunday, January 22

9:00 a.m.

Lectors: Jeremy Albright,
Mary Jane Dahl
Communion: Audrey Larson,
Clarence Larson, Elsie Moore
Gifts: Wegleitner Family
Ushers: Don Belland, Joe
Moore, Jim Thorn
Servers: Elena Herberg,
Maggie Roth

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Totals for the week of 1/10/2016

Plate	287.12
Envelopes (38)	981.00
Bldg. Maint Env (2)	10.00
EFT	344.00
Mary, Mother of God	5.00
Initial Offerings	5.00
Total	\$1,632.12

Thank you for your generosity
in supporting our parish!

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Chaplet of Divine Mercy Holy Cards are available for you to pick up in the back of church. This devotion is an excellent way to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

MASS INTENTIONS



January 18
January 21
January 22

Open
Parishioners
Unborn Children

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 18

Fr. Chuck	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
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Saturday, January 21

Fr. Fitzgerald	Sacred Heart	4:00 pm
Fr. Chuck	St. Gregory's	5:00 pm

Sunday, January 22

Fr. Chuck	St. Gregory's	8:30 am
Fr. Fitzgerald	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
Fr. Chuck	St. Gregory's	10:30 am



Please Note:

There will not be Eucharistic Adoration until further notice due to the weather.

NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

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Marjorie King	Margarette Brooker	Kim Sarago
Jean Amunson	Marvin Johnson	Jim Kirchberg
Bill Peno	Arlene Greenhagen	Ethel Thomas-
Mary Knack	Bev Hurley	Tom McKenzie
Wayne King	Jim Mitchell	Sue Roth
Robby Murry	Judie Peltier	Abby Larson
Heidi Blatz	Eileen Kost	Betty Erickson
David Gaul	Jim Noon	Rose Peloquin
Cecilia Shinler	Nick Cieminski	Colleen Najewski
Joan Parkin	Betty Anderson	Lenny Anderson
Cathy Gamache	Gerald Mollberg	Tom Solorz
Shirley Kirchberg		

Please advise the office if any of these names can be removed. Thank you.

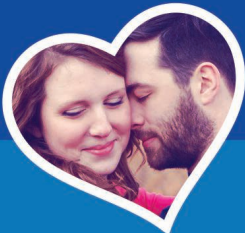
"Loving God, we ask that you enfold in your tender compassionate care all those in our community whose hearts are breaking and whose worries consume them."

HOUSEKEEPING POSITION OPEN

The St. Gregory Rectory is seeking a housekeeper.

Two to three days a week,
part time flexible hours.

See Fr. Shane for more information.

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