



Sacred Heart

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Formed in His Heart, Serving with His Heart, Giving From His Heart

Saturday—Lord's Day Vigil

4:00 PM Mass of Anticipation

Sunday— The Lord's Day

8:00 AM Mass - In Church

10:00 AM Mass - In Church

11:40 AM Latin Mass - In Church

Daily Mass Times

Monday:

8:00 AM Communion Service
followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

Tuesday — Saturday:

8:00 AM Mass
followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

Holy Day Mass Times

Consult the bulletin

Penance and Reconciliation

Tuesday — Saturday Morning:

7:40 — 7:55 AM

Saturday Afternoon:

3:00 — 3:45 PM

Or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

The Sacred Heart Chapel will be open for personal prayer and adoration before the monstrance on Thursdays from 9AM-8:30PM

Parish Office Hours

Monday 8:30 AM — 2:00 PM

Tues.-Thurs. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Parish Web Site

www.shrmn.org

Parish Phone: 763-537-4561

Sacred Heart Catholic School

Pre-K through 8th grade
4050 Hubbard Avenue North
Robbinsdale, MN 55422

School Web Site

sacredheartschoolrobbinsdale.org

School Phone: 763-537-1329

December 24, 2023



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall name him Jesus.” - Lk 1:31

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The Church of the Sacred Heart is served by the clergy of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Priest Staff: Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen

Deacon: Dr. James Ramsey

Pastor's Page Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen

The Incarnation

If you are from South Minneapolis, chances are you are familiar with Incarnation Parish. As far as names goes it certainly is not common. The parish is not named for any particular saint, nor is it named for a title of Our Lord or Our Lady. The name of the parish refers to a theological reality, an article of belief that lies at the heart of Catholicism. What is the incarnation? Sunday after Sunday, and on all high holy days we profess in the Nicene Creed the following:

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

At Mass on Christmas Eve, Night, and Day there is a special rubrical direction for clergy, servers, and people alike. Usually when we utter these words we are directed to bow profoundly, but on Christmas we are bid to genuflect, or kneel. This practice was universally followed every time the Nicene Creed was said prior to 1969, but even in the reform of the Liturgy the posture of genuflecting and kneeling during the Creed is retained on Christmas – December 25th, and on the Solemnity of the Annunciation - March 25th. These two dates represent the Conception of Jesus in the womb of Mary, and his birth at Bethlehem. “By the Holy Spirit he was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man” – literally means that Jesus, the Only Begotten Son of God, became flesh – became like us, through the Holy Spirit. To be incarnate is to be given a body and thus be made human. This fundamental mystery of God becoming man, of God becoming flesh is the theological meaning behind our celebration of Christmas. Yes, the incarnation provides us the image of the infant lying in a manger coupled with the Angels, and animals in the Nativity scene, but we must never forget this infant, is God in the flesh! God has descended to us in becoming incarnate and becoming man. Since God has become man, this means that “man”- that is all of us who share human nature have forever been raised in our dignity. God did not become an angel, nor any other creature, he became like us in all things but sin! Because of the incarnation, all who share in human nature will forever be connected in the most amazing of ways to God. This is a deep and profound reality to consider as we celebrate the joy of Christmas. Come, let us adore!

Yours in the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen
Fr. Bryan J.B. Pedersen
 Pastor

Sacred Heart Parish Mission Statement

“Sacred Heart Catholic Parish exists to foster a community of disciples in response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Worship, Fellowship, Catholic Education and Service”

Appointed Sunday Readings

4th Sunday of Advent-12/24/2023

First Reading: "Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever." (2 Sm 28:16)

Psalm: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

Second Reading: The revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith. (Rom 16:25-26)

Gospel: "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." (Lk 1:31)

Latin Mass Sunday Readings

Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord

Epistle: "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an Apostle..." (Rom 1:1-6)

Gradual: "This day you shall know that the Lord will come and save us..." (Ex 16:6,7)

Gospel: "When Mary the mother of Jesus was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost..." (Mt 1:18-21)

Appointed Daily Readings

Monday, Dec. 25-Saturday, Dec. 30

Monday: Dawn-Is 62:11-12/Ps 07:1, 6,11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day-Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1,2-3,3-4,5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5,9-14

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Prayers of the Faithful

Please remember in your prayers:

Those Who Are Ill: Mike Murry, Jeanne Rose, Geraline Bothum, Allan Dudley Olson

With Chronic Health Concerns:

Tom Ambrose, Brady Swenson, Mary Jo Faustgen, Andrea DeOtis, Medard Keisershot, Cody Binstock, Carol Borman, Kelly Van-Schalk, Tori Prince, Joyce Hanauska

Those Serving In Our Armed Forces: Sam

Dahlgren-Castilla, Justin Rathbun, Liam Gregory, Jordan Reese, Andrew Gladitsch, Cathal & Cormac O'Connor, Lisette Knaeble, Zachary Wilhelmi, Lily Wilson, Joseph Eckman

Administration

Stewardship-Your Commitment is Vital !

Collections for December 9-10, 2023 (week 24)	Dollars	# Donors
Sunday Envelope Collections	\$7,649.00	58
Electronic Donations	\$661.33	17
Plate (non envelope) Collections	\$1,394.00	
Total Collections for week 24	\$9,704.33	75

Year-to-date Sunday Collections

	This Year	Last Year	(Behind)
Actual versus last year December 10, 2023 (week 24)	\$273,058	\$271,280	\$1,778
	This Year	Budget	(Behind)
Actual versus Budget December 10, 2023 (week 24)	\$273,058	\$275,744	(\$2,686)

Christmas Mass Times

4th Sunday of Advent:

Saturday, December 23rd– 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 24th– 9:00AM Mass

Sunday, December 24th– 10:40AM Latin Mass

Christmas Eve:

Sunday, December 24th– 4:00PM– Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

Christmas Day:

Monday, December 25th– 12:00AM– Missa in Nocte (Latin High Mass)

Monday, December 25th– 8:00AM Mass at Dawn

10:00AM Mass during the Day

11:40AM Missa in Die (Latin Mass)



Holiday Office Hours

The Parish office will be closed on Monday, December 25th and on Monday, January 1st.

A Gift From Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart has a gift for you! As a way to help participate in the Eucharistic Revival, please pick up the book, Beautiful Eucharist, in the Parish Commons. This book includes a series of reflections on the Eucharist from various individuals, including Father Mike Schmitz, Bishop Andrew Cozzins, Fulton Sheen and others. Merry Christmas!

Year-End Contribution Statements

Year-end Contribution and Donor Statements will be distributed in January 2024 so that you receive no later than January 31, 2024.




Sacred Heart Catholic School

BELIEVE AND READ

Sacred Heart Catholic School is a Certified Believe and Read School. This program ensures every student reads at or above grade level by fourth grade. Students learn spelling and reading using multimodal learning strategies such as sky writing, carpet writing, tapping out sounds, and building words using magnet boards.

Program Feature :

- ✓ Daily phonemic awareness
- ✓ Daily phonics lesson
- ✓ Small group lesson
- ✓ Based on the Science of Reading in partnership with Groves Learning Organization

 **More information :**
www.sacredheartschoolrobbinsdale.org



Tickets for the 2024 Gala are now for sale! Purchase your ticket now for an early bird rate!

Discount code: From now until January 2nd you can use code earlybird to get \$15 off your ticket at check-out. Regularly priced tickets are \$65 but with the early bird rate, tickets are \$50.00! What a deal! **Teachers' Tickets:** Please consider sponsoring a teachers' ticket with your purchase. Selling these tickets will help immensely with covering event costs, while enabling our teachers and staff to attend the event for free! Let's show our teachers how much we appreciate them. Teacher tickets are \$45.00. Link to our gala website: <https://one.bidpal.net/shcsgala2024>

Sponsorships

Do you own a business or know of a business that is interested in sponsoring our gala? We have sponsorship levels of \$2500, \$2,000, \$1000, and \$500. The details are listed on our One Cause website under the Sponsorship Opportunities tab. Please contact Liz Gerads, Director of Advancement, or Karen Bursey, Principal, at gala24@sacredheartschoolrobbinsdale.org or call 763- 285-6256 for any questions or to secure your sponsorship today.

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To Join Sacred Heart Parish

If you are new to our community, or have been attending Mass here but have not yet joined Sacred Heart call 763-537-4561 or stop in the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Initiation — RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

To join the Catholic Church call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants and Children (RCIC)

Baptism for Infants and young Children is celebrated on the first & third Sundays of the month at 1 PM. Pre-Baptism Class meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. To make arrangements call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Confirmation

If you are in High School or an Adult who has yet to receive Confirmation contact Matt Kruc or Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

If you or your child have not yet made your First Holy Communion contact Bunny Brouillard. If you are shut in and would like to receive Holy Communion contact Deacon Ramsey to make arrangements

Sacrament of Penance

See the schedule for confessions or contact Fr. Pedersen to make an appointment. To receive instruction on making a first confession contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Anointing

To make arrangements to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Last Rites contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Registered Parishioners should call Father Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey at least 8 months in advance of the wedding date to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Holy Orders

Catholic Men contact Fr. Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey for more information on joining the Diaconate or Priesthood.

Religious Education

For students grades 1—10. Meets Wed. evening 6:30pm—7:45pm, Oct. through April. Please call Morgan Leisgang or Matt Kruc in the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

****This Schedule is subject to change****

December

Sun. 24	9:00 AM	Betty Stearns+
Latin	10:40 AM	Parishioners
	4:00 PM	Philip Andrzejek+
Mon. 25	12:00 AM	Scott Buchanan+
	8:00 AM	The Tom & Sandy Hammrich Family
	10:00 AM	Parishioners
Latin	11:40 AM	Philip Andrzejek+
Tues. 26	8:00 AM	Helen Gangness+
Wed. 27	8:00 AM	Brent Hammrich
Thu. 28	8:00 AM	Juan Xinastle
Fri. 29	8:00 AM	Tina Xinastle
Sat. 30	8:00 AM	Kougnegbe Family
	4:00 PM	Michael Perrizo V+
Sun. 31	8:00 AM	The Tom & Sandy Hammrich Family
	10:00 AM	Parishioners
Latin	11:40 AM	Kougnegbe Family

Chapel Open for Prayer:

- Monday: 8:30am-2:30pm
- Tues.-Wed.:8:30am-4:30pm
- Friday: 8:30am-4:30pm

Confessions

Daily Tuesday-Saturday 7:40-7:55a.m.
Saturdays 3:00-3:45pm

Thursday Eucharistic Adoration

9:00am-8:30pm

Parish Prayer Line

To be placed on the prayer line call the Parish Office 763-537-4561. You can also send in your request via e-mail: cshadmin@shrmn.org



Faith Formation



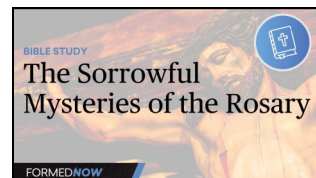
**The Bible Timeline:
The Story of Salvation
Developed by Jeff Cavins
Session 16: Return**

Return: This next time period, the Return, chronicles Judah's return home after seventy years of Babylonian exile.

Session 16 on Tuesday January 9 1:00pm or 7:00pm Sessions.
Questions call Bunny: Direct Line: 763-285-6247 contact@shrmn.org

**A Bible Study on the Sorrowful Mysteries
After Mass on Saturday January 13 and after the 8 and 10am
Masses on Sunday January 14, in the Marian Rooms**

Session 1: Agony in the Garden: Have you ever wanted to grow in your understanding and devotion to the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary? Join Dr. Ben Akers and professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School as they walk through these Biblical mysteries and seek to grow in understanding and love for Christ through the. This episode on the Agony in the Garden is the First episode of a five part series on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.



Pre-Baptism Classes

PRE-BAPTISM CLASSES

Pre-Baptism Classes are offered at Sacred Heart on the Second Tuesday of the month. All parents are required to attend a pre-baptism class before the Baptism of their first child or if it has been over three years since they last attended a pre-baptism class. Our next scheduled session is **Tuesday January 9 at 7pm** in the Activities Building. If you plan to attend this session, please call the Parish Office at 763-537-4561.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Advent

The preparation for Christmas is made up of the four Sundays of Advent. This is a time when we are joyfully waiting for the Messiah. In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium, the children will change the cloth on the prayer table to purple, to reflect that they have entered this time of preparation for the great feast of Christmas.



Respect Life Ministry



Sacred Heart Guardians (SHG)

Sacred Heart Guardians' mission is to facilitate Christian burial for the embryonic human beings who die in IVF labs, as an alternative to the standard lab practice of medical waste disposal.

Our mission witnesses to the reality that human embryos are human beings, and therefore fully human persons, each of whose life "is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end." ([CCC 2258](#))

Baby Jesus Shower

The month of December, the Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women sponsors "The Baby Jesus Shower". Items donated go to the Crystal Women's Clinic and Abria North Side Pregnancy Resources

Please donate **NEW** items such as clothing (Sleepers and onesies up to size 24 months), bibs, sleep sacks, socks and booties, burp cloths, receiving blankets, hooded towels and wash cloths, diaper bags, crib sheets, Pack N Play sheets, and hats. Other **NEW** items that can be donated are: diapers and wipes (in sealed packages), bottle sets, bottle brushes, baby mobiles and play mats, baby washes, shampoos, diaper cream, baby lotion, laundry detergent, baby monitors, strollers, Pack N Plays, bouncy seats, feeding items like baby bowls and spoons, pacifiers, toys and teethingers. **Monetary donations are accepted! Please write checks out to Sacred Heart Church and write "Baby Jesus Shower" on the memo line.**

News From Other Sources



Rosary Gems

"The rosary in particular is a sign of predestination. Our fidelity in reciting it is a sure sign of salvation." Blessed Alan de la Roche (1428-1475)

SHCCW

The SHCCW BAKE SALE last weekend was a huge success! Thank you to the bakers, customers and workers.

School- Gym Floor Fundraiser

Please support our gym floor fundraising effort!

Thank you to the many people that have made a contribution to Sacred Heart or through Give to the Max for our gym floor. For over 50 years, students have experienced joy while playing and working together in our gymnasium. Learning lessons about fair play and wholesome competition – winning and losing graciously. This beloved space has served us well, it is an important part of our vibrant school community hosting gym classes, assemblies, school celebrations, holiday programs and many parish events. As a member of the Sacred Heart family you know just how important this space is to our students and to our parish and school community. Please consider a gift to Sacred Heart Catholic Church/School to help us keep the gymnasium the hub of activity for another 50 years. You may donate online on our school website: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YRF5/home> or drop off a check at the parish desk. St. John Bosco, pray for us.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 24–4th Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve

8:30 AM Rosary Prayed
9:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
10:40 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen
4:00 PM Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

Monday, December 25– Christmas Day-The Nativity of our Lord

12:00 AM Midnight Latin High Mass
7:35 AM Rosary Prayed
8:00 AM Mass at Dawn
10:00 AM Mass during the day
11:40 AM Missa in Die (Latin Mass)

Tuesday, December 26–Octave of the Nativity Feast of St. Stephen, 35 (Trad)

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed
7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
Morning Prayer to follow Mass

Wednesday, December 27-Octave of the Nativity Feast of St. John, 100 (Trad)

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed
7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
Morning Prayer to follow Mass

Thursday, December 28–Octave of the Nativity Feast of The Holy Innocents (Trad)

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed
7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
Morning Prayer to follow Mass
Adoration following Mass till 8:30 PM

Friday, December 29– Octave of the Nativity St. Thomas Becket, 1170 (Trad)

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed
7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
Morning Prayer to follow Mass

Saturday, December 30– Octave of the Nativity New Year's Eve

7:35 AM Rosary Prayed
7:40 AM Confessions till 7:55 AM
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
Morning Prayer to follow Mass
3:00 PM Confessions till 3:45 PM
4:00 PM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
5:15 PM Vespers

Sunday, December 31– Sunday in the Octave of the Nativity

7:30 AM Rosary Prayed
8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen
11:40 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

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Have a peaceful, Merry Christmas!

Do you aim for an idyllic Christmas celebration complete with a warm fire, joyful music, and tinsel-covered tree? For many of us, Christmas comes at the end of weeks spent shopping, wrapping, and spending, and is wrought with family tensions, obligations, and exhaustion. Try these steps to keep your sanity and your Savior in your Christmas celebration:

Be realistic. It isn't the goal of the season to make everyone happy. If you don't overspend and over extend before Christmas, you'll be in a better frame of mind when it arrives.



Soothe the beast. Beautiful music can set a soothing tone for your celebration. Pick your favorite holy hymns to put yourself in the Christmas frame of mind.

Reach out. Want to make your own problems seem small? Take on someone else's. Do at least one good Christmas deed for someone needy.

Seek the eternal. Jesus gives us peace, purpose, and perspective. Spend time with Jesus each day of Advent and Christmas to remind yourself of what is most important about Christmas.

from Scripture

Luke 2:22-40, Encountering God in the ordinary

To the uninformed observer, Jesus' birth was unremarkable, and His family was quite ordinary. In fact, when it was time to present Jesus in the temple, His parents couldn't afford the customary offering of a lamb, and instead made the offering of the poor – two pigeons. As faithful Jews, they did all that was required by their faith to thank God for the gift of their child.

Yet, when Joseph and Mary presented their new baby in the temple, Simeon immediately recognized Him as the Messiah.



Inspired by the Holy Spirit, he prophesied that Jesus would be *"a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel"* (Luke 2:32).

Simeon was not alone in recognizing the Lord in the temple. Anna was also filled with the Holy Spirit. Her faith in God's promises gave her hope. The hope God places in our hearts gives us a desire for the kingdom of Heaven. The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Lord to those who want to know Him, receive Him, and to be happy with Him forever.

Q & A How can I make Christmas joy last?

The Church's real Christmas season starts on Christmas Day and lasts until the Baptism of Our Lord. By celebrating the whole season, you can make your Christmas joy last long after you've taken down the tree. Here are some highlights of the season:

Feast of the Holy Family, December 31. Gather for a meal with loved ones, or contact out-of-town friends or family.



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, January 1.

Dedicate a Rosary to the Blessed Mother, asking her to help you grow in love and trust.

Epiphany, January 7. The example of the Magi honoring Jesus has become a symbol of sharing Him with the world. This is our chance to think about the way we live so that we can better reveal Christ to our world.

The Baptism of Our Lord, January 8. Baptism is our entry into the Kingdom. Take time this day to renew your Baptismal vows and decide what you can change in your life to help you live as Christ did.

Feasts & Celebrations

December 3 – First Sunday in Advent. We anticipate Christ's birth and His coming on the last day. Catholics everywhere light candles in an Advent wreath to signal the coming of the light of Christ.

December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe (1531). The Blessed Mother appeared as a Native American maiden to St. Juan Diego. She asked St. Juan to carry roses to the bishop as proof. When the roses were emptied from his *tilma*, it retained the image of the Blessed Mother.

December 15 – St. Maria di Rosa (1855). Born into a wealthy family in Brescia, Italy, Paula was renowned for holiness, generosity, and concern for the sick. She founded the Handmaids of Charity in 1840. She took the name Sr. Maria Crucifixa di Rosa.

December 27 – St. John the Beloved (1st Century). As an apostle and friend of Jesus, St. John was known for his fiery temper. Scholars believe he is the "beloved disciple" who sat by Jesus at the Last Supper in John's Gospel.



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