



# Sacred Heart

C a t h o l i c C h u r c h

4087 West Broadway • Robbinsdale, MN 55422

Phone: 763-537-4561

*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

10:00 AM Mass

11:40 AM Latin Mass

## Summer Schedule: June—August

### Daily Mass Times

#### Monday:

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

#### Tuesday:

Vespers: 6:15 PM followed by  
Mass: 6:30 PM

#### Wednesday — Saturday:

8:00 AM Mass  
followed by Lauds/Morning Prayer

### Holy Day Mass Times

Consult the bulletin

### Penance and Reconciliation

#### Tuesday:

5:30-6:10 PM

#### Wednesday — Saturday:

7:40 — 7:55 AM

#### Saturday Afternoon:

3:00--3:45 PM Or by appointment

### Eucharistic Adoration

The Sacred Heart Chapel is open for  
personal prayer and adoration before  
the monstrance on Thursdays from  
9:00 AM — 8:30PM.

### Parish Office Hours

Monday 8:30 AM — Noon

Tue.-Thurs. 8:30 AM—4:30 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM—Noon

### Parish Web Site

[www.shrmn.org](http://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

[sacredheartsschoolrobbinsdale.org](http://sacredheartsschoolrobbinsdale.org)

**School Phone:** 763-537-1329

## June 23, 2024



## 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"  
The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them,  
"Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

**Parish Directory**

Phone: 763-537-4561

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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**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)**

Over the past two and a half years, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) has benefitted me personally and professionally. It has set my heart on fire with the truths of the faith, aided my understanding of child development (which I was grateful to receive before becoming a parent), increased my participation at Mass, and formed deep friendships with other catechists. I want to share some of the gifts of CGS in my life and invite you to consider if God is calling you to join this great work at Sacred Heart.

The CGS presentations have lifted up key gestures in the Mass like the offering. Through the priest's gesture and words, Jesus is offered back to the Father, with thanksgiving and praise. When I am at Mass, I consider how everything we have is from God (recalled in the gesture of the epiclesis when the priest's hands overshadow the bread and wine) and everything we can offer back to God is also from God (recalled in the gesture of the offering when the priest lifts up the paten and chalice)! CGS has aided me in a deeper appreciation of Scripture. I used to be dismissive of the parables and maxims (like "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect") because I couldn't "figure them out". Now, I've seen the beauty of pondering them and what they can tell us about remaining with Jesus on the vine or about creation, redemption, and parousia (when God will be all in all).

CGS assists the child in falling in love with God AND engages content from an intellectual level. This convinces me that it is the best faith formation model we have. Everything in Level I (3-6 years old) is about falling in love with the Good Shepherd. In Level II (6-9 years old), the child uses their reasoning mind to work and study which leads to prayer. These two moments (falling in love and then engaging intellectual content) complement each other. The first excites and makes the faith come alive. The second moment can be rich, deep, and full, IF it is preceded by the first. Many of us have stories to share from our lives or the lives of others who walked away from the faith because of this lack of integration.

Hearing responses from the children this year increased my faith. The children really were quiet in the atrium! They really did enjoy their work. They said things like, "He is the Light of the World" and "Jesus is in our hearts." I am excited to see how CGS brings children, parents, and the entire Sacred Heart community to a greater love of God.

Training to be a catechist is a large commitment, but also such a gift. If you are interested in being trained, here are the upcoming dates. Please reach out to me to learn more or to register.

**St. Ambrose, Woodbury-** July 23, 24, 25, and August 20, 21, 22**The Way of the Shepherd, Blaine-** August 7, 8, 9 and August 14, 15, 16**St. Joseph, West St. Paul-** Sept 21; Nov 16; Jan 18, 2025; Feb 15, 2025; March 22, 2025; April 12, 2025

If you are interested in serving CGS in other ways like assisting the catechist during atrium sessions or making materials, we need both. Please contact me about helping. If you want to know more about CGS, scan this code to visit the blog of a local catechist and formation leader. Pray for the children, their families, and the catechists.

In Christ,

Morgan Leisgang

[mleisgang@shrmn.org](mailto:mleisgang@shrmn.org)

763-285-6246





## Appointed Sunday Readings

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time— 6/23/24

**First Reading:** “Thus far shall you come but no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stilled!” (Jb 38:11)

**Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting. (Ps 107)

**Second Reading:** “So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.” (2 Cor 5:17)

**Gospel:** They were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?” (Mk 4:41)

## Latin Mass Sunday Readings

5th Sunday After Pentecost

**Epistle:** “Dearly beloved: be ye all of one mind...” (1 Pet 3:8-15)

**Gradual:** “Behold, O God our protector, and look on Thy servants...” (Ps 86:10,9)

**Gospel:** “At that time Jesus said to His disciples: Except your justice abound more than that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven...” (Mt 5:20-24)

## Appointed Daily Readings

Monday, June 24-Saturday, June 29

**Monday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

**Tuesday:** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40/Mt 7:15-20

**Thursday:** 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-29

**Friday:** 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Mt 8:1-4

**Saturday:** Acts 12:1-11/34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

## Prayers of the Faithful

Please remember in your prayers:

**Those Who Are Ill:** Mike Murry

**With Chronic Health Concerns:**

Tom Ambrose, Brady Swenson, Mary Jo Faustgen, Andrea DeOtis, Medard Keisershot, Cody Binstock, Carol Borman, Kelly VanSchalk, Tori Prince, Joyce Hanauska, Lorraine Nelson

**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, Chase Anderson

**Those Who Have Died Recently:** Mavis Ryan

## Administration

### Stewardship-Your Commitment is Vital !

Collections for June 8-9, 2024 (week 50)	Dollars	# Donors
Sunday Envelope Collections	\$ 4,895.00	63
Electronic Donations	\$ 396.01	16
Plate (non envelope) Collections	\$ 841.00	
<b>Total Collections for week 50</b>	<b>\$ 6,132.01</b>	<b>79</b>

### Year-to-date Sunday Collections

	This Year	Last Year	(Behind)
Actual versus last year June 9, 2024 (week 50)	\$598,733	\$587,474	\$11,259
	This Year	Budget	(Behind)
Actual versus Budget June 9, 2024 (week 50)	\$598,733	\$585,263	\$13,470

## Parish Summer Office Hours



**\*\*Beginning Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>\*\***

Monday	8:30AM-Noon
Tuesday-Thursday	8:30AM-4:30PM
Friday	8:30AM-Noon

## 4th of July Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed on July 4 & 5 in honor of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday. There will be **no** adoration on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Job Opportunity at Sacred Heart

Parish Office Administrative Assistant (32-40hrs per week) includes benefits. Please contact Mary Daugherty at 763-285-6241 or [mdaugherty@shrmn.org](mailto:mdaugherty@shrmn.org) for job description and other details.

## Baby Bottle Drive

Thank you all for your generous donations toward the Baby Bottle Drive for the Abria Pregnancy Resource Center! We will be counting the money up this week and will be giving a check to Abria, following that. There will be a note in next weekend’s bulletin to let you know just how generous you all were. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

## Gym Floor Replacement Update

The gym floor replacement project is in full swing. Thank you again to all who have made a contribution to this important project. We have raised the initial \$100K thanks to many very generous donors, and have received the \$50K match thanks to a generous donor through CSCOE (Catholic Schools Center of Excellence)! You can still make donations. All extra funds raised will go towards the following potential other enhancements as funds are available to help improve the overall gym space: Upgraded Staging, Scoreboard, Headsets for Plays/Musicals, Projector/Screen.

## Fun Fest Urgent Plea for Committee Members

The Fun Fest Committee is looking for chairs for this year’s Fun Fest on September 14th. Please contact Mary Daugherty at 763-285-6241/[mdaugherty@shrmn.org](mailto:mdaugherty@shrmn.org) for details!

## Sacred Heart Catholic School

### Save the Date---Whiz Bang Day Parade July 14th @ 3 pm

We have started to plan our float for the parade. Please consider walking with us in the parade to show our school spirit. Our goal is to have 75-100 people join us. Parents will earn volunteer hours and students will receive a non-uniform coupon for the 1<sup>st</sup> week of school? Go to SignUp to let us know you are coming.

### Schedule a Tour, PreK-8<sup>th</sup> grade

We have many options for 3 and 4 year old Preschool, including half and full days, along with K-8. Discover our school and the activities that enhance each child's educational experience. Come see how integrated faith lessons combined with our C-STEM program enrich our classrooms each day. We are preparing our students for 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills called the 4 C's: Creativity, Critical Thinking, Collaboration, and Communication. Call the school office to schedule a tour, 763.537.1329

### Aim Higher tuition scholarships available for students in K-8---Due August 26, 2024

We encourage families to apply for a tuition scholarship thru TADS. We want to support your family in making a Catholic education affordable for your child(ren).

#### SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$1,000 to students, K-8, who meet the need- based criteria determined by the Aim Higher Foundation. The scholarship follows students through 8th grade and to other Catholic schools in this Archdiocese.

TADS applications may be filled out by the parent/guardian of a child who is currently attending or plans to attend a K-8 Catholic school in the Archdiocese of the St. Paul and Minneapolis. All scholarship applications must be completed yearly for both new and returning recipients.

Priority for the scholarships awarded during the summer application period will be given to students who are new to Catholic schools, however, all applications will be considered.

#### How to apply:

1. Visit <https://www.mytads.com/> Click on the purple "Financial Aid Assessment"
2. Create a new account or login to an existing one.
3. Begin filling in the application.
4. Submit the application by August 26, 2024.

### We Are Hiring!

Sacred Heart Catholic School is looking for a long term sub for approximately 6 weeks (September-October) to teach 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade religion. The position is 4 days a week from 11:00am-3:00pm. Please contact Karen Burse, principal at (763) 537-1329 or [kburse@shcsr.org](mailto:kburse@shcsr.org).

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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 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 in the Parish Office.

## Mass Intentions

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

### June

Sun. 23	8:00 AM	Delia Roca+
	10:00 AM	Parishioners
Latin	11:40 AM	Elena Grilletta
Mon. 24	8:00 AM	Communion Service
Tues. 25	6:30 PM	Cather Verly+
Wed. 26	8:00 AM	Donnie Neises+
Thu. 27	8:00 AM	Doyle Spader+
Fri. 28	8:00 AM	Judy Lund+
Sat. 29	8:00 AM	Carl Richter+
	4:00 PM	James Bothum+
Sun. 30	8:00 AM	Marianne Meyer+
	10:00 AM	Parishioners
Latin	11:40 AM	Mary Weber+

### Chapel Open for Prayer:

- Monday: 8:30am-12:30pm
- Tues.-Wed.:8:30am-4:30pm
- Friday: 8:30am-12:30pm

### Confessions

Tuesdays 5:30-6:00pm  
 Daily Wednesday-Saturday 7:40-7:55am  
 Saturdays 3:00-3:45pm

### Thursday Eucharistic Adoration

### 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](mailto:cshadmin@shrmn.org)



## 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 July 9 at 7pm** in the Activities Building. If you plan to attend this session, please call the Parish Office at 763-537-4561.



## Totus Tuus

# TOTUS TUUS

MEET OUR 2024 MISSIONARY  
 TEAM: BRENNAN, AMANDA,  
 JONAS, AND MARGARET



ALL KIDS ENTERING 1ST-12TH  
 GRADES CAN REGISTER BY JULY  
 1ST

## TOTUS TUUS 2024

July 21-26

Totus Tuus is a mission for our youth that needs the support of the entire parish.

**There are many opportunities to use the gifts God has given you, including:**

- Providing lodging for two of the missionaries in your home
- Providing lunch or dinner for the missionaries
- Hosting Coffee and Doughnuts on July 21st
- Serving as a classroom helper in the morning, afternoon, or evening

Contact Morgan to help:  
[mleisgang@shrmn.org](mailto:mleisgang@shrmn.org)  
 763-285-6246



## Respect Life Ministry



Human Life Alliance has served the pro-life community around the world for more than 46 years by pioneering educational initiatives, working with policymakers, assisting unwed mothers, reaching teens, and saving the lives of young women and their babies—especially

young women between the ages 15 and 24 who are in the greatest danger of crisis pregnancies. Human Life Alliance exists to inform, inspire, and involve the pro-life community with resources for students, educators, sidewalk counselors, pregnancy centers, and communities. Since beginning printed educational campaigns in 1990, HLA has reached 239 million people in all 50 States, 88 different countries and all 7 continents.

To learn more and support HLA go to <https://humanlife.org/> or

Human Life Alliance | 1614 93rd Lane N.E., Blaine, MN 55449, 651-484-1040

## Council of Catholic Women

### ANNUAL PICNIC

Minneapolis Deaneries Council of Catholic Women

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2024, 11am — 2pm

North Mississippi Regional Park, Shelter “B Turtle” Picnic Area

5114 N. Mississippi Dr., Minneapolis 55430

Welcome all ladies in the MCCW Deanery and their friends!

We’ll provide hot dogs, beans, chips, water and more!

There will be games and plenty of time to socialize.

Come and meet a new friend!

Bring a white elephant gift for Bingo prizes!

No cost to attend, but please RSVP by July 9

call, text, or leave a message

Saints Churches: Contact Gerri Herman, 763-647-8258

Other Churches: Contact Kathy Williams, 763-339-3961



## Rosary Gems



“One day Our Lady said to Blessed Alan: “I want people who have a devotion to my rosary to have my Son’s grace and blessing during their lifetime and at their death, and after their death I want them to be freed from all slavery so that they will be like kings wearing crowns and with scepters in their hand and enjoying eternal glory.” St. Louis de Montfort, The Preacher of the Rosary, 1673-

## Parish Registration

Want to become an official parishioner of Sacred Heart? Well, now you can do it online!

Visit <https://shrmn.org/join-the-parish/>, stop by or call the Parish Office (763) 537-4561, or scan the QR code to fill out a registration form!



## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, June 23– 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Rosary Prayed

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

11:40 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

### Monday, June 24– Nativity of St. John the Baptist, c. 1 B.C. (Trad.)

8:00 AM Communion Service

### Tuesday, June 25– St. William of Vercelli, 1142 (Trad.)

\*No Morning Confessions\*

5:30 PM Confessions in the Chapel

6:10 PM Sung Vespers in Choir Stalls

6:30 PM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

### Wednesday, June 26– Sts. John & Paul, 362 (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, June 27– Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 13<sup>th</sup> C

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, June 28– Vigil of Sts. Peter & Paul, c. 67 (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, June 29– Sts. Peter & Paul, c. 67 (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

4:00 PM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

5:15 PM Vespers

### Sunday, June 30– 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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## News From Other Sources

### Calling All Homeschoolers!!!

Friday June 28th the Northwest Homeschool Co-op will be having our second meeting at St. Raphael's. All home-school families are welcome to join us! We'll begin with 8 am Mass, followed by a potluck brunch and time for the kids to play together. We'll also discuss an official name and patron saints for the group, so please come with ideas! For more information, please email Nick Ryan at [npryan6565@gmail.com](mailto:npryan6565@gmail.com), or call at (763) 232-5805.



### Saint Biography

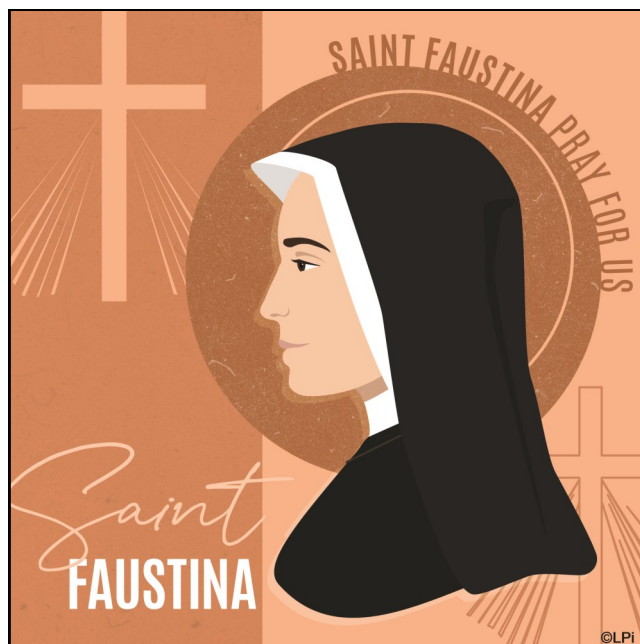
St. Faustina (1905-1938) was born Helena Kowalska in Poland to a poor family with ten children. They were devoutly Catholic, and she felt a call to the religious life at age seven, when praying in front of the exposed Eucharist. Despite wanting to become a sister as soon as she finished her schooling, she was sent to work as a housekeeper to help support the family instead.

When she was 18, she had a vision of Jesus suffering and, in the vision, Jesus asked her how long she would keep putting off entering religious life. She decided, at that moment, to travel to Warsaw and join the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. Upon entering the Congregation, she took the name Sister Maria Faustina.

During her 13 years in the Congregation, Sister Faustina experienced and recorded extraordinary revelations from Jesus. She recorded these experiences and messages into notebooks which became later known as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*. In these writings, she reveals Jesus asking her to proclaim God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

Alongside her writings, Sister Faustina also experienced many miraculous phenomena. There are stories of her experiencing hidden stigmata, bilocation, prophecy, and the ability to read into human souls. Despite these occurrences, she maintained that miraculous events were simply "ornaments" for the soul and that her real sanctity came from her deep relationship with Jesus and desire to do God's will.

After her death at age 33, her writings on Divine Mercy sparked a great movement in the worldwide Catholic church with a strong focus on the Mercy of Christ and how to extend that mercy to others. Saint Pope John Paul II called her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time." St. Faustina, pray for us!





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