Liturgy of the Eucharist
- Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday: 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Rosary
- Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- Wednesday: 8:50 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism
Call Parish Office for arrangements. Participation and registration in parish are prerequisites before baptism.

Sacrament of Matrimony
Arrangements must be made at least eight months in advance.

Sacrament of the Sick
Contact the Parish Office at the beginning of any serious illness. For emergencies call anytime.

Clergy
- Pastor: Fr. Shane Stoppel-Wasinger
- Weekend Assistants: Fr. Chuck Brambilla, Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

Parish Staff
- Faith Formation: Joan Hetherington, Claire Kind, Shawn Yerges
- Sunday Formation: Lisa Isaacson
- Mission Trip Coordinator: Tammy Norgard
- Music Director: Cathie Hendren
- Bookkeeper: Jim Elmquist
- Admin Asst: Barb Schleicher

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The Sixteenth & Seventeenth Sundays in Ordinary Time

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

During the past few months I have been pondering about what Saint Paul tells the Corinthians in his first letter to them: “Every athlete exercises self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we, an imperishable one”. (1 Cor 9:25). What does this mean? The athletes compete to perform to their best ability. When they win, they receive a perishable wreath, placed around their necks, symbolizing their momentary win in life; the wreath will eventually die leaving nothing behind to show the world all of their hard work and effort. But we as Catholic Christians, should strive to be imperishable. We must ask ourselves, are we seeking worldly things in life or are we seeking things that will bring us our salvation?

Today, we all know how busy life can be. Society as a whole is competitive. Nations compete with other nations as we strive to be thought of as the best. We are competitive within the workplace, our schools, our neighborhoods and sometimes even within our churches.

When living in a competitive world, we need to realize what the true goal is, everlasting life! This salvation cannot be found in purchasing the latest furnishings, cars or clothing. We can’t take these things with us when we die! Where is that enthusiasm when it comes to your faith? We can rearrange our schedules several times in order to make the basketball game, dance recital or trip to the cabin, but do we arrange our schedules to make it to church?

Taking time once a week to celebrate the Holy Eucharist and give thanks to God should be our priority! Volunteering within your church to make it grow, evangelize your faith and be a role model to our youth to show how important God is… This must be our priority! Yet all too often, I hear a familiar excuse, “I’m too busy”. I pray when we reach heaven, God isn’t too busy to let us in. Will you be giving him excuses too? These thoughts are not meant to make any of us feel guilty, instead hopefully awaken our souls.

Jesus spent his life on earth, teaching us about love, about forgiveness, about giving our lives to serve God. He gave his life so that we may have eternal salvation. He showed us how to love by helping others in need, shared his love of God with those who didn’t know how much God loves us, and he cared for others less fortunate.

In John 3:18, he states “Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action”. We need to live our lives of faith, not just talk about it. Maybe it is time to reflect on our own individual lives. How are we helping others in need, sharing God’s word or caring for others? Are we building the house of the Lord, or finding contentment with our material lives thus slowing pulling away from church? We have free will. Many of us are choosing to follow Jesus, won’t you join us?

Have a terrific summer week, Father Shane
MONTHLY SECOND COLLECTION
Our monthly second collection will be on July 27/28 for the new North Branch Church signs. Our local North Branch area Ministerium has approved the image for the new Area Churches signs and funds are being raised from each of the churches in the area. The cost is expected to be $4800. If you have any questions, please contact Fr Shane. The City has agreed to repair the structures once the permission has been formally granted.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
The July Pastoral Council Meeting for July has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled in September.

FUNERAL LUNCH MINISTRY GET TOGETHER!
Please join us for a get together on Wednesday, July 24 at 10 am in the Parish Hall. We will be sharing ideas and thoughts, appreciating our current volunteers and welcoming and introducing new members to our ministry. Refreshments will be served!

FREE BOOK! TAKE ONE HOME TODAY!
Do you believe it’s possible to be happier than you have ever been before? Not for fleeting moments, but consistently? Bestselling author Matthew Kelly believes it is possible—and in his latest book, The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity, he explains how. This book provides the practical tools necessary to help you regain your fervor and leave your mark on the world—and experience more happiness than you thought possible. Together we can change the course of history—with humility, generosity, kindness, and joy, one Holy Moment at a time. Thanks to the anonymous donor who provided these books to St. Gregory for the spiritual growth of all our parishioners!

CHOUINARD CLAN CONCERT
All are invited to a concert given by the Chouinard Family (Cathie & Vince Hendren) to raise money to fight pancreatic cancer in memory of their beloved family member Joe Chouinard. Sunday, August 4 at 3 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church | 13025 Newell Avenue | Lindstrom. Refreshments will be served. No admission. Donations to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network preferred.

CD OF THE MONTH!!
Having experienced many of the conveniences and pitfalls of new technologies, social media, student loan debt, and adult life, millennials have also developed a genuine desire to do something great with their lives, but often don’t know how to get there. As fellow millennial Paul J. Kim shares with great humor and insight, tackling life’s big challenges and desires for vocation, career, and greatness can give powerful witness to God and the gift of life.

CD’s are in the vestibule.
Feel free to take one home and listen to it (in the car?) After listening, pass them on to others. A donation of $3.00 per CD is suggested.

2019-2020 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION
Registration forms were due July 14. If you have not turned in your registration form, please return completed forms to the Faith Formation office this week. Additional forms can be found on our parish website and at the formation office.

VBS 2019 - A WEEK WITH THE SAINTS
will be held Sunday, August 4 to Thursday, August 8 for children in grades Pre-K - 5th grade (Fall 2019). The date to turn in registration forms has been extended TO July 25.

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR KIC NEXT YEAR
Adults excited to share their faith are encouraged to contact the Formation office at education@stgregorynb.org or call 651.674.7382 if interested in becoming a catechist.

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity and Holy Day of Obligation is Thursday, August 15. Masses are scheduled:

**Wednesday, August 14** at 6:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart
**Thursday August 15** at 9:00 a.m. at St. Gregory the Great
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