Saint Gregory the Great Catholic Church
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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

August 4 & 11, 2019
The Eighteenth & Nineteenth Sundays in Ordinary Time

Prayer is to our soul what rain is to the soil.
—St. John Vianney
This year we traveled in two rented vans to Knoxville for our annual youth mission trip with the Alive in You Catholic Conference and Service Camps. Unlike the past several years where we had approximately 20 students from both parishes, only six teens from Saint Gregory the Great chose to go on this one. Nevertheless, from my personal experience and opinion, I must say that this year’s mission trip ties as one my favorite trips along with the 2012 journey to Greensboro, NC.

I delegated all the responsibilities of the fundraising and planning to Tammy Norgard this year, mostly since I was on my sabbatical. She performed her duties remarkably, never once did I need to be concerned with anything besides answering a few questions. This allowed me to enjoy the mission trip itself, minus the task of being in charge. There were several aspects that made this mission trip amazing. I would like to focus on three of them: The Weir Family, new cathedral, and our work site.

One of my personal reasons for going, was to visit and to see Jim and Heather Weir, the couple who began Alive in You back in 2006. I met them on my first mission trip in 2011 when we traveled to Chicago. Their third child, Madelene, was just a baby and now is nine years old. Her older siblings, Elizabeth and James, are respectively fifteen and thirteen. I arrived a day before everything started to spend most of the day with the family, minus Jim, who was with the youth from his parish in Fayetteville, AR. My favorite part of that day was the fact that the kids were completely themselves; treating me as they would a uncle, without acting differently towards me since I was a priest, also, they are incredibly respectful and caring kids.

Another component that created this marvelous trip, was seeing, praying, and presiding at a Mass in the new Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart, recently dedicated sixteen months ago. At the present time, the Cathedral is the newest one in the United States and the Diocese of Knoxville, which covers Eastern Tennessee, is also fairly new being erected in 1988. The awe inspiring Cathedral took three years to construct costing 30.8 million dollars. One thing I have noticed in the South, is all the new Catholic churches built in the last twenty-five years are more traditional rather than our mostly circular and modern churches here within the Archdiocese.

The last facet of the mission trip which I enjoyed was our work site at Susannah’s House, founded by a pastor of Cokesbury Methodist Church in 2014. The purpose of this organization is to assist Mothers with children who are recovering from addictions and provide a faith-based program to serve their spiritual, physical, and emotional needs. Our purpose while there during the week, was to paint and clean up the over grown plants around the property. My favorite day was the painting of a chain linked fence. Seven others in our group, assisted with this task, and by the end of the day, I had more paint on myself than the fence!

I left this year’s mission trip feeling satisfied and more confident than ever before on how these mission trips make an enormous difference with our teenagers as well as those they serve. Time after time, I have heard from previous participants, years later, how meaningful their mission trip experience was to them and how it strengthened their faith journey. Thanks to all who support this vital ministry for our students.

Have a blessed week, Father Shane
PARISH NEWS

LITURGICAL ROLES SCHEDULE
We will be preparing the Liturgical Ministry Schedule for September, October, November and December. Please send the dates you do not want to be scheduled to info@stgregorynb.org by Friday, August 16 in order to have your requests honored.

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.

BOOYA AND FALL FESTIVAL MEETING
The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14 at 7:15 p.m. in the west side of the hall. Please note this is a change from the ORIGINAL START TIME of 7:00 p.m.

MISSION TRIP COORDINATOR
We would like to continue the Mission Trip experience for our teens. In order to do so, we are in need of a coordinator. A coordinator organizes the trip as well as the important aspect of fundraising. This is a PAID POSITION. The individual may not necessarily have to chaperone or be on the mission trip itself. Please contact Fr. Shane with your interest or for further information.

MAINTENANCE STAFF NEEDED
We are still in need of a part-time maintenance staff member who is over 18 years of age. Please contact the parish office for a job description or for additional information.

COMBINED BULLETIN FOR THE SUMMER
Again this summer bulletins will be published every other week until Labor Day. Please see the table below for article due dates.

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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.

FAITH FORMATION

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 as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your form, additional copies can be found on our parish website and at the formation office.

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR KIC NEXT YEAR
Adults excited to share their faith with our youth are encouraged to contact the Faith Formation office at education@stgregorynb.org or call 651.674.7382 if interested in becoming a catechist. We are in need of catechists for 5th, 6th and 7th grades for our Wednesday evening KIC program beginning September 11. We offer support and guidance and lesson plans and materials are available. Please prayerfully consider being a part of KIC!

BOOYA/FALL FESTIVAL CORNER

Please note these changes the week of August 4th as we host Vacation Bible School
Tuesday, August 6:
Mass will be held at 9 AM instead of at 6 PM.
Thursday, August 8:
Eucharistic Adoration will close at 3 PM
Please keep VBS participants, leaders and volunteers in your prayers for a successful and fruitful week for all!

Silent Auction Items Needed! Please consider donating an item for a gift basket or a completed basket! Donate as an individual, a committee, or a business owner. Business cards may be included in the basket!

Do you create quilts? Birdhouses? Toys? These would be wonderful additions to our auction items!

Donations may be brought to the Parish Office! Thank You!

August 4 & 11, 2019
**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Wednesday, August 7**
St. Sixtus II and Companions
9:00 a.m. †Dylan & †Lucille Dusbabek

**Thursday, August 8**
St. Dominic
9:00 a.m. †Dave Kovarik

**Friday, August 9**
St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
9:00 a.m. †Ronnie Krueger

**Saturday, August 10**
St. Lawrence
5:00 p.m. The Parish

**Sunday, August 11**
The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. †Julie Wirtz

**Tuesday, August 13**
Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus
6:00 p.m. Open

**Wednesday, August 14**
St. Maximillian Kolbe
9:00 a.m. †Pat Baisley

**Thursday, August 15**
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 a.m. The Parish
7:00 p.m. The Parish

**Friday, August 16**
St. Stephen of Hungary
9:00 a.m. †Dave Kovarik

**Saturday, August 17**
5:00 p.m. †James Zupon

**Sunday, August 18**
The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. The Parish

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**August 10 & 11 Celebrants**
Fr. Shane 
Sacred Heart 
4:00 p.m.
Fr. Chuck 
St. Gregory 
5:00 p.m.
Fr. Shane 
Sacred Heart 
9:00 a.m.
Fr. Chuck 
St. Gregory 
9:30 a.m.

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**August 17 & 18 Celebrants**
Fr. Chuck 
Sacred Heart 
4:00 p.m.
Fr. Shane 
St. Gregory 
5:00 p.m.
Fr. Chuck 
Sacred Heart 
9:00 a.m.
Fr. Shane 
St. Gregory 
9:30 a.m.

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**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, August 4**
4:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School—Parish Hall

**Monday, August 5**
4:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School—Parish Hall

**Tuesday, August 6**
9:00 a.m. Mass—Church
4:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School—Parish Hall
4:00 p.m. Grief Support Group—Romero House
7:00 p.m. N. A. Meeting—St. Rafka Room

**Wednesday, August 7**
8:50 a.m. Devotion to Our Lady—Church
Of Perpetual Help
9:00 a.m. Mass—Church
4:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School—Parish Hall

**Thursday, August 8**
9:00 a.m. Mass—Church
9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration—Church
4:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School—Parish Hall

**Friday, August 9**
9:00 a.m. Mass—Church

**Saturday, August 10**
4:00 p.m. Reconciliation—Confessional
5:00 p.m. Mass—Church

**Sunday, August 11**
9:00 a.m. Rosary—Church
9:30 a.m. Mass—Church
10:30 a.m. August Birthday Recognition—Parish Hall

**Tuesday, August 13**
4:00 p.m. Grief Support Group—Romero House
6:00 p.m. Mass—Church
7:00 p.m. N. A. Meeting—East Hall

**Wednesday, August 14**
8:50 a.m. Devotion to Our Lady—Church
Of Perpetual Help
9:00 a.m. Mass—Church
7:15 p.m. Booya/Fall Festival Meeting—West Hall

**Thursday, August 15**
9:00 a.m. Assumption of Mary Mass—Church
9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration—Church
7:00 p.m. Assumption of Mary Mass—Church

**Friday, August 16**
9:00 a.m. Mass—Church

**Saturday, August 17**
4:00 p.m. Reconciliation—Confessional
5:00 p.m. Mass—Church

**Sunday, August 18**
9:00 a.m. Rosary—Church
9:30 a.m. Mass—Church

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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—Fr. Shane

**Thursday, August 15** at 9:00 a.m. at St. Gregory the Great—Fr. Shane

**Thursday, August 15** at 9:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart—Fr. Shane

**Thursday, August 15** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Gregory the Great—Fr. Chuck