

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 16, 2011

Let the little children come to me...

This weekend, as we celebrate the 5th anniversary of our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, may we be reminded of the gift of our parish family as we come together hour by hour, day and night to adore our Lord. I have witnessed so many parents bringing their children to the adoration chapel with them and it reminds me of when I was a young child staying overnight at my grandparent's house. I had heard some voices and snuck out of bed to see what they were talking about, but to my surprise I witnessed Grandma and Grandpa kneeling by their bed praying the rosary. While the memory is over 45 years old, their love for Jesus and His church is still very fresh in my mind. Parents are the first and most influential teachers of their children, but the role of grandparents is of growing importance according to the General Directory for Catechesis. "Their wisdom and sense of the religion is often times decisive in creating a true Christian climate" (GD 255). Bringing children (and grandchildren) to Mass and the adoration chapel is a wonderful way to help them grow in their relationship with Jesus and form a lasting memory of the presence of Jesus in their family life. The General Directory for Catechesis also tells us that an education is witnessed more than taught, more occasional than systematic, more on-going and daily than structured into periods, is profound. Next time you are in the church basement, look for the beautiful picture that depicts Jesus as a small child peering out of the tabernacle doors. You can use this to teach your children about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. As a grandparent, I love to share the cute things my grandchildren say or ask when they are learning about God. There is such innocence in our little ones as they come to Jesus in prayer. This is where they can teach us! In Mark 10:13-16, Jesus became indignant when he saw that the apostles rebuked those who brought their children to Jesus to bless. He tells us, "Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." We need to imitate our little ones by coming to Jesus without reservation or intention and with that same innocence and child-like trust and love.

Holy Cross Catholic School students are experiencing Eucharistic Adoration on the first Friday of each month. Classes have an opportunity during the day to spend time in adoration and the day concludes with benediction. Students in the religious education program will have a similar experience on Wednesday, November 2nd. Parents (and grandparents) are invited to join them in the gymnasium at 7 p.m. for a short program about Eucharistic Adoration and then experience some time in front of Jesus. The evening will close at 7:30 p.m. with benediction. Jesus is waiting for us – let us come to him like little children.
Kathy Chlan
Director of LNMV Religious Education

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, Oct. 16.....Sunday School 10am, Donut Sunday,
Choir Prac. 11:15am, 40 Hours Devotion Closing
Celebration 4pm service, followed by potluck
Mon, Oct. 17.....Rosary in Chapel 7pm
Tues, Oct. 18....Fatima Rosary, Choir Practice 7pm
Wed, Oct. 19.... NO - Religious Ed
Sun, Oct. 23.....NO Sunday School, Choir Prac.11:15am

Morning Prayer: Everyone is Welcome

Tuesday – Friday at 7:25am & Sat at 7:55am in the church

Please join us TODAY for Donuts & coffee after both morning masses.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. New and current members of the Parish Council and Finance Committee met along with the Parish Trustees and Father Adams on Tuesday October 11th. During the meeting the Council reviewed the Parish Council Organization. Also reviewed the Parish Committee Organizational Chart. Reviewed the 2010-2011 Budget and the proposed 2011-2012 Budget. Next Parish Council Meeting scheduled for November.

Cadillac Dinner is 1 ½ weeks away!

When: Friday October 28th, 2011

Where: Champions at Elko Speedway

Social Hours begins at 6:30pm, dinner to follow at 7:30pm

Join us for an evening of Fellowship, Dinner & Live Music!

Cash prizes to be given away!

Please return your tickets today, by mailing them to the parish office! If you would like more tickets please call Lisa at the parish office 461-2403.

All Saints Party for anyone in the parish or school is Oct. 30th at 3 pm at Holy Cross School - please dress up like your favorite saint! Come enjoy games, prizes, candy, treats and try to win the contest for the best dressed saint!

The Elko New Market Ministerium met this morning to plan the ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve, service this year. The date is Wednesday, November 23 at 7:30 at Highview Christiania Lutheran Church. The service will be lead by Highview's Country Gospel Group, the joint choir and the clergy from several churches. **COME AND JOIN ALL!!**

Attention All Women of the Parish!! Please join the Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild for a gathering on Monday, November 14th. We will meet at 7pm in the Adoration Chapel to join in the Rosary then go upstairs to a meeting room. Please come see what we are about if you've never been with us, and thanks to all those who regularly attend. It will be as brief as we can make it and you will be blessed to gather with fellow Christian women who try to do many good works in our parish and beyond. Refreshments will be provided.

TURKEY BINGO!! Please mark your calendars for Turkey Bingo sponsored by the CMLG on November 20th at 6:30pm. More to follow.

Pregnancy Choices Life Care in Apple Valley will be having their Baby Bottle Fundraiser the week-end of Oct. 22 & 23. Parishioners Matt and Lisa Damiani founded The John Paul Foundation as a memorial to their infant son. They will match up to \$1,000 from their foundation. Pregnancy Choices Life Care is under Total Life Care. They believe in life from conception until natural death, and counsel for Natural Family Planning. Pregnancy testing, ultrasound and STD testing are free. All clients are counseled to choose life for their babies and lead a life of moral integrity. The Learn While You Earn Program helps mothers and fathers to earn a crib, car seat, baby clothes and diapers for their baby. Please fill your bottle with change, cash or check and return by Nov. 5 and 6. There will be a basket in the back of church or drop off at the parish office during the week. Questions, call Joyce Hanke 952-461-1963

Next Sunday we are invited to unite with Catholics around the world to celebrate the hope that saves through prayer, participation in the Eucharist and by giving generously. In this way, we stand in solidarity with the young and developing churches in over 120 countries through our support for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith through this special collection. Please be generous in your prayer and support for the church in mission around the world.

Attention all volunteers:

A Virtus training session will be held at Holy Cross School on Monday, October, 24th, from 6-9pm. This course is required of all volunteers in Catholic parishes or schools who have contact with children in any church setting. Virtus training brings awareness and understanding on how we can protect all of God's children. This course needs only be taken once if you are a volunteer now or in the future. If you would like to register, go to www.virtus.org and click on the registration header on the left hand column. If you need assistance in registering you can call Kathy Chlan at the school at 952-652-6100 ext 507. If you want to attend and this night does not work, there are many training sessions going throughout the diocese, just log in and you can get other dates.

Join us for a five week bible study on the Mass. A Biblical Walk through the Mass begins on October 27th with two sessions. 9:00am in the former school building at St Nicholas and evening session at Holy Cross School at 7:00pm. The five sessions will be Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17 and Dec. 1st. Cost of materials is \$19.00. Sign up Sunday will be after masses on Oct. 15 and 16. This is a great opportunity to understand the mass like never before and to prepare ourselves for the new translation that begins on the first Sunday of Advent. You may also sign up by calling the parish office.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH Dear parishioners, through the whole next month we will honor the dignity of life in all the precious stages of our journey. Please stay tuned and plan on taking some time to join in our efforts. We invite all of our young people to write an essay about RESPECT LIFE and submit it before Friday of this week (September 30). Hand it into the office to the attention of Fr. Adams.

There will be a prize awarded for the essay chosen to be read at Sunday Masses October 1-2. We hope you will join us on Saturday of the following weekend to pray as a parish in the morning at an abortion clinic. We invite you to come to daily Mass, with morning prayer and rosary before as a special way to pray for a culture of life and civilization of love. The third weekend of October is our Eucharistic adoration (Forty Hours) celebration that concludes with a 4pm service on Sunday the 16th in the main church. Please join us. We hope to reach out to some of our homebound by receiving any letters you submit to greet them and encourage them. We will drop off letters on Sunday October 30th after Masses and visit these precious parishioners. Come and support life! -Fr. Adams

This winter take a break from the weather and join Father Adams on an inspirational pilgrimage to the "Missions of California". Departing the Twin Cities on or about January 29th 2012, this 10-11 day pilgrimage will bring alive the early development of the Catholic Church in the Western United States. Changing hands from Mexico, Spain and finally the United States the missions of Brother Juniper Serra extend from San Diego (St. James) through Santa Barbara (St. Barbara), San Luis Obispo (St. Louis), San Carlos (St. Charles Borromeo), to San Francisco (St. Francis of Assisi). Be a part of this spiritual journey to include Daily Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Angelus and Daily Mass and Sacrament of Reconciliation, all in unforgettable places. Cultural, historical and religious sites will integrate together to create a truly moving and memorable experience. More details will be made available as they develop.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club Schedule, Oct. 26, Nov. 16, Dec 14 & 28. If you are interested in joining please call Deb Streefland at 652-2249.

CMLG

SW Deanery CCW 2011 Mission Event, 6pm Thursday Oct. 20th at St. Wenceslaus in New Prague. Doors open at 5:30pm. Admission is religious articles such as rosaries. Metals, statues or pictures (no printed literature please).

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

This Weekend - We are celebrating the 5th anniversary of our Pope John Paul II Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel on October 14-16th. We are having **40 Hours Devotion of the Blessed Sacrament** in the main church throughout the weekend. Everyone is welcome to come to the church for Adoration and prayer any time during the weekend. This is a special 40-hour period of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament affirming our belief in the Real Presence of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

There will be a Donut Sunday after both Sunday Masses on October 16th to celebrate the Chapel's anniversary. Information on Eucharistic Adoration will be available.

Closing of 40 Hours Devotions will be on Sunday, October 16th at 4 pm. There will be music, readings, a homily, prayer, a Eucharistic Procession,

and Benediction. A potluck supper will follow in the Church hall. Please bring a dish to share and join us for fellowship. All are invited!

Regular adorers, please note: During the weekend of 40 Hours Devotion, all Adoration hours from Fri. 8:30 am – Sunday 4 pm will be in the main Church. The Chapel will be closed during this time.

HELP IS SO NEEDED!

Adorers are needed especially for the following hours:

Sunday: 3 pm, **Monday:** 3 pm, **Tuesday:** 2 am, **Thursday:** 3 pm, **Saturday:** 3 am, 6 pm, 8 pm.

To sign up as an Adorer or for more information on Adoration, please contact Dan and Lynne Soderlund at (507) 645-6012.

Mass Intentions			
Sat	15	5:00 pm	Leo Shea Family
Sun	16	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	16	10:00 am	Elmer & Mary Karl+
Tues	18	8:00 am	Mike Friedges+
Wed	19	8:00 am	Elizabeth Friedges+
Thurs	20	8:00 am	Laura & Art Seurer+
Fri	21	8:00 am	Leona & Vessie Wacker
Sat	22	8:30am	Albert Chlan+
Sat	22	5:00 pm	Jim Streefland Jr.+
Sun	23	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	23	10:00 am	Bob Devine+

Daily Scriptures		
Mon	Romans 4:20-25	Luke 12:13-21
Tue	2 Timothy 4:10-17b	Luke 10:1-9
Wed	ROMANS 6:12-18	Luke 12:39-48
Thu	Romans 6:19-23	Luke 12:49-53
Fri	Romans 7:18-25a	Luke 12:54-59
Sat.	Romans 8:1-11	Luke 13:1-9
Sun	Exodus 22:20-26/ 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10/Matthew 22:34-40	

Liturgical Stewardship		Oct 22 & 23
5pm	Lectors:	Pat Biren
	Ministers:	Anne Conway-H, Jen Chromy-Ch-H
	Servers:	Justin Biren, Owin Giles
	Choir:	Steve Grublesky, Karen Custer
8am	Lectors:	Hannah Korman
	Ministers:	Mike Cole-H, Jolene Pierosn-Ch-H
	Servers:	Nicholas Korman, Peter Soderlund
	Choir:	Lynn Ziegler, Scott Lehrke
10am	Lectors:	Matt Damina
	Ministers:	Tom Streefland-H, Deb Streefland-Ch-H
	Servers:	Matthew Alacheff, Kal Brohmer
	Ushers:	
	Choir:	Lynn Ziegler, Scott Lehrke

Sacrificial Support: Week15 / Oct. 9	
Budget: \$4900	Budget-to-date: \$73500
Received: \$4216	Received-to-date: \$70573
Capital Improvement \$65	

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CHOIR

It's not too late to join one of St. Nicholas' choirs! The Adult Choir rehearses Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30pm (except no rehearsal on Tuesday, September 27). Children's Choir begins on Sunday, October 2, 11:15am - 12:00pm; all students, grades 1 through 8 are welcome! Contact Scott Lehrke with questions.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

There will be no Scrip order on Monday, October 17th due to MEA week. Scrip will resume on October 24th.

Holy Cross Pre-Kindergarten - There are openings remaining in our half-day and all-day class offerings. Please visit the school website at www.holycrossschool.net or contact the school office at 952-652-6100 for more information.

MOTHER'S GROUP

Mother's group will be held on Thursday, Oct. 27th, Nov. 17th, Dec. 1, and Dec. 15. We meet each month at Deb Streefland's home at 9:30am. Contact info - Lisa Damiani at 651-203-7734 and Molly Havlicek 952-461-2933

KNIGHTS CORNER

If you are a catholic male in good standing with the church and have some time and talent to give, see what the Knights of Columbus can do for you. Contact Mike Kaderlik at 651-210-8644 or makaderlik@mchsi.com.

LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MEA Break – NO Classes on Wednesday, October 19th, 2011. Classes will resume on Wednesday October 26th at 6:15pm.

Confirmation student service hour opportunities: A student is needed stain 2 benches in the Holy Cross School Prayer Garden. Stain has already been purchased. If you are interested please contact Cathy Mikel at Holy Cross School at 952-652-6100

PRO-LIFE

You formed my inmost being; You knit me in my mother's womb. I praise You, so wonderfully You made me; wonderful are Your works! My very self You knew; my bones were not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret...my days were shaped, before one came to be. Psalm 139: 13-16

YOUTH GROUP

Come with us to see chastity speaker Jason Evert!

Meg and Jim will be taking a group to St. Rita's in Cottage Grove on Wednesday, November 9th. Jason is speaking from 7:00-8:15pm. We will be carpooling up there, leaving at 6:00 from church. Jason is a charismatic, energetic speaker! If you have never seen him before you have to come! Email Meg at shmeegzey@yahoo.com if you can make it!

AREA NEWS

Are you adopted? Have you placed a child for adoption? Are you an adoptive family who have your child already or perhaps are just starting the process? Whatever your connection to adoption, we warmly invite you to the 7th Annual Archdiocesan Mass in Celebration of Adoption. The Mass will be held on Saturday, November 12th at 5:15 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace in Edina (5017 Eden Ave ~ Edina). Parents, birth parents, grandparents, children, other family members and friends are welcome. The Mass is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office for Marriage, Family & Life. For more information or to volunteer, please call 651-291-4506.

Team Vianney/Theotokos

Oct. 20th, Dec. 1, Feb. 2, April 12 at St. John Vianney College Seminary 5 – 8:30pm.

For college and high school age men and women grades 10, 11 & 12. Includes Marian procession, pizza, talk, mass and social. Opening speaker Oct. 20th: Fr. Larry Richards, author of "Be A Man". Go to www.1000vocations.org

The Shakopee Knights of Columbus 4th Degree is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, October 21, 2011, at the Shakopee Knights Event Center, 1760 4th Ave E, in Shakopee.

The dinner will include Spaghetti with Meat or Meatless Sauce, Garlic Toast, Salad, Dessert, Coffee and Milk, will be served continuously from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. The cost is \$7.00 per person, \$4.00 for children age 5 to 12, and children 3 and under are free.

Youth - Young Adults - Young at Heart! Please join us for a special, youthful Mass.

Where: St. Bonaventure Catholic Church, 901 E. 90th Street, Bloomington.

When: Saturday, November 12 at 7pm.

What: Fr. Richard Kaley will preside and the popular band Sonar will provide energizing, uplifting music. Mass will be followed by an Adoration service. For more information, please contact smueller@canonriverstemschool.org or jkoepke1@alumni.nd.edu.

Archdiocesan Strategic Plan Update

The Strategic Plan for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis was announced one year ago. Since that time, the Catholic Schools Commission laid the groundwork for reinvesting in schools across the Archdiocese, a Latino Ministry Advisory Council was established to strengthen ministry to the growing Spanish-speaking community, and planning is underway to launch more robust outreach to youth and young adults throughout our community, among many other efforts. If you are interested in finding out more about what has happened under the Strategic Plan during this past year, including structural changes involving parishes and schools, as well as learning about upcoming strategic initiatives aimed at helping us all better fulfill the mission of the Church, please visit archspm.org and click on the "Archdiocesan Planning Update" button on the right hand side of your screen and make sure to check out the October 13th issue of *The Catholic Spirit*.