

# 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 23, 2011

## Bishop: Catholics Should Get Involved in Pro-Life Activities

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October has traditionally been Respect Life month in the Catholic Church and with national campaigns like [Life Chain](#) and [40 Days for Life](#) taking place, there are plenty of pro-life activities for Catholics to join.

In a statement to mark Respect Life Month, October 2011, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, the head of the pro-life outreach office for the nation's Catholic bishops, urged Catholics to get involved in pro-life activities. He also addressed multiple direct threats to human life as well as threats to religious liberty and conscience rights and, echoing Pope Benedict XVI, he invited Catholics to "pray and reflect on how each of us might renew our commitment and witness to 'respecting, promoting and teaching the transcendent nature of the human person.'"

In his statement, Cardinal DiNardo, the chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, reflected on the Respect Life Program's theme for 2011-12: "I came that all might have life and have it to the full."

"Jesus' promise of 'life to the full' is especially poignant today," he wrote, "when our culture and sometimes our government promote values inimical to the happiness and true good of individuals and society."

"The unborn child, the aging parent who some call a 'burden' on our medical system, the allegedly 'excess' embryo in the fertility clinic, the person with a disability, the cognitively impaired accident victim who needs assistance in receiving food and water to live—each today is at risk of being dismissed as a 'life unworthy of life'," Cardinal DiNardo said.

Cardinal DiNardo highlighted factors that undermine efforts to build a culture of life: "We face increasing attempts to expunge God and religious discourse from public life. . . Some now even seek to eliminate religiously motivated people and organizations from public programs, by forcing them to violate their moral and religious convictions or stop serving the needy," he said.

DiNardo objected to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [requirement](#) to cover all forms of contraception and sterilization as "preventive services for women."

"The decision [by HHS] is wrong on many levels. Preventive services are aimed at preventing diseases (e.g., by vaccinations) or detecting them early to aid prompt treatment (e.g., screening for diabetes or cancer). But pregnancy is not a disease.. Mandating such coverage shows neither respect for women's health or freedom, nor respect for the consciences of those who do not want to take part in such problematic initiatives," he said.

Cardinal DiNardo specifically countered claims that contraception is necessary for women's health, and that it reduces the abortion rate.

"Far from preventing disease, contraceptives can have serious health consequences of their own, for example, increasing the risk of acquiring a sexually transmitted disease, such as AIDS.," he said. "Studies report that most women seeking abortions were using contraception in the month they became pregnant. Again and again, studies show that increasing access to contraception fails to reduce rates of unplanned pregnancies and abortions."

The HHS's "religious employer exemption" is "so extremely narrow that it protects almost no one," he said. "Jesus himself, or the Good Samaritan of his famous parable, would not qualify as 'religious enough' for the exemption, since they insisted on helping people who did not share their view of God."

"Catholics must not shrink from the obligation to assert the values and principles we hold essential to the common good, beginning with the right to life of every human being and the right of every woman and man to express and live by his or her religious beliefs and well-formed conscience."

Begun in 1972, the Respect Life Program stresses the value and dignity of human life. It is observed in the 195 Catholic dioceses in the United States.

## EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, Oct. 23....NO Sunday School, Choir Prac. 11:15am

Mon, Oct. 24.....Rosary in Chapel 7pm

Tues, Oct. 25....Fatima Rosary, Choir Practice 7pm

Wed, Oct. 26.... Religious Ed, Book Club 7:15pm

Thurs, Oct 27.....Bible Study 9am & 7pm

Fri, Oct. 28.....Cadillac Dinner 6:30pm

Sun, Oct. 30.....Sunday School, Choir Prac.11:15am

**Morning Prayer: Everyone is Welcome**

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

## **NEXT FRIDAY IS CADILLAC DINNER!**

***Please join us for a fun filled evening at Champions in Elko Speedway!***

**When: Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>, 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

**TODAY 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.

**Join us for a five week bible study on the Mass.** A Bibical Walk through the Mass begins on October 27<sup>th</sup> 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. 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thank you to Father Adams and to all who participated and helped in any way with our 40 Hours Devotion last weekend. It was a beautiful weekend of devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament!

Thank you to all who have made these past 5 years of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration possible. May God Bless You All!

### 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	22	5:00 pm	Jim Streefland Jr.+
Sun	23	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	23	10:00 am	Bob Devine+
Tues	25	8:00 am	Virginia Picka
Wed	26	8:00 am	Lucina Friedges+
Thurs	27	8:00 am	
Fri	28	8:00 am	Katie Friedges+
Sat	29	8:30am	Joe & Carrie Wiita
Sat	29	5:00 pm	Stuart & Joyce Russell+
Sun	30	8:00 am	Donald Kremer+
Sun	30	10:00 am	For the Parish

Daily Scriptures		
Mon	Romans 8:12-17	Luke 13:10-17
Tue	Romans 8:18-25	Luke 13:18-21
Wed	ROMANS 8:26-30	Luke 13:22-30
Thu	Romans 8:31b-39	Luke 13:31-35
Fri	Ephesians 2:19-22	Luke 6:12-16
Sat.	Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29	Luke 14:1, 7-11
Sun	Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10/1	Thessalonians 2:7b-9,13/Matthew 23:1-12

Liturgical Stewardship		Oct 29 & 30
5pm	Lectors:	Gail Mathews-H
	Ministers:	Chuck Mathews-Ch-H
	Servers:	Andrew & Ray Petroski
	Choir:	Pam Filipiak, Scott Lehrke
8am	Lectors:	Mike Moeller-H
	Ministers:	Mike Cole-Ch-H
	Servers:	Peter Hilpisch, Mike Cole
	Choir:	Liz Bunnell, Mary Hilpisch
10am	Lectors:	Paul Panka-H
	Ministers:	Larry Caduff-Ch-H
	Servers:	Sam & Max Kjos
	Ushers:	Mike Chlan, Ron Chlan
	Choir:	Adult Choir, Scott Lehrke

Sacrificial Support: Week 16 / Oct. 16	
Budget: \$4900	Budget-to-date: \$78400
Received: \$4100	Received-to-date: \$74673
Capital Improvement \$25	

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## HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

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

**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](http://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. 27<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:makaderlik@mchsi.com).

## LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Religion classes on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Archdiocesan Mass in Celebration of Adoption. The Mass will be held on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**40 Days for Life Twin Cities Fall 2011 at Regions Hospital, St. Paul September 28 - November 6. See website for details: [www.40daysforlife.com/twincities](http://www.40daysforlife.com/twincities)**  
Join this pro-life effort of prayer, fasting and community outreach.

### **Team Vianney/Theotokos**

Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, 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. 20<sup>th</sup>: Fr. Larry Richards, author of "Be A Man". Go to [www.1000vocations.org](http://www.1000vocations.org)

### **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@cannonriverstemschool.org](mailto:smueller@cannonriverstemschool.org) or [jkoepke1@alumni.nd.edu](mailto: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](http://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 13<sup>th</sup> issue of *The Catholic Spirit*.