

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 30, 2011

STEWARDSHIP

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord! It is a gift to pilgrimage with you here in Elko New Market! In these weeks you have heard this word ("stewardship") and hopefully have a deeper understanding of your awesome call. You and I are called into existence BY NAME for a grand purpose. One of the kids asked me at Religion this past week: "How did God make himself?" Well, HE ALWAYS WAS! It is you and I that are made...and for a purpose (to give God glory and to save souls).

So, your homework last week was to:

1. Reflect on the gifts God has given you....
2. Ask yourself what priority God and his church has in your life...
3. Plan on how you will share what he has given you

So, where are we all at? I know for myself, it just takes a few minutes to start numbering the blessings (life, breath, eyes, ears, family, food, laughter, school...etc) and I am amazed at all God has given. Why has he? Not for me to hoard it all and try to take more from what is around me for my selfish pleasure. So we all know that will just make us unhappy (possibly forever). Thus, if we are honest, we can see we were meant from the beginning to be stewards! This is our great dignity: to participate in God's plan for the universe (not just be robots). He has given us gifts to receive with joy and share with others. We have a *need* to give because "man cannot fully find himself until he makes a sincere gift of himself." (Vat II Gaudium et Spes)

So as you here the "financial" report of the parish this weekend, please place it in context of the whole report of the parish. That is, we are SO BLESSED! For over 150 years this parish has been the presence of Jesus Christ and is now being asked to go deeper into this great identity, to give more to be more and grow. This means that each and every one of us needs to ask: How is God asking me to give a portion of my time, talent and treasure to build up his kingdom here. Pray on it, and come the next weeks to hear how others have given and how you might continue and/or start anew. -Fr. Adams

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, Oct. 30.....Sunday School, Choir Prac. 11:15am
Mon, Oct. 31.....HAPPY HALLOWEEN - Rosary in Chapel 7pm
Tues, Nov. 1....Mass @ 8am & 7pm, Fatima Rosary
Wed, Nov. 2.... Religious Ed
Thurs, Nov. 3.....Bible Study 9am & 7pm, KC Meeting 7:30pm
Sun, Nov 6.....Sunday School, Choir Prac. 11:15am

Morning Prayer: Everyone is Welcome
Tuesday – Friday at 7:25am & Sat at 7:55am in the church

ALL SAINTS DAY IS TUESDAY!!! This great Holy Day of Obligation is Tuesday November 1st. We will have two Masses here that day at 8:15am and 7pm.

All Souls DAY: Come and Pray for all the dead at the regular 8am Mass on Wednesday November 2nd. Also, Mass will be offered at the Villages in Lonsdale at 11am.

Anyone wishing to help with fall cleaning of the Fellowship Hall please come with rags and bucket on Weds Nov 2nd. at 6:30pm. Many hands makes light work!

SALE: We are cleaning out the old convent house. Walk through sale on Nov. 5 & 6 after the masses, dishes, furniture, pictures and more.

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!

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service: 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!!

The Biblical Walk through The Mass Bible Study is being held on Thursday mornings at 9am in the meeting room above the chapel in our old school building, the evening class is being held also on Thursday at 7pm at the Catholic Education Center (Holy Cross) in the computer Lab. If you have any questions please feel free to call Jean Moeller at 952-461-4552 or Kathy Chlan at 952-652-2286.

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. Last names N-Z please bring 1 ½ dozen sandwiches or cupcakes.

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, Nov. 16, Dec 14 & 28. If you are interested in joining please call Deb Streefland at 652-2349.

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

JESUS WILL BLESS YOU, your family and the whole world for the time you spend with Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

HELP IS SO NEEDED!

Please prayerfully consider helping with any of the following hours. Adorers are needed especially for the following hours: **Sunday:** 3 pm, **Wednesday:** 11 pm, **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.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Holy Cross Catholic School's Annual Marathon for Nonpublic Education a huge success! The school raised just over \$30,600, and many thanks go out to our supporters and donors!

Mark your calendars! To celebrate the success of the Marathon, the Crusader Parent Organization (CPO) will be hosting a Harvest Dance Party on Friday, November 4th from 6 – 8 pm. Food and beverages will be available to purchase. Come have a wonderful evening celebrating the success of the Marathon with family and friends!

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

Religion classes on Wednesday, November 2, at 6:15pm. Eucharistic Adoration program in the Gym at 7pm, parents welcome. Dismissal will be from the gym, so parents with students in grades 1-4 please pick up your students in the gym.

Confirmation student service hour opportunities:

Volunteers to work at the HARVEST DANCE @ HOLY CROSS SCHOOL on Friday, November 4th. 6:00pm – 8:30pm
-Volunteers will be working at the concessions stand selling candy and pop and will wipe down tables, Dance is done at 8:00 and clean-up will take about a half hour. Please call Joy or Theresa at Holy Cross at 952-652-6100.

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

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 Events

The Archbishop Ireland Assembly Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus is sponsoring their annual pancake and sausage breakfast at the KC Hall in New Prague on November 6, 2011. It will be held from 8am – 12:30pm. The assembly is made up of members from the Knights of Columbus Councils of Belle Plaine, Jordan, Montgomery, New Market and New Prague. We provide honor guard for the eleven parishes in our area.

St. Patrick Men's Club is sponsoring a Euchre Tournament on Friday evening, November 11, 2011 at the Social Hall in St. Patrick.. Registration begins at 6:30 pm. Tournament begins at 7:30pm. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 4 teams. Food and beverages will be available. Cost is \$20.00 per team.

Mass Intentions			
Sat	29	5:00 pm	Stuart & Joyce Russell+
Sun	30	8:00 am	Donald Kremer+
Sun	30	10:00 am	For the Parish
Tues	1	8:00 am	Donald Kremer+
Tues	1	7:00 pm	
Wed	2	8:00 am	Rev. Raymond Moorman+
Thurs	3	8:00 am	Roman & Dolores Deutsch+
Fri	4	8:00 am	Laura & Art Seurer+
Sat	4	8:30am	Bob Kooiman+
Sat	5	5:00 pm	Nicholas Seurer+
Sun	6	8:00 am	For the Parsih
Sun	6	10:00 am	Irene Hanke+

Daily Scriptures

Mon	Romans 11:29-36	Luke 14:12-14
Tue	Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14/ 1 John 3:1-3/Matthew 5:1-12a	
Wed	WISDOM 3:1-9	John 6:37-40
Thu	Romans 14:7-12	Luke 15:1-10
Fri	Romans 15:14-21	Luke 16:1-8
Sat.	Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27	Luke 16:9-15
Sun	Wisdom 6:12-16/1 Thessalonians 4:13-18/Matthew 25:1-13	

Liturgical Stewardship

Nov. 5 & 6

Nov. 1@7pm	Lector:	Pat Biren
	Ministers:	Julie Nelson-H, Chris Kuehl-Ch-H
	Servers:	Jackson Dietz, Andrew Piilola
	Choir:	Adult Choir, Karen Custer
5pm	Lectors:	Jan Freeman-H
	Ministers:	Bill Vogel-Ch-H
	Servers:	Steven & Joseph Conway
	Choir:	Vicky Chlan, Scott Lehrke
8am	Lectors:	Margo Theisen-H
	Ministers:	Mike Moller-Ch-H
	Servers:	Sam Zweber, Joseph Knight
	Choir:	Adult Choir, Karen Custer
10am	Lectors:	Leander Wagner-H
	Ministers:	Julie Nelson-Ch-H
	Servers:	Doug Nelson, Brent Moening
	Ushers:	Mike Chlan, Ron Chlan
	Choir:	Liz Bunnell, Mary Hilpisch

Sacrificial Support: Week 17 / Oct. 23

Budget: \$4900	Budget-to-date: \$83300
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Capital Improvement \$55	

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AREA NEWS

Annual Mass honoring All Veterans

Please join us on Saturday, November 12th at 10:00 AM as we come together to publicly honor and thank our active Military Personnel and Veterans (living or deceased) for their service to our country. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Lee A. Piché at the **Basilica of Saint Mary, 88 N. 17th St., Minneapolis, MN 55405**. For more information, please contact the Office of Marriage, Family & Life at 651.291.4488 or mfl@archspm.org.

Catholic Charities Counseling Program has appointments available with *no waiting* for sliding fee/reduced fee clients. Counseling can help those dealing with emotional turmoil, worry, stress, interpersonal conflict, anger, or life changes. Most health insurance providers are also accepted. Call **651 647-3186**.

The Veseli Area Lions Club is hosting their annual Ham & Egg Breakfast on Sunday, Nov 6th from 8:30-11:30 in the Most Holy Trinity Church Basement in Veseli. Serving scrambled eggs and ham, fresh fruit, bread, doughnuts, milk, juice and coffee. Cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children and under 5 years old eat free.

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.

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
Join this pro-life effort of prayer, fasting and community outreach.

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 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*.