

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 6, 2011

What St. Nicholas means to me.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord! We are right in the midst of a stewardship renewal. I hope you have been able to take some focused time to reflect on how blessed we are. One of our youth adults is in the middle of college now in Ohio and has a few words to help us see from her perspective what this parish means (thanks to your gift of self through the years). Please read and continue to ponder how you and I individually may be renewed in responding back to God with our time, talent and treasure.
–Fr. Adams

My name is Jenna Steele and I am a new member of the Catholic Church. I came into the Church last Easter Vigil at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. I became interested in becoming Catholic during my junior of high school after attending the St. Nick's youth group since I had been a freshman. At that point, I thought that I would someday become Catholic, but I had no plan of how or when that would happen and no idea how my family would react. I finally decided to sign up for RCIA at Franciscan when I was a senior in high school, and I asked my best friend from High School, Katie Roemer, to be my sponsor.

Starting in 9th grade, I began going to the youth group when my best friend, Katie, asked me if I wanted to rake leaves for the elderly people in the community. After that day, I was hooked on youth group. I enjoyed all of the young people that I met that day and I loved working with them to do a simple service project. I began to go to every youth group event that I possibly could. For me, going to youth group events started out solely as a social excursion, but soon transformed into an experience of a deeper love of God that I had never felt before. I remember one significant moment early in my familiarity with the Catholic Church when we went down to the adoration chapel as a youth group to worship our Lord in the Eucharist, but I had no idea what I was about to do; I was just following the group. Honestly, I had never heard of the Eucharist before, and I had no idea what Catholics believed about anything at that point. Entering that chapel, I was overcome with a feeling I had never experienced before. It was an overwhelming joy and peace that filled my heart and brought me to my knees. It was so strong that it hurt. I don't remember what I prayed about or how long we were there; I just remember thinking that I needed to be part of the Catholic faith. I didn't know what was happening to me in that moment, but I knew that the cracker in that gold shiny thing had something to do with it. From then on, I was in love with Jesus in the Eucharist although, at the time, I did not know it was Him with whom I was in love. I began to do research on all the teachings on the Catholic Church in my spare time. I would go to daily mass alone, because the Catholic Church had something to offer that my protestant church did not, and that something was a personal encounter with our Lord. It has been about five years since that moment in the chapel. I have been Catholic now for about seven months, and I couldn't be happier with my decision.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, Nov 6.....Sunday School, Choir Prac.11:15am
Mon, Nov. 7.... Rosary in Chapel 7pm
Tues, Nov. 8....Fatima Rosary, Choir Practice7pm,
Parish Council Meeting 7pm
Wed, Nov. 9.... Golden Hearts Meeting 1pm in Church
Basement, Religious Ed 6:15, Book Club 7:15pm
Thurs, Nov.10..Bible Study 9am & 7pm, Mother's Group 9:30am

Sat. Nov. 12....Cursio 6:30pm
Sun, Nov 13.....Sunday School, Choir Prac.11:15am, DTS 6pm

Morning Prayer: Everyone is Welcome

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

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets to the Cadillac Dinner and to everyone who helped out to make it a great success.

The four big winner of the evening were Jeff & Rose Bucheger-\$1000, Jim & Jodi Muelken-\$600, Roger & Diane Brack-\$400 & Joe & Michelle DeGross-\$250.00.

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



Christmas Tree Sale...

The New Market Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas Trees Nov. 25th – the week of Christmas, at the corner of 2 & 91 in Elko New Market. Please support the KC's by purchasing your tree and wreaths from them.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT.....

If your child is 4 years and older and is interested in being part of the beautiful Christmas pageant here at St. Nicholas Church on Christmas Eve before the 4pm mass, we would love to have them join us for practice on Sunday Dec. 4, 11 and 18th at 12pm in the church. Practices will last about 1 hour and on the 18th we will have a full dress rehearsal. Parents volunteers are needed too. To sign up please call Lisa at the Parish Office 952-461-2403.

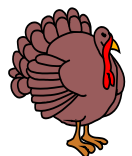
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service: Wednesday, November 23 at 7:30 at Highview Christiania Lutheran Church. The service will be lead by Highview's Country Gospel Group, the joint choir and the clergy from several churches. COME AND JOIN ALL!!

PRAYER FOR LIFE! Join us every 2nd Saturday of the month for prayer in Minneapolis at Midwest Health Center (<http://www.midwesthealthcenter.org/>) on 5th and Hennepin. If you feel called to come, we invite and urge you to do so and be a part of the solution to the scourge of abortion. This is not meant to point fingers at anyone but to invite those involved in this crime to join us in the path of conversion. This Saturday November 12 we will go again. We meet here in the parking lot at 7:45am, we pray up there from 8:30-10am. There is no Saturday morning Mass that day. Please pray for a culture of life and civilization of love. –Fr. Adams

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

"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us." St. Alphonsus Liguori

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

A wonderful opportunity has come forth to increase the funds in our Angel Fund. The Angel Fund is Holy Cross Catholic School's primary way to give families scholarships to help pay for a Catholic education at our school. An anonymous benefactor will donate up to \$5,000 to the Angel Fund. For Holy Cross Catholic School to receive the full \$5,000, a monetary match must be made; if \$5,000 in separate donations are received from now until December 10th, the donor will give the Angel Fund the full \$5,000. We have the opportunity to raise a total of \$10,000 for the fund!

If you or someone you know would like to donate to the "Angel Fund Matching Grant," please send money directly to Holy Cross Catholic School or contact the school at (952) 652-6100.

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 9th at 6:15pm – 7:30 pm

Dead Theologian Society Meeting:

Sunday, November 13th, 2011 from 6:00pm- 9:00 pm at St. Nicholas Campus in New Market. All High School Students are invited to come!!!!
****We need** parent volunteers to help with preparing and serving meals for DTS students in Dec, Jan, Feb, and March. For more information or if you would like to volunteer please call Molly Havlicek at 952-461-2933.

MOTHER'S GROUP

Mother's group will be held on Thursday, 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

Children long for someone to accept them, to love them, to praise them. Let us bring the child back to the center of our care and concern. This is the only way the world can survive because our children are the only hope of the future.
 Mother Teresa

Mass Intentions			
Sat	5	5:00 pm	Nicholas Seurer+
Sun	6	8:00 am	For the Parsih
Sun	6	10:00 am	Irene Hanke+
Tues	8	8:00 am	Ron & Kathy Chlan
Wed	9	8:00 am	Gerald Seurer+
Thurs	10	8:00 am	Clem & Cecelia Lenzmeier+
Fri	11	8:00 am	Rosanne Keillor Family
Sat	12	8:30am	Philip Simones
Sat	12	5:00 pm	Jim Streefland Jr.+
Sun	13	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	13	10:00 am	Bernice Michel+

Daily Scriptures	
Mon	1 Maccabees 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63 Luke 18:35-43
Tue	2 Maccabees 6:18-31 Luke 19:1-10
Wed	2 MACCABEES 7:1, 20-31 Luke 19:11-28
Thu	1 Maccabees 2:15-29 Luke 19:41-44
Fri	1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59 Luke 19:45-48
Sat.	1 Maccabees 6:1-13 Luke 20:27-40
Sun	Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28/Matthew 25:31-46

Liturgical Stewardship		Nov. 19 & 20
5pm	Lectors:	Mary Forland-W
	Ministers:	Jan Freeman-H, Anne Conway-W, Ken Thomas-Ch-W, Gail Mathews-Ch-H
	Servers:	Zachary Berry, Justin Biren
	Choir:	Adult Choir, Karen Custer
8am	Lectors:	Kathy Chlan-H
	Ministers:	Leander Wagner-W, Ralph Wagner-W, Jolene Pierson-Ch-H, Mike Cole-Ch-W
	Servers:	James & Justin Tupy
	Choir:	Liz Bunnell, Mary Hilpisch
10am	Lectors:	Mary Zweber-H
	Ministers:	Deb Streefland-W, Deb Streefland-W, Amy McDonald-Ch-H, Larry Caduff-Ch-W
	Servers:	Hartman Sadusky, Josh Chlan
	Ushers:	
	Choir:	Youth Choir, Scott Lehrke

Sacrificial Support: Week18 / Oct.30	
Budget: \$7114	Budget-to-date: \$128052
Received: \$5735	Received-to-date: \$85902
Capital Improvement \$60	

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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

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.

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.

The Church of the Most Holy Trinity in Veseli will have Bingo on Sunday November 13th at 1pm. Admission is \$4 which includes 1 card and lunch.

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.

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.

Soup & Pie Supper

The Shakopee Knights of Columbus Auxiliary is sponsoring a Homemade Soup and Pie Supper on Sunday, November 13, 2011, at the Shakopee Knights Event Center, 1760 4th Ave. E., in Shakopee. Menu includes 4 kinds of homemade soup, homemade bread, pie and coffee. The dinner will be served continuously from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The cost is \$7.00 per adult, \$3.50 for children 12 and under.

St. Mary's Catholic Church, New Trier, would like to invite you to our Annual Sausage Supper and Turkey Party Sunday, November 20, 2011. Meal is served from 12:00 - 5:30 PM, with games and refreshments until 8:00 PM. We are located 3 miles east of Hampton on Hwy.50. Our address is 8433 239th Street E. Hampton, MN 55031. Everyone is welcome.

Baptism: Into the Life of God

A Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary Theology DayJoin scholar Kimberly Hope Belcher to think about how our daily experiences of joy and tragedy call us back to the waters of our baptism. Belcher, an assistant professor at Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary and the Department of Theology at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University, studies sacramental theology, ritual studies, and Trinitarian theology. **Nov. 17, 6 to 9 p.m., Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis.** Free event. Light dinner provided. Registration is required: www.csbsju.edu/sot, 320-363-3570 or sot-sem@csbsju.edu.

Concerned About Memory Problems!

Early detection is important – take action – get answers – FREE confidential screening. Tuesday Nov. 15th, 910 Cannon Valley Drive, Northfield, MN 1-4pm, 507-664-3466