

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 13, 2011

Men, Not Angels...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, seeing a brother priest in trouble recently and feeling my own weakness and limitation so strongly makes me think of a very excellent sermon by Blessed John Cardinal Newman entitled: "Men, Not Angels, The Priests of the Gospel." He begins his thought on how fitting it seems for Christ's preachers, teachers and missionaries surely be angels, for "angels alone are fit to preach the birth, the sufferings, the death of God." Jesus was without sin and he came in the way "most holy, the most august, the most glorious," Newman says.

"And yet...He has sent forth for the ministry of reconciliation, not angels, but men." We see this so clearly as priests ourselves who eat, breathe and live to together in the seminary and rub shoulders in the vineyard of our parish life. We see it in the news and constant history of imperfection and sin in the life of priests and their relationships. Each Mass the priest is to be ever conscious first of *his* need of mercy and grace: "Pray, brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father" (the new, more accurate translation of the Mass coming this Advent). The book of Hebrews says "every high priest is taken among men...that may offer gifts and sacrifices for sins...and therefore he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins."

Newman calls this "strange... but not strange...had angels been your priests, my Brethren, they could not have consoled with you, sympathized with you, have had compassion on you, felt tenderly for you, and made allowances for you...they could not have been your patterns and guides, and have led you on from your old selves into a new life, as they can who come from the midst of you, who have been led on themselves as you are to be led, who know well your difficulties, who have had experience, at least of your temptations, who know the strength of the flesh and the wiles of the devil, even though they have baffled them, who are already disposed to take your part, and indulgent toward you, and can advise you most practically, and warn you most seasonably and prudently." Every saint, he goes on to say, all began with the same nature as any of us. It is grace that makes a person holy and become the "new man" of our baptismal call.

I mention all this not to excuse any of us from doing good, from being holy or fighting the good fight. Rather, I say all of this to beg for your prayers for me and my brother priests *and* to recommit my self-offering/prayers for you. By nature, I too began "with the old Adam" (not just because I am an Adams!) and have the potential like anyone for great holiness or great evil. COME HOLY SPIRIT! This is why we are studying the saints with our teens [DTS is this Sunday night 11/13]: to show that it is possible to rise above the standard of the world and by God's grace become good, holy and truly happy people by living for God's glory and our neighbor's good.

So the next time you see a clergyman or leader in *trouble*, the next time you see or hear the sins/negativity of some priest's (or anyone's) life, please remember in God's wisdom, we are men, not angels. And, at the same time we are called to open up to his grace, to become holy and lead you in this life of Christ. In the end, we need your prayers, so that after we have preached to others, we ourselves will persevere and not be lost. God bless, -Fr. Adams

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, Nov13.....Sunday School, Choir Prac.11:15am
Mon, Nov. 14.... Rosary in Chapel 7pm
Tues, Nov. 15....Fatima Rosary, Choir Practice7pm,
Wed, Nov. 16.... Morning Mass @ Holy Cross 8:15am,
Religious Ed 6:15, Book Club 7:15pm
Thurs, Nov.17..Bible Study 9am & 7pm, Mother's Group 9:30am
Sun, Nov 20.....Sunday School, Choir Prac.11:15am,
Hall rented 11am - 5pm, Turkey Bingo 6:30pm

Morning Prayer: Everyone is Welcome

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

CADILLAC DINNER 2011

Thank you to everyone who made the Cadillac Dinner Successful!

It was made possible by many who donated time, purchased tickets, sold extra tickets and to those who donated items. The fundraiser would not be possible without all your dedication and help. Thank You!

Income:

435 - tickets mailed out to parishioners
225 - purchased (parishioners & non-parishioners)

225 Tickets:	\$22,550.00
Games:	1,570.00
Total Income:	\$24,120.00

Expenses:

Champions:	\$8,900.00
Prize Money:	2,800.00
Postage, printing of tickets	435.83
Gambling License	85.00
Total Expenses:	\$12,220.83

NET INCOME 2011 \$11,890.17

Net Income 2010: \$9,063.94

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Tuesday November 29th evening Mass and talk on end of life issues. Details will follow.

Harlie Rae Anderson, daughter of Joseph and Brianna Anderson, recently received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism here at St. Nicholas. We warmly welcome her into the family of Christ.

A big Thank You to all the parishioners who took part in the old rectory sale last weekend. We raised over \$600.00 in sales for the CMLG.

Knights of Columbus Coming Events.....



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.

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 4th in the church basement. Serving 8am - noon. Everyone is welcome! All proceeds will go to Father Reiser's Haiti Project.

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!!

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). CCHD was founded 40 years ago by the bishops of the United States when they realized that the lives of those in need would not improve until the systems and policies that keep people in poverty were changed. For 40 years, CCHD has funded community groups that seek justice and create lasting change.

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

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

"John Paul II taught that when we rest in the Lord's presence in the Eucharist it is as if we become like the beloved disciple who rested on Jesus' breast at the Last Supper." Edward Sri, A Biblical Walk through the Mass.

Thanksgiving schedule

The Adoration Chapel will close on Wednesday, November 23rd at 6 pm, stay closed through the weekend, and will reopen on Monday, November 28th at 8 am.

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, 1 pm (on first Saturdays of the month), 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.

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.

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

Mass Intentions			
Sat	12	5:00 pm	Jim Streefland Jr.+
Sun	13	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	13	10:00 am	Bernice Michel+
Tues	15	8:00 am	Albert Chlan+
Wed	16	8:00 am	Bob Devine+
Thurs	17	8:00 am	
Fri	18	8:00 am	Bernard Lesmeister+
Sat	19	8:30am	
Sat	19	5:00 pm	Luciel DeGonda+
Sun	20	8:00 am	Mike & Mary Solheid & Deceased Family Members+
Sun	20	10:00 am	For the Parish

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:	Pat Biren
	Ministers:	Jen Chromy-H, Phil Chromy-Ch-H
	Servers:	Ray & Andrew Petroski
	Choir:	Dan & Lynne Soderlund
8am	Lectors:	Rose Korman
	Ministers:	Ken Thomas-H, Ralph Wagner-Ch-H
	Servers:	Jakob & Mark Friedges
	Choir:	Liz Bunnell, Mary Hilpisch
10am	Lectors:	Margo Theisen-H
	Ministers:	Deb Streefland-H, Tom Streefland-Ch-H
	Servers:	Sam & Max Kjos
	Ushers:	Tony Nelson, Jeff Merritt
	Choir:	Youth Choir, Karen Custer

Sacrificial Support: Week 19 / Nov 6	
Budget: \$7114	Budget-to-date: \$135166
Received: \$5894	Received-to-date: \$91796
Capital Improvement \$62	

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HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Reminder: poinsettia order is due on Wednesday, November 16th. Poinsettia pick up is December 2nd from 3 – 6 PM.

We have gotten a great response to our matching \$5,000 grant! In just one week, a total of \$2,600 has come in from generous donators. Thank you so much! If you wish to donate, please call Principal Lisa Reichelt at (952) 652-6100.

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.

LN MV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religion classes on Wednesday, November 16th at 6:15pm – 7:30 pm

No religion class on Wednesday, November 23th – Thanksgiving Break

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.

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

AREA NEWS

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.

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 Day Join 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

Discernment Day for Single Women, Saturday, December 3, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 561 Hamline Avenue South, St. Paul, MN 55116. Wonder where your life is going? Want some help along the way? Through prayer, input, reflection and discussion, we will explore attitudes and tools needed for making life choices – with Advent light and wisdom as guides. The day, including lunch, is our gift to you. Registration is required by November 28. Visit www.ssnd.org to register online, or contact Sister Joyce Kolbet, 507-389-4296, vocations@ssndcp.org.