

The Baptism of the Lord,

January 10, 2010

“CALLING EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD...”

Are you baptized? Then you are called. Remember that to be baptized means to be adopted into God's family in which we have a special mission (should you choose to accept it) that no one but us can carry out in accomplishing the salvation of the world. God is the savior as proclaimed by the angels at the birth of Christ. And you and I BY OUR BAPTISM are a very real part of the mystical body of Christ. So we become his hands, his feet, and his heart in the world to announce his death and resurrection and to help save souls.

If you are already married in the church or in a consecrated vocation of religious vows, you are living your baptism out in the very specific way God has for you. Thus, he wishes to help you do so in a new and vibrant way as you live now in this new year. Praise God you have responded to him by entering into your vocation. He has particular graces for you to live this calling out. Ask today for those to come to you and within you anew as you seek to love God, your spouse and kids. He wants to renew you and assure you of your very important place in the mystical body.

If you have not made a commitment for life, GOD IS CALLING YOU. **ANSWER THE CALL!!!** Do not let it pass you by. Life is too short. What is he calling you to? I don't know...but He does. This week is National Vocation Awareness Week (Jan 10-16). The country is celebrating the gift of having an awesome God who has a radical plan for every person on the planet. As Pope Benedict has said: "Your very existence has been willed by God, blessed and given a purpose. Life is not just a succession of events or experiences, helpful though many of them are."

<http://www.catholicnews.com/data/stories/cns/0803712.htm>

If you are not sure what God has in mind, if you have not even thought about it, BE NOT AFRAID. You are invited to open your heart to Christ this moment and experience the joy of his friendship and love. He will show you where to go and how to do it if you have a regular prayer life. If you carve out regular time to be with Jesus in our adoration chapel, in quiet daily prayer somewhere that is possible for you...so you can hear his voice. Without this regular silence, it will most likely be impossible to hear him calling. BE NOT AFRAID TO BE STILL...and know that he is God (Psalm 46:10). And be not afraid to answer the call, even if it is to just think about what it may be like to be a priest, a religious brother or sister. If you have already thought about it but are not sure, think about it again. I hope to be as helpful as I can for you. We are blessed with a wonderful vocations office at the Archdiocese as well. Contact them if you wish at: <http://www.10000vocations.org/>

In the Spring I will be offering a silent retreat for all young adults interested. Contact me for more information.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday..... Sunday School
Tuesday.....Fatima Rosary Group
Wednesday...150th Meeting 6pm, Religious Ed. 6:55pm,
Book Club 7:15pm
Thursday.....RCIA @ Holy Cross 7pm
Saturday.....First Reconciliation 10am in Church
Sunday.....Donut Sunday, Sunday School, Y.G. Simply Social

St. Nicholas Emergency Food Shelf

If you would like to make a donation towards the food shelf or you or someone you know needs assistance please call 952-288-8101.

New Church address:

St. Nicholas Church
51 Church Street, PO Box 9
Elko New Market, MN 55020



Donut Sunday is scheduled on Sunday, Jan. 17th, and will be hosted by Cursillo.



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, January 31st after both Masses. Come down and enjoy a delicious hot meal and fellowship. Holy Cross School will be kicking off their Catholic Schools week that day also. So come hungry and support the Knights and the school in all their good works."

PPB Mtg. Thursday, January 21, 2010, 7.30 PM at the DeWall's.

150th Meeting, Wed., Jan. 13th 6pm in church basement.

The Great Adventure continues.....

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about The Story of Salvation during Lent.

Jeff Cavins Bible Timeline continues every Thursday in February and March beginning February 4 through March 25th, 9:00am-10:30am and 7:00pm-8:30pm.

If you would like to refresh the first 4 sessions or are joining us late there will be an opportunity to view sessions 1 & 2 on Jan. 21st 8:30-10am & 7pm-8:30pm and sessions 3 & 4 on Jan. 28th 8:30-10am & 7pm-8:30pm.

If you did not sign up for the first 4 sessions and are interested in joining us please call Kathy Chlan at 952-652-2286 or Jean Moeller at 952-461-4552. You are welcome anytime!



A pilgrimage is a journey one makes to a sacred place for the purpose of venerating it or to ask for heavenly aid, and ultimately to come to know God better. Along the journey, there are many sacrifices involved, however, what matters is the distant goal. Please pray for all of our youth as they consider taking the pilgrimage to Madrid, Spain in 2011.

"World Youth Day is a great opportunity to learn more about your faith as a young person. This is also a wonderful way for the whole parish to support our youth. Consider coming on this pilgrimage if you are a freshman this year in high school or up to 30 years of age. So many of us priests and consecrated men and women have heard God calling us personally through the voice and presence of the Holy Father. If you are meant to be married, this is also a wonderful time to grow in your faith and your role in the church. Join us at the end of the month for more details at the next world youth day meeting in the parish. -Fr. Adams

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you would like to have the name of someone seriously ill, a newborn baby, or someone deceased mentioned in our bulletin for all to pray for, please notify the office by the end of each week. You must be an immediate family member of the person mentioned so as to respect their privacy.

Morning Moms' Group/Book Club will meet on Thursday, Jan. 21 @ 9:30am At Deb Streefland's home.. Childcare provided! Please contact Sarah Kuehl @ 952.461.4631 or Katherine DeWall @ 952.797.2359 for more information.

BOOK CLUB

The St. Nicholas evening Book Club.

We meet at Deb Streefland's home from 7:15 – 9pm. We read a variety of Christian books and enjoy lively and challenging discussions. The next gathering dates are Jan. 13, Feb. 3, April 7 & 28, May 12 and June 2.

If you would like to join or would like more information call Deb at **952-652-2349**.

CHOIR

Choir Practice: Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30th. All practices are Tuesday evenings at 7pm. **New members are always welcome!!**

Choir Mass: Jan. 31, Feb. 14, 17 (Ash Wed.), 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28 (Palm Sunday), April 1 (Holy Thursday, April 2 (Good Friday), April 3 (Easter Vigil), April 4, (Easter Sunday, 10am)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

**“Where your treasure is, there is your heart...”
(Matt. 6:21)**

Adorers are welcome to come to the Chapel at any time.

MORE ADORERS ARE NEEDED FOR HOLY HOURS WITH JESUS. PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING WITH AN HOUR.

Adorers are needed especially for the following hours:

Monday: 1 am, **Tuesday:** Noon (during the winter months), 4 pm, 7 pm, 11 pm, **Wednesday:** 9 am, 4 pm, **Thursday:** 2 pm, 3 pm, **Friday:** 3 am, **Saturday:** 1 pm, 7 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, then see what the Knights of Columbus can do for you. Contact Mike Kaderlik at 651-210-8644 or makaderlik@mchsi.com.

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

RELIGIOUS ED.

Confirmation Students:

- Please remember to turn in your homily notes & service hours slips monthly! Notices will be mailed to parents by the end of the month.
- If you DID NOT attend the Lifeline Mass in November – **you must attend the one scheduled on February 6th. This is a Confirmation requirement!**

2nd Grade:

- Home School & Holy Cross students should call Father Adams to set up your 1st Reconciliation interview, before Friday, Jan. 15th. Wed. evening Religious Ed. Students who DID NOT have their interview on Dec. 16th, will be interviewed on Wed. Jan. 13th during regular class.
- 1st Reconciliation is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 16th at 10am in the church. A reception will follow in the church basement, hosted by the 1st grade class.

PARENTS – reminder to you – if your child is not going to be at religion you need to call the parish office or your child's teacher to let us know of your child's absence. If you are not reporting absences – they are marked unexcused.

YOUTH GROUP

High School Youth Winter Adventure Weekend!

The information packet for this year's trip to Lutsen ski area can now be picked up in the back of church! This year's trip is later than usual: February 26-28. Youth can choose between skiing, snowboarding, cross country skiing, snowshoeing or even hiking to frozen waterfalls! For more information call Molly Havlicek at 952-461-2933 or Jen Messing at 612-518-5490.

Mass Intentions

Sat	9	5:00 pm	For the Parish
Sun	10	8:00 am	Jacinta Simones
Sun	10	10:00 am	Rich Cap Sr.
Tues	12	8:00 am	Nancy Gindler+
Wed	13	8:00 am	Special Intention
Thurs	14	8:00 am	Pearl & Ray Algren+
Fri	15	8:00 am	Thomas Gindler+
Sat	16	8:30 am	Christine & Richard Pierson & Phyllis Rens
Sat	16	5:00 pm	Karen Algren+
Sun	17	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	17	10:00 am	Harold, Roman, Bob & Lenny Seurer & Edith Doherty+

Daily Scriptures

Mon	1 Samuel 1:1-8	Mark 1:14-20
Tue	1 Samuel 1:9-20	Mark 1:21-28
Wed	1 Samuel 3:1-10,19-20	Mark 1:29-39
Thu	1 Samuel 4:1-11	Mark 1:40-45
Fri	1 Samuel 8:4-7,10-22a	Mark 2:1-12
Sat.	1 Samuel 9:1-4,17-19;10:1;	Mark 2:13-17
Sun	Isaiah 62:1-5/ 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 / John 2:1-11	

Liturgical Stewardship

Jan. 16 & 17

5pm	Lectors:	Tom Wagner-H
	Ministers:	Mary Forland-Ch-H
	Servers:	Justin Biren, Jackson Dietz
	Ushers:	
8am	Lectors:	Leander Wagner-H
	Ministers:	Mike Moeller-Ch-H
	Servers:	Nik & Jakob Friedges
	Ushers:	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
10am	Lectors:	Vicky Chlan-H
	Ministers:	Larry Caduff-Ch-H
	Servers:	Matthew Alacheff, Hartman Sadusky
	Ushers:	Randy Wagner, Pat McDonald

Sacrificial Support Week 27 / January 3, 2010

Budget	\$4900	Budget-to-date	\$132300
Received	\$6362	Received-to-date	\$127662
Capital Improvement	\$90 / School \$30/ Solemnity		\$1594

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HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

The next Holy Cross Schwan's order is due Wednesday, January 20. The pick up date will be Thursday, January 28 from 2:30-6:30pm in the school parking lot. Thank you to everyone who purchased items at our December sale. Our school profit was \$360! Order forms and catalogues can be found at the back of church.

Pre-Kindergarten Registration Starts Now! We have begun the registration process for our 3-5 year old Pre-K Program. Registration packets and brochures about our program can be found at the back of church. We offer full day and half day options of two or three days per week. For more information, please contact the school office at 952-652-6100 or visit www.holycrossschool.net.

You're Invited! Holy Cross Catholic School will hold our Pre-K and Kindergarten Open House for the 2010-2011 school year on Tuesday, January 26 from 5-7pm at our school in Webster. This is a great opportunity for you to meet the teachers and see our school and learn more about the programs we offer. For more information, contact the school office or visit our website at www.holycrossschool.net.

Holy Cross invites all parish families and friends to our Family Pizza & Bingo Night on Friday, January 22 from 5-7pm. Enjoy all you can eat Dominos Pizza and play a few rounds of Bingo. The cost is \$7/adult, \$4/child with a maximum of \$20 per family

Crusader Winner for 11/30/09

Joe Moravchik \$150, Dennis Anderson \$75, Kiersten Dahl-Shetka \$75, D. Mary Bednar \$50, Sarah Pavek \$50, Joe Moravchik \$50.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

Alpha PRC Needs Volunteers

Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center is currently seeking volunteers! Women are needed who can dedicate 3-4 hours per week as a receptionist (various days/times available). Duties include answering the phone, greeting clients, light office duties. Computer experience preferred, but not necessary. This is a great place for a mom with school-age children, or seniors who are looking to give back to the community. We are also seeking men and women who would like to be part of our Fundraising Team. This is a 3-4 hour per month commitment and involves brainstorming about possible fundraising activities, planning the events, recruitment of event volunteers, and general execution of the chosen events. Two of our upcoming events are our Walk for Life on May 2, and our Mother/Daughter Tea on May 8. Volunteers must be compassionate, strong Christians, willing to work in a pro-life setting. Full training is provided. For more info, or to receive a volunteer application, please contact Kay at 952.447.5683 or director@alphaprc.com

Annual Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, January 17th at the KC Hall in New Prague. Serving 8am – 12 noon. Free will offering. Please support the KC's Pro-Life Activities.