

That they all may be one (John 17:21)

January 25th will mark the close of the week of prayer for Christian Unity. This of course doesn't mean we do not need to pray for unity until next year's focus on this! This was part of Christ's high priestly prayer in John's gospel. It is the motto our Archbishop chose when he became bishop. It is our central to our call as followers of Jesus.

Remember we say "ONE...holy, Catholic and apostolic Church!" The church is one because God is one God (in three persons). So, he made us in his image and likeness. Therefore, we were meant to be different types of people and personalities all with the capacity of uniting in "one faith, one lord and one baptism" (Ephesians 4:5).

I have been told more than once, by a fallen away Catholic I know well, at the end of our visits: "Just stick close to Jesus." This seems to imply to me...all the "stuff" of Catholicism is so unnecessary (Pope, hierarchy, fancy catechism and traditions...). But when you are I take away the Pope, we end up becoming our own Pope. When we become the standard by which to judge all things, how do we really know we are on track?

We are so infinitely blessed to be given the solid rock of Peter's faith (Mathew 16) that our church rests on. This has come home to me in the great treasure of being with the pope on various occasions. Mostly, at the several World Youth Days I have been at as well as a few other times seeing our Holy Father from a distance as well as once in person and up close. If you have never been at a papal Mass, it is hard to describe the immense joy of belonging to the mystical body of Christ as St. Paul describes in Sunday's second reading. Just like the parts of our body are so different but united in one body, so too it is evident that the very different skin of others, their language and way of being is so different than mine but we are united in Christ. When you come to Mass with the pope, you stand with almost every corner of the world represented and see that only in Christianity and indeed only in this one, holy, catholic and apostolic church can we truly be united in the fullness of the faith God came to give us.

We are not called to force people into unity, but to find ways to first be in the presence of each other and rejoice in what we do share in common. Through prayer and true love of one another, God wants to show us the way to be one as He is One. Come Lord Jesus, make us one. - Fr. James Adams

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday..... Sunday School
Tuesday.....Morning Mass 8am, Fatima Rosary Group & Mother of Perp. Help, KC Meeting 7:30pm
Wednesday...Morning Mass 8am, Religious Ed. 6:55pm,
Thursday.....**Morning Mass @ 8:30am**, RCIA @ Holy Cross
Friday.....Morning Mass @ 8am
Sunday.....Sunday School, KC Sponsored Pancake Breakfast in Church basement 8-12

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.

For your information, we are currently undergoing an audit and also in the process of parish planning for the future. We hope to report on these by February. Thank you for your prayers. -Fr. Adams"

Your 2009 Contribution Statements are ready to be picked up in the back of church.



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."

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS – are encouraged to help with the Pancake Breakfast on Jan. 31st. The hours can be used towards your required 15 hours of service. To help out please contact Pat Theisen at 461-2599

The New Prague K,C's will hold their Free Throw contest at the New Prague High School Gym on Sunday January 31st at 12:30 pm for registration and 1 pm for a fun time shooting free throws. Will be done by 2 pm. Just show up and go to the Gym. All paperwork and trophies will be provided for you. Boys and girls, ages 10 thru 14 are invited. Any other questions just call Pat Theisen at 952 457 9289 or Jack Stasney at 952 393 1043 for more info.



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

Jan. 31 @ 6:30 in the youth room there will be a VERY important meeting on the plans for WYD along with commitments to certain fundraisers for the trip. If you are unable to attend but have a strong desire to attend WYD please contact Megan Anderson or Liz Lane. This meeting is also important for the parents to attend so that they have all the facts about the pilgrimage, costs, commitment and answer to other questions.

YOUNG PEOPLE (HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN THROUGH 30 YEARS OLD): COME TO WORLD YOUTH DAY!!! Parents, please encourage your kids to consider a pilgrimage to Madrid, Spain in August of 2010! We will have an informational night this coming Sunday January 31st at 6:30pm in the youth room. Que vengan todos!

ADVERTISERS WANTED – We are looking for several new advertisers to fill the back of our bulletin. Rates are cheap & your ad runs every week for a full year. Please call the parish office for more information. 952-461-2403.

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, Feb. 4 & 18 @ 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.

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 are and are interested in joining us please call Kathy Chlan at 952-652-2286 or Jean Moeller at 952-461-4552. You a

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 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

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

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,

Wednesday: 9 am, 3 pm, **Thursday:** 2 pm, 3 pm,

Friday: 3 am, **Saturday:** 1 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.

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!

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	23	5:00 pm	Christine & Richard Pierson
Sun	24	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	24	10:00 am	Bob Devine+
Tues	26	8:00 am	Johnson Family
Wed	27	8:00 am	Special intention
Thurs	28	8:30 am	Al Hammons+
Fri	29	8:00 am	Louis Gindler
Sat	30	8:30 am	Leo & Anna Stencil+
Sat	30	5:00 pm	Poor Souls
Sun	31	8:00 am	Doris & Joe Cole+
Sun	31	10:00 am	For the Parish

Daily Scriptures

Mon	Acts of Apos. 22:3-16	Mark 16:15-18
Tue	2 Timothy 1:1-8	Mark 3:31-35
Wed	2 Samuel 7:4-17	Mark 4:1-20
Thu	2 Samuel 7:18-19,24-29	Mark 4:21-25
Fri	2 Samuel 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17	Mark 4:26-34
Sat.	2 Samuel 12:1-7a,10-17	Mark 4:35-41
Sun	Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19/1	Corinthians 12:31-13:13/Luke 4:21-30

Liturgical Stewardship

Jan. 30 & 31

5pm	Lectors:	Mary Forland-H
	Ministers:	Tom Wagner-Ch-H
	Servers:	Ray & Andrew Petroski
	Ushers:	
8am	Lectors:	Margo Theisen-H
	Ministers:	Leander Wagner-Ch-H
	Servers:	Peter Soderlund, Daniel Olesen
	Ushers:	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
10am	Lectors:	Paul Panka-H
	Ministers:	Chris Kuehl-Ch-H
	Servers:	Thomas Carroll, Joseph Panka
	Ushers:	Randy Wagner, Pat McDonald

Sacrificial Support Week 29 / January 17, 2010

Budget	\$4900	Budget-to-date	\$142100
Received	\$3738	Received-to-date	\$135061
Capital Improvement	\$23 / School \$30		

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HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Holy Cross Catholic School K-8 registration for the 2010-2011 school year has begun! Registration packets can be found at the back of church, on the school website (www.holycrossschool.net) or by calling the school office at 952-652-6100. If you would like to schedule a tour of our school, please contact the school office.

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.

PRO-LIFE

It is therefore a service of love which we are all committed to ensure to our neighbors, that his or her life may be always defended and promoted, especially when it is weak or threatened. Pope John Paul II

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

Queen of Peace Hospital's Chief of Anesthesiology, [Jean Nusbaum, MD](#) and Clinical Nurse Specialist, Joan Gunderson, RN are traveling to Haiti on Monday, January 25 to help the injured people of this country. [Queen of Peace Foundation is raising funds to support this medical mission.](#) All donated funds will be directed by Dr. Nusbaum and Gunderson to the areas most in need, working through Partners in Health and No Time for Poverty. Your donation is fully tax-deductible and will go directly to help the people in Haiti. Donations are currently being accepted online at www.queenofpeacehospital.com.

Fatima Prayer Group is meeting at The Villages of Lonsdale on January 25th at 7:00 pm. The group has originally met at Immaculate Conception Church in Lonsdale but now wants to include the community at this new location. The group meets for an hour of prayer and worship with the rosary, readings and discussion. Please come and join us.

[Pregnancy Choices LifeCare in Apple Valley has an immediate opening for a licensed ultrasound tech. One day a week guaranteed salary with possible growth. Great work environment. Call Jeri 952-997-2229](#)

The New Prague Wrestling Booster Club will be sponsoring a scrambled egg and pancake breakfast on Sunday January 31st at the KC Hall in New Prague. This Breakfast will run from 7:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Rick Tietz Memorial Scholarship that is awarded to graduating senior wrestlers. Please come and join us for this breakfast. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students grades K-6. Tickets are available from New Prague High School Wrestlers and at the door.

Veseli Area Lions Club are hosting the iHoops Basketball Skills Challenge on Saturday, February 6th, 2010 @ 11:00 a.m. with registration beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Holy Cross Catholic School Gym. The skills challenge is free to all area youth ages 9 to 14 and is a timed half court obstacle course showcasing the youths passing, dribbling & shooting skills. Top finishers have the opportunity to advance to a Regional Competition held at the Target Center before a Timberwolves game and then may further advance to a National Competition held in Orlando, FL. For more information visit www.iHoops.com/skillschallenge or contact Jenny Malecha 507-744-2236.

5 Cents Bingo! Sunday, January 24th at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church basement in Lonsdale from 12-4. Lunch available from 11-4:30, featuring sandwiches and delicious homemade pies and cakes. Please join us and bring the kids.

All You Can Eat Fish Fry at St. Patrick's Church of Cedar lake, Friday, Feb. 12 serving 5-8pm. Menu includes Cod Fish - deep fried or baked, Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Beans, Bread, Bars and Beverage. Adults: \$10, 4-12 Years: \$5, 3 & Under: Free.

Southern Valley Alliance For Battered Women – needs additional volunteers to answer its 24-hour crisis line, to facilitate women's support groups and to provide childcare for those support groups. Free training will begin October 3. For more information call Martha or Lori at 952-873-4214.

