

## QUI ES IN CAELIS, SANCTIFICETUR NOMEN TUUM

Remember MC Hammer's song about prayer: "...we got to pray just to make it today"? I think of that song some 20 years later when the message seems to imply that at some point before "today" we didn't have to pray, but we were self-sufficient. Well, no matter how old, strong, rich or smart we get...before God we are all children...radically dependent on our Creator for our next breath. And so we are privileged and we dare by our baptism to call God "Abba," *Father*.

We have begun Lent this past Wednesday by receiving Ashes and hearing the biblical "program" for these forty days: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. I suggested last week that we take a renewed look at our Lord's instruction on prayer by seeing it in our mother tongue and applying it to our lives this Lent.

After we address God as "Pater noster" (our Father), our Lord teaches us (when the disciples asked him to do so in Mt 6:9 and Lk 11:2) to say *qui es in caelis, sanctificetur nomen tuum*. Literally, this means "you or that which is in the heavens, may your name be sanctified/hallowed/made holy." Again, I invite you to see the superb reflection on the Lord's prayer in the Catechism on this line (#s 2794-2815). As we enter into this First Sunday of Lent and hear Jesus in his first temptation by the Devil to turn stone to bread, we pray to our Father who we firmly believe really truly exists and is greater than our whole life here on earth. When we acknowledge God...and that he is holy...we begin to respond to his fatherly love and care that breathed us into existence in the first place. He wants to provide for us on all levels of our being, not just our stomach. So, in today's gospel Jesus quotes Deuteronomy (8:3) to Satan: "Man does not live by bread alone, but...by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Brothers and sisters, what are you eating (in your body *and* your soul)? Hopefully there is something on the table at home to sustain you. More importantly for that eternal part of us, we are invited to consume and digest and be united with "every word that comes from the mouth of God." Remember our Lord's pithy words in another part of the Gospel: "My meat is to do the will of my heavenly father." (Jn 4:34) This word, this meat comes to us in prayer. Not just vocal and any other prayers we offer up at any point (good as they are), but especially that time God invites us to take every day as an appointment, an audience with him. His schedule is open. Is yours?

Fr. Adams

### 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.

## EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday..... Sunday School  
Monday.....Chicken Cookout Meeting 7pm @ Bergstrom's Bar  
Tuesday.....Fatima Rosary Group, Choir Practice 7pm,  
KC Meeting 7:30pm  
Wednesday...Religious Ed.  
Thursday.....Adult Faith Formation 9am & 7pm, RCIA @ Holy Cross  
7pm, PPB Meeting @ DeWalls 7:30pm  
Friday.....Soup Supper 6pm, Stations of the Cross 7pm  
Sunday.....Sunday School

**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.

The Christian faithful are to do penance through prayer, fasting, abstinence and by exercising works of piety and charity. All Fridays through the year and especially during Lent are penitential days.

**Abstinence:** All who have reached the age of 14 are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays during Lent.

**Fasting:** All those who are 18 and older until their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is allowed on days of fast. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to one's needs; but together they should not equal one full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted but liquids are allowed.

The above does not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be affected seriously. People in doubt about fasting or abstinence should consult a parish priest or confessor.

**Next weekend's bulletin will be printed on Tuesday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.** If you have any information for the bulletin please deliver it to the parish office by 10am Tuesday. **Parish office will be closed Feb. 24-26.**

**Congratulations!** Chesterton Academy just announced the name of a St Nicholas member who has earned academic honors during the 1st Semester of 2009-10 school year. 1st Honors: Hannah Korman

**Our First Chicken Cookout Meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7pm at Bergstrom's Bar.** Anyone who would like to help with a committee should attend this meeting.

**New Market Blood Drive at Township Hall on Tuesday Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> 12:30-6:30pm.** For appointment or information call Sharon at 952-758-8716

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Books will continue to be available for purchase. Please contact the parish office to purchase one. 461-2403.**

**PPB Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at DeWalls.**

**This Weeks Soup Supper is Hosted by.....**

**Pastoral Planning Board (PPB)** – This is an Advisory Board to the Pastor which responds to parish needs, community growth and service.

**Stations of the Cross / Soup Supper will be offered during the Lenten Season.** Stations of the Cross will begin this week, Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The first Soup Supper will be on Friday Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7pm, and will continue every Friday during Lent, with the exception of Good Friday, when stations will be at 3pm and no Soup Supper.

### **ALL YOUNG ADULTS! COME ON RETREAT!**

If you are a young adult (in college or a bit beyond) and interested in a silent retreat at this time in your life to discern God's will for you, come on retreat from the evening of Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup> through the morning of Friday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Villa Maria in Frontenac, MN. I will lead a shortened version of the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. If you are interested, there will be small informational meeting on Sunday February 20<sup>th</sup> between Masses in the church basement at 9:15am. This is a gift the church has to offer you as you seek to understand your vocation. Please let me know if you wish to come on this retreat by Thursday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010. –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, March 4 & 18, April 15 & 29 & May 13 @ 9:30am At Deb Streefland's home.. Childcare provided! Please contact Sarah Kuehl @ 952.461.4631 or Katherine

**THE APPEAL IS NOT OVER!**

Thank you to those who returned their pledges for the Catholic Services Appeal today. For those of you continuing to prayerfully respond, we ask that you return your pledge form to Mass next weekend. Your pledge will touch the lives of so many needs in our parish. As a reminder, our parish receives 25% of all gifts made through our parish. The need has never been greater and your response is greatly appreciated. "We are one body, one body in Christ."

**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 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.**

**CMLG**

CMLG is hosting a Marriage Enrichment Dinner on April 24<sup>th</sup> We will be meeting on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00PM in the church basement for a planning session. All are welcome to attend the session and help plan the event.

**2010 ACCW Legislative Day, Thursday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> am – 2pm** at the Best Western Kelly Inn, St. Paul I94 & Marion St. 651-227-8711. Cost is \$10, lunch included, Registrations forms are in the back of church.

Looking for a short spiritual getaway? A wonderful retreat is planned for all women on Saturday morning, March 13<sup>th</sup>; at St. Wenceslaus Church in New Prague from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.) We will pray the Stations of the Cross and the sacrament of reconciliation will be available. There will be an inspirational speaker and Holy Mass will be offered at 11 a.m. followed by a light Lenten lunch. Cost is \$5. If you would like to bring a baked goodie or other item for the silent auction — all proceeds go for pro-life. This spiritual event is sponsored by Southwest Deanery Council of Catholic Women. Bring a friend for a morning of prayer and reflection. Please Sign up by March 1<sup>st</sup>. We will gladly carpool or pick up anyone unable to make the drive to New Prague. Call Denise Anderson at 952-461-5019 or sign up on the form at the back of the church.

**CHOIR**

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

**Choir Mass:** Feb. 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)

**KNIGHTS CORNER**

On Sunday, March 14th, the New Prague Knights of Columbus will be holding their 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree initiation for all men interested in becoming a Knight. If you are a Catholic male in good standing with the church, we urge you to attend this beautiful ceremony. Starts at 9 am for registration and finishes at 3 pm for all 3 degrees and makes you a full member of our merry band of brothers..If you think you can donate 1 hour a month for a meeting and may have some time and talent to help with our many fun events, we would love to talk to you and help guide you through this great day. See Pat Theisen, Mike Moeller, or Mike Kaderlik and lets get you signed up."

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](mailto:makaderlik@mchsi.com).

**RELIGIOUS ED.**

**March Calendar .....**

All grades will be prayer tested on **Wed. March 10<sup>th</sup>**, If you miss class this evening, you will be tested the following week. All students will be prayer tested.

10<sup>th</sup> Gr. Reconciliation is scheduled for **Wed., March 17<sup>th</sup>** (more information will following in a couple weeks)

10<sup>th</sup> Gr. Confirmation Interviews are scheduled for **Wed., March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**No Class Wed., March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**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.

| Mass Intentions |    |          |                             |
|-----------------|----|----------|-----------------------------|
| Sat             | 20 | 5:00 pm  | Bob Devine+                 |
| Sun             | 21 | 8:00 am  | Jack & Don Schilz+          |
| Sun             | 21 | 10:00 am | For the Parish              |
| Tues            | 23 | 8:00 am  | Phyllis Petroski+           |
| Wed             | 24 | 8:00 am  | Bridget Wagner+             |
| Thurs           | 25 | 8:00 am  | Christine & Richard Pierson |
| Fri             | 26 | 8:00 am  | Special Intention           |
| Sat             | 27 | 8:30 am  | Tom Boyle                   |
| Sat             | 27 | 5:00 pm  | Stuart & Joyce Rusell+      |
| Sun             | 28 | 8:00 am  | Melvin Shea+                |
| Sun             | 28 | 10:00 am | For the Parish              |

| Daily Scriptures |  |                  |
|------------------|--|------------------|
| Mon              | 1 Peer 5:1-4   | Matthew 16:13-19 |
| Tue              | Isaiah 55:10-11  | Matthew 6:7-15   |
| Wed              | Jonah 3:1-10   | Luke 11:29-32    |
| Thu              | Esther C:12,14-16,23-25                                  | Matthew 7:7-12   |
| Fri              | Ezekiel 18:21-28   | Matthew 5:20-26  |
| Sat.             | Deuteronomy 26:16-19                                     | Matthew 5:43-48  |
| Sun              | Genesis 15:5-12,17-18/Philippians 3:17-4:1/Luke 9:28b-36 |                  |

| Liturgical Stewardship |            | Feb. 27& 28                           |
|------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| 5pm                    | Lectors:   | Pat Biren                             |
|                        | Ministers: | Tom Wagner-H                          |
|                        | Servers:   | Justin Biren, Jackson Dietz           |
|                        | Ushers:    |                                       |
| 8am                    | Lectors:   | Matt Damiani                          |
|                        | Ministers: | Kathy Chlan-H, Margo Theisen-Ch-H     |
|                        | Servers:   | Nicholas Korman, Daniel Olesen        |
|                        | Ushers:    | <b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>              |
| 10am                   | Lectors:   | Tom Michaud                           |
|                        | Ministers: | Deb Streefland-H, Tom Streefland-Ch-H |
|                        | Servers:   | Quinn & Gavin Burke                   |
|                        | Ushers:    | Tony Nelson, Jim Filipiak             |

| Sacrificial Support Week 33 / February 14, 2010 |        |                  |          |
|---|--------|------------------|----------|
| Budget  | \$4900 | Budget-to-date   | \$161700 |
| Received  | \$4607 | Received-to-date | \$151302 |
| Capital Improvement \$30 / School \$19          |        |                  |          |

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Next weekend, please welcome Rev. Peter Hereley O.P. who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Christian Foundation for Children and Aging. CFCA is a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 24 developing countries. To learn more call 800-875-6564 or visit CFCA online at [www.cfcausa.org](http://www.cfcausa.org).

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

### Note from Father Adams:

Hello all parishioners and visitors! I invite, encourage, urge and triple-dawg-dare you to try to outdo God in generosity! Thank you to all who have so faithfully committed to an hour a week in our adoration chapel. Invite and introduce new people. If you do not have an hour, if you have never been into the chapel (in the lower level of our old school building), do not waste another minute! Come and check it out and think about this central devotion we have been blessed with. Call our coordinators and ask where the need is and how you may try to fill that a bit. The Lord will surprise you with his goodness.

Fr. Adams

Eucharistic Adoration is visiting and spending time with Jesus in the Sacred Host. It is an expression of our love for Jesus, who loves us so much that He never wants to leave us and stays with us day and night in the Blessed Sacrament. He says: **"Behold I am with you always."** --- Pope John Paul II

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:

**Sunday:** 1 pm (once a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month), **Monday:** 1 am, **Tuesday:** noon (during the winter months), **Wednesday:** 9 am, 4 pm, **Thursday:** 2 pm, 3 pm, **Friday:** midnight, 3 am, **Saturday:** 3 am, 1 pm.

To sign up as an Adorer or for more information on Adoration, please contact Dan and Lynne Soderlund at (507) 645-6012.

## 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

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



*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 have heard God calling us through his voice and presence of the Holy Father. This is a wonderful time to grow in your faith and your role in the church. -Fr. Adams

## HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

**Holy Cross Crusader Dinner** – This annual event will again be held at Champions at Elko Speedway on Saturday, March 13. To purchase a ticket, please see a school family, or contact the school office at 952-652-6100.

**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](http://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](http://www.holycrossschool.net).

## NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**SUPPORT CZECH HERITAGE – Ham & Egg Breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 8am – 12:30pm at the KC Hall in New Prague.** Menu includes: Ham & Eggs, Czech Pastries, coffee, juice and milk. Adults: \$7, Age 5-12: \$4, Under 5: Free

**Reclaiming the Culture of Marriage & Life, Saturday, March 20 9-11am @ St. John the Baptist in Jordan**

How many times have you heard the criticism, "The Church should stay out of the bedroom," and not known how to respond? Why does the Church care so deeply about marriage and relationships? Does the Church really need to get involved in these issues? Isn't it enough to focus on helping the poor and vulnerable? Many current issues, such as contraception, abortion, cohabitation, divorce, and same-sex unions, challenge Catholics to think deeply about the meaning of marriage, its purposes, its connectedness to life issues and its values to individuals, families and society. Because reflection based on reason and faith provides an appropriate framework for current debates, we invite you to join us for an evening of discussion about what the Church teaches regarding these issues—and WHY. **Father Andrew Cozzens**, theology professor at St. Paul Seminary, will explain the Biblical, philosophical and spiritual foundation of Christian marriage. **Attorney William LeMire** will help us understand the legal battle. Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office for Marriage, Family and Life. Call 651.291.4488 or visit [www.archspm.org](http://www.archspm.org) for additional information.

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## **How Catholics Read the Bible**

### *A Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary Theology Day*

Join Charles Bobertz, Ph.D., for a brief history of biblical interpretation in the Catholic Church and a look at the current growth in biblical literalism in both the Catholic Church and evangelical Protestant communities. Bobertz teaches at Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary and the undergraduate Department of Theology of the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University and serves as a deacon for St. Hubert's Catholic Community in Chanhassen, MN. **Feb. 25, 6-9 p.m., Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis. Free event. Meal provided. Registration is required:** [www.csbsju.edu/sot](http://www.csbsju.edu/sot) or 320-363-3570.

Veseli Holy Trinity Men's Club Annual "made from scratch" Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, Sunday, March 7, serving 8:30am – 12. Veseli Church Basement. Adult: \$6, Children 3-12: \$3, Under 3: Free

**Southern Valley Alliance For Battered Women is in need of additional volunteers** to answer its 24-hour crisis line, facilitate its women's support group and provide childcare for those groups. Free training for crisis line and group facilitation volunteers will begin March 27<sup>th</sup>. No training is required for childcare volunteers. For more information, please call Martha or Lori at 952-873-4214.