



**Easter SERVICES**

The following Confession times are in addition to the regular schedule:

Saturday, March 27 9-9:30am, Wed., March 31<sup>st</sup> 4:30-5:30pm, Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup> & Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 11am – 12pm

Penance Service: Mon., March 29, 7pm Veseli, Tues. March 30, 7:30pm Lonsdale, Wed. March 31, 7pm St. Nicholas

Holy Thursday: Morning Prayer 8am, Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Good Friday: Morning Prayer 8am, Stations of the Cross 3pm, Veneration of the Cross 7pm

Holy Saturday: Morning Prayer 8:30am, Easter Vigil 8pm (NO 5pm Mass)

Easter Sunday: Mass 8 & 10am

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**Anything more important?**

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Nicholas parish and visitors! Welcome to Holy Week. "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you..." (Luke 22)

Our Lord and Savior was thinking of you and me when he picked up the cross and shed his blood. We were on his mind and heart.

What is on our minds and hearts this week?

He has personally invited you to join with everyone for the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday). He is waiting for you in the confessional (Wednesday night Penance service or other additional times if needed). Don't miss out.

-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..... PALM SUNDAY, Sunday School
- Monday.....Penance Service @ Veseli 7pm
- Tuesday..... Fatima Rosary Group & Mother of Perp. Help, Choir Practice 7pm, Penance Serve @ Lonsdale 7:30pm
- Wednesday...Holy Cross Students Here for Morning Mass @ 8:15am, NO Religious Ed., Penance Service @ St. Nicholas 7pm
- Thursday.....Morning Prayer 8am, Altar Server Practice 10am (for 7pm service), 7pm Mass or the Lord's Supper
- Friday.....Morning Prayer 8am, Altar Server Practice 10am (for 7pm service), Stations of the Cross 3pm, Veneration of the Cross 7pm
- Saturday.....Morning Prayer 8:30am, Altar Server Training 10am (for 8pm service), Easter Vigil 8pm, (NO 5pm Mass)
- Sunday.....EASTER BLESSINGS, Mass 8 & 10am

Kallie Melinda Donovan, daughter of Sean and Cheri Donovan, recently received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism here at St. Nicholas. We warmly welcome her into the family of Christ.

Please pray especially this week for more in our community receiving the Easter sacrament: Kendra Caduff, Jim Nordstrom, Alan Bengen, Michael Kjos and Trent Bertram.

Youth Teens in High School plan on coming to Sunday nights Dead-Theologian Society, starting April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Adorers specially invited/needed – Sunday nights from 6-9 to pray during the Dead Theologian Society gathering – please sign-up with Lynne Soderlund 507-645-6012

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.

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

**Vacation Bible School – 2010**

PARENTS – ARE YOUR KIDS READY TO SINK THEIR TEETH INTO BIG FUN?

That's just what they will do at Crocodile Dock, where fearless kids shine God's light! Crocodile Dock Totally Catholic Summer Program is filled with incredible activities that allow kids to see, hear, touch, and even taste! Bible, crafts, team-building games, cool songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the Crocodile Dock activities that help kids connect faith to real life. We will help kids discover how to see God in everyday life – something we call God sightings. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot!

Mark these dates on your calendar...

Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Time: 8:45 – 11:30am.

Ages 4 (must be 4 by June 1<sup>st</sup>) – Gr. 5<sup>th</sup> (fall of 2010)

Location: St. Nicholas Church Campus

Cost: \$15 per child with a family cap of \$45

Registration: Please call the parish office to register 952-461-2403.

Registration will open to outside the parish if not full by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **CHICKEN COOKOUT FUNDRAISER**

**BIG TICKET RAFFLE** - This weekend we will begin to take donations for the our 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Chicken Cookout Big Ticket Raffle. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We need many donations to make our Raffle a huge success – NO DONATIONS IS TO SMALL. You can donate money, prizes, services or whatever else you like, (be creative)!!

The sign up sheet is in the back of church. Simply list the item you wish to donate and that item will be printed on the raffle ticket. Any questions call LouAnn Wagner 461-3026.

**A second collection will be taken up on Good Friday for the Holy Land. Please give generously.**

**Seasonal Clothing Drive for St. Joseph Coat** is coming in April. Have all donations in the church basement by Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Inspirational Catholic CD's are now available at St Nicholas. **Check out the display in the back of church.** Lighthouse Catholic media presents CD's from Fr. Corapi, Scott Hahn, Matthew Kelly and many others. These CD's are only \$3.00 that can be dropped in the CD box. If you are not an avid reader or have a long commute – this is a great opportunity to learn and grow in your Catholic Faith. Titles will change around a couple times a year. Enlighten your mind and open your heart during Lent and throughout the Easter season.

### **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.**

### **CHOIR**

Practice for the holy week and Easter vigil masses will begin Tuesday March 2nd at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in participating is welcome.

**Choir Practice:** March 30<sup>th</sup>. All practices are Tuesday evenings at 7pm. **New members are always welcome!!**

**Choir Mass:** April 1 (Holy Thursday), April 2 (Good Friday), April 3 (Easter Vigil), April 4, (Easter Sunday, 10am)

### **RELIGIOUS ED.**

**April / May Calendar .....**

**March 31<sup>st</sup> - NO CLASS**

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** – Last day of religion for 10<sup>th</sup> graders. All Confirmation Journals must be turned in to you teachers.

**April 19<sup>th</sup>** – Confirmation @ Divine Mercy in Faribault 7pm

**April 21<sup>st</sup>** – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Interviews (Mrs. Bertram's Class)

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Interviews (Mrs. Brake's Class)

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** – First Communion Practice 9:30am

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – First Communion 12pm Mass / Professional Pictures Before Mass

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** – Mass At St. Nicholas @ 6pm, followed by Pizza Party in the church basement.

**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.

<b>Mass Intentions</b>			
Sat	27	5:00 pm	Donald Kremer+
Sun	28	8:00 am	David & Ruth Stencil+
Sun	28	10:00 am	For the Parish
Tues	30	8:00 am	Christine & Richard Pierson
Wed	31	8:15 am	Ralph & Rita Simon+
Holy Thurs	1	8:00 am	MORNING PRAYER
Good Fri	2	8:00 am	MORNING PRAYER
Holy Sat	3	8:30 am	MORNING PRAYER
Holy Sat	3	8:00 pm	For the Parish
Easter Sun	4	8:00 am	Matt Simones
Easter Sun	4	10:00 am	Marie Busch+

<b>Daily Scriptures</b>		
Mon	Isaiah 42:1-7	John 12:1-11
Tue	Isaiah 49:1-6	John 13:21-33,36-38
Wed	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Matthew 26:14-25
Thu	Exodus 12:1-8,11-14/ 1 Corinthians 11:23-26/John 13:1-15	
Fri	Isaiah 52:13-53:12/Hebrews 4:14-16:5:7-9/John 18:1-19:42	
Sat.	Genesis 1:1-2:2/Genesis 22:1-18/Exodus 14:15-15:1/Isaiah 54:5-14/Isaiah 55:1-11/Baruch 3:9-15,32-4:4/Ezekiel 36:16-17a,18-28/Romans 6:3-11/Luke 24:1-12	
Sun	Acts of Apos 10:34a,37-43/Colossians 3:1-4/John 20:1-9	

<b>Liturgical Stewardship</b>			<b>April 1, 2, 3 &amp; 4 &amp; 28</b>
April 1 @ 7pm	Lectors:	Kathy Chlan-H	
	Ministers:	Jackie Devine-W, Larry Caduff-W, Amy McDonald-Ch-W, Julie Nelson-Ch-H	
	Servers:	Robert Devine, Doug Neslons, Mike Cole, Brent Moening, Patrick Kuehl, Daniel Olesen, Sam & Max Kjos	
April 2 @ 3pm		James & Justin Tupy, Peter Hilpisch	
Stations of Cross			
April 2 @ 7pm	Lectors:	Tom Michaud, Matt Damiani	
	Servers:	Ray & Andrew Petroski, Nik & Jakob Friedges, Jackson Dietz	
April 3 @ 8pm	Lectors:	Jan Freeman-H, Leander Wagner-W	
	Ministers:	Bill Vogel-Ch-H, Chuck Mathews-Ch-W, Gail Mathews-Ch-W	
	Servers:	Josh Chlan, Thomas Carroll, Gavin & Quinn Burke, Justin Biren, Hartman, Sadusky, Sam Zweber, Peter Soderlund, Matthew Alacheff	
April 4 @ 8am	Lectors:	Mike Moeller-H	
	Ministers:	Margo Theisen-W, Ralph Wagner-W, Jolene Pierson-Ch-W, Ken Thomas-Ch-H	
	Servers:	Joseph Knight, Nicholas Korman	
	Ushers:	<b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>	
April 4 @ 10am	Lectors:	Paul Panka-H	
	Ministers:	Deb Streefland-W, Mary Zweber-W, Anne Conway-Ch-H, Tom Streefland-Ch-W	
	Servers:	Steven Conway, Joseph Panka	
	Ushers:	Ron Chlan, Mike Chlan	

<b>Sacrificial Support Week 38 / March 21, 2010</b>			
Budget	\$4900	Budget-to-date	\$186200
Received	\$4705	Received-to-date	\$173791
Capital Improvement	\$48 / School		\$19

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**ALL YOUNG ADULTS!** If you are of college age or a bit beyond and still are interested to come on retreat May 9-14, I will lead the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius for those interested. There is still some room. Contact me by the end of this week for more information. -Fr.

**Morning Moms' Group/Book Club will meet on Thursday, April 15 & 29 & May 13 @ 9:30am At Deb Streefland's home.** Childcare provided! The current book is "Raise Happy Children: Teach Them JOY!" By Maryanne Budnik. Please contact Sarah Kuehl @ 952.461.4631 or Katherine DeWall @ 952-797-2359.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

Jesus gave us the gift of His Body and Blood, the Blessed Sacrament, on the first Holy Thursday night. Pope John Paul II writes, "Remaining in silence before the Blessed Sacrament, it is Christ totally and really present whom we discover, whom we adore and with whom we are in contact" (Letter to Bishop of Liege, 1996). Through Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, we express our love and friendship to Jesus.

#### Holy Week and Easter Weekend Schedule

The Adoration Chapel will close on Holy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm, will remain closed through the weekend, and will reopen on Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 am.

#### **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:** midnight, 1 am, noon (during the winter months), **Wednesday:** 9 am, 4 pm, **Friday:** midnight, **Saturday:** 1 pm-(we are looking for adorers for once or twice a month.)

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

### CMLG

#### **CORRECTION – There will be no Treasure Island Casino Trip this year!**

CMLG is hosting a **Marriage Enrichment Dinner** on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010

5 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass

6-7 p.m. Wine & Cheese Social Hour

7 p.m. Dinner Menu includes salad, breads, pork loin, potato, vegetable, dessert and refreshments.

8 p.m. Guest speakers Renewal of marriage vows

\*Daycare provided – please sign-up when tickets are purchased.

**\$15.00 per person** Get your tickets early!

Tickets will be on sale after all masses or contact: Kathy Chlan 652-2286, Deb Streefland 652-2349, Denise Anderson 461-5019 or the parish office.

*The purpose of the CMLG is to offer corporal works of mercy under our patron saint "Mother of Sorrows," to promote the Christian education of our children, to aid and maintain certain projects of benefit for our parish, and to help the pastor fulfill his duties, as he is our spiritual director.*

### HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

**Tickets are now on sale for the Holy Cross Silent Auction event.** This year's activities will take place on Saturday, April 17 beginning at 6pm. Tickets are \$20 each and include: starting chips for the casino games, food, 1 drink ticket and admission to the silent & live auctions. We have the pleasure of having "Elvis" perform at this year's event. Tickets can be purchased by calling the school office at 952-652-6100 or you can find order forms at the back of church.

Holy Cross is again selling **annual flowers and vegetables**. We are taking orders now through April 19. The plants will be available for pick up at the school on May 22. Order forms can be found at the back of church.

**Summer Stretch is back!** For students entering grades 6-9 in the fall. Six Wednesdays in June and July, you will spend from 8am-5pm with the Summer Stretch Group. Mornings will begin with a brief prayer service and then you will be off to your community service project for the remainder of the morning. After lunch, students will enjoy a fun activity such as a trip to a water park, Cleary Lake, bowling and much more. We will end the summer on August 5<sup>th</sup> with a trip to Valleyfair. Registration forms can be found at the back of church and are due March 31. This program is open to all school students, parishioners and their friends.

The **Holy Cross Silent Auction Event** will be on Saturday, April 17 beginning at 6pm. New this year, Elvis will entertain us following the Live Auction. To purchase tickets or donate an item to the auction, please contact the school office at 952-652-6100.

Mark your calendars; Holy Cross Athletic Association will hold its **Spring Breakfast Fundraiser** on Sunday, April 11 from 8am-12pm in the school gym. Please join us for a breakfast of scrambled eggs & ham, fruit, cinnamon rolls and beverages. All proceeds benefit Holy Cross Athletics

**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).

## 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](mailto:makaderlik@mchsi.com).

## PRO-LIFE

A Collaboration of parishes has formed the Respect Life Groups of South Central Minnesota. The combined group is sponsoring a series of speakers and homilists in an ongoing educational effort in order to motivate, inspire and inform Catholics to address critical life issues. The next speaker is Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, director of education for the National Catholic Bioethics Center. He will speak on stem cells and cloning at the Church of St. Dominic in Northfield on April 22 at 7pm. Watch the bulletin for future speakers! For questions, call Dr. Richard Weiland at 507-645-2633 or Anne Fredrickson at 507-645-2348.

## YOUTH GROUP



*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

## NEIGHBORING EVENTS

There will be an hour of prayer at Planned Parenthood in St. Paul in some Fridays of Lent. The prayer is from 5 - 6 p.m. You are welcome to attend. **March 5, 12, 19, 26 - Lenten Vigils**, Planned Parenthood, 1965 Ford Parkway, 5 - 6:00 p.m.

During this modified "40 Days for Life," we strongly encourage you to pray outside Planned Parenthood anytime on the Fridays in Lent. We will conduct a formal time of group prayer from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. each Friday, except Good Friday

Archbishop Nienstedt will be at Planned Parenthood (1965 Ford Parkway) on Good Friday @ 8:30am

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.

## Certificates for Couples Married 50+ Years

The Archdiocesan Office for Marriage, Family & Life is once again honoring couples in the Archdiocese who have been married 50 years or longer. An attractive Certificate of Recognition, signed by Archbishop Nienstedt, will be mailed to all couples married 50 years or longer in the calendar year 2010. The longest married couple will be honored on June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Marriage Day Mass and Celebration at the Cathedral of St. Paul. **Requests need to be made in writing and received by April 1, 2010.** The letter should include the following information: First and last names of the couple, number of years they've been married, the address that the certificate should be sent to. Please send your requests to: Office for Marriage, Family & Life, c/o Marriage Certificates, 328 West Kellogg Boulevard, Saint Paul, MN 55102

The Institute for Pastoral Theology of Ave Maria University is accepting applications until April 15<sup>th</sup> for their Masters of Theology program beginning this fall in Minneapolis. This Masters Degree program has a unique and *Catholic* curriculum, a *pastoral* orientation, and a *one-weekend-per-month* format. This graduate programs has student of all ages, employed, retired or raising a family and they all come seeking a deeper knowledge of their faith. The program provides a systematic study of the Catholic faith and theology and has the non-traditional student's schedule in mind. If you would like to find out more contact [Rachel.McCauley@avemaria.edu](mailto:Rachel.McCauley@avemaria.edu) or if you would like to talk to a local student in the program you can contact Kathy Chlan at 952-652-2286.

**Weight Watchers.** Look and feel your best this summer – join us today! Meetings are held every Thursday, in the Bari Meeting room (in old school) weigh in is at 6pm & meeting begins at 6:30pm. Any questions e-mail Tammy @ [TAMMYWWLEADER@YAHOO.COM](mailto:TAMMYWWLEADER@YAHOO.COM)

Catholic Youth Camp, on Big Sandy Lake in McGregor, MN offers resident camp programming for youth in 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Currently taking registrations at [www.cycamp.org](http://www.cycamp.org) or call 651-636-1645 for information.

St. Patrick Men's Club is sponsoring a Euchre Tournament on Friday evening, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Social Hall in St. Patrick. Registration begins at 6:30pm. Tournament begins at 7:30pm. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 4 teams. Food & Beverage will be available. Cost is \$20 per team.

A Mass of Remembrance for Babies who died before or after birth will be celebrated at the Church of St. Dominic's in Northfield on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 6:30pm. If you have lost a child, come join us. Write a note entrusting your child to God to place before the altar and receive a special pin in memory of your child. Call 507-645-8816 for directions or more information

Southwest Suburbs – Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration – April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-3:30pm – St. John the Baptist, Jordan. Join in celebrating with the universal Catholic Church the incredible gift of God's infinite mercy to all sinners. Take advantage of the innumerable graces Jesus wants to give you on the Feast of His Mercy! For more information call Mary Kay 952-447-3970.

