

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday April 11, 2010

## "Your will, which is love and mercy itself."

I wish you all a blessed Divine Mercy Sunday. The words above come from the concluding prayer that is often prayed after the chaplet at the 3:00pm "hour of mercy" as revealed to Sr. Faustina (see <http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/hour.htm>). The full (optional) closing prayer goes: *Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.*

God's will is what I hope to do as your pastor and I invite you to a renewed sense of seeking this first in your life as well. This *will* is so much bigger than us! When we were ordained priests in our grand Cathedral of St. Paul, we kept saying as we looked out at the packed pews and over the city: "Whoa...this is so much bigger than us!" That is to say, I see so little, so help me God to see what you want me to see and do what you want me to do.

Though Elko New Market is not as big a city as St. Paul, we at this beautiful parish of St. Nicholas have a wonderful call and responsibility to cherish what we have received as a gift and share it with others around us. We do this in an imperfect world. We could call to mind countless ways in which we are in need of God's mercy as he pours that out this day. Yet, we are not the savior of the world. He is. And he invites us to participate in that salvation by serving him in prayerful worship and love to our neighbor.

Along with the leaders in our parish, we hope to propose to you in a new way an opportunity to commit yourself more and thus find more joy in belonging to this parish family. I am reminded of Cardinal Pell's words at the opening of World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia in 2008: *"Don't spend your life sitting on the fence, keeping your options open, because only commitments bring fulfillment. Happiness comes from meeting our obligations, doing our duty, especially in small matters and regularly, so we can rise to meet the harder challenges."*

Please join me in prayerfully seeking the wisdom and grace of God in all our efforts, so we can better serve him here and be with him in glory forever. Let us pray to our Lady under the title we have used in our parish devotions for some time: *Mother of Perpetual Help, you continually sought the meaning of God's words and actions in your life. As we listen to God's Word as a parish family, may the Holy Spirit enlighten our understanding and give us the courage to put his Word into practice in our daily lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

God bless you and give you his mercy today,

-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  
Tuesday.....Fatima Rosary Group  
Wednesday...Religious Ed.  
Thursday.....NO MASS, Mom's Group 9:30, RCIA @ 7pm  
Saturday.....Blessed Art Sale after 5pm mass in basement  
Sunday.....DONUT SUNDAY/ Blessed Art Sale after morning masses in church basement

There will be morning mass next week on Tues., Wed., Fri., & Sat.

**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.

Hello parishioners of St. Nicholas! This weekend and forward we continue to invite you to take a look at the Commitment to Parish Life Program. We hope to offer all current parishioners and those to come a deeper look into the life of the parish and an invitation to take a further step in your commitment of your whole life. There are mailings to explain this and more explanations coming. Please join the leaders of the parish as we seek to serve you and the community by placing this and all our efforts under the protection of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, a title we as a parish have a long tradition of honoring. Here is our prayer we are praying in these first weeks with the intention of doing the best thing for this community at this time. Pray with me: *Mother of Perpetual Help, you continually sought the meaning of God's words and actions in your life. As we listen to God's Word as a parish family, may the Holy Spirit enlighten our understanding and give us the courage to put his Word into practice in our daily lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

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**All 8th Grade and High School Students!** Come to the Dead Theologian Society (DTS) Sunday nights from 6-9pm! We will begin with sports from 6-7pm outside if good weather, otherwise in the youth room. Then, we will learn about a Dead Theologian (saint) for a bit. We have a delicious home-cooked meal to follow and wind up the night with a blessing from our Eucharistic Lord. We begin Sunday April 25. See you there! -Fr. Adams


**All parishioners and anyone interested in supporting the youth:** Come to pray for an hour or more in adoration in the main church of our parish Sunday nights from 6-9pm. The adoration chapel will be closed during these hours for at least 5 weeks from April 25 - May 23 for the kick-off of our Dead Theologian Society for the teens of our area. We need your prayerful support to help form and encourage the future of our church! We will close adoration in the main church with night prayer and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:45pm those Sunday evenings and resume adoration in the regular chapel of our old school building. God reward you! -Fr. Adams

### **ATTENTION - ALL GRADUATING SENIORS and 10<sup>th</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS of ST. NICHOLAS PARISH**

Please join us on Sunday April 25th at the 10am mass for a special sending ceremony in your honor! (All students should meet in the church basement at 9:50 to process into church with Father). Please join us following mass in the church basement for a Pancake & Sausage breakfast, sponsored by the KC'C.

The St Nicholas Knights will host their last pancake breakfast of the year on Sunday April 25th From 8 am till noon in the church basement. Please come down after each Mass for some delicious eats and great fellowship and help support the Knights in all their good works. Also, any confirmants are encouraged to sign up for service hours that morning, contact Pat Theisen at 952 461 2599 to sign up."



 Come and join us for Donuts, Coffee & Fellowship with your neighbors, friends and family on Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup>, following the morning masses.

The St Nicholas Knights of Columbus are selling raffle tickets for their annual "Big Ticket Raffle" being held on Saturday, June 26th at 6 pm. We have some fantastic prizes this year; 2 beautiful Polaris 4wd atv's (500cc H.O. and 300cc) and an Insignia 46"1080p LCD HDTV. Over \$10,000 dollars in prizes. Raffle tickets are \$50.00 a piece, so plan on picking up a ticket or two and register to win one of these great prizes and help support the Knights in all their good works. Visit your favorite Knight to get your tickets or see Tom Wagner or Pat Theisen for more info."

We will be preparing & serving a meal at Sharing & Caring Hands on Monday, April 19th. Cooking will begin at 8am in the church basement. If you would like to lend a helping hand please call Mary Zweber at 461-2366.

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.

We want to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, food and good wishes following Ben's knee surgery and heart attack. It is very much appreciated by all of us - "Your rewards will be out of this world." Ben & Mary Zweber & Family

### 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 14th - Friday June 18th.

Time: 8:45 - 11:30am.

Ages 4 (must be 4 by June 1st) - Gr. 5th (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 1st.

### CHICKEN COOKOUT FUNDRAISER

**BIG TICKET RAFFLE - We will continue to accept donations for the our 41st 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.

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

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 28, May 12 and June 2. If you would like to join or would like more information call Deb at 952-652-2349.

### RELIGIOUS ED.

April / May Calendar .....

April 14th - Last day of religion for 10th graders. All Confirmation Journals must be turned in to you teachers.

April 19th - Confirmation @ Divine Mercy in Faribault 7pm

April 21st - 1st Communion Interviews (Mrs. Bertram's Class)

April 28th - 1st Communion Interviews (Mrs. Brake's Class)

May 1st - First Communion Practice 9:30am

May 2nd - First Communion 12pm Mass / Professional Pictures at Before Mass

May 5th - Mass At St. Nicholas @ 6pm, followed by Pizza Party in the church basement.

#### Mass Intentions

Sat	10	5:00 pm	For the Parish
Sun	11	8:00 am	Bob Devine+
Sun	11	10:00 am	Special Intention
Tues	13	8:00 am	Bishop Piche
Wed	14	8:00 am	Deceased Members of Catholic Aid
Thurs	15	8:00 am	NO MASS
Fri	16	8:00 am	Poor Souls
Sat	17	8:30 am	Joan Britten+
Sat	17	5:00 pm	Rose Gregory+
Sun	18	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	18	10:00 am	Confirmands & Graduating Seniors

#### Daily Scriptures

Mon	Acts of Apos 4:23-31	John 3:1-8
Tue	Acts of Apos 4:32-37	John 3:7b-15
Wed	Acts of Apos 5:17-26	John 3:16-21
Thu	Acts of Apos 5:27-33	John 3:31-36
Fri	Acts of Apos 5:34-42	John 6:1-15
Sat	Acts of Apos 6:1-7	John 6:16-21
Sun	Acts of Apos 5:27-32,40b-41/Revelation 5:11-14/John 21:1-19	

#### Liturgical Stewardship

April 17 & 18

5pm	Lectors:	Pat Biren
	Ministers:	Ken Thomas-H, Kathy Chlan-Ch-H
	Servers:	Justin Biren
8am	Lectors:	Matt Damiani
	Ministers:	Linda Bunnell-H, Mike Moeller-Ch-H
	Servers:	Nik & Jakob Friedges
	Ushers:	<b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>
10am	Lectors:	Tom Michaud
	Ministers:	Anne Conway-H, Julie Nelson-Ch-H
	Servers:	Steven Conway, Doug Nelson
	Ushers:	Ron Chlan, Mike Chlan

#### Sacrificial Support Week 40/ April 4, 2010

Budget	\$4900	Budget-to-date	\$196000
Received	\$7067	Received-to-date	\$185945
Capital Improvement	\$10		

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## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

"Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy." Jesus told St. M. Faustina that the Blessed Sacrament is the "throne of My mercy on earth," and to daily "Adore, in the Blessed Sacrament, My Heart, which is full of mercy," (Divine Mercy Diary, 300, 1485, & 1572)

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, **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

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

**TODAY** - Holy Cross Spring Athletic Breakfast serving from 8am-12pm at the school. You will enjoy a scrambled egg and ham breakfast, cinnamon rolls, fruit and coffee. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children over 5 years.

**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.

**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.

**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

**Our next planning meeting will be Wednesday, April 21st at 7:00pm in the Youth Room!** We will be discussing the new itinerary and upcoming payment deadlines. Parents are welcome to attend. Haven't come to a World Youth Day meeting yet? Its not too late to come and find out all about it! See you on the 21st! Questions...email Meg Anderson at [shmeegzey@yahoo.com](mailto:shmeegzey@yahoo.com).

**Youth interested in attending April 22<sup>nd</sup>'s Culture of Life speaker, Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk in Northfield** are to call Molly Havlicek at 952-461-2933. Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk serves as Director of Education for The National Catholic Bioethics Center. He earned his Ph.D. in neuroscience, has worked as a molecular biologist and has studied dogmatic theology and bioethics. We will meet in the youth room at 5:30pm for supper and leave for the Church of St. Dominic's in Northfield at 6:15pm.

### NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**Please join the Church of St. Michael in Prior Lake for our annual April Fest on April 23 (7p-11p), 24 (11a-11p), & 25 (11:30a-5p)** . Come for the music, fun, food and prizes. Visit [www.aprilfest.org](http://www.aprilfest.org) for additional information.

**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

**St. Maron Church – Taste of Lebanon Authentic Lebanese Dinner – Sat. April 18<sup>th</sup> Noon – 6pm.** Cedars Hall, 602 University Ave. NE, Minneapolis. Tickets: \$15 Adult, \$8 per child (3-12). Order tickets on line at [www.stmaron.com](http://www.stmaron.com) Ticket sales end April 11, no tickets will be available at the door.

The snow has melted as the temperatures begin to climb, everyone will be itching to get outdoors. **This is perfect timing for the Walk For Life! The Walk for Life is one of the major fundraisers Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center, located in Savage.** It is a great way to spend time with friends and family while raising funds and awareness to benefit women and men facing unplanned pregnancies. Please consider spending some of your time with us for this worthy and fun event. The event will be held on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 9am at Savage Community Park/Environment Learning Center. For questions or more information, please contact Ben Zweber at 461-2366

#### **Vianney – A play honoring Year for Priests**

A performance of the play Vianney will be hosted by The Saint Paul Seminary and Saint John Vianney College Seminary at the University of Saint Thomas on April 26. The performance will begin at 7:00pm at the O'Shaughnessy Educational Center. Admission is free and open to the public. Vianney portrays the life of Saint John Vianney, the patron saint of priests, who led an incredible life inspiring hundreds of thousands of people. The performance is part of the celebration of the "Year for Priests" proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI. For information call 651-962-5050 or visit [www.saintpaulseminary.org](http://www.saintpaulseminary.org).