

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDI AND GRADUATES, YOU CAN DO IT FIRST COMMUNICANTS!!!

Hello brothers and sisters! How blessed are we to have 16 newly confirmed young men and women in our midst! And again how blessed are we to have 20 graduating high school seniors among us! And even again how hugely blessed are we to have 38 second graders receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time next Sunday. Grace abounds!

This is a great time of year with new life, new hope and many things to celebrate. What else could we want for our young people but to be filled with life, hope and all good things. For this reason starting this Sunday night we invite all 8th grade through high school seniors in the parish (and visiting youth) to come to the Dead Theologian Society. If you are wondering what the heck this is, check out the website:

<http://www.deadtheologianssociety.com/>

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, wants to keep speaking to you and most especially when we have been confirmed and graduate and get all grown up. The world, the flesh and the devil also want to speak to us and say things like: "now you are *all DONE* with religion!" But in reality it has just begun. In our Catholic religion we meet someone not a thing. I say our *Catholic* religion, not something else. We are strongly hearing other voices in these days that are showing so many of the troubles with the members of the Catholic Church...and troubled we are. But it is not *Catholic* to abuse someone. It is not *Catholic* to do anything sinful. So we can say when we see something so discouraging and unappealing to us: "That is not of Jesus, that is not the church." Then with Paul and Barnabas in the Acts of the Apostles, we can "shake the dust off our feet" and move on to where God would have us.

I invite and challenge all of you young people and your families to see this time of your life as a new beginning of living fully. Do not settle for living only for this world and all its delights. Only life in Christ gives our restless hearts the deep joy we are all looking for. "Consider yourself dead to sin and alive in Christ!" (Romans 6, the motto of the Dead Theologians)

See you Sunday nights here at St. Nicholas from 6-9 for sports, teaching on a Dead Theologian, a home cooked meal and Benediction. For anyone else interested, please come and pray in adoration in the main church anywhere from 6-9pm. We will close down the adoration chapel during those hours. Night prayer will be at 8:45pm and end with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 9. God bless,

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..... Confirmation/Graduates Mass, Pancake & Sausage Breakfast following masses, DTS 6-9pm
Tuesday..... Fatima Rosary Group & Mother of Perp. Help, KC Meeting 7:30pm
Wednesday... Religious Ed., Book Club 7:15
Thursday..... Mom's Group 9:15am
Saturday..... First Comm. practice 9:30am
Sunday..... First Comm. 12pm, DTS 6-9pm

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.

Commitment to Parish Life Update

Dear parishioners, we continue to invite you to learn about the Commitment to Parish Life Program (CPL) that has begun in these weeks. The introductory letter will be arriving this week. Please read this letter and expect more details to follow. Most importantly, I ask for your prayers that we may respond to the Good Lord in this part of his vineyard. *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.* -Fr. Adams

The bans of marriage are published first time between Nicholas Zahratka and Randi Heyer.

Upcoming Parish Council Elections

There are several positions up for parish council election this June.

Council positions are open to all parish members. Anyone interested in running for council membership should submit in writing your intention to run for election and complete a history / interest form, along with a picture of yourself. Please call Lisa Lehman in the parish office for the history / interest form.

TODAY is the last pancake breakfast of the season. Please join us after each Mass for some delicious eats and great fellowship and help support the Knights in all their good works. At the breakfast we will be honoring the Graduating Seniors and the Confirmation Students! Congratulations to all of you!



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.

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."

CHICKEN COOKOUT FUNDRAISER

THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND – to have your donation listed on the RAFFLE TICKET. 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.

Right here in the United States, some dioceses are unable to provide fundamental pastoral care for their faithful. These "Home Mission" dioceses cannot support an adequate number of priests. They cannot afford funding for youth ministry programs or religious education.

This week we take up a collection for the Catholic Home Mission Appeal. Help strengthen the church at home with a generous donation.

Vacation Bible School – 2010

OPENING TO OUTSIDE THE PARISH AS OF MAY 1st.
If you have not signed up, please do so now.
Once we open to the public we will hit our capacity within days.

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.

A series of Natural Family Planning (NFP) classes will be held here at St. Nicholas School, beginning May 6th from 6:30-9:30pm, and will continue on June 3rd and July 8th. To register for this class please call Scott or Gail Hunt at 952-758-3961.

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.**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

Please note that for the next 5 Sunday nights from 6-9 pm, Adoration will be in the Main church. If you are an adorer during one of these hours, please come to the Main church for your Holy hour. (The Chapel will close down at 6 pm and will reopen at 9 pm.) All are welcome to come to the Main church during this time for prayer and support of our teens and the Dead Theologian Society. At 8:45 pm in the Main church, there will be night prayer and Benediction to close the night.

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, 7 pm-(on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month), **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.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

The 13th Annual Holy Cross Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, July 16. We have moved to a new location this year, Boulder Pointe Golf Club in Elko. We invite you to join us for a 1pm shotgun start. We are currently registering golfers and looking for sponsors for our event. Brochures with information can be found at the back of church or contact the school office at 952-652-6100.

The Annual Spring Can Drive will be on Saturday, May 1 from 8am-12pm in the parking lot of Immaculate Conception Church in Lonsdale. Please support the school by recycling your aluminum cans on May 1.

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.

RELIGIOUS ED.

April / May Calendar

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	24	5:00 pm	Stuart & Joyce Rusell+
Sun	25	8:00 am	ILah & Wilson Brodie+
Sun	25	10:00 am	John Bednar+
Tues	27	8:00 am	Leo & Anna Stencil+
Wed	28	8:00 am	Deceased members of Catholic Aid+
Thurs	29	8:00 am	Bernadine Popp+
Fri	30	8:00 am	Wilfred Thomas+
Sat	1	8:30 am	Joan Britten+
Sat	1	5:00 pm	For the Parish
Sun	2	8:00 am	David & Ruth Stencil+
Sun	2	10:00 am	First Communicants

Daily Scriptures		
Mon	Acts of Apos 11:1-18	John 10:11-18
Tue	Acts of Apos 11:19-26	John 10:22-30
Wed	Acts of Apos 12:24-13:5a	John 12:44-50
Thu	Acts of Apos 13:13-25	John 13:16-20
Fri	Acts of Apos 13:26-33	John 14:1-6
Sat.	Acts of Apos 13:44-52	John 14:7-14
Sun	Acts of Apos 14:21-27/Revelation 21:1-5a/John 13:31-33a,34-35	

Liturgical Stewardship		May 1 & 2
5pm	Lectors:	Vicky Chlan-H
	Ministers:	Mary Forland-Ch-H
	Servers:	Josh Chlan
8am	Lectors:	Mike Moeller-H
	Ministers:	Lynda Bunnell-Ch-H
	Servers:	Nicholas Korman, Peter Soderlund
	Ushers:	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
10am	Lectors:	Paul Panka-H
	Ministers:	Larry Caduff-Ch-H
	Servers:	Matt Alacheff, Joseph Panka
	Ushers:	Ron Chlan, Mike Chlan

Sacrificial Support Week 42/ April 18, 2010			
Budget	\$4900	Budget-to-date	\$205800
Received	\$4094	Received-to-date	\$196223
Capital Improvement		\$165	

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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

Pro-Life Across America's Annual Culture of Life Banquet is on May 13 at St. John the Baptist Church in New Brighton. Social is at 6pm with dinner to follow. Our guest speaker is Michael Clancy, a gifted photographer who is best known for his nationally recognized photo of Baby Samuel, then a pre-born baby, who reached out from the womb to grab the surgeon's finger, during delicate corrective surgery for spina bifida. You will be inspired and uplifted by Michael's touching testimony and the behind the scenes controversy and shock waves that resulted from the photo of Baby Samuel. For more information and to order tickets please call Christine 612-782-9434. Sorry, but tickets will not be sold at the door.

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

Catholic Youth Camp, on Big Sandy Lake in McGregor, MN offers resident camp programming for youth in 1st – 12th grades. Currently taking registrations at www.cycamp.org or call 651-636-1645 for information.

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 1st, beginning at 9am at Savage Community Park/Environment Learning Center. For questions or more information, please contact Ben Zweber at 461-2366

MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA – MAY 8 – 9:00-11:30 AM

The Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center in Savage, MN, invites ALL women – moms, daughters, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, cousins, nieces and girlfriends – to Brackett's Crossing Country Club (17976 Judicial Road, Lakeville) for a morning of Fun, Fellowship & Food. Celebrate the women in your life with Clara Klutz who will have you laughing at housework with her "Cleaning with Clara" tips. There will be a variety of fabulous merchandise vendors, musical talent, door prizes...and, of course, scrumptious treats to eat. Tickets are \$15 per person and are required as seating is limited. To purchase your ticket, call 952-447-5683, or order online at www.alphaprc.com/friends under "Upcoming Events." (Tickets purchased online are \$16 each to cover administrative costs.) Deadline is April 26.

The Veseli Area Lions Club and the Veseli Baseball Club will be hosting a local competition of the Aquafina Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit and Run on Saturday, May 8th at 10:00 am (registration at 900am) at the Veseli DRS Baseball Park.

The event is free and open to boys and girls ages 7 – 14 who want to participate in an exciting baseball/softball skills competition. ****NEW THIS YEAR –** Boys and girls will be scored separately and girls will be using softballs instead of baseballs!! All you have to do is show up, bring a copy of your birth certificate, fill out a registration form with a parent's signature and compete in the 3 different skills events.

For more information, please call Barb Skluzacek at 507-744-2725