

Pentecost Sunday - May 23rd, 2010

My Bride

When someone poked at Catholics for something the other day, I thought to myself: "Don't speak about my bride that way." In these beautiful days of May, we have no problem being respectful of the many couples getting married today by offering them the music, dress, limousine, dance and honeymoon they want...because *it is their wedding*. We would like to think that this happens once in someone's life and therefore to make it as special as we can seems legitimate to most people. Even for so called "same-sex" marriage, our contemporary culture is trying to pave the way to not offend anyone with this inclination (even though the real question is what is *authentic* marriage, the way God intended it to be).

When it comes to the Catholic church however, we have a desperate need for St. Paul's fifth chapter to the Ephesians that helps us see this "great mystery...[of] Christ and the church. He is the bridegroom and she is the church. When a newly ordained priest (*alter Christus*/another Christ) walks down the aisle of the Cathedral (which happens this Saturday the 29th in St. Paul at 10am, COME and check it out), he walks hand in hand with his bride. This is his wedding day. Mine was six years ago on May 29th.

Why is it so hard to understand this bride of Christ? It is because she has a "human and a divine element...visible but endowed with invisible realities, zealous in action and dedicated to contemplation, present in the world, but as a pilgrim, so constituted that in her the human is directed toward and subordinated to the divine, the visible to the invisible, action to contemplation, and this present world to that city yet to come, the object of our quest." (Catechism # 771)

Who of us can ever understand God? And because we come from him, we are a mystery to ourselves. But we can know something of both the human and the divine. Pentecost was the coming of the Spirit of God to give us more of this knowledge and other gifts so that we could be the bride of Christ and proclaim him to all the world. The saints show this in their lives. The good people of this parish who built its walls, who now serve in so many of its apostolates, who pray in adoration for you and me...all show that the Spirit is alive here.

We are challenged today to ask what the church is? Is she just a club where we make human decisions on spending money and eating food? Is it just for the perfect among us who have life all figured out? Or rather, is she a family...in fact *the* family of God where you and I find the fullness of salvation that exists nowhere else? Is she not a hospital for sinners? And most importantly, is she not the bride of Christ who "loved" her and "handed himself over for her." (Ephesians 5:25)

To all who defame, who attack and misunderstand the Catholic Church and her teachings, please do not speak of my bride in that way. Happy Pentecost!

-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..... Hall Rented, DTS 6-9pm

Tuesday..... Fatima Rosary Group & Mother of Perp. Help

KC Meeting 7:30, CMLG Meeting 7pm in Myra Meeting Room

Sunday..... DTS 6-9pm

Mary Statues are available for anyone who did receive one last time. They are located outside behind the church (by the BBQ pit).

CPL Update

Hopefully everyone has received their Parish Profile in the mail this past week and enjoy seeing the good things God is doing here. Please consider your call in this part of his vineyard. -Fr. Adams

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.

CHICKEN COOKOUT 2010 PLEASE PICK UP YOUR RAFFEL TICKETS IN THE BACK OF CHURCH!

If you need cake pans for all your baked goods, they will be available in the church hall beginning Saturday, May 29.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help make this years' Chicken Cookout a huge success. Please volunteer to work a 2 hour shift. You may sign up as a family, with neighbors, friends or as an individual. The volunteer sign up book is located in the back of church. All volunteers will be called to confirm the area and time you signed up for.

Attention all gardeners and lovers of fresh produce! Beginning in early summer, the PPB will begin hosting "Bountiful Blessings" each Sunday following Mass. Gardeners are invited to donate garden produce and everyone is invited to purchase! Proceeds from this mini-farmers' market will benefit some of the ministries of St. Nick's! If you would like to donate produce or would like more information, please contact Katherine DeWall at 952.797.2359 or lange0223@msn.com or Paula Brohmer at 952.247.4263 or jabrohmer@integra.net.

"Come all interested drivers and passengers if you wish for your keys and/or vehicle to be blessed on the weekend of June 12 and 13! Blessings will follow Mass! This is an especially great opportunity for new drivers and for families looking forward to the summer travel season."

Memorial Day Cemetery Service – a unit from the VFW will conduct the annual Memorial Day cemetery service at St. Nicholas. They are scheduled to be here at approximately 8:50am, Monday morning, May 31st. Mass will be in the church at 8am.

AFTER MEMORIAL DAY – all flowers left on the cemetery will be removed!

To help keep supply costs down, we are looking for art supplies and game donations for Vacation Bible School.

The items we would like to see donated (these can be used); badmitten rackets, nets & birdies, children size golf clubs & golf balls, croquet set, craft items; beads, sequence, yarn, popsicle sticks, stickers, adhesive foam stickers, paint and construction paper. Thank you in advance for helping us keep costs down!!

To register for Vacation Bible School, please call the parish office at 952-461-2403.

Consecration of Your Home to the Sacred Heart

Several families in the parish have prepared for nine days and made a special act of consecration to the Sacred Heart of their home and their family. I invite any of you who wish to do so to let me know if you are interested in this during the month of June. Fr. Adams @ 461-2403

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.

BOOK CLUB

St. Nicholas evening Book Club. We meet at Deb Streefland's home from 7:15 – 9pm. The last gathering date is June 2.

CMLG

Tuesday, May 25th @ 7pm, in Myra Meeting Room in old school building. Come join us as Father will share his experiences from his recent trip to Ireland and England. **Key Agenda Item:** Sign up for Country Store at Chicken Cookout.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

"The veil of mystery has been torn asunder. He is there, my God, infinite Unity, adorable Trinity, under the appearance of a small piece of bread. Jesus is there, in His sacred Humanity, His Heart, His precious Blood, His Soul, His eternal Divinity; He is there, whole and entire, in each Host consecrated throughout the world and in each fragment of consecrated Host" (Blessed Dina Belanger).

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.

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, 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."

RELIGIOUS ED.

Attention all students who will be in the 9th & 10th Grade Confirmation Program in Fall of 2010. You can begin to calculate your service hours over summer. All students' need to complete 15 hours of service, their 9th & 10th grade years. **Summer opportunities:** Chicken Cookout (you can work more than one shift), Fire & Rescue Parade, hours at the Adoration Chapel, Donut Sundays. If you are available to help at the Traders Market on May 29, 30 & 31 or July 3,4& 5 call Dawn at Holy Cross School 652-6100.

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

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

Mass Intentions			
Sat	22	5:00 pm	Linus & Aurelia Hartmann+ Ben & Mary Zwebber
Sun	23	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	23	10:00 am	Bob Devine, Alois & Susan Wagner+
Tues	25	8:00 am	Arlene Simon+
Wed	26	8:00 am	
Thurs	27	8:00 am	
Fri	28	8:00 am	
Sat	29	8:30 am	
Sat	29	5:00 pm	Stuart & Joyce Rusell+
Sun	30	8:00 am	Sherwin Evavold+
Sun	30	10:00 am	For the Parish

Daily Scriptures		
Mon	1 Peter 1:3-9	Mark 10:17-27
Tue	1 Peter 1:10-16	Mark 10:28-31
Wed	1 Peter 1:18-25	Mark 10:32-45
Thu	1 Peter 2:2-5,9-12	Mark 10:46-52
Fri	1 Peter 4:7-13	Mark 11:11-26
Sat	Jude 17, 20b-25	Mark 11:27-33
Sun	Proverbs 8:22-31/Romans 5:1-5/John 16:12-15	

Liturgical Stewardship		May 29 & 30	
5pm	Lectors:	Gail Mathews-H	
	Ministers:	Chuck Mathews-Ch-H	
	Servers:	Ray & Andrew Petroski	
8am	Lectors:	Margo Theisen-H	
	Ministers:	Ralph Wagner-Ch-H	
	Servers:	Joseph Knight, Nicholas Korman	
	Ushers:	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	
10am	Lectors:	Justine Panka	
	Ministers:	Jackie Devine-H, Larry Caduff-Ch-H	
	Servers:	Robert Devine, Joseph Panka	
	Ushers:	Jeff Merrit, Tim Burke	

Sacrificial Support Week 46/ May 16, 2010			
Budget	\$4900	Budget-to-date	\$225400
Received	\$3414	Received-to-date	\$209793
Capital Improvement \$60 / Cemetery Care \$214			

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HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

You are invited to the **Holy Cross Memorial Ball Field Dedication and Summer Kickoff BBQ & Dance!** Please join us on Thursday, May 27 at Holy Cross School. The evening will begin with a dedication of the newly completed Holy Cross Memorial Ball Field at 5:30pm. The field was built with the support of many generous volunteers, and funded by donations from the Melissa Friedges Memorial Fund, annual Melissa Friedges Memorial Softball Tournament and other private donations. Following the dedication, there will be BBQ food & beverages available for purchase. Along with a dance and homerun derby from 6-10pm. Tickets are \$20 per family and can be purchased in the school office or by calling 952-652-6100.

Summer Scrip Orders will be on Monday, June 14, Monday, July 12 and August 9. Orders are due by 8am and will be available for pick up on Friday of the same week. You can place orders online at www.shopwithscrip.com

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.

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.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

The Couple to Couple League will be offering a series of classes, for engaged and married couples, on the Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning here at the Church of St. Nicholas in the Myra Room. Classes will be held on Thursday, June 3rd & July 8th at 7pm. CCL's new streamlined methodology and new materials integrate Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Registration/info at <http://twincities.ccli.org> or by calling 612-721-3791