

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 13th, 2010

The Priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus

With the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus this past Friday, the "Year of the Priest" is brought to a close. However these two subjects mentioned above, in the words of St. John Vianney, remain. God continues to ordain priests and he keeps revealing his heart.

One of my big priest mentors has said: "As a priest, *everything* I do is important." People see everything we do, which can be frightening. Even blowing my nose and using the bathroom does not go unnoticed. But, the good news about this is that when the Lord keeps giving the grace and I can respond to his life and love, there is meaning in my whole day as a priest. And the point of that is to guide and encourage each of you *lay* priests to see that *everything* you do is important. When your baptismal grace is alive and well in you, each part of your day is so meaningful because you too are living out your vocation (as mom, dad, worker, consecrated religious, son, daughter, student...etc.). God has a calling/vocation/plan for you and I and the power/grace to live it.

None of this makes any real sense though without love. "Man cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible for himself, his life is senseless, if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not participate in it intimately." -Redemptoris Hominis John Paul II

To find the meaning of love, we go to the heart of Jesus: "By contemplating the pierced side of Christ (cf. 19:37), we can understand ...[that] "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8). It is there that this truth can be contemplated. It is from there that our definition of love must begin. In this contemplation the Christian discovers the path along which his life and love must move." - Deus Caritas Est Pope Benedict

When you and I have not experienced this love, especially in a priest, it doesn't seem real or possible. But the Lord wants to give us the good news that it is possible and has happened over and over in the lives of the saints. Jesus is the High Priest who does want to show you and I his heart as we come to the Eucharist and spend time with him in regular prayer. He also wants to share his priesthood with those called to the ordained ministry so that they can be like him and all saintly priests.

With this close of the Year for Priests, let us only begin to draw closer to the Heart of Jesus and place there our lives, our priests and let him place in our heart his love for us. Pray for priests! Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, make our hearts like unto thine!

-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

Monday.....VBS 8:45-11:30
Tuesday.....VBS 8:45 - 11:30, Fatima Rosary Group
Wednesday..VBS 8:45-11:30
Thursday....VBS 8:45-11:30
Friday.....VBS 8:45-12:30 (Mass at 11am)

Mary Statues are available for anyone who did not receive one last time. They are located outside behind the church (by BBQ pit). Compliments of the Knights of Columbus

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

The following babies have received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism here at St. Nicholas: **Claire Elizabeth Nohner**, daughter of Chad and Michelle Nohner; **Elizabeth Therese Damiani**, daughter of Matt and Lisa Damiani. We warmly welcome these children into the family of Christ.

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.

"If you are not Catholic or know someone who is not (even if you are coming to Mass but never received First Confession, First Communion and/or Confirmation) and would like to inquire about doing so, contact the pastor over the summer for the start of classes in the Fall." -Fr. Adams

CHICKEN COOKOUT 2010

- **If you signed up to make a donation to the Big Ticket Raffle**, Please drop your donation at the parish office, in the collection basket or at LouAnn Wagners. If you have questions please call LouAnn at 461-3026
- **If you need cake pans for all your baked goods, they are available in the church basement.**
- **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!!**
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.

"Bountiful Blessings," a sort of Farmer's Market, supported by donations of produce and donations made to "purchase" the produce will held following the 8 AM and 10 AM masses this summer! Donations of fruit, vegetables, flowers, and herbs are welcome. Please package in clear plastic bags and deliver to the "Bountiful Blessings" table in the lawn of St. Nick's prior to the start of Mass each week. Donations will be collected each week and given to both the Food Shelf and the Youth Group at the end of the growing season. "Bountiful Blessings" will not be held the weekend of the Chicken Cookout.

Not a gardener? Please let us know if you would like to staff the "Bountiful Blessings" table following either the 8 AM or 10 AM Mass! We'd love your assistance! And, please come and purchase wonderful, fresh produce! Thank You!

Please feel free to contact me at 952.797.2359 or Paula Brohmer at 952.247.4263 with any questions! Thank You!

"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."

CHOIR

Choir will be singing Sunday June 20th.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

"To keep me from sin and straying from Him, God has used devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. My life vows

destined to be spent in the light irradiating from the tabernacle, and it is to the Heart of Jesus that I dare go for the solution of all my problems" (Pope Bl. John XXIII).

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

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.

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 July 3,4& 5 call Dawn at Holy Cross School 652-6100.

PRO-LIFE

RECLAIMING THE CULTURE OF MARRIAGE AND LIFE

Questions & Answers

"What do you mean when you say you want to 'reclaim the culture'?"

Increasingly, our current culture questions and opposes the sanctity of marriage and the value of human life. The favored alternative social structure advocates individual and self-focused lifestyle choices without respect to societal good. However, social science provides overwhelming evidence of the extensive benefits of stable, traditional marriage for the health and well-being of society. Because we believe so strongly in the societal good provided by traditional marriage that is open to the procreation and protection of human life, we seek to reaffirm this understanding among the Catholic faithful and advocate for this time-honored definition of the human family.

"Isn't this really just an attack on gay marriage and gay people?"

No. Our goal is to provide active education and advocacy for healthy, stable Christian marriages that are consistently open to the procreation and protection of human life.

Mass Intentions			
Sat	12	5:00 pm	Floyd Hartmann+
Sun	13	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	13	10:00 am	Bob Devine+
Tues	15	8:00 am	Joan Britten+
Wed	16	8:00 am	Mike Hennen+
Thurs	17	8:00 am	
Fri	18	8:00 am	Corrine Zweber+
Sat	19	8:30 am	Elizabeth Wagner+
Sat	19	5:00 pm	Marie Busch+
Sun	20	8:00 am	Donald Kremer+
Sun	20	10:00 am	For the Parish

Daily Scriptures			
Mon	2 Kings 17:5-8,13-15a,18	Matthew 7:1-5	
Tue	2 Kings 19:9b-11,14-21,31-35a,36	Matthew 7:6, 12-14	
Wed	2 Kings 22:8-13;23:1-3	Matthew 7:15-20	
Thu	Isaiah 49:1-6	Luke 1:57-66,80	
Fri	2 Kings 25:1-12	Matthew 8:1-4	
Sat.	Lamentations 2:2,10-14,18-19	Matthew 8:5-17	
Sun	Zechariah 12:10-11;13:1/Galatians 3:26-29/Luke 9:18-24		

Liturgical Stewardship		June 19 & 20
5pm	Lectors:	Pat Biren
	Ministers:	Jan Freeman-H, Kathy Chlan-Ch-H
	Servers:	Justin Biren
8am	Lectors:	Matt Damiani
	Ministers:	Lynda Bunnell-H, Leander Wagner-Ch-H
	Servers:	Nik & Jakob Friedges
	Ushers:	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
10am	Lectors:	Tom Michaud
	Ministers:	Chris Kuehl-H, Julie Nelson-Ch-H
	Servers:	Sam & Max Kjoss
	Ushers:	Mike Chlan, Alex Knutson

Sacrificial Support Week 49 / June 6, 2010			
Budget	\$4900	Budget-to-date	\$240100
Received	\$6721	Received-to-date	\$227554
Capital Improvement \$40 / Cemetery Care \$20			

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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

Do you have room in your heart and home for a child who is in transition and needs a safe, supportive home in which to live and grow? There is need for a few good homes in this area. Please call Candy Picka, Lutheran Social Service Treatment Foster Care, for more information at (612) 242-7553. LSS provides in-depth training, 24 hour staff availability, respite care, weekly coaching, and monthly non-taxable income.

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, 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

The Catholic Churches of Northeast Mpls. Will be holding the Sixth Annual Eucharistic Procession on Sunday, June 13th, to give honor and glory to our Lord's gift of the Eucharist by processing through our seven churches. Service will begin at 3pm at Holy Cross Church 1621 University Avenue NE. The procession will move to Sts. Cyril & Methodius, St. Anthony, St. Boniface, St. Maron, St. Constantine and closing Benedictions at All Saints 435 4th St. NE. Park in the lots by St. Maron's and St. Boniface on 7th and University and ride the shuttle busses to Holy Cross. In case of rain out, procession will be held at Saint Maron Church. For questions call 612-379-2324

Theology on Tap, sponsored by the Cathedral Young Adults & Catholic Aid Association, will be held on Wed. nights, from June 16th – July 21st @ Gabe's Roadhouse on the corner of Lexington and Energy Parkway at 991 N. Lexington Parkway. Doors open at 7pm and the presentation is from 7:30 – 8:45pm, giving young adults (ages 21 – 39, single and married) the opportunity to learn, share and ask about the Catholic faith. All sessions are free, however drinks and food are not included. Bring yourself and a friend

Do you know anyone with special needs or mental or physical disabilities age 16 or older, who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? We will have a disability sacramental information night on June 22, 2010 at 6:30 PM at the Hayden Building, 328 Kellogg Blvd. W, St. Paul, MN 55102. This is for parents, grandparents, guardians, DRE's or anyone interested or who assists persons with disabilities. Classes will be held on Saturday August 7th and 21st at 9:30 – 11:30 AM. Thank you in advance for your help in reaching out to all God's people. For more information, please contact Deacon Sean or Joan Curtan at (651) 291-4543 or email us at curtans@archspm.org

Please join us for a wonderful evening of music and help raise funds at the same time! Composer Bob Hindel and flutist Julia Bogorad will perform "*Panorama*", a benefit concert at St. Cecilia's Church, 2357 Bayless Place, St. Paul, Saturday, June 26th at 7 PM. All proceeds will go to the Counseling Program of Catholic Charities. Tickets are \$20 at the door, or call Nora at Catholic Charities at **651 647-3164** to reserve tickets in advance.

Hazelwood Church of the Annunciation, Rev. Thomas Rayar. Pastor announces its annual Festival and Consignment Auction to be held on Sunday, June 27th – rain or shine! A chicken and ham dinner with vegetables, kolacky and home made pies will be served from 10am – 2pm. Dinner tickets are: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-11 and children age 4 and under are free. The auction will begin at 11:30am. For auction information or to consign your items for the auction, call Bill at 652-2114 or Jeff at 652-2876.

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY CELEBRATION JUNE 27th

Mark your calendars for this year's Archdiocesan Rural Life Sunday celebration on June 27th sponsored by the Parishes of St. Peter and St. Joseph of Delano and held at the Leonard and Maxine Schaust farm. Beginning at 1:30pm, it includes the Eucharistic Liturgy of the Sunday and a creation blessing with Archbishop Nienstedt presiding. Following, family-fun activities will include a lunch (free will offering accepted), live music, kids' games, a petting zoo, and a farmers' market. Join the parishioners from the Delano Catholic Community and others from throughout the Archdiocese to pray, remember, and celebrate, all the good things God has given us in our rural way of life. All are welcome! For a map and directions, please refer to the posted flyer on the bulletin board, go online to www.archspm.org and look for the Rural Life Sunday link, or call the Parish Services Team contact person at (651) 290-1647.