

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 20th, 2010

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

FATHERHOOD

On this Father's Day, I place before you the guidelines of the St. Joseph Covenant Keepers (<http://www.ewtn.com/library/FATHERS/COVEKEEP.HTM>). May all fathers be renewed today!

EIGHT COMMITMENTS.

These eight commitments are not easy to follow, just as following Christ in any area of life takes one down the narrow road. The broad way appears easy. In reality, it only serves to lure the unsuspecting down the path of heartache and overwhelming hardship. Watered-down attempts to prop up contemporary family life are doomed in the face of modern pressures against marriage and the family. The solution to the family's needs of our day begins with a call to husbands and fathers to follow the high calling of Christian fatherhood.

1. Following St. Joseph — the loving leader and head of the Holy Family

St. Joseph, after the Blessed Virgin Mary, is the greatest of all saints in heaven. His greatness in God's plan stems from being the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and from being the father of Jesus Christ in the fullest sense, except for physical generation. As Catholic men, we will seek his intercession, along with that of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to fulfill our calling of leading our families to be like the Holy Family.

As husbands and fathers, we commit ourselves to being loving leaders and heads of our families following the examples of St. Joseph in serving the Holy Family and Christ's humble service to the Church, His mystical bride.

We will neither irresponsibly abandon our leadership role within our families, nor abuse our leadership role through sinful domination and domestic tyranny. Along with the affirmation of the headship of husbands and fathers in a family, we simultaneously affirm the perfect and complete equality between husbands and wives.

2. Loving our wives all our lives

As covenant keepers, we believe that a lawful Christian marriage is indissoluble. We believe that the sacrament of marriage is a lifelong covenant bond made possible by the abundant graces available in the New Covenant. We do not believe that marriage is a breakable contract. The indissolubility of the marriage covenant is the foundation for marriage and for the future of the family. As fathers, we realize that the greatest gift we can ever give our children is faithfulness to our marriage vows.

We believe that a willful divorce from a lawful marriage is covenant-breaking in the most profound sense. If problems arise within our marriages we will seek help to heal our marriages and not seek divorce. We will help others to do the same. We will also take steps to keep our marriages strong even when serious marital problems are absent. To help maintain lifelong covenant faithfulness to our wives, we will avoid occasions that may lead to the sin of adultery.

3. Affirming Christ's Lordship over our families

As the leaders of our families, we will explicitly acknowledge the social kingship of Christ over our families. Towards this end we will have a home enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus that we renew annually. We believe that the enthronement of the Sacred Heart deepens family life by bringing about a greater love between the Heart of Jesus and the hearts of parents and children. To invite Christ's loving Lordship and presence in our family we will seek to have daily family prayer and Scriptures read aloud in the home. At least weekly on the Lord's Day, our family will worship together and receive Christ in the Eucharist, the ultimate source of our family life and unity.

4. Turning our hearts toward our children

It is common for modern fathers to have their hearts drawn to the pursuit of wealth, personal pleasures, and pastimes. As St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers, we will turn our hearts toward our children. This turning of

heart, mind, and priorities will be especially reflected in the time we devote to our children. We realize that, for our children, love is a four-letter word spelled "l-i-m-e." Since time is money in the modern world, we need to value our children more than money and make them a higher priority.

5. Educating our children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord

Parents are the first and primary educators of their children. Fathers are particularly singled out in Scripture for the religious education and training of their children (Genesis 18:19; Psalm 78; Ephesians 6:4). This high privilege and duty of fathers teaching the faith to their children will result in a faith that will persevere through adolescent questionings, peer pressure, and university life.

6. Protecting our families

As fathers, we will protect our families from physical, spiritual, and moral harm. We will take personal responsibility, and an active role to preserve our children's chastity. We will protect them from everything that disturbs or destroys the fragile nature of our children's sexual latency, innocence, and purity.

7. Providing for our families

As fathers, we will assume the primary responsibility for the financial provision of our families. We will seek to learn and to apply Christian principles of financial stewardship within our families. Whenever possible, we will seek to provide the maximum opportunity for our wives to nurture our children at home.

8. Building our marriages and families on the Rock

As St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers, we will seek to build our homes on the Rock by following the teachings of the successors of St. Peter. We will seek to learn and to live by the historically rooted Church teachings on marriage, family, and human sexuality.

This includes the Church's teaching on birth control. Those who practice the Church's teaching have a divorce rate of less than 5%. Those who are following the Creator's plan for marriage are discovering a powerful strengthening of their marriages. Conversely, a skyrocketing divorce rate has closely paralleled disregard for Church teaching on birth control.

St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers have a rare opportunity at this historical crossroads to literally change the world and the Church by bringing change to the family. The indissolubility of the marriage bond is the irreplaceable foundation for covenant keeping in family life. Christian charity for the welfare of families demands that we resist the alluring temptation to sidestep this truth. Like Malachi, we need to be faithful messengers of lifelong covenant keeping.

-Steve Wood

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.....41st Annual Chicken Cookout
Tuesday.....Fatima Rosary Group, KC Meeting
Thursday.....Cookout Follow Up Meeting – All are welcome to attend
7pm @ Bergstrom's Bar
Saturday.....KC Raffle Drawing

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

Next weekend's bulletin will be printed on Tuesday June 22nd. All information for the bulletin should be submitted to the office by 9am on Tuesday. The parish office will be closed June 23-25.

KNIGHTS CORNER

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.

"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

Please do not place raffle ticket in with the Sunday collection basket.

Bountiful Blessings" will not be held this weekend. Look for us again next Sunday! Thank you to all of those who have already generously supported this opportunity!

Next week our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the assistance he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Through your generosity, with Pope Benedict we can cast the loves of Christ upon the world.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHONERS! St Nicholas will have a float in the Fire and Rescue Days parade next Saturday, June 26th. We would like to have lots of people representing the church. Please call Kathy Chlan at 652-2286 by Friday, June 25, for details on where we will be in the lineup. We need to be lined up by 12:30. The parade begins at 1:00. Come represent St. Nicholas.

Bugs on the Windshield make it hard to see when driving? The Youth Group to the Rescue! During the 8am and 10am masses next Sunday, June 27th the Youth Group will be washing windshields of all the cars in the upper parking lot in front and back of church. The kids will be at outside after mass collecting a free will offering for their work. Proceeds will go toward all youth retreats and trips including World Youth Day.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

Where your treasure is, there is your heart... Matt. 6:21. Our Adoration Chapel will be closed for the 4th of July weekend. The Chapel will close on Thursday, July 1st at 6 pm and will reopen on Tuesday, July 6th 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, **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.

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."

Mass Intentions			
Sat	19	5:00 pm	Marie Busch+
Sun	20	8:00 am	Donald Kremer+
Sun	20	10:00 am	For the Parish
Tues	22	8:00 am	Joan Britten+
Wed	23	8:00 am	Luciel DeGonda+
Thurs	24	8:00 am	
Fri	25	8:00 am	Lorene LeMoine+
Sat	26	8:30 am	Deceased Members of Catholic Aid+
Sat	26	5:00 pm	Stuart & Joyce Rusell+
Sun	27	8:00 am	Mary Gofkowski+
Sun	27	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	1 Kings 19:16b,19-21/Galatians 5:1, 13-18/Luke 9:51-62	

Liturgical Stewardship			June 26 & 27	
5pm	Lectors:	Chuck Mathews-H		
	Ministers:	Gail Mathews-Ch-H		
	Servers:	Ray & Andrew Petroski		
8am	Lectors:	Leander Wagner-H		
	Ministers:	Jolene Pierson-Ch-H		
	Servers:	Nicholas Korman, Joseph Knight		
	Ushers:	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED		
10am	Lectors:	Tom Wagner-H		
	Ministers:	Anne Conway-Ch-H		
	Servers:	Quinn & Gavin Burke		
	Ushers:	Mike Chlan, Alex Knutson		

Sacrificial Support Week 50 / June 13, 2010			
Budget	\$4900	Budget-to-date	\$245000
Received	\$3755	Received-to-date	\$231309
Capital Improvement \$33 / Cemetery Care \$20			

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HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Summer Scrip Orders will be on 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.

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

But you are opposed to gay marriage, right?"

Marriage is the sacramental, unitive, and procreative bond between one man and one woman – a two-in-one flesh union between a husband and wife that is irreplaceable by any other form of human partnering. We believe that only under this timeless understanding of marriage is the common good of society served.

"So you're saying that you're opposed to anything that doesn't fit this mold?"

The common good of society is served when children are brought into the world within a marriage that is a faithful, exclusive, lifelong union of a man and a woman joined in an intimate community of life and love. We seek to advocate and provide support for healthy, stable Christian marriages that are consistently open to human life.

YOUTH GROUP

Attention All youth group members: We are all riding or walking handing out candy with the St Nicholas Float for Fire and Rescue Days next Saturday June 26th. Parade begins at 1pm. Please be at the float by 12:15. Call Kathy Chlan 952-652-2286 to get our float number and where we are to line up.

Dead Theologian Society: We would like everyone to bring their sweatshirts with them next Saturday to help decorate the float for the parade. Please be at the float by 12:15.

DTS – will meet on Sunday evening June 27th at 6pm.

FUND RAISER: Next Sunday, June 27th please meet in the church parking lot in back of church at 7:30, we will be washing windshields of cars for a free will offering. You will need to bring a bucket, rags, squeegees (if you have one) and Windex. Please contact Molly Havlicek or Kathy Chlan if you have questions.

Camping Trip to the Grotto of Redemption in West Bend, IA: We will be leaving Sunday July 18th at 8:15 am and returning about 6pm on Tuesday, July 20. Please Call Ron and Kathy Chlan to sign up and reserve your spot to go by July 12th. If your family likes to camp they are welcome to join us. We will have mass at the Church on the Grotto grounds each day and a tour on Monday. An information sheet on the trip will be available next week in the back of church or call Ron and Kathy Chlan at 952-652-2286.

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

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.