

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 11th, 2010

Falling in Love

At the beginning of the summer I proposed PURITY OF HEART as the game plan for a successful and wonderful summer. How is it going? If you are a part of the human race, I suspect you would agree with me that it is not so easy journey to live this high calling we each have as being made in the awesome likeness of God.

As we try to air condition ourselves, I think in some way we may not contemplate how "hot" God's love is for us! Listen to what he said earlier this week on Monday at Mass: "Israel, I, the LORD, will lure you into the desert and speak gently to you." (Hosea 2:14) We might think that when I open myself up to religion and God, I put on a straitjacket and never have major fun anymore and certainly don't get to fall in love and get crazy like the world seems to be able to (in all our movies, music and showbiz). I would propose to you that it is exactly the opposite. The Lord is a lover in the fullest sense of that word. He is wooing you and I to come and get to know him and let him marry us. His love is 100% pure with no hint or touch or part of any selfish taking of pleasure. Rather it is all GIFT. He gives us life, he gives us new life in Christ (after we sin) and he keeps giving the life of holiness at every second that we are open to receive.

The Lord proposes to us anew this summer that he really has made each one of us to fall head over heels in love with him! This first means to see and wonder and be amazed at our awesome dignity that we have as a man and woman (child of God that is given a masculine or feminine identity). "You have been bought at a great price, so glorify God in your body." (1 Cor 6:20) When you or I do not see, feel and experience this dignity (usually because no one has loved us authentically), then we look for recognition and acknowledgment everywhere else but in God. "If someone can just recognize me...and pay attention to me" is what we seem to be saying by the way we dress and the goofy things we can do (speaking for myself).

More than once I have been told that as pastor I should be instructing and really spanking folks for not dressing appropriately for Mass. Before talking about clothes on the outside, the Lord is talking to each of us about his radical steamy hot love for us on the inside. Each summer he hints at this by blazing temperatures. Each Mass and every breath he gives you and I he wants to remind us of how good he made us and how lovely we are to him be just being his son and daughter and falling in love with him in a personal relationship with him. Once we open up our hearts and lives to him, he will show us our dignity more and more and help us to want only what he wants, not just in the clothes we wear, but the people we hang with and the eternal destiny we set our sights on.

Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in a love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the mornings, what you will do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything." (Fr. Pedro Arupe S.J.)

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.....Bountiful Blessings

Tuesday.....Fatima Rosary Group, Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Wednesday...KC Meeting 7:30pm

Thursday.....Finance Meeting 8:30am, Mother's Group 11am

Friday.Holy Cross Golf Tournament

Sunday.....Bountiful Blessings

When planning your summer events PLEASE REMEMBER TO SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION, BY SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ADVERTISERS ON THE BACK OF OUR BULLETIN!!

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting our parish next weekend, July 17th & 18th giving us the opportunity to share in their ministry to 100 needy elderly at their Holy Family Residence in St. Paul. For over 127 years the Little Sisters have been generously supported by the parish communities of the St. Paul Archdiocese. Your help will be greatly appreciated.
THANK YOU and GOD BLESS YOU!

Thank you to Pat Theisen for all your hard work in making the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue outside in front of church look so beautiful.

We will be hosting a Virtus Training Session on Wednesday, Aug. 11th, @ 6:30pm at Holy Cross School, for all volunteers who work with children of our parished and schools and have not yet had this training. If you plan on attending you must register on line before attending. Please go to www.virtus.org to register.

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

Kicking for Jesus Soccer Camp! Improve your soccer skills and your character by learning the virtues of Jesus!

July 26th-30th from 9:30am - 11am

Youth approximate ages 4-11 are invited. \$15 donation appreciated.

Registration forms available in the back of church.

"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.

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 612.247.4263 with any questions! Thank You!

"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

CMLG Summer Basket Raffle!

Ladies of the parish please consider donating summer fun goods such as sunscreen, beach towels, sand and outdoor toys, DQ gift certificates, kites, water bottles, etc. to be raffled off in the first ever CMLG Summer Basket. Be creative! This wonderful prize already contains 4 passes to the water park in Faribault and a \$20.00 gift certificate for the water park snack bar! These are good for the 2010 and 2011 season.

Please drop off your donation by July 24th if possible, at the parish office or at the back of church after mass. Please contact Dana Murphy-Meyer at 952-461-2492, Deb Streefland at 952-652-2349, or Denise Anderson at 952-461-5019 with any questions.

Raffle tickets will sell for \$10.00 after the weekend masses starting July 17th – August 8th. The drawing will be held on August 8th after the 10:00 mass. Please ask your friends and family if they want to take a chance on such a fun and useful basket.

All ladies of the parish are members of the CMLG, Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild. We raise money to support the good works and services we happily do in and around our parish.

Thanks for your support and Sunny Days!

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, **Tuesday:** midnight, 1 am, **Wednesday:** 9 am, 4 pm, **Friday:** 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, 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

NEXT KC MEETING – is re-scheduled for Wednesday, July 14th at 7:30 pm in the church basement.

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.

PRO-LIFE

RECLAIMING THE CULTURE OF MARRIAGE AND LIFE
Questions & Answers
In a pluralistic society like ours, what gives the Catholic Church the

right to define what’s moral and immoral with respect to marriage and sexuality?”

Marriage is a basic human and social institution. Though it is regulated by civil laws and church laws, it did not originate from either the church or state, but from God. Therefore, neither church nor state can alter the basic meaning and structure of marriage. The union of husband and wife becomes, over a lifetime, a great good for themselves, their family, communities, and society. Marriage, the sacramental unitive and procreative bond between one man and one woman, is a gift to be cherished and protected.

“Isn’t it discriminatory and unchristian to deny the social justice of marriage to homosexuals?”

It is not unjust to deny legal status to same-sex unions because marriage and same-sex unions are essentially different realities. In fact, justice requires society to do so. To uphold God’s intent for marriage, in which sexual relations have their proper and exclusive place, is not to offend the dignity of homosexual persons. Christians must give witness to the whole moral truth and oppose as immoral both homosexual acts and unjust discrimination against homosexual persons.

Mass Intentions			
Sat	10	5:00 pm	Lester Hartmann+
Sun	11	8:00 am	For the Parish
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Tues	13	8:00 am	Jake Simones
Wed	14	8:00 am	Rose Hennen
Thurs	15	8:00 am	Florence Harrington+
Fri	16	8:00 am	Joan Britten+
Sat	17	8:30 am	Deceased members of Catholic Aid
Sat	17	5:00 pm	Special Intention
Sun	18	8:00 am	David & Ruth Stencil+
Sun	18	10:00 am	For the Parish

Daily Scriptures		
Mon	Isaiah 1:10-17	Matthew 10:34-11:1
Tue	Isaiah 7:1-9	Matthew 11:20-24
Wed	Isaiah 10:5-7,13b-16	Matthew 11:25-27
Thu	Isaiah 26:7-9,12,16-19	Matthew 11:28-30
Fri	Isaiah 38:1-6,21-22,7-8	Matthew 12:1-8
Sat.	Micah 2:1-5	Matthew 12:14-21
Sun	Genesis 18:1-10a/Colossians 1:24-28/Luke 10:38-42	

Liturgical Stewardship			July 1 & 18	
5pm	Lectors:	Pat Biren		
	Ministers:	Jan Freeman-H, Ken Thomas-Ch-H		
	Servers:	Justin Biren		
8am	Lectors:	Matt Damiani		
	Ministers:	Lynda Bunnell-H, Kathy Chlan-Ch-H		
	Servers:	James & Justin Tupy		
	Ushers:	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED		
10am	Lectors:	Tom Michaud		
	Ministers:	Tom Streefand-H, Deb Streefand-Ch-H		
	Servers:	Quinn & Gavin Burke		
	Ushers:	Tom Wagner, Pat Theisen		

Sacrificial Support Week 1 / July 4, 2010			
Budget	\$4900	Budget-to-date	\$4900
Received	\$4572	Received-to-date	\$4572
Capital Improvement \$20 / Cemetery Care \$10			

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YOUTH GROUP

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.

St. Mary's Catholic Church Annual Church Festival – Sunday July 18. Polka Mass @ 10am, Family Style Beef Dinner – served 11:15am – 1:30pm. Adults - \$10, Children 5-9yrs - \$5, 4 and Under – Free. Country Store, Silent Auction, Games, Entertainments and much more.

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JULIFEST (YU -LEE-FEST)

St. Mark's in Shakopee will hold its Parish Festival on Saturday, July 24 & Sunday, July 25. Come enjoy: Crafts and Bake Sale, Adult, Youth and Children's Games, Quilt Corner, Silent Auction, Raffles, Beer Garden, Food and Beverages.

On Saturday at 6:00 p.m. there will be an outdoor Polka Mass featuring the Jolly Ramblers, followed by a free Street Dance for the entire family from 7:30-11:30 p.m. - Music by Downtown Sound, Variety Fun Band.

Sunday, July 25th: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Continuous entertainment featuring Country Polkateers & the Jolly Ramblers.

Job Opportunities:

St. John the Baptist Church in Jordan has two immediate part time job openings: A Faith Formation Director of Grades K-6 and a Fatih Formation Director of Grades 7-12.

This person must be a practicing catholic with knowledge of best practices in religious development and faith formation, Catholic Theology and scripture and process development and evaluation skills. BA preferred but not required. Minumum 3 years experience of ministry at the director level with staff supervision expericne preferred. Part-time 20-24 hours a week. Please send resume to pbeckius@frontiernet.net no later that July 15, 2010.

Catholic Charismatic Summer Conference

On July 23-24, the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis is sponsoring their annual regional conference entitled, *"The Promised Holy Spirit: Our Power Source"*. It will be held at Trinity School in Eagan and promises to be a powerful weekend! Featured speakers are International Director of Evangelization 2000 Fr. Tom Forrest, lay Catholic missionary Francisco "Paco" Gavrilides, and Mary Hagar, member of Alpha USA and Renewal Ministries' School of Evangelization. In addition, there will be several outstanding testimonies. The weekend includes a parallel Spanish track, a special time set aside on Friday night to bless and thank our priests, and a bilingual closing Mass. Childcare and on-site meals are available on Saturday. Preregistration is required. No registration charge; however, freewill offerings will be taken throughout the weekend. To register, call 218-851-2337 or email stacey1018@charter.net. For more information, visit the website: www.mncro.org. Color brochures are available.

On behalf of the Minnesota Vikings, I would like to invite you and all the families that make up your congregation to our Faith & Family Night's on August 28 and September 2 as we kick off our 2010 Season against the Seattle Seahawks and Denver Broncos.

Faith & Family Night is a great way to bring friends and family together for an inexpensive night of entertainment with the Minnesota Vikings. Tickets will be available via the order form that can be found in the back of church. Please pass this along to their friends and neighbors.

Tickets will be available for \$20 per game:

Saturday, August 28 vs Seattle Seahawks

Thursday, September 2 vs Denver Broncos

If you have any questions feel free to contact Charlie at 952-918-8441 or send an email boeckenheuer@vikings.nfl.net – my contact info is also located on the flyer so interested parties can contact me with questions as well.

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