

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 18th, 2010

Mature in Christ

Hello St. Nicholas family and visitors! This phrase above is used by St. Paul in our second reading from this Sunday's Mass from the Colossians when he says: "Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man mature in Christ." (1:28)

What a lifelong journey. Arrgh! I for one get quickly impatient when I am not where I think I should be and things are not happening as I think they should. The great news is that God is patient and since the beginning of time is working with all of us that we may become "mature in Christ." What does that look like? Well, that is the question we come to every Mass with and each prayer. "Lord, what is your word today? Your will?"

It is this open heart filled with desire for God that we are invited and urged to seek like never before as we journey with our Archdiocese and whole Catholic Church over the next year and beyond. Locally the Strategic Planning Process started by our Archbishop will affect us all. He has asked us priests look at each parish and deanery and where we can save energy and priest/staff personnel and more effectively meet the needs of flock. On the larger level of the Church all across the world, in Advent of 2011, the bishops are preparing us for a new translation from the Latin to English of the Mass parts.

None of us has all the answers to the questions these things raise except one main answer: DETACHMENT. This is very hard for me to swallow, but there is freedom waiting for us all. I like things a certain way, I get attached. However, all of us will leave this world and take none of it with us. God invites us all through life to grow into a mature faith, which is detached from this world and attached to HIM. This is what the Mass teaches us. This is what we can look forward to if our heart is open and seeking the Lord. Please join me in praying in a special way for each parish these next months to detach ourselves from anything or way we cling to things that are not for the greater glory of God. Pray with me that we can dive into the more accurate translation of our Mass prayers so that God can form us into more mature sons and daughters of his.

"Dear God, please show our parish of St. Nicholas the great love you have for us and how we can cooperate in your plan to make us 'mature in Christ.'"

God bless you all,
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 / YG Camping Trip
Tuesday.....Fatima Rosary Group
Thursday...PPB Meeting 7pm @ Paula Brohmer's
Sunday.....Bountiful Blessings, DTS 6pm

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 this weekend, giving us the opportunity to share in their ministry to 100 needy elderly at their Holy Family Residence in St. Paul. Your help will be greatly appreciated.
THANK YOU and GOD BLESS YOU!

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 parishes and schools and have not yet attended this training. If you would like to attend you must register on line. Please go to www.virtus.org to register. This an easy convenient way to have the training you need in order to work in classrooms and help with church activities.

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 hold 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, 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

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.

PRO-LIFE

RECLAIMING THE CULTURE OF MARRIAGE AND LIFE

Questions & Answers

"So, am I considered a 'bad Catholic' if I want my gay friends to be happy and be able to marry?"

Wanting a friend to be happy is no sin; however we do no favors to our friends by pretending that something that is immoral and sinful is ok. This is the opposite of true compassion. In fact, it is in itself sinful to enable or encourage others to participate in what we know is sinful action. To be a Catholic is a challenge, and to be a Catholic requires a certain choice, and these are the choices that are consistent with the Gospel of Jesus. As confirmed Catholics, we have an obligation to witness the Church's teachings, not just about the things people agree with, but the difficult things as well, the things that stand in opposition to popular culture. Being a good Catholic requires we live in alignment with what the Church stands for, even when it is hard and it may mean hard choices and difficult conversations with friends.

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

Area Church Festivals:

Sunday, July 18th – St. Mary's, LeCenter – 10am Polka Mass, Family Style Beef Dinner 11:15am – 1:30pm
Sunday, July 18th - St. Patrick's Church of Cedar Lake – Outdoor Mass @ 10am, Grilled Chicken Dinner 11am – 2:30pm
Sunday, July 25th – Holy Trinity Catholic Church at Litomysl (6 miles south of Owatonna on Interstate 35 to the Hope exit #32 then left on Co. Rd. 4 to Co. Rd. 3, go ½ mile south, then 3 miles east on SW 98th St. to SE 24th Avenue)– Polka Mass @ 10am, Lunch in Church Basement 11am – 2pm
Saturday & Sunday, July 24th & 25th – St. Mark's in Shakopee – Sat. @ 6pm Polka Mass followed by Street Dance. Sunday 11am – 7pm.
Sunday, August 1st – Spirit Fest Family Festival @ Divine Mercy Church, Faribault – Mass @ 8 & 10am, 12 pm (Spanish), Hog Roast Dinner 11am – 2pm.
Sunday, August 1st – Immaculate Conception, Lonsdale – Polka Mass @ 10am, Roast Beef & Hot Ham Dinner 10:30am – 2pm.

Mass Intentions			
Sat	17	5:00 pm	Special Intention
Sun	18	8:00 am	David & Ruth Stencil+
Sun	18	10:00 am	Alex Maslow+
Tues	20	8:00 am	Ralph & Rita Simon+
Wed	21	8:00 am	Marie Busch+
Thurs	22	8:00 am	Bernadine Popp+
Fri	23	8:00 am	Steve Algren Family
Sat	24	8:30 am	
Sat	24	5:00 pm	Luciel DeGonda+
Sun	25	8:00 am	
Sun	25	10:00 am	For the Parish

Daily Scriptures		
Mon	Micah 6:1-4,6-8	Matthew 12:38-42
Tue	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20	Matthew 12:46-50
Wed	Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10	Matthew 13:1-9
Thu	Jeremiah 2:1-3,7-8,12-13	John 20:1-2, 11-18
Fri	Jeremiah 3:14-17	Matthew 13:18-23
Sat	Jeremiah 7:1-11	Matthew 13:24-30
Sun	Genesis 18:20-32/Colossians 2:12-14/Luke 11:1-13	

Liturgical Stewardship		July 24 & 25	
5pm	Lectors:	Jan Freeman-H	
	Ministers:	Jolene Pierson-Ch-H	
	Servers:	Andrew Petroski	
8am	Lectors:	Leander Wagner-H	
	Ministers:	Ralph Wagner-Ch-H	
	Servers:	Michael Cole, Joseph Knight	
10am	Ushers:	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	
	Lectors:	Vicky Chlan-H	
	Ministers:	Julie Nelson-Ch-H	
	Servers:	Doug Nelson, Josh Chlan	
	Ushers:	Tom Wagner, Pat Theisen	

Sacrificial Support Week 2 / July 11, 2010			
Budget	\$4900	Budget-to-date	\$9800
Received	\$4359	Received-to-date	\$8931
Capital Improvement	\$13		

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NEIGHBORING EVENTS

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

The Church of St. Michael in Prior Lake is excited to announce a new group for young adults ages 21-39, both married and single. If you or someone you know is interested in being part of this group, please contact Hannah at hwoldum@stmichael-pl.org or Melissa at mcarlson@stmichael-pl.org or call the Parish Office at 952-447-2491. We will hold our first event/planning session at Caribou Coffee at the intersection of Highway 13/County 42 on Sunday, August 1, at 7:00 p.m. Please join us to meet other young adults and discuss ideas for events this year. We look forward to seeing you!

Early Catholic Family Life Program

Would you like to learn more about passing your faith on to your children? Here is an opportunity for you to discuss faith education with other Catholic parents and have fun learning more about God together. **EARLY CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE** is a wonderful program for parents with children 0-5 years old. Modeled after the popular ECFE (Early Childhood Family Education), **ECFL** emphasizes the importance of putting faith at the center of family life. If you are interested in the August 14, 2010 training class sponsored by the Office for Marriage, Family and Life, contact Nancy Schulte at 651-291-4489 or download a registration form at www.archspm.org/family listed under Early Catholic Family Life.

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.

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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 Faith 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. Minimum 3 years experience of ministry at the director level with staff supervision experience preferred. Part-time 20-24 hours a week. Please send resume to pbeckius@frontiernet.net no later than 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.

We invite you now! Gather your family, friends and fellow parishioners to hear world renowned Catholic speakers at the Christ Our Life Catholic Conference. Join us in De Moines, Iowa on Oct. 16th & 17th at the Iowa Events Center. Visit our website Christourlifeiowa.com for all the details. Come be inspired by amazing testimonies, sacraments and fellowship.

