

PANEM NOSTRUM COTIDIANUM DA NOBIS HODIE

You may not be fired up for more Latin...as it may seem like a heavy dose for some not used to it. But, as I may have tried to frame it before, just like you may not take so readily to your nationality's original language, it is where you come from. And for you and I Latin Rite Catholics, our mother tongue is Latin. So, to have a little under our belt only helps us enter more deeply into the great gift of our family the Church.

Last week in the bulletin we focused on the part of the Our Father that asks God for his reign to come (*adveniat regnum tuum*) and that his will be done on earth as it is in heaven (*fiat voluntas tua, sicut in caelo et in terra*). This week we focus, again as children going to our loving father, on asking for bread, *panem*. (See Catechism 2828-2837) Literally the original word refers to "super-essential" bread, we say "daily," *nostrum cotidianum*. Ultimately, we are asking for the Eucharist, the Bread of Life, without which our soul will starve. This is so connected to our first reading of Sunday where Moses asks God what to tell the Israelites when they ask God's name: I AM. Moses is to receive that and give it to the people. You and I are invited to ask God everyday as children for the answers to the meaning of life which we find in the Eucharist, in the person of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. Then, it is too good to hold on for one's self, so as goodness diffuses itself, we are to pass on to others and evangelize in a life of self-gift.

We have talked a bit about prayer and fasting, which prepare us for the last of the Lenten practices: almsgiving. You cannot give what you do not have. So first the Lord wants to help us ask for the deepest desires of our heart in a life of prayer. He wants to help us prepare to have these fulfilled by becoming empty and gaining self-mastery through fasting. Then, as he works the miracle of the Eucharist every Mass...and every time we acknowledge him in the tabernacle, he wants to live in us and through us so we can "give alms." Now we are ready to really love our neighbor because with St. Paul, having prayed and fasted, "I have been crucified with Christ, and no longer I live, but Christ lives in me." (Gal 2:20) The Lord wants to help us stretch out our arms to the world around us and be his hands, his feet, his smiling face to places where he is not present, to a bruised world and amidst the deepest sorrows and empty hearts. He will guide you on your own personal and family almsgiving (starting at home with renewed generosity towards one another, then to your neighbor and to the world). We just had a chance last weekend to sponsor a child or aging adult...and you know where you are being called. But let it not happen until you have prayed and fasted! - 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..... Sunday School
Tuesday.....Fatima Rosary Group, Choir Practice 7pm,
Parish Council Meeting 7pm
Wednesday...Religious Ed. (Prayer Testing for all grades)
Thursday.....Adult Faith Formation 9am & 7pm, RCIA @ Holy Cross
Friday.....MORNING MASS @ 8:30am, Soup Supper 6pm,
Stations of the Cross 7pm
Sunday.....Sunday School

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.

The upcoming Solemnity of Saint Joseph (March 19) falls on a Friday during Lent. As was already mentioned in the Lenten Guidelines, this is not a day of fast and abstinence. The Church does not enjoin fasting or penance on this day of the solemn celebration of her Universal Patron.

Mason Joseph Belter, son of Keith Belter and Brenda Olson, recently received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism here at St. Nicholas. We warmly welcome him into the family of Christ.

150th Anniversary Books will continue to be available for purchase. Please contact the parish office to purchase one. 461-2403.

This Weeks Soup Supper is Hosted by.....

Golden Hearts – The Golden Hearts are Senior Members of the parish 55 and older. They help our Pastor with whatever they can. They have two fund raisers a year. One for Holy Cross School and one for some parish need. They meet once a month usually the 2nd Wed., at 1pm at the church. They go on tours, out to lunch and enjoy each others friendship. They also pray for the sick and make prayer shawls for the homebound or for people with a lengthy illness.

Stations of the Cross / Soup Supper will be offered during the Lenten Season. The first Soup Supper is Fri day, Feb. 26th at 6pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7pm, and will continue every Friday during Lent, with the exception of Good Friday, when stations will be at 3pm and no Soup Supper.

Vacation Bible School – 2010

PARENTS – ARE YOUR KIDS READY TO SINK THEIR TEETH INTO BIG FUN?

That's just what they will do at Crocodile Dock, where fearless kids shine God's light! Crocodile Dock Totally Catholic Summer Program is filled with incredible activities that allow kids to see, hear, touch, and even taste! Bible, crafts, team-building games, cool songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the Crocodile Dock activities that help kids connect faith to real life. We will help kids discover how to see God in everyday life – something we call God sightings. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot!

Mark these dates on your calendar...

Monday, June 14th – Friday June 18th.

Time: 8:45 – 11:30am.

Ages 4 (must be 4 by June 1st) – Gr. 5th (fall of 2010)

Location: St. Nicholas Church Campus

Cost: \$15 per child with a family cap of \$45

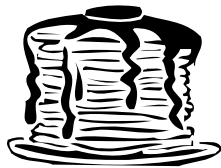
Registration: Sunday, March 21st in the church basement, or by calling the parish office at 952-461-2403. Registration will open to outside the parish if not full by May 1st.

We rely on many volunteers to help with this week-long fun program. We are looking for ADULT and Student volunteers. We have been very blessed in years past to have such fantastic help. If you are interested in helping please sign up on Sunday March 21st or by calling the parish office at 461-2403. Parents if you sign up to help and have children in the program, your fee will be waived. Any questions please call the parish office 461-2403.

Clergy Appreciation Dinner will be held at St. Nicholas Church Basement on Sunday March 14th beginning with social hour at 6pm, dinner at 6:30, followed by a talk & prizes. All priest, school teachers, religious ed teachers, church & school staff and spouses are invited to this dinner. Please call Pat Theisen to RSVP 461-2599.

Golden Hearts are sponsoring a used book and religious article sale after all masses on March 20-21. If you have books or an article you would like to donate please bring them to church by March 19th. Put

them downstairs on the marked table. Proceeds go to buy new books for the Chapel.



Pancake & Sausage Breakfast will be held on Sunday March 21st from 8-12. This breakfast is hosted by the Knights of Columbus and all proceeds will go to Peter & Lucy Simones. Confirmation students who would like to earn service hours, should call Pat Theisen

to help with the breakfast.

ALL YOUNG ADULTS! If you are of college age or a bit beyond and still are interested to come on retreat May 9-14, I will lead the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius for those interested. There is still some room. Contact me by the end of this week for more information. -Fr.

Congratulations to all in RCIA! Kendra Caduff, James Nordstrom, Alan Bengen and Michael Kjos all have studied the faith every week this year and participated in the Rite of Election on Sunday February 21. Please continue to pray for them as they continue to give their lives over to Christ and approach the reception of the sacraments of the church.

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you would like to have the name of someone seriously ill, a newborn baby, or someone deceased mentioned in our bulletin for all to pray for, please notify the office by the end of each week. You must be an immediate family member of the person mentioned so as to respect their privacy.

Morning Moms' Group/Book Club will meet on Thursday, March 18, April 15 & 29 & May 13 @ 9:30am At Deb Streefland's home. Childcare provided! The current book is "Raise Happy Children: Teach Them JOY!" By Maryanne Budnik. Please contact Sarah Kuehl @ 952.461.4631 or Katherine

BOOK CLUB

The St. Nicholas evening Book Club.

We meet at Deb Streefland's home from 7:15 – 9pm. We read a variety of Christian books and enjoy lively and challenging discussions. The next gathering dates are April 7 & 28, May 12 and June 2.

If you would like to join or would like more information call Deb at **952-652-2349.**

CHOIR

Practice for the holy week and Easter vigil masses will begin Tuesday March 2nd at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in participating is welcome.

Choir Practice: March 9,16,23 & 30th. All practices are Tuesday evenings at 7pm. **New members are always welcome!!**

Choir Mass: March 14, 21, 28 (Palm Sunday), April 1 (Holy Thursday), April 2 (Good Friday), April 3 (Easter Vigil), April 4, (Easter Sunday, 10am)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

"What else do I need to be happy? Nothing in this world but to be able to see Him – Jesus in the Sacred Host -, Whom I now see by faith and adore on the altar" (St. Dominic Savio).

Adorers are welcome to come to the Chapel at any time.

MORE ADORERS ARE NEEDED FOR HOLY HOURS WITH JESUS. PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING WITH AN HOUR.

Adorers are needed especially for the following hours:

Sunday: 1 pm- on the 5th Sunday of the month when that occurs,

Monday: 1 am, **Tuesday:** noon (during the winter months),

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

Saturday: 3 am, 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.

RELIGIOUS ED.

March Calendar

All grades will be prayer tested on **Wed. March 10th**, If you miss class this evening, you will be tested the following week. All students will be prayer tested.

10th Gr. Reconciliation is scheduled for **Wed., March 17th** (more information will following in a couple weeks)

10th Gr. Confirmation Interviews are scheduled for **Wed., March 24th**

No Class Wed., March 31st.

PARENTS – reminder to you – if your child is not going to be at religion you need to call the parish office or your child's teacher to let us know of your child's absence. If you are not reporting absences – they are marked unexcused.

Mass Intentions			
Sat	6	5:00 pm	Marlene Hanson+
Sun	7	8:00 am	Shirley Hafermann+
Sun	7	10:00 am	For the Parish
Tues	9	8:00 am	David & Ruth Stencil+
Wed	10	8:00 am	Charlie & Lena Janisch+
Thurs	11	8:00 am	Leo & Anna Stencil+
Fri	12	8:30 am	Special Intention
Sat	13	8:30 am	Christine & Richard Pierson
Sat	13	5:00 pm	Nicole Goblirsch
Sun	14	8:00 am	Melvin Shea+
Sun	14	10:00 am	For the Parish

Daily Scriptures		
Mon	2 Kings 5:1-15ab	Luke 4:24-30
Tue	Daniel 3:25,34-43	Matthew 18:21-35
Wed	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9	Matthew 5:17-19
Thu	Jeremiah 7:23-28	Luke 11:14-23
Fri	Hosea 14:2-10	Mark 12:28-34
Sat.	Hosea 6:1-6	Luke 18:9-14
Sun	Josua 5:9a, 10-12/2	Corinthians 5:17-21/Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Liturgical Stewardship		March 13 & 14
5pm	Lectors:	Mary Forland-H
	Ministers:	Gail Mathews-W, Jolene Pierson-W, Tom Wagner-Ch-H, Chuck Mathews-Ch-W Ray & Andrew Petroski
	Servers:	
	Ushers:	
8am	Lectors:	Mike Moeller-H
	Ministers:	Ralph Wagner-W, Kathy Chlan-Ch-W, Lindal Bunnell-W, Leander Wagner-Ch-H
	Servers:	Mike Cole, Nicholas Korman
	Ushers:	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
10am	Lectors:	Vicky Chlan-W
	Ministers:	Anne Conway-W, Julie Nelson-H, Jackie Devine-Ch-H, Amy McDonald-Ch-W
	Servers:	Thomas Carroll, Brent Moening
	Ushers:	Tom Wagner, Pat Theisen

Sacrificial Support Week 35 / February 28, 2010			
Budget	\$4900	Budget-to-date	\$171500
Received	\$3972	Received-to-date	\$160719
Capital Improvement	\$45		

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CMLG

Save the Date!

The Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild (CMLG) will be hosting a Marriage Enrichment Dinner on April 24th. Tickets will go on sale March 14th. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

Looking for a short spiritual getaway? A wonderful retreat is planned for all women on Saturday morning, March 13th; at St. Wenceslaus Church in New Prague from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.) We will pray the Stations of the Cross and the sacrament of reconciliation will be available. There will be an inspirational speaker and Holy Mass will be offered at 11 a.m. followed by a light Lenten lunch. Cost is \$5. If you would like to bring a baked goodie or other item for the silent auction — all proceeds go for pro-life. This spiritual event is sponsored by Southwest Deanery Council of Catholic Women. Bring a friend for a morning of prayer and reflection. Please

Sign up by March 1st. We will gladly carpool or pick up anyone unable to make the drive to New Prague. Call Denise Anderson at 952-461-5019 or sign up on the form at the back of the church.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Holy Cross Crusader Dinner – This annual event will again be held at Champions at Elko Speedway on Saturday, March 13. To purchase a ticket, please see a school family, 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

On Sunday, March 14th, the New Prague Knights of Columbus will be holding their 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree initiation for all men interested in becoming a Knight. If you are a Catholic male in good standing with the church, we urge you to attend this beautiful ceremony. Starts at 9 am for registration and finishes at 3 pm for all 3 degrees and makes you a full member of our merry band of brothers. If you think you can donate 1 hour a month for a meeting and may have some time and talent to help with our many fun events, we would love to talk to you and help guide you through this great day. See Pat Theisen, Mike Moeller, or Mike Kaderlik and lets get you signed up."

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

Mark your calendars! Several excellent speakers are lined-up throughout the coming year--you won't want to miss them! The Respect Life Groups of South Central Minnesota are sponsoring the following presentations:

Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, director of education for the National Catholic Bioethics Center (April 22, 2010, Church of St. Dominic, Northfield)

Archbishop Raymond Burke, Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura at the Vatican (Aug. 8, 2010, Divine Mercy, Faribault)

Kalley Yanta, former KSTP TV news anchor and pro-life activist (Oct. 21, 2010, Divine Mercy, Faribault)

With questions, call Dr. Richard Weiland, 507-645-2633, or Anne Fredrickson, 507-645-2348

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

St. Wenceslaus Church in New Prague is sponsoring a Fish Fry on Friday, March 12, serving 4:30-7:30pm. The menus consists of home-made, "all you can eat" Baked or Fried Fish, Fish sticks for children, Au Gratin Potatoes, Coleslaw, Rolls, Cookies & Beverage. Take outs are available. Adult:\$10 at the door, Children under 3: free.

Join Bishop Lee Piché for a LENTEN WOMEN'S RETREAT "Blessed Mary and the Ministry of Compassion: Our Lady at the Foot of the Cross"

Bishop Lee Piche cordially invites all women of the Archdiocese to enter into the season of Lent through a morning retreat of prayer, sacrament and reflection. The morning will include a continental breakfast, reflections from Bishop Piché, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a walk with Mary through the stations of the cross, and Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Piche. Confessions will be heard throughout the retreat.

Retreat Details: Saturday, March 13 from 9:00 am ~ 12:00 noon, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, St. Paul Cost is \$10, which includes light refreshments. Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office for Marriage, Family, and Life. For more information or a registration form, call 651.291.4489. On-line registration forms also available at: www.archspm.org

St. Elizabeth Unit of St. Anne's CCW Proudly Presents All you can eat Spaghetti Buffet, on Saturday, March 13th 4-7pm. Adults: \$8, Children 5-12: \$4, Under 5:\$1. St. Anne's School – 511 North 4th Street, LeSueur, MN

All You Can Eat Fish Fry @ St. Patrick's Church of Cedar Lake, on Friday March 19th 5-8pm. Adult:\$10, 4-12 Years: \$5, 3 & Under: Free. Fish, French Fries, Au Gratin Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Beans, Bread, Bars & Beverage.

"Loving Myself...Nurturing the Treasures Within. " Please join us for a spring salad luncheon at St. Catherine's of Spring Lake on Saturday, March 20th at 11:30am. We're delighted to have Sisters Lay O'Neil and Michelle Meyers, Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, as our keynote speakers. Tickets are \$10 for the lunch and program. Contact Irene Buresh at 952-461-2400, if you would like to purchase tickets.

Veseli Lions Club is having a Scrap Booking Retreat from 8am – 10pm on Saturday, March 20th @ Holy Cross School in Webster. Cost is \$45 if you pre-register and \$50 at the door. Price includes: Light Breakfast, 2 meals, snacks, desserts, beverages, table prizes, raffle and vendors door prizes. Please call Carrie Kubes @ 507-744-4670 to register.

Reclaiming the Culture of Marriage & Life, Saturday, March 20 9-11am @ St. John the Baptist in Jordan

How many times have you heard the criticism, "The Church should stay out of the bedroom," and not known how to respond? Why does the Church care so deeply about marriage and relationships? Does the Church really need to get involved in these issues? Isn't it enough to focus on helping the poor and vulnerable? Many current issues, such as contraception, abortion, cohabitation, divorce, and same-sex unions, challenge Catholics to think deeply about the meaning of marriage, its purposes, its connectedness to life issues and its values to individuals, families and society. Because reflection based on reason and faith provides an appropriate framework for current debates, we invite you to join us for an evening of discussion about what the Church teaches regarding these issues—and WHY. **Father Andrew Cozzens**, theology professor at St. Paul Seminary, will explain the Biblical, philosophical and spiritual foundation of Christian marriage. **Attorney William LeMire** will help us understand the legal battle. Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office for Marriage, Family and Life. Call 651.291.4488 or visit www.archspm.org for additional information.

There will be an hour of prayer at Planned Parenthood in St. Paul in some Fridays of Lent. The prayer is from 5 - 6 p.m. You are welcome to attend. March 5, 12, 19, 26 - Lenten Vigils, Planned Parenthood, 1965 Ford Parkway, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

During this modified "40 Days for Life," we strongly encourage you to pray outside Planned Parenthood anytime on the Fridays in Lent. We will conduct a formal time of group prayer from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. each Friday, except Good Friday

Southern Valley Alliance For Battered Women is in need of additional volunteers to answer its 24-hour crisis line, facilitate its women's support group and provide childcare for those groups. Free training for crisis line and group facilitation volunteers will begin March 27th. No training is required for childcare volunteers. For more information, please call Martha or Lori at 952-873-4214.

Certificates for Couples Married 50+ Years

The Archdiocesan Office for Marriage, Family & Life is once again honoring couples in the Archdiocese who have been married 50 years or longer. An attractive Certificate of Recognition, signed by Archbishop Nienstedt, will be mailed to all couples married 50 years or longer in the calendar year 2010. The longest married couple will be honored on June 26th at the Marriage Day Mass and Celebration at the Cathedral of St. Paul. **Requests need to be made in writing and received by April 1, 2010.** The letter should include the following information: First and last names of the couple, number of years they've been married, the address that the certificate should be sent to. Please send your requests to: Office for Marriage, Family & Life, c/o Marriage Certificates, 328 West Kellogg Boulevard, Saint Paul, MN 55102