

## YOUNG PEOPLE!!!

What are you living for? Do not settle for anything less than God's awesome plan for your life!

We start Catholic School's Week this Sunday which we are celebrating as the gift to learn fully what life is all about. Education comes from the root word "educio" which means "to lead out of." When we are truly educated, we are led out of darkness (not knowing) into light (knowledge). In a Catholic school we learn about Christ, "the wisdom of God." (1 Cor 1:30) He, of course, is the light of the world. So, it is not that all in public schools are uneducated. But, without the perspective of Christ, the final end of the beatific vision always before us whether we are studying math, gym, music or the sacrament of the Eucharist, we do not know how everything fits together. Again, in all our classes, at the end of the day our hearts are asking us: *what am I living for? Why am I here? Why am I doing this homework assignment...calling this friend...playing this sport anyway?* If we are just going to be in the grave in a number of years, what is the point?

YOUNG PEOPLE!!! This is how our pope loves to address all who come to World Youth Day when each one is encouraged to give themselves totally to Jesus Christ. All of you ages freshman through 30 years of ages should have received a letter of invitation from me to come to World Youth Day. If you did not, please accept this as a personal invitation to you and to your parents to encourage you. There are youth from all over the world waiting to meet you! This is a grand part of your education. It is hard to find in books and ipods what the church is offering in this pilgrimage. Yes, pilgrimage. I am not talking exactly about a vacation here. I, and more importantly our Lord, is inviting you to hear his voice and see your special place in the church. You are the future of our church and our world. So many people wait for you to say yes to Jesus Christ in your life right now as he invites you to seek him in your daily life and to come to Madrid in August 2010.

During the summer I lived in Spain, a common phrase was: "vale la pena." Literally, this means: "it is worth the pain." Whether it was about a monument or place to visit, or something expensive to try, the family I was with would explain what it was and that *vale la pena*. Our Archdiocese has a super group and priests gathered to journey to Spain for the next world. Come and check it out Sunday night at 6:30pm in the youth room. *Vale la pena!* -Fr. James Adams

## EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday..... Sunday School, KC Sponsored Pancake Breakfast in Church basement 8-12 Sunday School  
Tuesday.....Fatima Rosary Group, Choir Practice 7pm  
Wednesday...Morning Mass @ Holy Cross 8:15,  
Religious Ed. 6:55pm, Book Club 7:15pm  
Thursday.....Adult Faith Formation 9am & 7pm,  
RCIA @ Holy Cross 7pm, Mom's Group 9:30am  
Saturday.....First Sat. prayers 7:30am, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Lifeline Mass  
(meet in church parking lot at 4:30pm)  
Sunday.....Sunday School

### **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.



**TODAY - the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake breakfast after both Masses.** Come down and enjoy a delicious hot meal and fellowship. Holy Cross School will be kicking off their Catholic Schools week that day also. So come hungry and support the Knights and the school in all their good works."

Father James Holl will be here next Saturday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> - to say the 5pm mass

**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.

### Pro-Life / Super Bowl Ad

**A 30 second ad during the Super Bowl.....**

"Celebrate Family, Celebrate Life" - After getting sick during a mission trip to the Philippines, Pam Tebow ignored a recommendation by doctors to abort her fifth child and gave birth to Tim Tebow, who went on to win the 2007 Heisman Trophy while helping his Florida Team to two BCS championships.

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

**PPB Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at DeWalls.**

**TODAY - The New Prague K,C's will hold their Free Throw contest at the New Prague High School Gym at 12:30 pm for registration and 1 pm for a fun time shooting free throws.** Will be done by 2 pm. Just show up and go to the Gym. All paperwork and trophies will be provided for you. Boys and girls, ages 10 thru 14 are invited. Any other questions just call Pat Theisen at 952 457 9289 or Jack Stasney at 952 393 1043 for more info.



*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

**Jan 31 @ 6:30pm in the youth room there will be a VERY important meeting on the plans for WYD.** If you are unable to attend but have a strong desire to learn more about WYD please contact Megan Anderson at 651-283-1799. **This meeting is also important for parents to attend to learn all the facts about costs, commitment and any other questions. Que vengan todos!**

**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.

## **The Great Adventure Starting Back-Up.....**

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about The Story of Salvation during Lent.

Jeff Cavins Bible Timeline continues every Thursday in February and March beginning February 4 through March 25th, 9:00am-10:30am and 7:00pm-8:30pm.

If you did not sign up for the first 4 sessions and are interested in joining us please call Kathy Chlan at 952-652-2286 or Jean Moeller at 952-461-4552.

Morning Moms' Group/Book Club will meet on Thursday, Feb. 4 & 18 @ 9:30am At Deb Streefland's home.. Childcare provided! Please contact Sarah Kuehl @ 952.461.4631 or Katherine

Your gift to the 2010 Catholic Services Appeal reaches out to the countless people in need throughout our Archdiocese. No matter where you turn, you find someone who will benefit from your kindness. Please consider pledging your support to this worthwhile endeavor. Of course, if you do not give generously the work of the church will be diminished.

### 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 Feb. 3, 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

Choir Practice: Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2,9,16,23 & 30<sup>th</sup>. All practices are Tuesday evenings at 7pm. **New members are always welcome!!**

Choir Mass: Jan. 31, Feb. 14, 17 (Ash Wed.), 28, March 7, 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

JESUS WILL BLESS YOU, your family and the whole world for the time you spend with Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

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:  
**Monday:** 1 am, **Tuesday:** noon (during the winter months), 4 pm,  
**Wednesday:** 9 am, 3 pm, **Thursday:** 2 pm, 3 pm,  
**Friday:** 3 am, **Saturday:** 1 pm.

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

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](http://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](http://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](mailto:makaderlik@mchsi.com).

### RELIGIOUS ED.

All 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Holy Cross & Home Schooled students should pick up their First Communion Material in the back of church. Any Wed.

evening Re. Ed. students who did not receive their First Communion packet this past Wed., may pick up their material in the back of church.

**9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Students** – The last Lifeline mass is set for Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. We will leave the church parking lot at 4:45pm., and return around 10pm. **This is a Confirmation Requirement. You must check in with Father Adams when you arrive at church.**

**Confirmation Students:**

- Please remember to turn in your homily notes & service hours slips monthly! Notices will be mailed to parents by the end of the month.

**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	30	5:00 pm	Poor Souls
Sun	31	8:00 am	Doris & Joe Cole+
Sun	31	10:00 am	For the Parish
Tues	2	8:00 am	Bernadine Pop+
Wed	3	8:00 am	Pat Urbanski+
Thurs	4	8:00 am	Edward Grobarek+
Fri	5	8:00 am	Charlie & Lena Janisch+
Sat	6	8:30 am	David & Ruth Stencil+
Sat	6	5:00 pm	Leo Kuelbs
Sun	7	8:00 am	Leo & Anna Stencil+
Sun	7	10:00 am	Vickie Wagner+

Daily Scriptures			
Mon	2 Samuel	15:13-14,30:16:5-13	Mark 5:1-20
Tue	Malachi	32:1-4	Luke 2:22-40
Wed	2 Samuel	24:2,9-17	Mark 6:1-6
Thu	1 Kings	2:1-4,10-12	Mark 6:7-13
Fri	Sirach	47:2-11	Mark 6:14-29
Sat.	1 Kings	3:4-13	Mark 6:30-34
Sun	Isaiah	6:1-2a,3-8/ 1 Corinthians	15:1-55/ Luke 5:1-11

Liturgical Stewardship			Feb. 6 & 7
5pm	Lectors:	Gail Mathews-H	
	Ministers:	Chuck Mathews-Ch-H	
	Servers:	Josh Chlan & Jackson Dietz	
	Ushers:		
8am	Lectors:	Ken Thomas-H	
	Ministers:	Mike Moeller-Ch-H	
	Servers:	James & Justin Tupy	
	Ushers:	<b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>	
10am	Lectors:	Mary Zweber-H	
	Ministers:	Larry Caduff-Ch-H	
	Servers:	Hartman Sadusky, Brent Moening	
	Ushers:	Tony Nelson, Jim Filipiak	

Sacrificial Support Week 30 / January 24, 2010			
Budget	\$4900	Budget-to-date	\$147000
Received	\$3682	Received-to-date	\$138743
Capital Improvement	\$45 / School	\$0	

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## YOUTH GROUP

High School Youth Winter Adventure Weekend! The information packet for this year's trip to Lutsen ski area can now be picked up in the back of church! This year's trip is later than usual: February 26-28. Youth can choose between skiing, snowboarding, cross country skiing, snowshoeing or even hiking to frozen waterfalls! For more information call Molly Havlicek at 952-461-2933 or Jen Messing at 612-518-5490

## PRO-LIFE

Peace and war begin at home. If we truly want peace in the world, let us begin by loving one another in our own families. If we want to spread joy, we need for every family to have joy. Mother Teresa

## NEIGHBORING EVENTS

**Reclaiming the Culture of Marriage & Life, Thursday, Feb. 18; 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**All Saints Catholic Church 19795 Holyoke Avenue Lakeville**

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](http://www.archspm.org) for additional information.

Queen of Peace Hospital's Chief of Anesthesiology, [Jean Nusbaum, MD](#) and Clinical Nurse Specialist, Joan Gunderson, RN are traveling to Haiti on Monday, January 25 to help the injured people of this country. [Queen of Peace Foundation is raising funds to support this medical mission.](#) Donations are currently being accepted online at [www.queenofpeacehospital.com](http://www.queenofpeacehospital.com).

[Pregnancy Choices LifeCare in Apple Valley has an immediate opening for a licensed ultrasound tech. One day a week guaranteed salary with possible growth. Great work environment. Call Jeri 952-997-2229](#)

**The New Prague Wrestling Booster Club will be sponsoring a scrambled egg and pancake breakfast on Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> at the KC Hall in New Prague.** This Breakfast will run from 7:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Rick Tietz Memorial Scholarship that is awarded to graduating senior wrestlers. Please come and join us for this breakfast. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students grades K-6. Tickets are available from New Prague High School Wrestlers and at the door.

**Veseli Area Lions Club are hosting the iHoops Basketball Skills Challenge on Saturday, February 6th, 2010 @ 11:00 a.m. with registration beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Holy Cross Catholic School Gym.** The skills challenge is free to all area youth ages 9 to 14 and is a timed half court obstacle course showcasing the youths passing, dribbling & shooting skills. Top finishers have the opportunity to advance to a Regional Competition held at the Target Center before a Timberwolves game and then may further advance to a National Competition held in Orlando, FL. For more information visit [www.iHoops.com/skillchallenge](http://www.iHoops.com/skillchallenge) or contact Jenny Malecha 507-744-2236.

**All You Can Eat Fish Fry at St. Patrick's Church of Cedar lake, Friday, Feb. 12 serving 5-8pm.** Menu includes Cod Fish - deep fried or baked, Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Beans, Bread, Bars and Beverage. Adults: \$10, 4-12 Years: \$5, 3 & Under: Free.

**Please join us for the Annual Single Parent Morning Retreat**

A time to Reflect, Recharge and Connect with other parents ~ All are welcome! The Archdiocesan Office for Marriage, Family and Life is hosting its annual Single Parent Morning Retreat: Saturday, February 20th from 9:00 am ~ 12 noon, *Nativity of Our Lord, St. Paul*, Free Childcare Provided!

*Morning reflections include:*

**"Just One of Me—Successfully Surviving the Stress of Single Parenting"**— Psychologist Catherine Mollner **"No Time Today!—Finding ways to Thrive Spiritually"**—Father Jeff Huard, The Testimony of a Single Mom: **"The Joys and Sorrows of Doing it Alone"**—Nancy Miller, single mom of 6.

Single parents of every age and stage in life are welcome. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 8:15 am. Registration begins at 8:45 am. The cost is \$10/family—scholarships are available. Free childcare will be provided. For more information or a registration form, call 651.291.4489. On-line forms also available at: [www.archspm.org](http://www.archspm.org)

**The Galtier Society is hosting its annual "Lenten Morning of Reflection" on Saturday, February 20th from 9:00am to noon at St. Olaf Catholic Church in Minneapolis.**

Rev. Father John Paul Erickson, Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Worship, will lead the morning of reflection themed "Sursum Corda - Praying the Mass with the Heart of Jesus Christ".

**Natural Family Planning Classes**

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 at St. John Neumann Church, 4030 Pilot Knob Road, Eagan. This series uses CCL's new streamlined methodology and new materials incorporating Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Classes begin on Sunday, Feb. 21 at 2pm. For registration / information, please call 612-721-3791, or visit our web site at : <http://twincities.ccli.org>

