

From Logs, to Stone to You and Me!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord Jesus! How blessed we are to call each other family! Both the Archdiocese and our parish of St. Nicholas had such beautiful beginnings with log chapels (read of our in the 150th Anniversary book)! Then came the stone of the current precious churches we have now. And, here are you and I, "the living stones." (1 Pet. 2:5)

In these weeks we are hearing from our Archbishop about the Catholic Services Appeal and are invited to see this as more than "another special collection." I invite you and challenge you to see these next weeks as a great preparation for the next Liturgical season of Lent coming. Yes, get pumped about Lent because God has so much to give us, but if we are not ready, it will not happen. Part of this readiness has to do with our money. Before we talk about money though, we go to the source of where all money and everything else comes from...and if we think about this in prayer we come to see that *all is gift*. Everything we have has been given. God has been so generous to our area of the planet to give us the message of the Gospel through the amazing missionaries, moms, dads, teachers and others that really planted the Church here. Please take time to reflect on this gift and how God is personally inviting you in your spot here at St. Nicholas to make a response to him with all that you are.

My suggestion would be that as part of your daily prayer life, take a few minutes to think in particular of the people and events you know of that made it possible for you to be here living and breathing at this moment. Think of your family history and then beyond to the people and events you know of that made it possible for you to come in contact with Jesus Christ. Thank God for them all and their sacrifices. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you take a step deeper in your faith as you come close to Lent. He will guide as to how you may be able then to support financially the Archdiocese "without counting the cost."

God reward you for your generosity.

Fr. James Adams

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday..... Sunday School
Tuesday..... Fatima Rosary Group, Choir Practice 7pm,
Parish Council Meeting 7pm
Wednesday... Morning Mass @ Holy Cross 8:15,
Religious Ed. 6:55pm, CMLG Meeting 7pm
Thursday..... Adult Faith Formation 9am & 7pm,
RCIA @ Holy Cross 7pm
Saturday..... Mardi Gras Party @ Holy Cross 6pm – All Welcome
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.

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.

150th 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. 25th at 7:30pm at DeWalls.

CMLG Meeting is scheduled for Wed. Feb. 10th at 7pm in the church basement.

ALL YOUNG ADULTS! COME ON RETREAT!

If you are a young adult (in college or a bit beyond) and interested in a silent retreat at this time in your life to discern God's will for you, come on retreat from the evening of Sunday May 9th through the morning of Friday May 14th, 2010 at the Villa Maria in Frontenac, MN. I will lead a shortened version of the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. If you are interested, there will be small informational meeting on Sunday February 20th between Masses in the church basement at 9:15am. This is a gift the church has to offer you as you seek to understand your vocation. Please let me know if you wish to come on this retreat by Thursday February 25th, 2010. –Fr. Adams



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

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. 18 @ 9:30am At Deb Streefland's home.. Childcare provided! Please contact Sarah Kuehl @ 952.461.4631 or Katherine

Have you given prayerful consideration to your gift for the 2010 Catholic Services Appeal? Have You? If you simply have made a gift with the change in your pockets, we will not be able to serve all those who need our help. We need each of you to help us be the "Hands of Christ" in supporting the people and the work of the Archdiocese of Saint. Paul and Minneapolis.

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.**

CMLG

2010 ACCW Legislative Day, Thursday, Feb. 25th am – 2pm at the Best Western Kelly Inn, St. Paul 194 & Marion St. 651-227-8711. Cost is \$10, lunch included, Registrations forms are in the back of church.

A Spiritual Day for all Women, Sat. March 13 at Church of St. Wenceslaus in New Prague, 8am – 1pm. To attend please call Denise Anderson at 461-5019. Meet in the church parking lot at 7:45AM if you would like to carpool

CHOIR

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

Choir Mass: 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

“We have ups and downs and sickness and suffering. That is part of the cross. Anyone who imitates Him to the full must share in His passion also. That is why we need prayer/ that is why we need the Bread of Life/ that is why we have Adoration.” ---Bl. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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 (once a month on the 2nd Sunday of the month),
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

RELIGIOUS ED.

All 2nd 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.

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.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

FREE Family Mardi Gras Party – The Holy Cross CPO is hosting a family Mardi Gras Party on Saturday, February 13 from 6-8pm in the school gym. Please join us for Dominos Pizza, beverages and Bingo. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to see our school and meet school and parish families.

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.

Mass Intentions			
Sat	6	5:00 pm	Leo Kuelbs
Sun	7	8:00 am	Leo & Anna Stencil+
Sun	7	10:00 am	Vickie Wagner+
Tues	9	8:00 am	Nancy Gindler+
Wed	10	8:00 am	Special Intention
Thurs	11	8:00 am	Joan Britten+
Fri	12	8:00 am	Marie & Al Grobarek+
Sat	13	8:30 am	Rita Simon+
Sat	13	5:00 pm	Mary Li & Cheryl Skluzacek+
Sun	14	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	14	10:00 am	Cecelia Nicklaus

Daily Scriptures		
Mon	1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13	Mark 6:53-56
Tue	1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30	Mark 7:1-13
Wed	1 Kings 10:1-10	Mark 7:14-23
Thu	1 Kings 11:4-13	Mark 7:24-30
Fri	1 Kings 11:29-32;12:19	Mark 7:31-37
Sat.	1 Kings 12:26-32;13:33-34	Mark 8:1-10
Sun	Jeremiah 17:5-8 / Psalm1:1-2,3, 4& 6/ 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20	

Liturgical Stewardship		Feb. 13 & 14
5pm	Lectors:	Tom Wagner-W
	Ministers:	Bill Vogel-W, Jan Freeman-H, Mary Forland-Ch-W, Ken Thomas-Ch-H
	Servers:	Steven Conway, Curtis Kiewiet
	Ushers:	
8am	Lectors:	Mike Moeller-H
	Ministers:	Ralph Wagner-W, Jolene Pierson-W, Margo Theisen-Ch-W, Leander Wagner-Ch-H
	Servers:	Mike Cole, Joseph Knight
	Ushers:	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
10am	Lectors:	Justine Panka
	Ministers:	Amy McDonald-H, Julie Nelson-W, Jackie Devine-Ch-W, Chris Kuehl-Ch-H
	Servers:	Patrick Kuehl, Robert Devine
	Ushers:	Tony Nelson, Jim Filipiak

Sacrificial Support Week 31/ January 31, 2010			
Budget	\$4900	Budget-to-date	\$151900
Received	\$3682	Received-to-date	\$143079
Capital Improvement	\$20		

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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

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.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

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.

The Church of The Most Holy Trinity in Veseli will have Bingo on Sunday, February 14th at 1pm. Admission is \$4 which includes 1 card and lunch.

The St. Wenceslaus Soup Kitchen Committee is again sponsoring a Soup Supper on Monday, February 15th, 2010 from 4:30-7pm in the church basement. We will be serving Chili, Vegetable Beef and Chicken Noodle Soup, along with homemade breads and desserts. Cost is \$7 for a single ticket or \$24 per family. Kindergarten and younger children – no charge. Take-outs will be available. Tickets are available at the door. All proceeds go to fund the Soup Kitchen project at the Dorothy Day Center in St. Paul.

How Catholics Read the Bible

A Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary Theology Day

Join Charles Bobertz, Ph.D., for a brief history of biblical interpretation in the Catholic Church and a look at the current growth in biblical literalism in both the Catholic Church and evangelical Protestant communities. Bobertz teaches at Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary and the undergraduate Department of Theology of the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University and serves as a deacon for St. Hubert's Catholic Community in Chanhassen, MN. Feb. 25, 6-9 p.m., Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis. Free event. Meal provided. **Registration is required:** www.csbsju.edu/sot or 320-363-3570.

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 for additional information.

Operation Andrew: A program sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations, is an opportunity for priests and Brothers to invite young men to a dinner with the Archbishop where they can hear vocation testimonials on priesthood and the Religious Life. Young men between the age of 16-35 are welcome to attend. Please contact Father Adams if interested. 461-2403.

[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](#)

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

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>

