

The Pastor's Page

Successful Parents

What is a successful parent? According to James Stenson, author of *Upbringing*, "Successful parents are, simply speaking, parents who raise successful children. That is, they are fathers and mothers whose children grow up, often rather quickly, to become men and women of strong conscience and character, young adults who habitually exercise the virtues"

Successful parents come from every temperament, are not without fault, are often beset with doubts, and experience disappointments with their children's attitudes and behaviors. Yet they triumph in the long run because of certain traits. Today we will look at unity.

The parents work as a unified team. They thoroughly support each other in the common endeavor of raising children well... Though the parents inevitably have differences of opinion in many matters, they manage to agree - to smooth over differences through compromise - in matters relating to the children's discipline. They realize that they, as a couple, must present a united front to the children when teaching them right from wrong. Each child has only one mind and one conscience, and therefore needs one consistent set of directions emanating from both parents. Clever, manipulative children can take advantage of disunity between parents, playing one off against the other. Successful parents simply do not permit this to happen."

It is painful to disagree with your spouse when discipline is being administered. Is he or she overly harsh? Is he or she a "marshmallow?" Is he or she addressing the problem or the child? In almost every case, unity is the best choice. Stay united. In fact, don't just silently watch, as though you personally oppose what is being done, but actively support your spouse. That leaves no emotional wiggle room for the little ones to secretly believe you were on their side. And if the discipline was perhaps a bit harsh, who hasn't gotten away with something that should have been brought up on another occasion?

The question of unity requires that husband and wife talk together about how each child is turning out, and the differences between them. Clearly boys are different from girls, a fact hardly admitted today, but one that requires different handling of problems. And no two boys or two girls are exactly alike, so that parents need to carefully watch how each child is developing. What are their strengths? What are their weaknesses? How can we strengthen them? Do they need a more gentle hand, or perhaps more firmness? Do we understand discipline as strength building and merely control so that we lay down the law affectionately and with forgiveness?

In all this, parents need to remain united for the well being of the children. It will also be of great benefit to their marriage.

Fr. Dufner

NFP Awareness Night

The USCCB each year dedicates the 3rd week of July as *National Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week* (July 24-30, 2011). The Archdiocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Life is offering an NFP awareness night: "*Satisfying the Human Appetite in a Natural Way: A Discussion Relating to the Human Hunger in Body, Mind and Spirit*" in conjunction with this national event week to promote the understanding of NFP. The keynote speaker for the evening will be Fr. Leo Patalinghug, nationally known, sought after speaker of the movement "*Grace Before Meals*". Fr. Leo Patalinghug will be offering two presentations: **Natural Family Planning: The Human desires According to God's Plan** and one of his **Famous Cooking Demonstrations!** Come learn more about planning families the natural way, strengthening your marriage with tangible ways to share your thoughts, emotions and needs with your spouse. Join us for this interactive evening of fun and learning about the life-giving love of marriage.

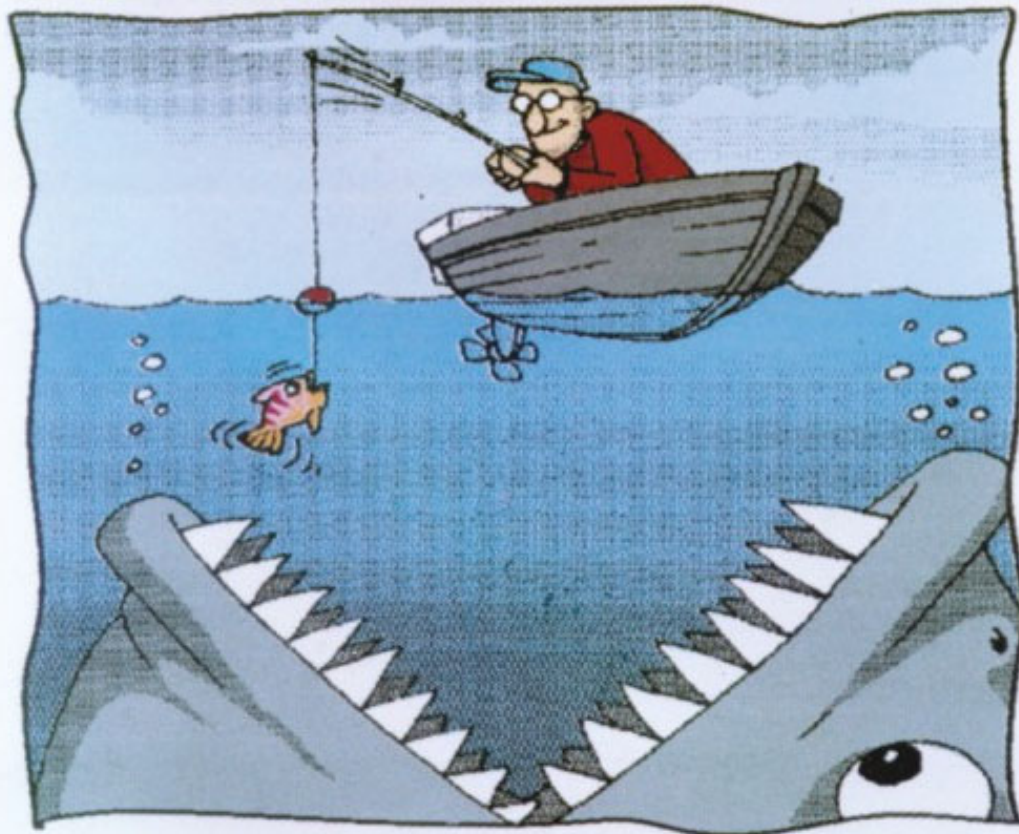
WHAT: Natural Family Planning Awareness Night **TOPIC:** Satisfying the Human Appetite in a Natural Way **WHO:** Engaged and Married Couples **WHEN:** Tuesday, July 26, 2011 **WHERE:** St. Peter Church, 1405 Hwy 13, Mendota Heights

TIME: 7:00-9:00PM **COST:** \$25.00/couple, coffee and dessert provided.
To learn more or for a registration flyer please visit www.archspm.org/family or call 651.291.4489.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing After Abortion

If you are struggling with an abortion experience, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat on August 5-7, 2011 in the Twin Cities area. The weekend retreat will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or registration contact Nancy at rvr-nancy@usfamily.net or 763.250.9313. The cost is \$160.00. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available. Also on the web at rachelvineyard.org.

LIFE IS UNPREDICTABLE...
...THE NEED FOR BLOOD IS NOT!



GIVE BLOOD

ATTENTION ALL BLOOD DONORS YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Our Blood Drive is **this Monday**, July 18
from 12:30P.M. to 7:30P.M. in Moorman Hall

and we are still in need of **40** donors to reach our goal.

Walk-in's will be accepted, however you may call
Sharon at 952.929.0113 ext. 13 to schedule an appointment.

Give Blood. Save Lives.

✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

Sunday, July 17 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Food Drive Sunday

8:00 am Confessions
 9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass

Monday, July 18

8:00 am Mass
 8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)
 12:30 - 7:30pm Blood Drive (Moorman Hall)

Tuesday, July 19

8:00 am Mass
 8:30 am Grandparents Prayer Group (Gathering Place)
 10:30 am Goodtimers (Gathering Place)

Wednesday, July 20

8:00 am Mass
 8:30 am Coffee & Rolls (Moorman Hall)
 11:45 am Exercise Class (Moorman Hall)

Thursday, July 21

8:00 am Mass
 7:00 pm NFP (Gathering Place)

Friday, July 22

Parish Office Closed

8:00 am Mass
 8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)

Saturday, July 23

6:30 am Holy Name Society (Gathering Place)
 10:00 am Rosaries for Life (Robbinsdale)
 3:30 pm Confessions
 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, July 24- 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

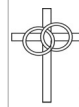
Donut/New Member

8:00 am Confessions
 9:00 am Mass
 11:00 am Mass

Natural Family Planning Classes: The Billings Ovulation Method-Plan your family the natural way. Learn about this complete way of life honoring your marriage, sexuality and fertility. It is loving-naturally-the way God designed it! A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered here at **Holy Family on July 21st. To register, call Lorena Dillon at 612.396.4019.**

We are in need of items for the Parish Festival Silent Auction!

Suggested items are *Gardening, Sewing, Quilting, Kitchen, Sports Teams, Spa, Garage Necessities, Pope Theme, Books for Children, Books for Adults, Fishing, Golf, Beach, Car Care, Coffee, Tea & Tea Cups, Scrapbooking, Catholic Kids, Bug Collecting, Arts and Crafts, Cars, Handy man, Fall Raking, Bake Something each Month, Season Tickets, New TV, New Bike, Babysitting, Sing Christmas Carols, Golfing, Hunting, Fishing, Vacation Homes, Toys, Christmas Items, Lawn ornaments, Meals for a family.* We're also looking for *books, CD's or DVD's for the "Book Store".* Place all items in Moorman Hall on the countertop by the kitchen. Questions? Call Sherri Johnson @ 952.451.8665.



Banns I

Benjamin Ellison and Darryn Beckstrom

Banns III

Mark Hansen and Rebecca Longtin

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* here at Holy Family in the School Library. New streamlined methodology and new materials integrate Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Classes begin on Tuesday, July 19, at 7:00PM. For registration go to www.twincities.ccli.org - for more info call 612.721.3791.

SATURDAY and SUNDAY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS...

In order to insure the proper number of Eucharistic Ministers for Mass, please continue the practice of checking in the sacristy before Mass to see if your services are needed.

Thank you, Sharon

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34 - 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10 - 12:14; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Camillus de Lellis

Wednesday: St. Apollinaris

Thursday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Friday: St. Mary Magdalene

Saturday: St. Bridget of Sweden; Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Family Weekly Offering July 9/10

Regular Envelopes	\$16,173.03
Plate	\$ 1,592.00
Care Fund	\$ 743.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,355.25

When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us to use the information from your check to make a one-time electronic funds transfer from your account.

Thank you for generosity!

Mass Intentions for the Week

July	18	Arenna & Tizoc Rosales
July	19	Tami Slater
July	20	Ruth Laxen
July	21	Tim Laxen
July	22	Pat Gawarecki
July	23	Sylvia Custer †
July	24	Marion T. Rubel † (9:00AM)
July	24	For the Parish (11:00AM)



Holy Family Parish Festival 2011 ~ August 19th-20th

Smoker Poker ~ Friday August 26th

K of C Pancake Breakfast ~ September

(September date is TBD...proceeds will benefit the Parish Festival)

Friday: Dinner & Live Auction at the Golden Valley Country Club

Saturday: ✦ Silent Auction ✦ Petting Zoo ✦ Pony Rides ✦ Mini-Manicures ✦ Face painting ✦
✦ Paintball ✦ Train rides ✦ Basketball Shoot Out ✦ Inflatables ✦ Bingo ✦
✦ Outdoor Food/Snacks (walking tacos, veggies, hotdogs, ice cream, candy) ✦ Country Store ✦
✦ Beer Garden ✦ Raffle ✦ Chicken Dinner ✦ Papa 'D' and the Knights Band ✦

UPDATE: Tickets will be for sale **online** at www.hfcmn.org starting **August 1st** for the Chicken Dinner, Smoker Poker and Friday Night Dinner & Live Auction. Tickets will be sold in the back of church on July 30th & 31st, August 6th & 7th and August 13th & 14th. Tickets may also be purchased in the parish secretary's office Monday thru Thursday from 8:30am - 4:30pm beginning on August 1st

Don't forget to pickup your Raffle Tickets!

You will find them in the back of the Church beginning on Saturday, July 23rd

A special **thank you** to the following sponsors of the Lighthouse Catholic Media CD Display (located in the brochure rack at the back of church.)

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Calling for nominations for the Champions for Life Awards!

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis is looking for nominations for our **Annual Champions for Life Awards**. Do you know someone who is a **Champion for Life**? Do you know someone who works tirelessly in helping the poor or elderly; or someone who has devoted their time working with people with disabilities; or maybe you know someone who has helped women and families through a difficult pregnancy; or someone who prays tirelessly for Respect Life issues? Who do you know that loves, respects, and promotes life? Whether it is in grand gestures or small actions do you know a **Champion for Life**? **The categories are: Adult - Individual Youth/Young Adult - Individual or group, Couple or Family, Church, School or Catholic Affiliated Group.** You may print a nomination form at www.archspm.org - Events or E-mail: wilsons@archspm.org or call 651.291.4506. Deadline is August 15.

Day of Honor and Recognition for Birthmothers

The Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis, in conjunction with Catholic Charities, is offering its annual Day of Honor and Recognition for Birthmothers on Saturday, July 23. This day is set aside to recognize the sacrifices made by those who have relinquished a child to adoption. This day also offers an opportunity for healing, sharing and for learning about resources available for birth mothers.

Date/Times: July 23, ~ 9:30AM to 2:45PM **Location:** Our Lady of Grace,

Cost: \$15.00, to cover lunch and expenses. Scholarships available. **Registration:** 651.291.4488 or online at www.archspm.org



Pro-Life Corner

WARSAW, July 1, 2011 LifeSiteNews.com
A massive grassroots campaign in Poland to implement a total ban on abortion witnessed an important victory as the lower house of the Polish parliament fought off a first round of voting intended to scrap the historic bill. Sejm lawmakers voted 254-151 against a motion by the pro-abortion communist Democratic Left Alliance to reject the measure. Technically, abortions in Poland currently may only be obtained when the child is diagnosed with a serious condition, the mother diagnosed with a health problem, or where the pregnancy resulted from "illegal activity." But local leaders say that the exceptions are routinely abused by abortionists. Mariusz Dzierzawski of the Polish pro-life PRO Foundation described abortion as the country's heritage from communist times, when "children were killed in their mothers' wombs on a mass scale." "What differentiates good states from evil states? The way in which they treat the human person," said Dzierzawski. "A good state is one where every person is respected, and institutions serve good ends. "Totalitarian states ignore the dignity of the person...Every genocide begins with denying the humanity of the victims."