

The Pastor's Page

From a Sermon by St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop

I appeal to you by the mercy of God. This appeal is made by Paul, or rather, it is made by God through Paul, because of God's desire to be loved rather than feared, to be a father rather than a Lord. God appeals to us in his mercy to avoid having to punish us in his severity. Listen to the Lord's appeal: In me, I want you to see your own body, your members, your heart, your bones, your blood. You may fear what is divine, but why not love what is human? You may run away from me as the Lord, but why not run to me as your father? Perhaps you are filled with shame for causing my bitter passion. Do not be afraid. This cross inflicts a mortal injury, not on me, but on death. These nails no longer pain me, but only deepen your love for me. I do not cry out because of these wounds, but through them I draw you into my heart. My body was stretched on the cross as a symbol, not of how much I suffered, but of my all-embracing love. I count it no loss to shed my blood: it is the price I have paid for your ransom. Come, then, return to me and learn to know me as your father, who repays good for evil, love for injury, and boundless charity for piercing wounds.

Listen now to what the Apostle urges us to do. *I appeal to you*, he says, *to present your bodies as a living sacrifice*. By this exhortation of his, Paul has raised all men to priestly status.

How marvelous is the priesthood of the Christian, for he is both the victim that is offered on his own behalf, and the priest who makes the offering. He does not need to go beyond himself to seek what he is to immolate to God: with himself and in himself he brings the sacrifice he is to offer God for himself. The victim remains and the priest

remains, always one and the same. Immolated, the victim still lives: the priest who immolates cannot kill. Truly it is an amazing sacrifice in which a body is offered without being slain and blood is offered without being shed.

The Apostle says: *I appeal to you by the mercy of God to present your bodies as a living sacrifice*. Brethren, this sacrifice follows the pattern of Christ's sacrifice by which he gave his body as a living immolation for the life of the world. He really made his body a living sacrifice, because, though slain, he continues to live. In such a victim death receives its ransom, but the victim remains alive. Death itself suffers the punishment. This is why death for the martyrs is actually a birth, and their end a beginning. Their execution is the door to life, and those who were thought to have been blotted out from the earth shine brilliantly in heaven.

Paul says: *I appeal to you by the mercy of God to present your bodies as a sacrifice, living and holy*. The prophet said the same thing: *Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but you have prepared a body for me*. Each of us is called to be both a sacrifice to God and his priest. Do not forfeit what divine authority confers on you. Put on the garment of holiness, gird yourself with the belt of chastity. Let Christ be your helmet, let the cross on your forehead be your unflinching protection. Your breastplate should be the knowledge of God that he himself has given you. Keep burning continually the sweet-smelling incense of prayer. Take up the sword of the Spirit. Let your heart be an altar. Then, with full confidence in God, present your body for sacrifice. God desires not death, but faith; God thirsts not for blood, but for self-surrender; God is appeased not by slaughter, but by the offering of your free will.

Parish Office Summer Hours

The parish office will be open
Monday through Thursday
8:30am to 4:30pm
and closed on Friday's.
Beginning Memorial Day
going through Labor day.
Have a safe and happy summer!

Hope Rekindled : Widows Day of Reflection

Widows join us for a day of reflection and inspiration led by nationally known speaker and widow, Johnette S. Benkovic. Our Lady of Grace in Edina will host this even on July 9, 2011 beginning with 8:00AM mass. \$10 registration includes light breakfast, lunch and four inspiring reflections. Download registration form at www.olgparish.org. Come share this faith filled day with us. May God Bless you.

Best Ball Scramble Golf Tournament



All are invited to join this fun event on Monday, June 13 at Brookview Golf Course, Golden Valley. There will be many prizes awarded during the dinner for tournament events.

For more information on how to sponsor a hole or sign up for golf, contact Kathy at the parish office, 952.929.0113 x 16, or go to the website: www.hfcmn.org and follow the link. Sponsored by the Holy Family Choir.

Prenatal Partners for Life

Prenatal Partners for Life cordially invites you to attend our 5th Annual Benefit On Wednesday, June 15th at St. John the Baptist Church, New Brighton. Prenatal Partners for Life offers hope and support for families facing an adverse diagnoses of their child - for complete information please visit our web site. Come enjoy dinner, live auction and speaker Marjorie Dannenfelser; founder of the Susan B Anthony List. Register online at: www.prenatalpartnersforlife.org or call 763.772.3868.

Holy Family Catholic Church presents: Catholic Vacation Bible School 2011!

"Immaculate Mary"

The Story of Saint Bernadette and Our Lady of Lourdes

June 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 R 8:45am-12noon

Closing Program: Friday, June 17, starting at 12-noon in Church

Daily Mass is offered in Church each weekday at 8am

This CVBS is for children ages 4 years old through the completion of 6th grade

Adult and teenage helpers needed! Please see volunteer information below.

Location: Holy Family Academy, 5925 West Lake Street, St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Phone: 952-929-0113 x12 R Fax: 952-915-1474

One form per child please!

Student's Name _____ Male or Female

First

Middle

Last

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Phone _____ Birthday _____ Age & last school grade completed _____

Emergency Person (besides you) that can be contacted during CVBS:

Name

Phone

Relationship to Child

Physicians' Name _____ Physician's Phone _____ Allergies or medical concerns?
If yes, specify on back -

Student's Church (name and city) _____

Contact me to help with: **Teaching** ___ **Art** ___ **Serving snacks** ___ **Nursery for children of volunteers** ___

*In compliance with Archdiocese safety regulations, adult volunteers working with children need to go through a safety training session (Virtus) and fill out "background check" papers. There are no credit or driving record checks. Only criminal.

Please indicate if you have or have not yet gone through training and filled out background check papers. Thank you!

Teen volunteers under the age of 18 need a letter of recommendation from their pastor. (Fr. Dufner will write the letter for Holy Family teens. Mrs. Prather will obtain this letter when she has a list of all the teen helpers. No need to contact Father Dufner directly.)

TO REGISTER: Drop off at Church or mail form (**one per child**) along with **\$25.00 per child** registration fee to:

Jean Prather, Holy Family Catholic Church, 5900 West Lake Street, St. Louis Park, MN 55416

**If you are able to add a little extra CVBS tuition that will go to help those experiencing financial difficulty during this time, it would really be appreciated! Thanks and God bless you!*

Please check here if it's ok to use your child's picture in CVBS photos and videos for our website and printed materials.

Don't miss Catholic Vacation Bible School 2011!

Large group Gathering Times, Lessons & Stories, Music, Art Projects,

Snacks, Catholic tie-dye t-shirts,

♥ Children's Eucharistic Adoration!

✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

Sunday, May 22 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Donut/New Member

- 8:00 am Confessions
- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Mass
- 3:30 pm Father & Son Movie Night (Moorman Hall)

Monday, May 23

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)
- 8:30 am Branch III
- 3:00 pm WOW Holy Hour (Adoration Chapel)
- 6:30 pm Parish Council (Gathering Place)
- 8:00 pm Finance Committee (Gathering Place)

Tuesday, May 24

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

Wednesday, May 25

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:30 am Coffee & Rolls (Moorman Hall)
- 9:30 am Quilting
- 11:45 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)

Thursday, May 26

- 8:00 am Mass
- 7:00 pm Choir

Friday, May 27

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

Saturday, May 28

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

Sunday, May 29 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Food Drive Sunday

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

Monday, May 30 - Memorial Day

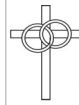
Parish Office Closed

- 9:00 am Mass
- 3:00 pm WOW Holy Hour (Adoration Chapel)

HOLY FAMILY BLOOD DRIVE...

Scheduled for Monday, July 18th.
Watch the bulletin for more details.

The World Apostolate of Fatima, Archdiocesan Division of St. Paul/Minneapolis, is sponsoring a Vigil of Reparation on Friday and Saturday, June 3 and 4 at the Church of St. Augustine in South St. Paul. The Vigil begins with the Rosary at 7:00PM followed by Mass of the Sacred Heart at 7:30PM. The evening continues with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and public and private prayers. The Vigil concludes with Mass of the Immaculate Heart at midnight followed by the Rosary and ends at approximately 1:00AM. Please contact Claude Medina at 651.457.6609 for more information. Everyone is invited to spend all or part of the evening with us.



Banns III

Seth Jirakf and Gina Ziesmer

Banns I

Isaac Huss and Kari Elsen

WIDOWS and WIDOWERS

You are invited to a Spring Memorial Holy Hour
and Pot Luck Celebration

Friday, May 27, 2011

Holy Hour 3:00PM to 4:00PM in Church

Followed by a Pot Luck Dinner in Moorman Hall

A - I please bring Salads

J - R please bring Hot Dishes

S - Z please bring Desserts

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Wednesday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;
St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi

Thursday: St. Philip Neri

Friday: St. Augustine of Canterbury

Correction to the totals in May 7/8 bulletin for the "Holy Family Weekly Offering." \$912.20 went to the Respect Life Committee not the CARE fund.

Holy Family Weekly Offering May 14/15

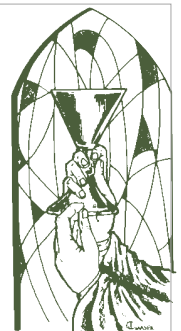
Regular Envelopes	\$16,119.03
Plate	\$ 2,375.96
Online Giving	\$ 597.00
CARE Fund	\$ 611.88

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

- May 23 Anthony Gozola
- May 24 The Church in China
- May 25 Doug Olson †
- May 26 Harry Spencer †
- May 27 Judie Sanders †
- May 28 Doug Olson †
- May 29 Delores Nelson † (9AM)
- May 29 For the Parish (11AM)



Invitation to Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

*Yes, I am willing to spend one hour once a week with Jesus,
who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.*



Name: _____
(Please print legibly)

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Please check which time you would prefer:

_____ Morning (6am-Noon) _____ Evening (6pm-Midnight)

_____ Afternoon (12 Noon-6pm) _____ Night (Midnight-6am)

_____ Specific hour _____ Committed Substitute

MEMORIAL DAY MASS and FLAG FOLDING CEREMONY

ATTENTION: ALL VETERANS, as well as **BOY and GIRL SCOUTS**,
you are invited to join us at the

9:00AM Mass on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 2011

VETERANS: You will enter in procession with Father from the back of Church and take places in the front reserved pews for Mass. Please meet in the back of Church at 8:40AM. Call Sharon at 952.929.0113 Ext. 13 if you have questions.



*In Flanders Fields the poppies grow
between the crosses row by row
that mark our place; and in the sky
the larks so bravely singing,
fly scarce heard amid the guns below.*

We are the dead.

*Short days ago we lived, felt dawn,
saw sunset glow, loved and were loved,
and now we lie in Flanders Fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe;
to you from failing hand we throw the torch;
be yours to hold it high.*

*Though poppies grow in Flanders Fields.
Col. John McCrae*



Pro-Life Corner

TRIPOLI, Libya, MAY 6, 2011 (Zenit.org). - The apostolic vicar of Tripoli is questioning the decision to bomb Libya, noting that peaceful methods should be primarily employed to resolve conflict. Archbishop Giovanni Martinelli asserted, "I certainly do not want to interfere with the political activity of anyone, but I have a duty to declare that the bombings are immoral," Fides reported today. On March 19, several countries launched bombing attacks on the Libyan military systems in Tripoli and elsewhere due to reports of massacres of Libyan protesters by Muammar Gaddafi, the country's leader for 42 years. The prelate responded to critics who stated that he "should deal only with spiritual matters and that the bombings have been authorized by the United Nations." He asserted that the United Nations, NATO and the European Union do not have "the moral authority to decide to bomb." The archbishop stated: "If there are violations of human rights, I cannot use the same method to stop them. As a Christian I have to use peaceful methods, first of all dialogue."

Archdiocesan Marriage Day Celebration

All couples celebrating silver and golden anniversaries in the 2011 calendar year are invited to join Most Reverend John C. Nienstedt of St. Paul and Minneapolis on: **Saturday, June 11 at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 10:00AM** for Mass, renewal of promises, and a short reception. Couples married over 50 years will also be honored and are invited to attend. Families and friends of honored couples welcome! Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Life. For more information, call 651.291.4488 or visit our website: www.archspm.org