

The Pastor's Page

The Close of the Year of St. Paul

As the Year of St. Paul winds down and we reconsider what it means to evangelize, a new year dedicated to priests dawns upon us. What did we learn in this Year of St. Paul?

EVANGELIZATION To evangelize means to spread the gospel, which is not simply a collection of four books. These after all are the GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THE EVANGELIST. THE GOSPEL IS JESUS CHRIST! Therefore to evangelize is to share Jesus Christ with the world as he is presented to us by the Church. The Church is essential to evangelization. Without her we don't know Jesus Christ! The Church, the Ecclesia, the Bride of Christ is both logically and chronologically prior to the Sacred Scriptures. The Church wrote the Sacred Scriptures, and the Church presents Jesus Christ and his teachings to the world.

Evangelization cannot occur when there is dissent. "Anyone who claims to know Jesus Christ without keeping his commandments is a liar." Large groups of nominal Catholics, priests, laity, and educational institutions as well, call themselves Catholics while dissenting from the Church's moral teachings rendering their own faith insipid. How is faith lost? Let's be clear: no one loses his faith today by denying the divinity of the Holy Spirit. It is weakened and then lost through dissent on moral issues. The rejection of the Church's teaching on sexual morality, beginning with the separation of sexuality from procreation, opened the door to every form of self seeking in sexuality. Unity and procreation go together in the marital act. Contraception and the contraceptive mentality selfishly separates the two. Once the goal is self centered all acts can be justified, from pornography and acts of impurity, to hooking up and cohabitation, and from alternative lifestyles and gay marriage. If the goal of sexuality is personal gratification all acts appear to be morally equal. Nothing could be further from the truth, and the whole culture hangs in the balance.

Of course abortion is a bit unseemly, and most of us disapprove, but if life is really about sexual gratification as the culture says we have to put up with it. That about sums up where we are. Abortion is not about the baby. It's about sex, a deep seated cultural and personal commitment to self seeking that requires abortion for a backstop.

The struggle for the true faith also takes place in the institutions. The University of Notre Dame caused great scandal in bestowing an honorary degree upon President Obama, the most pro-abortion president we've ever had. In so doing Notre Dame became a symbol dissent. They are attempting to live in a parallel moral universe where the 6th, 9th and 5th commandments no longer bind. Of course the resulting narcissism is so great the 7th commandment is swept aside opening the door to the present financial crisis, and on and on. In the end, there is no god but us. Give yourself a big hug!

So evangelization, the sharing of faith, requires that we go back to the sources, to Jesus Christ as the Church reveals him. It calls for real love for Him and for the Church! This kind of faith is easy to share!

Next week, the Year of the Priest! You can start by praying for priests already!

Fr. Thomas Dufner

Adoration Update



Thank you for your generous response to Father's beautiful invitation to spend an hour with Jesus in adoration. Your patience is appreciated as we contact new adorers and update our schedule. Sign up forms will be available in the back of Church, at the Church office and in the Chapel for those wishing to still sign up. These can be returned to the parish office or placed in the collection basket during Sunday Masses. Questions, please call Jim at 763.533.0423.

Persons with Disabilities – Receiving the Sacraments

We will have an information night on June 23 at 6PM at the Hayden Center in St. Paul, for parents, grandparents and anyone interested in assisting persons with disabilities. Classes will be held on Saturday, August 1 and 8 from 9:30-11:30 at St. Vincent de Paul in Brooklyn Park. Both classes are mandatory for guardians and candidates. Any questions please call Deacon Sean or Joan Curtan at 651.291.4543 or email us at curtans@archspm.org



Cathedral of Saint Paul designated a National Shrine

The Cathedral of Saint Paul was designated as the first national shrine in honor of the Apostle Paul by the Office of the Holy See and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on March 25, 2009 following a request by Archbishop John C. Neinstedt of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. According to canon (church) law, “The term shrine signifies a church or other sacred place to which the faithful may make pilgrimages for a particular pious reason with the approval of the local ordinary (bishop).”

The distinguishing mark of a shrine is that it is a place to which the faithful make pilgrimages. Tens of thousands of people make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of Saint Paul every year. Bus loads of children come to learn about the role of the Mother Church of the Archdiocese.

Guided tours are given every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1:00PM or by appointment. To schedule a tour, email tours@cathedralsaintpaul.org.



ATTENTION: ALL BLOOD DONORS!

It's time to SIGN-UP for the HOLY FAMILY BLOOD DRIVE!

Monday, July 20, 2009 ~ 12:30P.M. to 6:30P.M.

Did you know...

- ✦ Every three seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
- ✦ Less than 5% of the national population donates blood.
- ✦ Each week, 2,400 volunteer donors are needed to help supply blood to patients in our area hospitals. Your single donation can save as many as three people's lives. Blood is needed for cancer and surgery patients, burn victims, accident victims, premature infants...the list is endless.

DONOR REQUIREMENTS:

- ✦ You must be in good health.
- ✦ You must be free from colds and flu for 3 days.
- ✦ You must be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission – forms available from Sharon) and eat a good meal within a four-hour period before donating. You must bring a photo ID with you to the drive.

**We need a total of 69 REGISTERED DONORS to meet our goal!
Call Sharon at 952.929.0113 Ext. 13 to schedule your appointment.**

✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

Sunday, June 21 ~ Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father's Day ~ Food Drive Sunday

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

Monday, June 22

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Branch III
8:30 am Exercise Class
3:00 pm WOW Holy Hour (Adoration Chapel)
7:00 pm ACCL (Gathering Place)

Tuesday, June 23

8:00 am Communion Service

Wednesday, June 24

8:00 am Communion Service
8:30 am Coffee & Rolls
11:45 am Exercise Class

Thursday, June 25

8:00 am Communion Service

Friday, June 26

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

Saturday, June 27

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

Sunday, June 28 ~ Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Donut/New Member

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

Peter's Pence

Next week our parish will take up the Peter's Pence Collection. This Collection allows the Holy Father to cast the light of Christ upon the world by providing emergency assistance to those who need it most around the globe. Please be generous in next week's Peter's Pence Collection.

Grandparents

Mark your calendars for July 27th, 7PM! We will gather to pray for the needs of our children and grandchildren. Aunts and Uncles are invited too to pray for nieces and nephews. Watch the bulletin for more details...



ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Ladies, We will have periodic updates throughout the summer with information on future events. In addition our focus will be on determining our budget as discussed at the Spring meeting. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Call Mary at 763.533.0423. Have a wonderful Summer!!

Healing Mass ~ There will be a Healing Mass on Friday, July 17 at 7:30PM at Holy Name of Jesus in Wayzata. Father James Livingston will be the celebrant. The rosary will begin at 7:00PM. Seating for the handicapped is available. For information call Teresa at 763.533.1343.



Banns I
Anthony Elwood and Rachel Blackhawk

Banns III

Matt Doffing and Julia Johnson

Marriages

Troy Hanratty and Mindy Kraft

MESSAGES from your HOLY FAMILY HEALTH BOARD

The Holy Family Exercise Program is conducted by a Certified Fitness Instructor, and is held every Wednesday at 11:45AM in Moorman Hall. EVERYONE is welcome! Don't put it off . . . come join us and reap the many benefits of exercise. (The cost is \$5.00 per session) TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS HEALTHY BENEFIT OFFERED RIGHT HERE AT HOLY FAMILY! Questions? Call Sharon 952.929.0113 Ext. 13

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 [6b-12, 15-16]; Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Mt 8:1-4
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17
Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Paulinus of Nola; St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More
Wednesday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Saturday: St. Cyril of Alexandria; Blessed Virgin Mary

PLEASE HELP US TO HELP YOU!!!

In order to track your contributions and list them on your annual statement you must use your envelope OR put your envelope number in the memo section of your check. Thank you!

Holy Family Weekly Offering

Regular Envelopes	\$12,966.79
Plate	\$ 2,056.84
Care Fund	\$ 459.86

Thank You For Your Generosity!

Mass Intentions for the Week

June 22 Michael Fahnlander
 June 23 Effie Reuter †
 June 24 Harry Gehl †
 June 25 Rev. Myles P. McGowan †
 June 26 Mike & Marie Rausch †
 June 27 Partrick Mullen †
 June 28 For the Parish (9AM)
 June 28 Florence Meyer † (11AM)



Prenatal Partners for Life Annual Benefit ~ June 25, 2009

Prenatal Partners for Life cordially invites you to their Annual Benefit Evening on **Thursday June 25th from 5:30-10:00PM at the Church of St. Raphael in Crystal.** This exciting evening will include a dinner, live and silent auction. Dale Ahlquist, President of the Chesterton Society will give a talk and Bob Conroy from Relevant Radio will be the M.C. Raffle ticket items include a Kenmore grill, a Wii game system and a Nano iPod. To order tickets email ppflfundraiser@gmail.com or call 763.772.3868. Prenatal Partners for Life is a community of families offering resources and support by connecting parents facing an adverse diagnosis of their child with parents who have had the same or a similar diagnosis. We provide support, information and encouragement every step of the way. Visit prenatalpartnersforlife.org for more info.

Archdiocesan Prayer Service to conclude the Evangelization Initiative and

The Year of Saint Paul

June 28, 2PM, Cathedral of Saint Paul

On Sunday, June 28, at 2PM, join Archbishop John C. Nienstedt and Bishop Peter Christensen at the Cathedral of Saint Paul for an Archdiocesan Prayer Service commemorating the successes of the Evangelization Initiative and the conclusion of the Year of Saint Paul.

Bishop Christensen of Superior, Wisconsin will preach on the importance of evangelization in the life of the Church and the individual believer. A light reception will be held on the lawn of the Cathedral following the prayer service, to which all are welcome.

Make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of Saint Paul on June 28 and pray with men and women from around the Archdiocese as we ask God to give us continued courage to make Jesus Christ known and loved, following in the footsteps of Saint Paul, our patron.

PROTECTIVE MEDICAL DECISION DOCUMENTS

With Health Care Reform in the forefront these days, it is important that we all have Health Care Directives in the event we need them. It is not prudent to use the Minnesota Living Will which is available through most doctors and at all hospitals. The Minnesota Living Will is too restrictive and opens the door to Euthanasia.

Sharon Pero has placed "A Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decisions" that is in accord with Catholic moral teaching on end-of-life issues in the racks in the back of the Church. They are the form used by Deacon Stephen Najarian and put out by the National Catholic Bioethics Center. The forms are free of charge. This document provides latitude in patient care provided and always stipulates that food and water do not constitute extraordinary means of sustaining life but are required components of care. The individual drafting the document should keep one for him/herself, one for the designated person responsible for making decisions if you are unable to do so, and one for your health care provider.

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 Academy 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 14 at 7:00PM Call 612.721.3791 or go to website at twincities.ccli.org for registration/ information.

Knights of Columbus Family of the Year 2008 - 2009



Please join us in congratulating Rolland and Donna Marek on being chosen as the Saint Louis Council #3949 Knights of Columbus Family of the Year for 2008-2009! They have been volunteering their time for many years in our events, and in particular in organizing our Family Potluck Dinners, Pancake Breakfasts. Their service to our organization and the Church has been commendable and please join us in thanking them!

George Hoene - Grand Knight

Firearm Safety Classes

DNR Firearm Safety Classes at Holy Family will begin on July 7 and run Tuesdays at 6:30PM until August 29 including a shooting range trip on Saturday August 22.

You must be at least 11 years old on the day of the first class. Cost for the classes will be \$15.

Please register in advance with me as space is limited. You can e-mail me or call me with any questions and to sign-up: deanpcummings@gmail.com 612.325.9517

Pro-Life Corner

HONORING FATHERS

The truth about...A Father!

A father gives to his children a great gift by truly loving his wife...and leading her to Christ!

A father looks into the eyes of his children with love!

A father corrects his children out of love...not out of anger!

A father is an example of holiness, peace, kindness, gentleness, encouragement and strength of character!

A father teaches his children the value of life!

A father teaches his daughters to be ladies and his sons to be gentlemen!

A father looks to God as his source of strength!

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