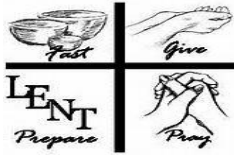


5th Sunday of Lent, April 6, 2014



Since Christ accomplished his work of human redemption and of the perfect glorification of God principally through his Paschal Mystery, in which by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life, the sacred Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year. Therefore the preeminence that Sunday has in the week, the Solemnity of Easter has in the liturgical year. The Paschal Triduum of the passion and Resurrection of the Lord begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, has its center in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Vespers (Evening Prayer) on the Sunday of the Resurrection (Universal Norms, 18-19 – From Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebration of the Eucharist 2014, p. 95).

My dear brothers and sisters, this is what Lent is preparing you to participate in fully! This is of paramount importance for us to understand!! Note the focus placed on the Liturgy:

Do devotions have a particular importance on Good Friday?

The Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy (2002) provides the proper perspective in paragraphs 142-145. Clearly the central celebration of this day is the Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion. In no way should manifestations of popular piety, either by the time or manner in which they are convoked, substitute for this solemn liturgical action. Nor should aspects of the various acts of piety be mixed with the Good Friday celebration, creating a hybrid. In recent times, Passion processions, celebrations of the Stations of the Cross, and Passion Plays have become more common. In such representations, actors and spectators can be involved in a moment of faith and genuine piety. Care should be taken, however, to point out to the faithful that a Passion Play is a representation which is commemorative and they are very different from "liturgical actions" which are anamnesis, or the mysterious presence of the redemptive event of the Passion (<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-resources/triduum/questions-and-answers.cfm> accessed 4.4.14).

It is through the Liturgy that we enter into and participate in the Sacred Mysteries par excellence! The schedule for the Sacred Triduum at Saint Nicholas follows:

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7pm April 17th

Celebration of the Lord's Passion / Veneration of the Cross – 7pm April 18th

Easter Vigil – 8:30pm April 19th

Easter Sunday Masses – 8am and 10am April 20th

Please make every effort to attend the entire Paschal Triduum, and also visit <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-resources/triduum/questions-and-answers.cfm> in order to learn more about this most solemn event!

2014 Catholic Services Appeal

"Seek first the Kingdom of God." Matthew 6:24-34

The Appeal funds services that no one parish or individual can support alone. These services must go on despite these troubled times in our archdiocese. It is important to know that contributions to the Catholic Services Appeal will be used for the benefit of designated ministries of the Appeal and for *no other purposes*. Please visit the new Catholic Services Appeal Foundation website at csafspm.org for more information.

****Our parish goal is \$16,784.82 – if we reach our goal, 25% of this amount will be returned to our parish!**

Donations to date \$13,455

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun April 6....

Mon April 7.....Rosary in Chapel 7pm

Tues, April 8..... Fatima Group 8:30am, Baptism Class 5:30pm,
Finance Council meeting 6:30pm

Wed, April 9..... Rel Ed., Choir Practice 7pm, Men's Basketball @ HC
Thurs, April 10.. Adult Ed 9am, Chrism Mass @ Cathedral 7pm
Fri, April 11.....Soup Supper 6pm, Stations of Cross 7pm
Sat, April 12.....Rosary in Chapel 9am, Prayer for Unborn in Mpls.
8-11am

Sun April 13..... Palm Sunday, Donut Sunday, Welcome Sunday,
Sunday School 10am, DTS 6pm.

Morning Prayer: Everyone is Welcome - Tuesday – Friday at 7:25am & Sat at 7:35am in the church.

Please consider signing up for Automatic Withdrawal for your Sunday giving. It's easy to sign up and will automatically be withdrawn from your account one time a month. Forms are in the back of church, on the website www.churchofstnicholas.com or by calling the parish office at 952-461-2403.

EASTER SCHEDULE

Wed. April 16 – Penance Service 7pm

Holy Thursday April 17th – Morning Prayer 8am,

Confessions 11am – 12pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Good Friday April 18th – Morning Prayer 8am,

Confessions 11am – 12pm, Stations of the Cross 3pm,

Veneration of the Cross 7pm

Holy Saturday April 19th – Morning Prayer 8:00am,

Easter Vigil 8:30pm (NO 5pm mass)

Easter April 20th – Mass 8am & 10am

MISSING FROM PARISH: 2, 6 foot stepladders. If you have borrowed these ladders from the parish please make sure they are returned promptly.

The next Donut Sunday is scheduled for Palm Sunday – April 13th. We will also welcome the new families who have joined our parish in the past few months. All members of the parish are asked to extend an inviting welcome to all the new families.

Golden Hearts wants to thank everyone who bought cinnamon rolls last weekend. We were able to donate \$765 to the Angel Fund at Holy Cross Schhol. The fund is used to help parents with tuition.

Spring Clothing Collection for Joseph Coat. Lighter weight clothing is needed. Please place donations by the coat rack in the church basement by Tuesday, April 15th.

On behalf of the Cadillac dinner committee we would like to announce the new name, "St. Nicholas Gala & Auction". We would like to thank everyone who participated, and we would like to see you all there!

St. Nicholas Garden Tour coming soon to the Elko New Market Area. We are looking for a few more homes to add to the tour. If you have a beautiful or unique garden or know of someone who has one and would be willing to be part of the Garden Tour please call Joyce Hanke (952) 461-1963.

Mass Servers to Twins Game – K of C are inviting all mass servers and dads to the Twins game on Sunday May 18th. Please call the parish office at 952-461-2403 to reserve your seat by Sunday April 13th. More information to follow.

CHICKEN COOKOUT 2014 NEWS

The Chicken Cookout is just around the corner. As always we need your support to make this successful. We are now collecting **Big Ticket Raffle donations**. The **Deadline** for turning in raffle items will be **Sunday, April 27th**. Donations for the **Big Ticket Raffle** can be placed in the weekly **collection basket**, turned in to the **parish office** or left in the **black drop box** outside the parish office. All donations received by the end of the day on Sunday, April 27th will be included on the Big Ticket Raffle flyer. We encourage any of you that know a business that would be willing to contribute an item for the big ticket raffle to seek their support. All proceeds from the Chicken Cookout go directly to the parish.

This year we will again be having a reception for those selling or purchasing 20 or more tickets. Last year the Wine and Cheese reception was fantastic, with great food, fun wines and new friends. We hope even more of you will be able to qualify this year and participate in this fun event. If you are interested in sponsoring or sharing in sponsorship of the reception please contact Ed or Kris Ricklick at 952-469-5886.

Thank you for your generosity and we look forward to another fun and successful Chicken Cookout.

Looking for 2nd Chicken Cookout Raffle Chair. The Chair can be single or a couple. For more information see Parish Communication Board in the church basement or contact Kris Ricklick 952-469-5886.



Vacation Bible School Registration is now open!

Registration packets are available in the back of church or by calling Lisa at the parish office at 952-461-2403.

VBS will be held June 9-13th, 8:45 – 11:30am, \$20 per child with a family cap of \$60.

To help keep costs down for this program we are again asking this year for simple donations of food and supplies.

Food Items: marshmallows, popcorn, pretzels, cheese balls, Mozzarella cheese sticks, cookies, large containers of lemonade or kool aid, fruit snacks, bags of candy, cases of water, canned frosting & sprinkles.

Supplies: cups, plates (snack & large size), napkins, new or used CD player, colored tissue paper, self adhesive jewels, self adhesive foam cut outs, glue dots or cash donations.

Please bring all donations to the parish office or leave in the church basement labeled VBS. Thank you for helping us keep the cost down for the families and for the parish!

If anyone would like updates on Father Adams – please use the link below. <http://venezuela.archspm.org>

St. Nicholas Ministries

BOOK CLUB

Book Club meets one Tuesday a month @ 7:15pm at Deb Streefland's home. If you are interested in joining us please call Deb Streefland 652-2349.

Schedule: April 22 & May 13th.

CHOIR

There is a great need for new choir members. Practice is at 7:00 pm on Wednesday evenings and we look forward to seeing you upstairs in the balcony!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

Holy Week and Easter weekend schedule – The Adoration Chapel will close on Holy Thursday, April 17th at 6 pm. The Chapel will stay closed through the weekend and will reopen on Tuesday, April 22nd at 8:30 am after morning Mass.

MORE ADORERS ARE NEEDED FOR HOLY HOURS WITH JESUS.

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING WITH AN HOUR. Adorers are needed especially for the following hours: **Sunday:** 4 pm (for months of June, July, and August), **Tuesday:** 3 am, **Wednesday:** 10 am, **Thursday:** 3 pm (May and on), **Saturday:** 1 pm (on 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays of the month, this hour could be shared). To sign up as an Adorer or for more information on Adoration, please contact Dan and Lynne Soderlund at (507) 645-6012 or at lynsod@yahoo.com

MOTHER'S GROUP

We meet twice a month in the Myra Room at St. Nicholas at 9:15am. The schedule is as follows: April 15, 29. Contact info - Lisa Damiani at 651-203-7734

PRO-LIFE

Everyone is invited to take part in the 40 Days For Life campaign, March 5th to April 13th. This year the prayer vigil will take place at Whole Woman's abortion center at 825 S. 8th St. in Mpls. All are welcome to pray at anytime. St. Nicholas will pray as a group on April 12th from 8:00am to 11:00am. Please consider coming when you can. We will meet at Whole Woman's. Parking is available on the street. There is a map in the back of church with directions.

The Good Friday Vigil will be, April 18th at Planned Parenthood, 671 Vandailia St. St. Paul from 8:30am to 4:00pm. Questions call Joyce 952-461-1963

We invite you to the chapel for the Pro-Life Rosary-it is said every Saturday morning at 9-10am.

Mass Intentions – (* indicates a change in mass time)

Sat	5	5:00 pm	Dean Johnson+
Sun	6	8:00 am	Sandie Damiani
Sun	6	10:00 am	For the Parish
Tues	8	8:00am	Nichol & Robert Siedow
Wed	9	8:00am	Souls in Purgatory
Thurs	10	8:00 am	Milton Chlan+
Fri	11	8:00 am	Joe & Dorothy Chlan+
Sat	12	8:00 am	Ethel Muelken+
Sat	12	5:00 pm	Harold & Melvin Shea+
Sun	13	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	13	10:00 am	Katherine Gartin

Daily Scriptures

Mon	Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62	John 8:1-11
Tue	Numbers 21:4-9	John 8:21-30
Wed	Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95	John 8:31-42
Thu	Genesis 17:3-9	John 8:51-59
Fri	Jeremiah 20:10-13	John 10:31-42
Sat	Ezekiel 37:21-28	John 11:45-56
Sun	Isaiah 50:4-7/Philippians 2:6-11/Matthew 26:14-27:66	

Liturgical Stewardship April 12 & 13

April 12 @ 5pm	Lector:	Chuck Mathews, Robyn Dietz
	Ministers	Jan Freeman-H, Ralph Wagner-C, Jolene Pierson-C, Gail Mathews-Ch-H, Mary Kay Forland-Ch-C
	Ushers:	Joe Molitor, Ron Chlan
April 13 @ 8am	Lector	Peter Soderlund, Mike Moeller
	Ministers	Ken Thomas-H, Mike Cole-C, Joyce Anderson-C, Margo Theisen-Ch-H, Kathy Chlan-Ch-C
	Ushers:	Gary Vosejka, Todd Hertaus
April 13 @10am	Lector:	Matt Damiani, Paul Panka
	Ministers	Larry Caduff-H, Jackie Devine-C, Chris Kuehl-C, Norleen Lane-Ch-H, Amy McDonald-Ch-C
	Ushers:	Mike Chlan, Tim Burke

SUNDAY GIVING: March 30 / Week 39 in Fiscal Year

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$5,800
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$226,200
Actual Collection Received	\$3,475
Easter Flowers	\$40
Actual Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$230,902
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Capital Improvement \$75 / Second Collection \$270	

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ADULT EDUCATION

Rediscover:prayer

Plan on attending this Tuesday, April 8th at All Saints in Lakeville at 7pm for *Cor Jesu*, meaning "Heart of Jesus", as we worship Christ in community with the Church through Eucharistic adoration, confession, praise, benediction and fellowship. Please join the group from St. Nicholas at this powerful evening. We encourage your attendance at this event, it is so close so no excuse about being too far to drive. We hope to have a big crowd from St. Nicholas in attendance. Please contact Kathy Chlan or Jean Moeller with any questions.

HOLY CROSS

Thank you to everyone who supported and/or attended Holy Cross Catholic School's Annual Silent Auction! We are so appreciative of everyone's generosity.

Registration: We are continuing to accept registrations in PreK thru 8th grade for the 2014-2015 school year. If you or someone you know is interested in registering, please contact Joy Sutton at 952-652-6100 for more information, a tour of the school, and/or registration material. You can also access information and registration material at our website at www.holycrossschool.net.

LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Regular Classes Wednesday, April 9th from 6:15-7:30 PM at the CEC, **NO CLASSES Wednesday, April 16th – Holy Week**, Regular Classes Wednesday, April 23rd from 6:15-7:30 PM at the CEC

Confirmation Students:

Confirmation interviews Continue on April 9th and April 23rd. Confirmation will be held on May 20th 2014.

First Communion Students:

Classroom Interviews for Home School and Wed. night First Communion Students will be on April 30th; Holy Cross students will have during the week. Just a reminder on the change for First Communion **practice times and date**. Practice for students receiving First Communion on Saturday, May 3rd is FRIDAY night at 6:00pm and at the 7:00pm for students receiving First Communion Sunday, May 4th at the 8:00am Mass. Information on the professional photographer packages has been sent home on the times for individual and group photos

YOUTH GROUP

The Steubenville North Essay Contest has begun! Enter your essay to win a full paid scholarship to this summers retreat! Email Megan at stnicksyouthgroup@yahoo.com for the entry rules and essay application. Applications are due April 25th.

Its time to register for the Steubenville North retreat! It will take place at the Univ. of St Thomas, July 25-27. This is an awesome weekend-long retreat for teens entering 9th grade through graduating seniors! Spots are filling up fast, so please turn a \$50 deposit into the parish office if interested. Any questions, contact Megan Anderson at 651-315-4403 or stnicksyouthgroup@yahoo.com.

Dead Theologian Society: For **all** High School Youth on April 13th at 6pm in Youth Room at St. Nicholas Campus.

AREA NEWS

Chrism Mass – April 10

All the faithful are invited to the annual Chrism Mass which will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Paul on Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m. Join with others from throughout our local Church in this tradition that dates back to the early Church. At this Mass the bishop blesses three oils — the oil of catechumens (oleum catechumenorum or oleum sanctorum), the oil of the infirm (oleum infirmorum) and holy chrism (sacrum chrisma) — which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese during the year. In addition, all priests present will publically renew their priestly promises.

St. Patrick's Men's Club is sponsoring a Euchre Tournament on Friday evening, April 11, 2014 at the Social hall in St. Patrick. Registration begins at 6:30pm. Tournament begins at 7:30pm. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 4 teams. Food & beverage will be available. Cost is \$20 per team.

The Knights of Columbus are having a fish fry on Friday, April 11th at the New Prague KC Hall. It is an all you can eat event that serves both fried and baked fish as well as homemade potato slaw, french fries, cole slaw, corn, bread, brownies, milk and coffee. Adults are \$11, students are \$5, and children under four are free. Take outs are available and serving will be from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm."

Are you called to the Vocation of Permanent Deacon? *"The Living Icon of Christ the Servant in the Ministry of the Word, of Sacrament, of Charity."*

Diaconate Inquiry Sessions - For single or married men between 25 and 59 years old.

The Inquiry Sessions are designed to give you a taste of the diaconate discernment and formation. We therefore ask you to attend all four sessions in the series. If you are married, your wife should also attend. Come and find out more even if you are not ready to apply now to diaconate formation; no commitment to apply is needed.

All sessions will be at The Saint Paul Seminary, Brady Education Center, Room 105.

Thursday, 6:30-9:00 pm; April 10: **Saturday, 8:00-11:30 am;** April 12: Application, Discernment & Formation Process

Questions? Contact Deacon Russ Kocemba at kocemba@msn.com or (952) 933-3660. To register, contact Shellee Leif at sleif@stthomas.edu or (651) 962-6891.

CHRIST THE KING RETREAT CENTER - UPCOMING RETREATS AT CHRIST THE KING RETREAT CENTER - 621 First Ave South – Buffalo, MN 55313

WOMEN'S SILENT WEEKEND RETREAT - Theme: BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS - Date: APRIL 11 – 13, 2014 - Presented by: King's House Preaching Team - Suggested Offering: \$150.00per person (\$30.00 deposit required per person)

Food for Kidz Volunteers Needed - Thursday, May 1. Volunteers will be packaging nutritious meals in shifts from 4:00-5:30pm and 5:30-7:00pm. The event will be held at the Crusader Civic Center, 116 Alabama Street SE in Lonsdale. No sign-up needed; just show up and help! All are welcome -- ages 6-105!

Please also consider making a donation; 100% of the money raised will be used to buy food. Bring your donation on May 1, or mail your check (payable to) Food for Kidz, c/o Immaculate Conception Parish, PO Box 169, Lonsdale MN 55046. Questions? Call Betty Smisek at 507-744-5195, Becky Neisen at 952-873-6407 or Heather Malecha at 952-652-2650 or email malecha@integra.net. ~Sponsored by Food for Kidz Committee & IC Parish Pastoral Council.

2014 Archdiocesan Priest and Seminarian Basketball Tournament - April 25

Mark your calendars for the 2014 Archdiocesan Priest and Seminarian Basketball Tournament. Come watch the seminarians from the Saint Paul Seminary and Saint John Vianney College Seminary, as well as the Priests of the Archdiocese. In addition, there will be a dunk contest between the Catholic High Schools in the Twin Cities. Best of all, it's free and open to the public. When: **Friday, April 25, 2014**, Where: **DeLaSalle Catholic High School**, Barbecue at 5pm, followed by basketball games starting at 6:30pm, Find out more at: <http://thecatholicspirit.com/basketball/>

ICU Mobile (Image Clear Ultrasound) is hosting a **Mother Daughter Tea** on May 10th at Bethesda Church in Prior Lake from 11am to 1:30pm. This is a fun event with food, fellowship, entertainment and shopping! All proceeds support this local prolife ministry. Tickets are \$15 or two for \$25. For tickets please contact Molly Havlicek at 952-461-2933. Bethesda Church is located at 15033 Highway 13 S, Prior Lake.

Do you have compassion for unborn lives that are vulnerable to abortion? Would you like to help their mothers see the dignity of the precious life within them? ICU Mobile does exactly that. In order to reach out to more women we are looking for your help. **ICU Mobile is in need of counselors.** We are based out of Prior Lake/Savage and travel to Apple Valley, Savage and Shakopee. With more counselors we hope to bring the unit to Lakeville too. Please consider volunteering 4 hours per week or every other week. No counseling skills are necessary, you will receive on-site training by one of our experienced counselors. We ask that you be open to driving the unit, which is much easier than most people think. Again, training will be provided. To volunteer contact Kay Thibodeaux at 952.221.2440 (call/txt).
