

# 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 6th, 2014

My dear brothers and sisters, we are currently in Cycle A of the three year cycle of readings for Sunday Mass. Cycle A, which is the Year of the Gospel of Matthew, proclaims that:

*Matthew's disciples are not simply to hear the words of Jesus, but to do them (Mt 7:26), and are to care for Jesus himself who is identified with the least of his brothers and sisters, the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned, for "whatever you did for one of these least brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me." (Mt 25:41-46), (Rev. John R. Donahue, S.J. Ordo 2014).*

We just concluded the Fortnight for Freedom on July 4<sup>th</sup> and fittingly the theme this year was "Freedom to Serve." If organizations that serve the Catholic mission and fulfill Matthew's Gospel, such as the Little Sisters of the Poor, are forced to pay for services that violate the Catholic teaching on life issues, they run the risk of closing in order to not violate their consciences. This can bleed into to business as well, for Catholic business owners should not be forced to pay for services that are morally reprehensible.

Hence the bishops called us to support through prayer and fasting and good works the mission of the Gospel, and that it may be carried out not only inside church doors, but also in the public square.

Even though the Fortnight is over, we are in the midst of the Year of the Gospel of Matthew. So as you hear the readings and the Gospel message as presented by Matthew, continue to bring to prayer our nation and our religious institutions and organizations that serve the poor. How could it be that God is calling you to use your gifts and talents to engage the issues at hand that impact our ability as Church to have the "Freedom to Serve."

## EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, July 6..Traders Market hosted by Parish Council  
Mon June 7....Rosary in Chapel 7pm  
Tues, July 8....Fatima Rosary 8:30am, Gala & Auction Meeting 6:30pm  
Wed, July 9....  
Thurs, July 10...KC Meeting 7:30pm  
Fri, July 11...  
Sat, July 12....Rosary in Chapel 9am, Prayer for the Unborn in Minneapolis 8am  
Sun, July 13..Doughnut Sunday, Middle School Gathering 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 It's easy to sign up and will automatically be withdrawn from your account one time a month.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](http://www.churchofstnicholas.com) or by calling the parish office at 952-461-2403.

**The parish office will be closed on Wednesdays through July & August.**

**Volunteers needed:** Anyone able to spare 2-3 hours on Tuesday, July 8 to help with the mailing out of registration information for Religious education please [emailkathyc@holycrossschool.net](mailto:emailkathyc@holycrossschool.net) or call 952-652-6100 ext 507.

**Doughnut Sundays will continue through the summer, with the following schedule July 13<sup>th</sup> and August 10<sup>th</sup>. Doughnuts are served after both Sunday masses. Please join us these morning to keep in touch with your fellow parishioners over the summer. Everyone is welcome!!**

The Knights want to thank all the parish members and others for their support of our fund raiser last weekend. The winners of the drawing were 1st. place Pat Caduff \$3000.00. 2nd place Chris&Rose Simones \$2000.00 and 3rd. place was Jean Moeller \$1000.00. Thanks again, P.S. Fr. Barnes did the drawing.



**Church cleaning will be done every Wednesday from 9-10am.** If you have a hour to spare, please consider lending a hand. If interested in volunteering please call Lisa at the parish office. 952-461-2403. Thank you in advance!

**Ushers Needed:** We are in desperate need for Ushers at our 5:00pm and 8:00am Masses. Ushers are important as you greet parishioners and visitors

coming to mass, taking care of people's needs, the collection and offertory gifts, as well as handing out bulletins. If you are interested or have questions please contact Ron Chlan at 952-212-7251.

**Ever wanted to find opportunities to serve God in works of mercy?** Did this past Lenten season lead you to want to volunteer your time more? A small group from our parish are planning a time of service at Caring and Sharing Hands this July 15th. More information will be coming. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Kendra Caduff at 507-301-8504.



**Volunteers needed:** Catechists are needed for two sections of grades 8, one section of grades 9 and 10. Please consider your call to serve the church through passing along the faith to our students. You do not need to have children in the program to volunteer, as teaching our faith is part of our mission. We give

thanks for all who have already volunteered. Contact Kathy Chlan at [kathyc@holycrossschool.net](mailto:kathyc@holycrossschool.net) or call the parish office.

**NEW WEBSITE:** We are excited to announce a new web site for the Religious Education program that will help improve communication. Check us out at [www.lnmvire.net](http://www.lnmvire.net). All information on fall registration is being updated and materials will be sent out the second week of July.

## RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults)

This invitation is for you:

- If you have never been baptized, we extend an invitation to explore the possibility of becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church and our parish family.
- If you have been baptized in another Christian faith tradition, we offer an invitation to join in full communion with the Catholic Church.
- If you were baptized Catholic but have never received the sacraments of Confirmation or The Holy Eucharist, we invite you to complete these sacraments.

Starting in September we will be offering an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith. Classes will focus on the teachings, Traditions and experience of Church and will prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments. If you know someone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, please extend this invitation. For more information please call Kathy Chlan at 952-652-6100 ext.507 or email at [kathyc@holycrossschool.net](mailto:kathyc@holycrossschool.net)

## Middle School Night!

All students in 6th-8th grade are invited to attend our summer middle school night, hosted by the Youth Group! We will be meeting on Sunday, July 13th from 6:00-7:30pm. Join us for fun, games, snacks and prayer! This is open to students that will be entering 6th grade in the fall as well! Questions? Email Megan Anderson at [stnicksyouthgroup@yahoo.com](mailto:stnicksyouthgroup@yahoo.com).

**Make sure to see the garden in its June glory.** Some of the early blooming plants are already fading but the peony as well as others area ready to really show some color. The planting is complete for now until tulips and mums are added in the fall. For a more complete story on the garden and its plants pick up a copy of the gardens description in the back of church. So much to see right now so don't miss out on a visit and a time to reflect and pray. Jesus spent a lot of time praying in gardens. How about you?



## St. Nicholas Ministries

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

**JESUS IS WAITING ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!**

**Fourth of July schedule** – The Adoration Chapel will close on Thursday, July 3 at 6 pm, stay closed for the weekend, and will reopen on Monday, July 7 at 11:00 am. **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 (2 Sundays a month for July and August), 3 pm, **Tuesday:** 3 am, **Thursday:** 3 pm (July on), **Friday:** 7 pm (2 Fridays a month), **Saturday:** 1 pm (on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lynsod@yahoo.com)

**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.

**CHOIR**

There is a great need for new choir members. Please contact Pam Filipiak if you would like to join the choir!

**MOTHER'S GROUP**

We meet twice a month in the Myra Room at St. Nicholas at 9:15am. Contact info - Lisa Damiani at 651-203-7734

**PRO-LIFE**

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

**HOLY CROSS**

**Do you participate in your company's United Way campaign?** Did you know that your donations can be designated to Holy Cross? That's right! Your contributions can be allocated to our school's Angel Fund which pays tuition for families in need. If you haven't participated in your company's United Way campaign in the past, this may be the right time for you to start. Since Holy Cross Catholic School is a 501(c)(3) organization, all you need to do is specify the amount of your donation and provide our information. Submit the designation at the time of your donation, and all funds earmarked for Holy Cross will go to the Angel Fund. When making your United Way donation, designate your gift to Holy Cross Catholic School, 6100 37th Street West, Webster MN 55088. Thank you for your support of Holy Cross Catholic School!

**AREA NEWS**

**Volunteers Needed – Register Today**

**Help families with significant flood damage to their homes in MN**

Catholic United Response is currently organizing volunteers to assist with flood clean up from the recent flooding of homes in Rock, Pipestone and Nobles counties in southwestern Minnesota. The response team, which is a service of Catholic United Financial Foundation, is also being provided to the community of Rock Rapids in northwestern Iowa.

**Register directly as a volunteer with Catholic United Response at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CURinterestform>. Volunteers will be sent an email with available opportunities, schedules and additional information.**

If you are unable to donate your time and talents to help the victims of this disaster, a contribution from your treasure is always welcome. If you would like to contribute by credit card, you can make your gift at <http://givemn.razoo.com/story/Catholicunitedresponse>. Checks can be sent to the Catholic United Financial Foundation at 3499 Lexington Ave N., St. Paul, MN 55126. You may also call in a donation to 651-765-6548.

Catholic United Response is a Minnesota-based non-profit and is part of the Catholic United Financial Foundation. It focuses on cleanup and construction work after natural disasters by providing volunteer coordination, safety and other volunteer training, tools and personal protective equipment, and clean-up/site supervision.

Please keep the people of southwestern Minnesota and northwestern Iowa in your prayers.

**Join the Cathedral Young Adults on Wednesday evenings from June 18 – July 23 for Theology on Tap 6-week series at O'Gara's, St. Paul.** Social time is at 6:30pm and speaker begins at 7:30pm. All evenings are free of charge. July 9: Living a Culture of Life, July 16: Thy Will Be Done, July 23: Real Prayer, For more information, visit [www.cathedralsaintpaul.org/cya](http://www.cathedralsaintpaul.org/cya).

The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are July 18-20 Buffalo; October 10-12 Buffalo; November 21-23 Prior Lake & Stewartville; December 5-7 Duluth. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at [twincitieswwme.org](http://twincitieswwme.org) or contact Brian & Becky Tarbox at [applications@twincitieswwme.org](mailto:applications@twincitieswwme.org) or 763-434-4332.

**School Sisters of Notre Dame - Ice Cream Social and Open House**

"Rain or Shine" - You are invited to an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social and Open House on Sunday, July 13, 2014, 1 to 4 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Campus, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato, Minnesota. For more information please call 507-389-4231 or email [mmurray@ssndcp.org](mailto:mmurray@ssndcp.org)

**NFP Awareness Week Begins July 20, 2014**

NFP stands for Natural Family Planning. It offers both a scientific and marriage building opportunity to learn about one's fertility. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the third week of July as NFP Awareness Week. The Office of Marriage, Family & Life is hosting an evening of Mass & Reflection on NFP with Bishop Andrew Cozzens to honor the providers/teachers and to celebrate the gift of NFP in the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis on Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm at the St. Paul Seminary. Mass, dinner and dessert with a special reflection from Bishop Cozzens is \$20/person. Register online at [events.archspm.org/nfp-mass2014](http://events.archspm.org/nfp-mass2014). All are welcome! If you would like to know more about NFP, contact the Office for Marriage, Family and Life at 651-291-4488 or e-mail [schulten@archspm.org](mailto:schulten@archspm.org)

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

Sat	5	5:00 pm	Leo Shea Family
Sun	6	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	6	10:00 am	Tony Schmitz+
Tues	8	8:00am	Eric Meger+
Wed	9	8:00am	All Souls in Purgatory
Thurs	10	8:00 am	Florence Harrington+
Fri	11	8:00 am	Bob Seykora+
Sat	12	8:00 am	
Sat	12	5:00 pm	Dean Johnson+
Sun	13	8:00 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Sun	13	10:00 am	For the Parish

**Daily Scriptures**

Mon	Hosea 2:16,17b-18,21-22	Matthew 9:18-26
Tue	Hosea 8:4-7,11-13	Matthew 9:32-38
Wed	Hosea 10:1-3,7-8,12	Matthew 10:1-7
Thu	Hosea 11:1-4,8c-9	Matthew 10:7-15
Fri	Hosea 14:2-10	Matthew 10:16-23
Sat.	Isaiah 6:1-8	Matthew 10:24-33
Sun	Isaiah 55:10-11/Romans 8:18-23/Matthew 13:1-23	

**Liturgical Stewardship July 12 & 13**

<b>July 12 @ 5pm</b>	Lector:	Gail Mathews
	Ministers	Dana Meyer-H, Chuck Mathews-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Dave DeGonda, Doug Serie
<b>July 13 @ 8am</b>	Lector:	Margo Theisen
	Ministers	Mike Cole-H, Tom McCabe-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Dan Simones, Pat Theisen
<b>July 13 @ 10am</b>	Lector:	Carly McDonald
	Ministers	Amy McDonald-H, Larry Caduff-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Tim Burke, Leon Meger

**SUNDAY GIVING: June 29 / Week 52 in Fiscal Year**

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$5,800
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$301,600
Actual Collection Received	\$3,938
Actual Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$305,537
	<b>+\$3,937</b>
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