

# 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 20th, 2014

Welcome to Natural Family Planning Awareness week! This week marks the anniversary of the Encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) and the feast of Mary's parents, Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26). *Humanae Vita* articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood.

We can imagine that Our Blessed Mother's parents lived out their marriage in full alignment with God's Will. They did this so perfectly and loved each other so purely that God touched down in the midst of their conjugal love to create a person without original sin (the Immaculate Conception). This openness to life of Mary's parents was integral to God's plan for our salvation. This Divine Act of God tells us that He is there in the marriage bed. The practice of NFP in marriage shows openness to God's Will in the aspect of our fertility.

NFP is a beautiful way of life and love. In our marriages and our lives, we are called to love as God loves and to show that love to the whole world. This does not stop with the wedding vows or in the privacy of our own homes. We are called to reflect this beautiful gift of the love of God in everything that we do. God is calling us to give ourselves to our spouse and our family, however large or small that may be. He wants us to be open to life and witness to that life.

However there is no real love without the Cross, as Jesus showed us. Marriage, as well as Natural Family Planning, has its own little crosses but it is not as difficult as some might imagine. If we are trying to do God's Will He will give us the grace to accomplish it, even to perfection like the Blessed Virgin. Mary is the perfect example for us to imitate. If we are having any trouble accepting NFP into our marriages, we should ask Mary, Joseph, Ann and Joachim for help. Surely they will not let us down. Heaven awaits those that accomplish God's Will in every part of life.

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## EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, July 20..  
Mon June 21....Rosary in Chapel 7pm  
Tues, July 22....Fatima Rosary 8:30am  
Wed, July 23....  
Thurs, July 24...  
Fri, July 25...Steubenville North  
Sat, July 26....Steubenville North  
Sun, July 27..Steubenville North  
**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.stncc.net](http://www.stncc.net) or by calling the parish office at 952-461-2403.

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

The next Doughnut Sundays is scheduled for; August 10<sup>th</sup>. Doughnuts are served after both Sunday masses. Please join us to keep in touch with your fellow parishioners over the summer. Everyone is welcome!!



**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!

**Change in Mass and Confessions on Tuesday July 29<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday July 30<sup>th</sup>.** On July 29<sup>th</sup>, there will be no morning mass, instead mass will be at 7pm. On July 30<sup>th</sup> there will be no confessions at 4:45pm.

**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.

**CUSTODIAL / MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR** (part-time non-exempt, req. approx. 10 flexible hours per week, occasional work in the evenings and on weekends.) Assist the Pastor to implement the mission of service of the church by coordinating volunteers and lining up bids for projects. Also includes light cleaning and maintenance. **Req:** One to three years experience in facilities cleaning, maintenance and repairs.; some management experience; communication and time management skills. **Salary:** commensurate with experience. Send Resume **by Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>:** CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR, ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, PO Box 9, Elko New Market, MN 55020-0009, or email [lisal@churchofstnicholas.com](mailto:lisal@churchofstnicholas.com).

## 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)

**VIRTUS TRAINING:** August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:00pm at the Civic Center at Immaculate Conception in Lonsdale. These sessions are required for all volunteers that help with any parish programs where children are present or vulnerable adults, this includes our Catholic School for chaperones or any children's program. You can register by going to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and register online. If you have any questions please call the parish office.



## St. Nicholas Ministries

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

**JESUS IS WAITING ESPECIALLY FOR YOU! 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, **Wednesday:** 2 pm (starting in September), **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 Monday at 7pm and every Saturday morning at 9am.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**



**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** \$75.00 per student BY August 15<sup>th</sup>; after August 15<sup>th</sup> the cost is: \$95.00 per student. Get your registration in early.

**Catechists needed:** We are still in need of Catechists for ONE section of grade 8, and one section of grades 9 and 10, as well as Co-catechist for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Contact Kathy Chlan at [kathyc@holycrossschool.net](mailto:kathyc@holycrossschool.net) or call 952-652-6100 ext. 507.

**NEW WEBSITE:** Check out the new RE website at [www.lnmvre.net](http://www.lnmvre.net).

**Donations needed:** To help keep costs down we are again asking for certain supplies: Small notebooks, folders, #2 pencils, pens, colored copy paper. Many little gifts add up. Thank you for your generosity.

**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**

**St. Patrick's Church of Cedar lake Summer Festival** – Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup>. Indoor Mass @ 10am, Grilled Chicken Dinner 11am – 2:30pm, Adults: \$12/Children \$6 – Raffles, Games, Country Store, Antique Tractor Display, Live Music.

**Bloodmobile** – Monday July 28<sup>th</sup> 12:30-6:30pm. For an appointment call Sharon Wagner at 952-758-8716.

**The 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Litomysl Summer Festival and Auction at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at Litomysl (9946 SE 24<sup>th</sup> Ave, Litomysl-Route 2, Owatonna)** is Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>, beginning with a Polka Mass @ 10am, Lunch from 11am – 2pm, Auction, Games, Raffle, Country Store and much more.

**The Church of the Immaculate Conception in Lonsdale invites everyone to their Annual Parish Festival on Sunday, August 3, 2014.** Polka Mass at 10:00 AM, featuring the IC Church Choir. Baked Chicken and Hot Ham Dinner, including homemade rolls, kolacky and pies, served buffet style from 10:30 AM-2:00 PM. Adults - \$12.00, Children (ages 0-10) - \$6.00. Take-outs available. Air conditioned Civic Center open for eating takeout dinners. Live Entertainment, Prize Drawings, Snack Bar, Refreshments, Homemade Bakery Booth in the Civic Center, Ice Cream Stand, Country Market & Crafts. Bingo, Raffle Wheel, Used-A-Bit Shop, Split-The-Pot, Chance booth, Children's Games, and FUN FOR ALL AGES!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Immaculate Conception VBS is coming August 11-15 8:30am-11:30am; Ages 4 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Join us for a "Cool Kingdom Party: Mary leads Me Closer to Jesus" \$20.00 per child (family max of \$80.00). For registration or to volunteer call 507-744-2829

**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 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)

**Calling all nurses! Catholic Youth Camp needs your help!** Our nurse scheduled July 27-Aug 1 had to cancel and we are in need of a camp nurse! If you are a registered nurse and you are able to volunteer at CYC, please let us know. The camp nurse is responsible for handing out medication, helping out with any sick or injured campers (and luckily we have a very safe, healthy camp!). In exchange for a week of service, you will get one week of camp free for a camper. If you can and are willing to help, please email or call Natalie!!

Natalie King, Executive Director, Catholic Youth Camp, 2131 Fairview Ave, Roseville, MN 55113  
651-636-1645, 651-628-9323 (fax), [www.cycamp.org](http://www.cycamp.org), <http://www.facebook.com/CYCMN>

Mass Intentions – (* indicates a change in mass time)			
Sat	19	5:00 pm	Mary Connelly+
Sun	20	8:00 am	Jenny Keating
Sun	20	10:00 am	Jeanne Friedges+
Tues	22	8:00am	Bernadette Marlowe
Wed	23	8:00am	Violet Mostek
Thurs	24	8:00 am	
Fri	25	8:00 am	
Sat	26	8:00 am	
Sat	26	5:00 pm	Stuart & Joyce Russell+
Sun	27	8:00 am	Joe & Dorothy Chlan+
Sun	27	10:00 am	For the Parish

Daily Scriptures		
Mon	Micah 6:1-4,6-8	Matthew 12:38-42
Tue	Micah 7:14-15,18-20	John 20:1-2,11-18
Wed	Jeremiah 1:1,4-10	Matthew 13:1-9
Thu	Jeremiah 2:1-3,7-8,12-13	Matthew 13:10-17
Fri	2 Corinthians 4:7-15	Matthew 20:20-28
Sat.	Jeremiah 7:1-11	Matthew 13:24-30
Sun	1 Kings 3:5, 7-12/Romans 8:28-30/Matthew 13:44-52	

Liturgical Stewardship July 26 & 27		
<b>July 26 @ 5pm</b>	Lector:	Kelly Heselton
	Ministers	Jan Freeman-H, Chuck Mathews-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Dave DeGonda, Doug Serie
<b>July 27 @ 8am</b>	Lector:	Kendra Caduff
	Ministers	Mike Moeller-H, Mike Cole-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Dan Simones, Pat Theisen
<b>July 27 @ 10am</b>	Lector:	Paul Panka
	Ministers	Chris Kuehl-H, Tom Streefland-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Tim Burke, Leon Meger

SUNDAY GIVING: July 13 / Week 1 in Fiscal Year	
Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$5,800
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$11,600
Actual Collection Received	\$3,363
ACH	\$4,530
Actual Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$11,675
	<b>+\$75</b>
Capital Improvement \$48 / Cemetery Care \$40	

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## 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.

### **A Time to Heal**

We have a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** the weekend of **August 1-3, 2014**. This summer, take some time away and give yourself the gift of healing. If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of children to abortion, come and experience the compassionate love of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat. Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities retreats are open to anyone impacted by abortion - women, men, grandparents, siblings, and health care professionals. The next retreat is August 1-3, 2014 in the Twin Cities area. For more information contact Nancy at [rachels@vineyardmn.org](mailto:rachels@vineyardmn.org), call 763-250-9313, or see [www.rvineyardmn.org](http://www.rvineyardmn.org).

*"The retreat has started the road back to perpetual returning to God. Regardless of the passage of time, never feel it is buried so deep that it does not need to be addressed before it can be healed."*

### **Divorced & Separated Retreat**

A retreat for Divorced & Separated Presented by: Rose Sweet. *This retreat is open to all single, divorced and separated Christians*

Christ the King Retreat Center, 621 First Avenue South, Buffalo, Minnesota 55313-1399

For more information call 763-682-1394 or 763-682-3453, Registration: Friday August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm -- Concludes: Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:45pm

### **2014 Rediscover: Catholic Celebration**

**October 3 & 4, 2014, Minneapolis Convention Center**

Catholics from across the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis are invited to come celebrate our faith journey to the **Horizon of Hope!**

#### **Friday Evening, Oct. 3 – Young Adult Night**

6:30 PM – 11:00 PM (Doors open at 5:30 PM)

#### **Saturday, Oct. 4**

Due to the exciting full line-up, please note the NEW EARLIER START TIME! 8:00 AM – 5:15 PM (Doors open at 7:00 AM)

Tickets are on sale now at [Rediscover-faith.org](http://Rediscover-faith.org)! If you have questions, please email [Rediscover@archspm.org](mailto:Rediscover@archspm.org) or call 651-291-4411.

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