

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 27th, 2014

The one Pearl of supreme worth, then, is the Church...revealed by the Lord to his followers in its hidden earthly form and then growing to full stature at the end of time. It is a treasure found within the world yet not originating in the world... (Fire of Mercy, Heart of the Word Vol. II. Erasmio Leiva-Merikakis. Ignatius 2003, p. 303-304).

Now the Church as referred to here is not bricks and mortar, it is far more! For it is possible for beautiful church buildings to be empty as is often the case in Europe. In the Gospel Jesus, "wants these disciples to fall in love with the plan of his Heart, because these will go out as apostles, and become living gates into the heavenly Jerusalem" (ibid. 303).

Yes! Living gates, a living teaching office now found in the bishops, successors of the Apostles, a living, breathing relationship with God. This is what we find in the life of the Catholic Church. "The parable shows that Christians cannot dissociate love for the Lord from love for the Church, which is the Body of the Lord..." (ibid. 304).

Since we need a sacred place to come together to worship God, bricks and mortar are important, as well as all parish grounds and buildings. Stewarding the bricks and mortar of an older campus is a tall order. The old school building on our campus has some necessary repairs in the north basement room, especially its north interior wall.

Therefore we are in process of discerning what needs to be done with that room. We recently won a free campus assessment from an archdiocesan event attended by two of our parishioners. This will hopefully help us in planning longer term for the building.

In the meantime, there is some smaller scale repair work that needs to be done, whatever the long range plan will be. We will be asking for funding for some of the un-budgeted campus upkeep that is necessary.

A wonderfully kept campus is not our ultimate goal, but it is a key component in the life of the parish, a place where God's people can fall in love with the plan of Jesus' heart! This is what it is all about!

You are strangers and aliens no longer. No, you are fellow citizens of the saints and members of the household of God. You form a building which rises on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is fitted together and takes shape as a holy temple in the Lord; in him you are being built into this temple, to become a dwelling place for God in the Spirit (Ephesians 2:19-22)

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, July 27...Steubenville North

Mon June 28...Rosary in Chapel 7pm

Tues, July 29....No Morning Mass, Mass at 7pm in place of 8am

Wed, July 30....No afternoon confessions

Thurs, July 31...

Fri, Aug 1...

Sat, Aug 2....First Saturday Prayers 8:35am, Rosary in Chapel 9am

Sun, Aug 3...

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 or by calling the parish office at 952-461-2403.

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

Doughnut Sunday schedule: August 10th, Sept. 14th, Oct. 12th, Nov 9 & Dec 14th. 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 29th & Wednesday July 30th. On July 29th, there will be no morning mass, instead mass will be at 7pm. On July 30th 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 31st:** CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR, ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, PO Box 9, Elko New Market, MN 55020-0009, or email lisal@churchofstnicholas.com.

St. Nicholas Gala & Auction

The St. Nicholas Gala & Auction committee would like to invite you to stay updated with the new activities we have planned for this year. You can also view the many businesses who have so generously donated already in support of the St. Nicholas Gala & Auction.

There are two ways to stay updated:

- 1) Visit the parish website, www.stncc.net/gala-auction
- 2) Visit www.facebook.com/stnccGalaAuction. Please note a Facebook account is not necessary to view the St. Nicholas Gala & Action Facebook page.

For questions, please email GalaAuctionInfo@gmail.com or call Alex Berry @ 612-382-4469 or Karen Johnson @ 612-812-7482.

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

VIRTUS TRAINING: August 6th, 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 and register online. If you have any questions please call the parish office.



St. Nicholas Ministries

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

"For whom is Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament? For me; because He loves me!" – St. Peter Julian Eymard

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), 3 pm, **Tuesday:** 3 am, **Wednesday:** 2 pm (starting in September), **Friday:** 7 pm (2 Fridays a month), **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

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 15th; after August 15th 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 3rd grade. Contact Kathy Chlan at kathyc@holycrossschool.net or call 952-652-6100 ext. 507.

NEW WEBSITE: Check out the new RE website at 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

Holy Cross Catholic School has two exciting fundraising and community-building events coming up. Driving for Excellence is a new event on August 30 that gives supporters the chance to drive a race car at Elko Speedway. The event is limited to the first 30 drivers, so sign up right away! Guests are invited to join the drivers for dinner and the races. The annual golf tee-off will be held Saturday, September 6 at 10 am at Boulder Pointe Golf Club in Elko. This is a fun outing for everyone, not just serious golfers. Family fun continues back at Holy Cross School at 6 pm with food, games, and a DJ. For more information, see flyers in the back of church or check our website at www.holycrossschool.net.

AREA NEWS

The Lions Club and Elko New Market Boy Scouts will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday August 3rd from 8-12pm at Wagner Park. Please join us...all are welcome!

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

The 43rd annual Litomysl Summer Festival and Auction at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at Litomysl (9946 SE 24th Ave, Litomysl-Route 2, Owatonna) is Sunday July 27th, 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. Live Entertainment, Prize Drawings, Snack Bar, Refreshments, Bingo & More.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Immaculate Conception VBS is coming August 11-15 8:30am-11:30am; Ages 4 to 5th 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

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@rvineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313, or see www.rvineyardmn.org.

Mass Intentions – (* indicates a change in mass time)			
Sat	26	5:00 pm	Stuart & Joyce Russell+
Sun	27	8:00 am	Joe & Dorothy Chlan+
Sun	27	10:00 am	For the Parish
*Tues	29	7:00pm	
Wed	30	8:00am	
Thurs	31	8:00 am	Devine Family
Fri	1	8:00 am	Rita Feldman+
Sat	2	8:00 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Sat	2	5:00 pm	Roger Carpentier+
Sun	3	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	37	10:00 am	Dean Johnson+

Daily Scriptures		
Mon	Jeremiah 13:1-11	Matthew 13:31-35
Tue	Jeremiah 14:17-22	John 11:19-27
Wed	Jeremiah 15:10,16-21	Matthew 13:44-46
Thu	Jeremiah 18:1-6	Matthew 13:47-53
Fri	Jeremiah 26:1-9	Matthew 13:54-58
Sat	Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24	Matthew 14:1-12
Sun	Isaiah 55:1-3/Romans 8:35,37-39/Matthew 14:13-21	

Liturgical Stewardship August 2 & 3		
Aug 2 @ 5pm	Lector:	Jan Freeman
	Ministers	Jolene Pierson-H, Dana Meyer-Ch-H
	Ushers:	
Aug 3 @ 8am	Lector:	Mike Cole
	Ministers	Margo Theisen-H, Ken Thomas-Ch-H
	Ushers:	
Aug 3 @ 10am	Lector:	Vicky Chlan
	Ministers	Paul Panka-H, Leander Wagner-Ch-H
	Ushers:	

SUNDAY GIVING: July 20 / Week 3 in Fiscal Year	
Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$5,800
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$17,400
Actual Collection Received	\$5,644
Actual Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$17,319
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Capital Improvement	\$118

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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.

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"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 29th at 7:00pm -- Concludes: Sunday August 31st 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! If you have questions, please email Rediscover@archspm.org or call 651-291-4411.
