

All Souls' Day - November 2nd, 2014

Dear brothers and sisters, the Church still prays for the souls in Purgatory:

This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead: (CCC 1032)

Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them. (Saint John Chrysostom) (CCC 1032)

Hence God allows us to share in His mercy by praying for the dead so that they may be made ready to be in Heaven. On the natural level, we have had the privilege at Saint Nicholas to play an active role in the purification and clean up of the old school building. The chapel and the north basement room recently showed favorable air test results!! The Heavenly Mysteries will be returning to the chapel as Eucharistic Adoration will again be in old school building.

As the Catechism says, the Church offers above all the Eucharistic Sacrifice for those who have died and Eucharistic Adoration flows from and back to the Sacrifice of the Mass. So as we are able to return to the old school building, please continue to remember in your prayers, in union with the Holy Eucharist, those who have died. We pray that they may find consolation through our prayers and that they may finally enter into Heaven!

A little cleanup in our lives on the natural and spiritual level can literally open doors.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, Nov 2...God in the Family @ HC 7pm

Mon, Nov 3...Rosary in Chapel 7pm

Tues, Nov 4...Fatima Group 8:30am, God in the Family @ HC 7pm,
Adult Ed in Myra Hall @ 7pm, Choir Practice 7pm

Wed, Nov 5...Religious Education 6:30pm

Thurs, Nov 6...Adult Ed in Myra Hall 8:45am, RCIA @ HC 7pm,
KC Meeting 7:30pm

Fri, Nov 7...

Sat, Nov 8...Prayer for Unborn in Mpls 8am, Rosary in Chapel 9am,
Rome Meeting 6:30pm

Sun, Nov 9...Doughnut Sunday, DTS 6-9, God in the Family @ HC 7pm

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 parish website; www.stncc.net or by calling the parish office at 952-461-2403.

Doughnut Sunday schedule: Nov 9 & Dec 14th. Doughnuts are served after both Sunday masses. Everyone is welcome!!



Please join us for a fun filled evening of Turkey Bingo! Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild will sponsor Turkey Bingo on Sunday, November 16th at 6:30pm in the church basement. This event is open to everyone. If your last name begins with the letter N through Z, you are asked to bring 1 ½ dozen sandwiches or cupcakes. This is

a wonderful, fun filled, annual tradition! Please join us for a great evening & possibly win your holiday turkey!! Any questions please call the parish office at 461-2403.

The Knights of Columbus will host a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday November 23rd following the morning masses. Everyone is invited to join their fellow parishioners for this delicious breakfast. Please support the Knights and all their endless work!

Parish leadership has recently approved a number of necessary maintenance projects. Our operating budget is really just keeping the doors open, there is not extra money for large repairs. We will be taking money out of our parish savings account to pay for these projects. We are asking parishioners for donations to replenish the savings account.

Here is a list of the current projects and their costs:

Sidewalk replacement - \$2,236.50

Replacement of flat roofs over basement bathrooms & south basement entrance - \$11,250.00

Mold removal in parish basement - \$1,755.00

Mold removal in school building - \$600.00

Leaf guards for gutters on rectory - \$620.00

Total cost of current needed repairs: 16,461.50

Donations to date - Thank You! 5,028.00

Balance 11,433.50

We are also in the process of identifying and prioritizing a number of other projects (solving our water problems is a big one). If you are able to contribute to the parish for these expenses, you can make your donation two different ways. In your current Sunday envelopes, on the left side of the envelope it reads Capital Improvement and Endowment Fund Offering. Simply circle Capital Improvement and then list the dollar amount you would like to contribute to the projects. You may also stop in the parish office and leave your donation with Lisa. As the donations begin to come in, the dollar amounts will be listed in the bulletin. If you have any questions please contact the parish office at 952-461-2403

Thank you from the Parish Leadership.

**Thank you to everyone who has responded so quickly to the parish needs, through prayer, treasure and talent!
God Bless You!**

This year's Ecumenical Service will be held at Highview Christiania Lutheran Church in Farmington on Wednesday, Nov. 26th @7:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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. The fall schedule is as follows; Nov 18 and Dec. 16.

CHOIR

The St. Nicholas choir will begin practices on Tuesday October 21st from 7:00-8:30pm. We are in great need for choir members especially soprano voices. No previous choir or vocal training required to join. Our music ministry is one of the most vital to the Liturgy and one that brings its members many rewards for their time and talents shared. If you are interested but have questions, please contact Pam Filipiak at 952-461-3478.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

NOTICE: EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WILL RETURN TO THE ADORATION CHAPEL BEGINNING ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 2014 AT NOON AND WILL CONTINUE THERE ACCORDING TO THE REGULAR SCHEDULE.

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 (beginning in January), **Tuesday:** 3 am, **Wednesday:** 10 am, **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

MOTHER'S GROUP

We are reading Catholic books and meeting once a month for spiritual discussion, to pray, and reflect on the Gospel to enrich and support our vocation as wives and mothers. Location and times may vary, but right now we are meeting Monday evenings, and sometimes we will meet Thursday during the day. Please contact Becky Myhre and join us! 952-292-1086.

PRO-LIFE

We invite you to the chapel for the Pro-Life Rosary- every Saturday at 9am.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION:

Mary: A biblical walk with the Blessed Mother. Starts this week. If still interested in joining us here at St. Nicholas, please call Kathy Chlan at 952-652-2286 or Jean Moeller at 461-4552. Cost is \$22.00. Classes will be on Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings.

Session 1: (two 4 week sessions – Myra Room in old school building)

Tuesday evenings - Oct. 28 to Nov. 18 @ 7:00pm

Thursday mornings - Oct. 30 to Nov. 20 @ 9:00am

Session 2: (2015)

Tuesday evenings - Jan 6 to Jan 27th @ 7:00pm

Thursday mornings - Jan. 8 to Jan. 29 @ 9:00 am.

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother Begins October 28, 2014 at 6:30

LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Classes at the Catholic Education Center (home of Holy Cross School)

Regular Classes Wednesday, Nov. 5th 6:30pm - 7:45pm

Regular Classes Wednesday, Nov. 12th 6:30pm – 7:45pm

Parents of First Communion Students:

God in the Family group meetings on Sunday or Tuesday evenings at Holy Cross School on Nov. 2nd & 3rd. God in the Family group meetings are also held Mondays, Nov. 3 & 10 @ the Civic Center in Lonsdale

These classes are essential attendance for First Communion Preparation Program!

Confirmation Retreat for Year II (10 grade)

This retreat is mandatory for all our Confirmation students that will be confirmed in April. The Quest retreat is held at the Civic Center in Lonsdale on Friday night, Nov. 21st 6:30 to 10:00pm and Saturday, Nov. 22nd 8:30-6:00pm

HOLY CROSS:

The Angel Fund is the means Holy Cross Catholic School uses to support families who are not able to meet the entire tuition obligation. Currently there is a great need for donations to the Angel Fund. A generous donor has offered a \$10,000 matching gift to the Angel Fund. This is a great way to make your contribution worth even more, and every amount helps. Donations can be sent to the school at 6100 37th Street West, Webster, MN 55088, and marked for the Angel Fund. Thank you for your generosity!

YOUTH GROUP:

Dead Theologians Society: Grades 9-12 are invited to attend the meeting of the *Dead Theologians Society*. Students will experience a variety of activities from sports, learning about a saint, pray, enjoy a meal together and lots more. Net meeting is Sunday night, November 9th from 6:00-9:00pm at the St. Nicholas Campus.

High Schoolers, we are hosting Doughnut Sunday next Sunday November 9th from 8am-Noon and we need you there to volunteer and serve! Please plan on coming to help. You can work after one or both of the Masses, and you will have time to go upstairs for Mass as well. Email Megan at stnicksyouthgroup@yahoo.com to let her know if you can help!

The Church of the Most Holy Trinity in Veseli will have Bingo on Sunday November 9th at 1pm. Admission is \$5 which includes 1 card and lunch.

St. Patrick's Men's Club is sponsoring a Euchre Tournament on Friday evening, November 14th, 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 and beverages will be available. Cost is \$20 per team.

Turkey Bingo – November 2nd, 2014

St. Catherine's Church of Spring Lake Park Township will hold its annual Turkey bingo on Sunday, November 2nd at 2pm in the Church Social Hall. St. Catherine's is located 5 miles south of Prior Lake on CR 23, and one mile east on CR 8. Frozen turkeys will be awarded to winners. Lots of door prizes and light lunch will be served after the games.

Do All Your Christmas Shopping In One Place'

St. Patrick Church of Shieldsville will host their 12th Annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, November 8th, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 9th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., at the church in Shieldsville, MN. Door prizes and Food Available including our famous Chicken Wild Rice Soup and Monster Cookies. Home-based businesses and lots of local crafters. Come, bring your friends.

Mass Intentions – (* indicates a change in mass time)			
*Sat	1	4:00 pm	Shelly Gifford+
Sun	2	8:00 am	Paul & Therese Leon+
Sun	2	10:00 am	For the Parish
Tues	4	8:00 am	PJ Siedow
Wed	5	8:00 am	Robert Saleck+
Thurs	6	8:00 am	Genieve & Thomas Strunic+
Fri	7	8:00 am	Joe & Dorothy Chlan+
Sat	8	8:00 am	Ron & Kathy Chlan
Sat	8	5:00 pm	Stuart & Joyce Russell+
Sun	9	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	9	10:00 am	Greg & Lucille Schmitz+

Daily Scriptures		
Mon	Philippians 2:1-4	Luke 14:12-14
Tue	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 14:15-24
Wed	Philippians 2:12-18	Luke 14:25-33
Thu	Philippians 3:3-8a	Luke 15:1-10
Fri	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 16:1-8
Sat	Philippians 4:10-19	Luke 16:9-15
Sun	Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12/1	Corinthians 3:9c-11,16-17/John 2:13-22

Liturgical Stewardship			November 8 & 9	
Nov 8 @ 5pm	Lector:	Leah Heselton		
	Ministers	Chuck Mathews-H, Gail Mathews-Ch-H		
	Ushers:	Dave Sheedy, Dave DeGonda		
Nov 9 @ 8am	Lector:	Peter Soderlund		
	Ministers	Mike Moeller-H, Joyce Anderson-Ch-H		
	Ushers:	Paul Thoresen, Craig Goblirsch		
Nov 9 @ 10am	Lector:	Emelia Fredrickson		
	Ministers	Norleen Lane-H, Jackie Devine-Ch-H		
	Ushers:	Mike Chlan, Tim Burke		

SUNDAY GIVING: Oct. 26 / Week 17 in Fiscal Year	
Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$6,276
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$106,692
Actual Collection Received	\$4,932
Actual Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$92,639
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AREA NEWS

BINGO – Fun Night every Tuesday Night October – April. KC Hall in new Prague, Starting October 7, 2014. 2 warm up game start at 7pm, 16 regular games. Lunch and refreshments are available. Please call 952-758-3924 with questions.

Andrew Dinner – November 4

Operation Andrew, a program sponsored by the Office of Vocations, is an opportunity for young Catholic men (ages 16 – 35) to have dinner with the Archbishop and Archdiocesan priests, and hear vocation testimonials on priesthood and religious life.

It is typical for men discerners to be accompanied by their pastor, youth minister, and campus minister or to be considered a guest of the Vocation Office. If you would like to reserve a space at the table, please call the Vocation Office before October 30 at 651.962.6890 or email patty.mcquillan@stthomas.edu

Theology on Tap with West Metro Young Adults

Join the WMYAs for this 6-week series on Tuesdays in October & November at Mozza Mia (3910 W 50th St, Edina). Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; Talks start at 7:30 p.m.

There is also a TOT Potluck Party on Nov. 18 at Our Lady of Grace (Edina).

November 4 - Dr. Todd Flanders: *Thank God It's Tuesday: Embracing Conversion in an "Every Day a Friday" World*

November 11 - Dr. Robert Morgan: *St. Boniface and the Axe*

November 18 - TOT Potluck Party @ 6:30pm in the OLG dining room

For more details, visit westmetroya.com

Day of Honor and Recognition for Birthmothers

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, in conjunction with Catholic Charities and the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Life, is offering its annual Day of Honor and Recognition for Birthmothers on **Saturday, November 8**. This day is set aside to recognize the sacrifices made by those who have relinquished a child to adoption. This day also offers an opportunity for healing, sharing and for learning about resources available for birth mothers. November 8, 2014 9:30 AM to 2:45 PM. At Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Eden Avenue Edina, MN 55436. Cost: \$15.00, to cover lunch and expenses. Scholarships available. Registration: E-mail Melissa Miller melissamiller@olgparish.org or call 952-929-3317 x111 Questions: Call Erin at 612-298-9369 • Call Gretchen at 763-424-1430

Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center - 16385 Saint Francis Lane, Prior Lake, MN 55372, Prior Lake

Women's Weekend Retreat, November 7-9, Theme: Peace be With You - All Will be Well

Besides the retreat conferences, there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of Sick. Members of the staff will be available for spiritual direction throughout the retreat. The retreat will also combine prayer experiences and liturgies to enhance the retreat experience; weather permitting, guests will have time to explore the natural fall beauty of the 60 acres of the retreat center grounds.

Register for either retreat by calling (952) 447-2182 or online at www.franciscanretreats.net/register

Are You Hurting From a Broken Marriage Relationship?

FAITHFUL SPOUSES Support Group

Please join us on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 7pm in Smith Hall, Hayden Building of the Archdiocese, 328 Kellogg Blvd W in St Paul. Faithful Spouses is a support group for those who are living apart from their spouses because of separation or divorce. Get encouragement and support as you stay faithful to the sacrament of Matrimony. God is very near to you and offers you peace and happiness. Learn to understand our Church's teaching that the marriage covenant is still valid and alive--no matter what has happened in a civil court. If interested or have any questions, please contact Cathy at 651.291.4538.

Vianney Visit – November 13 – 15

The Vianney Visit is a chance for young men (high schools sophomores through college, ages 16-22) to see what life at a college seminary is like. During your visit, you'll attend classes at the University of St. Thomas. The visit starts on Thursday evening, November 13 and includes Mass, prayer and hanging out with our current seminarians at St. John Vianney college seminary through Saturday, November 15 at 11 a.m., when it ends. Vianney Visits are free, but space is limited. Please contact Vocation Director Fr. Troy Przybilla at 651-962-6890 to let him know of your interest in the Vianney Visit. Further information and registration can be found at www.Vianney.net Please be sure to note your age and grade on the online registration form.

November is National Adoption month

We as Catholics step forward in supporting adoptions through the loving command "to care for widows and orphans." (James 1:27) In celebration of the gift of adoption the Archdiocesan office in collaboration with various parishes will be hosting special Adoption Masses. The regular weekend Mass will be followed by light refreshments and information about adoption as well as an opportunity to talk with adoptive families. All families should discern if adoption is right for them. Is adopting something you have been thinking about? Come to one of our Masses and find out.

This year's Adoption Mass host parishes and times are:

November 1 & 2: Annunciation in Minneapolis – All weekend Masses

November 16: Nativity of Mary in Bloomington – All weekend Masses

November 22: Divine Mercy – Faribault – 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Maternity of Mary – St. Paul 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

St. Timothy – Maple Lake 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

St. John Neumann – Eagan 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Our Lady of Grace - Edina 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass