



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2014



How very much I desire the salvation of souls! My dearest secretary, write that I want to pour out My divine life into human souls and sanctify them, if only they were willing to accept my grace. The greatest sinners would achieve great sanctity, if only they would trust in My mercy!': Jesus to Saint Faustina.

Jesus is risen from the dead, risen to new and eternal life, and He desires this very day to share His divine life with us. In order to help us receive this grace, we have a powerful helper and example in Mary, the Mother of Jesus Christ. She said 'yes' to God in all things. She will gently, lovingly, and joyfully help us to say yes to God and to receive the grace of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Just ask her!!

¹ Gaitley, Michael E, MIC. *Consoling the Heart of Jesus – A Do-It-Yourself Retreat*. Marian Press. Stockbridge, 2011. (p. 293).

Teaching parish seminarian Peter Hughes will God willing be ordained a deacon on Saturday, May 3rd. The ordination is at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis, at 10am. All are welcome to attend the liturgy. Peter will be assisting at the weekend Masses here at St. Nicholas on May 10 and 11. Please keep Peter in your prayers.

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 \$15,990

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, April 20..... Easter Sunday Mass @ 8 & 10am
Mon April 21.....Rosary in Chapel 7pm
Tues, April 22..... Fatima Group 8:30am, Book Club 7:15pm
Wed, April 23..... Rel. Ed, Choir Practice 7pm, Men's Basketball 8pm
Thurs, April 24.. Parish Council Meeting 7pm
Fri, April 25.....
Sat, April 26.....Rosary in Chapel 9am, Church Cleaning 8:30am
Sun, April 27.....Divine Mercy @ St. Michaels, Prior Lake, 2-4:30pm
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.

Church Cleaning, Saturday, April 26th after morning mass. Many hands makes this a quick task!

Anna Elise DeGross, daughter of Joe and Michelle DeGross, recently received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism here at St. Nicholas. We warmly welcome her into the family of Christ.

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

Save the date for the **St. Nicholas Garden Tour** which will take place on Saturday June 28 from 10-4. Love gardening, we could use your help. We are looking for a few more gardens to add to the tour. If you have a beautiful or unique garden, know of someone who has one, or willing to help out with the planning stages of the Garden Tour please call Joyce Hanke (952) 461-1963 or Linda Fischer 952-461-2230. All proceeds will go directly to maintaining the grounds at St. Nicholas Catholic Church.

The Catholic Home Mission Appeal will take place next week. One way that this Appeal works to support mission dioceses here at home is by supporting seminarians formation in poor dioceses. The blessings of seminarians places financial burden on these dioceses which educate each seminarian at a cost of \$35,000-\$40,000 per year. Your support is needed for these young men, so that they can return to serve their parishes. Please strengthen the Church at home by making a generous gift to next week's Appeal.

CHICKEN COOKOUT 2014 NEWS

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

Jesus lives today in the Blessed Sacrament, Alleluia! The Eucharist is Our Risen Lord! The power of His resurrection flows out to all who come into His Eucharistic Presence, transforming us into His image!

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, 2 pm, **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 29. 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.

Religious Education

HOLY CROSS

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him." - John 3:16-17

Wishing you and your family a blessed and happy Easter!

LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Regular Classes Wednesday, April 23rd, 30th & May 7th (last class) from 6:15-7:30 PM at the CEC

Confirmation Students:

All Information on the Confirmation ceremony is available on the Religious Education website. We encourage all students to go to confession before Confirmation. Confirmation will be held on May 20th 2014 at the Cathedral in St. Paul.

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. REMINDER: There is a 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: There will be NO DTS in the months of May, June and July. Please watch the bulletin for notices of future Youth events.

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

*Sat	19	8:30 pm	
Sun	20	8:00 am	Anton Zweber+
Sun	20	10:00 am	For the Parish
Tues	22	8:00am	Gerry Caduff+
Wed	23	8:00am	Dean Johnson+
Thurs	24	8:00 am	Jerome Wagner
Fri	25	8:00 am	Harold & Norma Miller+
Sat	26	8:00 am	Milton Chlan+
Sat	26	5:00 pm	Stuart & Joyce Russell+
Sun	27	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	27	10:00 am	

Daily Scriptures

Mon	Acts of Apos 2:14,22-33	Matthew 28:8-15
Tue	Acts of Apos 2:36-41	John 20:11-18
Wed	Acts of Apos 3:1-10	Luke 24:13-35
Thu	Acts of Apos 3:11-26	Luke 24:35-48
Fri	Acts of Apos 4:1-12	John 21:1-14
Sat.	Acts of Apos 4:13-21	Mark 16:9-15
Sun	Acts of Apos 2:42-47/ 1 Peter 1:3-9/John 20:19-31	

Liturgical Stewardship April 26 & 27

Apr 26 @ 5pm	Lector:	Mary Kay Forland
	Ministers	Jan Freeman-H, Dana Meyer-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Joe Molitor, Doug Serie
Apr 27th @ 8am	Lector:	Vicky Chlan
	Ministers	Jolene Pierson-H, Tom McCabe-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Gary Vosejka, Todd Hertaus
Apr 27th @ 10am	Lector:	Leah Heselton
	Ministers	Julie Nelson-H, Tom Streefland-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Mike Chlan, Tim Burke

SUNDAY GIVING: April 13 / Week 41 in Fiscal Year

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$5,800
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$237,800
Actual Collection Received	\$4,924
Easter Flowers	\$45
ACH	\$4,430
ACH –Easter	\$195
Easter	\$145
Actual Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$245,798
	+\$7,998
Capital Improvement	\$62

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AREA NEWS

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/>

Special Day of Grace – Divine Mercy Sunday – April 27

The Church of St. Michael, Prior Lake, will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on April 27 from 2:00 to 4:30. All are invited to join us on this special feast day when we are called to experience God's infinite mercy and receive a cleansing of our soul similar to what happens in Baptism. Come early (1:00 p.m.) to see "The Pope of Mercy," a film about Pope John Paul II and his relationship with St. Faustina Kowalska. For more information, call Gerry at (952) 447-5229.

The Northeast Minneapolis Catholic Community is preparing for a Canonization Celebration along with the rest of the universal Church on Sunday, April 27. We will be celebrating the 2 new Saints with Mass at 11 AM on the Holy Cross campus of Holy Cross parish in Minneapolis. We are also celebrating the rich history of the Catholic church and school right here in northeast. All are welcome to join us in worship and fellowship as we celebrate our two new saints, John Paul II and John XXIII. For more information, check out our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/2newsaints>.

Yes, you! Come and be a part of the excitement! Let us share our hopes and dreams, our faith and beliefs! The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women invites you to the 82nd ACCW Convention on April 30 & May 1, 2014 at St. John the Baptist in New Brighton, MN. During the two days nourish yourself with Mass, delicious food, inspiring speakers, shopping, praying, singing, voting, and of course *lots* of socializing with women from all corners of the Archdiocese. This is definitely an event you'll want to treat yourself to this spring! Be sure to sign up by filling out the online form today! Come and share in being The Voice of Catholic Women. It's a "song" that you won't want to miss!!

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.

Are you looking to put Christ in your marriage? Attend the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** and learn how to refocus your marriage on what is most important. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are May 2-4, 2014 in Buffalo, MN in SPM and Jul 18-20, 2014 in Buffalo, MN in SPM. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brian & Becky Tarbox at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 763-434-4332

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).

Women of the parish: SAVE THE DATE: Excellent musician/singer Danielle Rose will be at All Saints in Lakeville for an inspiring concert especially for women on Friday, May 9, 7-8:30 PM in the Church. Free-will Offering (\$5 Suggested) Bring your daughters, mothers, sisters, co-workers, aunts, neighbors, cousins, neighbors, and girlfriends! Great opportunity to socialize and enjoy Christian Music.
