



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY- APRIL 27, 2014

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2014 Catholic Services Appeal

CONGRATULATIONS , WE HAVE EXCEEDED OUT PARISH GOAL!
Goal \$16,785
Total Pledged \$18,905
Percent of Goal Pledged 112.63%

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, April 27.....Divine Mercy @ St. Michaels, Prior Lake, 2-4:30pm
Mon April 28.....Rosary in Chapel 7pm
Tues, April 29..... Fatima Group 8:30am, Mom's Group 9am,
Stewardship Comm Meeting 7pm, Choir Practice 7pm
Wed, April 30.... Rel. Ed, Men's Basketball 8pm
Thurs, May 1..
Fri, May 2..... First Communion Practice 6 & 8pm
Sat, May 3.....Peter Hughes' Ordination, No Morning Mass,
No Morning Confessions, First Communion 5pm
Sun, May 4.....First Communion 8am
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 It's easy to sign up and will automatically be withdrawn from your account one time a month.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.

Additional Easter Flower Donations

Jim Friedges.....Jeanne, Joseph, May & Ray Friedges,
Donna Kerber, Bob Cervenka

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.

Many dioceses here in the US do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. These dioceses are known as home missions. The Catholic Home Mission Appeal will take place this weekend to support these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training. Please be generous in this appeal and share your resources to strengthen the church at home.

May Happenings:

Saturday, May 3rd : Peter Hughes' Ordination is at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis, at 10am. All are welcome to attend the liturgy. No morning mass or confessions here.

Tuesday, May 11th – Saturday Morning May 17th: No morning masses or confessions.

Saturday, May 31st : Priest Ordination at the Cathedral 10am, All are welcome to attend.

No morning mass or Confession here.

CHICKEN COOKOUT 2014 NEWS

The Deadline for turning in raffle items is TODAY!

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.

We are excited to unveil our new website, stncc.net.

We hope you will find helpful information about our parish and our rich history, educational and fellowship opportunities, beautiful pictures of our church, as well as spiritual inspiration as you continue your journey of faith. The website will be updated frequently so please check back often.

Recently, Pope Francis said this about the importance of good communications: "Media can help us feel closer to one another, creating a sense of the unity of the human family which can inspire solidarity and serious efforts to ensure a more dignified life for all. Good communications helps us to grow closer, to know one another better, and ultimately, to grow in unity."

The KC's will be handing out Tootsie Rolls after the masses this weekend. All proceeds go to the Special Olympics.

The Church's Biblical Garden on our campus is on dire need of fresh perennial and annual plants this year. You can dig them from home or purchase and bring in by May 10th. The garden must stay with specific plants to keep it authentic. There is a list at the back of church showing the plants needed. Our Gardening Angels group is also looking for volunteers to help plant, weed and water beginning in May thru August. Please contact Pam Filipiak at 952-461-3478 if you can help. Thank You!

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Save the Date:

Saturday, November 1st, Park Ballroom, New Prague
Social Hour starting at 5:00pm, (Mass will be celebrated at 4:00pm)

This adult-only event will feature an evening of Fellowship, a Delicious Meal, Specialty Games of Chance, Bountiful Baskets and Silent & Live Auctions.

If anyone would like updates on Father Adams – please use the link below. <http://venezuela.archspm.org>



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!

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: 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

"Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy." Jesus told St. M. Faustina that the Blessed Sacrament is the "throne of My mercy on earth," and to daily "Adore, in the Blessed Sacrament, My Heart, which is full of mercy," (Divine Mercy Diary, 300, 1485, & 1572)

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, **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

Jesus lives today in the Blessed Sacrament, Alleluia! The Eucharist is Our

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

Please join us as we celebrate our May Crowning Mass on Wednesday, May 7th at 8:15 AM. In keeping with the tradition, our 2nd graders who will have received their First Holy Communion will be leading the liturgy. We welcome you to come celebrate!

REGISTRATION: We are continuing to accept registrations in PreK thru 8th grade for the 2014-2015 school year. If you or someone you know is interested in registering, please contact Joy Sutton at 952-652-6100 for more information, a tour of the school, and/or registration material. You can also access information and registration material at our website at www.holycrossschool.net.

LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -

Regular Classes Wednesday, April 30, from 6:15-7:30 at the CEC

Last night of Classes Wednesday, May 7th, 6:15pm - 7:30pm

Confirmation at Cathedral of St. Paul at 7:00pm on Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Appreciation dinner on May 28th for Catechists – must RSVP by May 16th to kathyc@holycrossschool.net

First Communion Students will be having their classroom interviews this week.

First Communion Rehearsal is **FRIDAY, May 2nd** at 6:00pm for students at 5pm Mass AND Rehearsal at 7:00pm for students at 8:00am Mass.

Please pray for our Students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion at the 5pm and 8am Masses next weekend, May 3rd and 4th and our Confirmation students who will be confirmed on May 20th.

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

Sat	26	5:00 pm	Stuart & Joyce Russell+
Sun	27	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	27	10:00 am	Leo Addabbo+
Tues	29	8:00am	Bill & Bobby Tissek
Wed	30	8:00am	Souls In Purgatory
Thurs	1	8:00 am	Jerry Giles+
Fri	2	8:00 am	Harold & Norma Miller+
*Sat	3	8:00 am	NO MASS or CONFESSION
Sat	3	5:00 pm	First Communicants
Sun	4	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	4	10:00 am	Fritz & Karen Tupy Family

Daily Scriptures

Mon	Acts of Apos 4:23-31	John 3:1-8
Tue	Acts of Apos 4:32-37	John 3:7b-15
Wed	Acts of Apos 5:17-26	John 3:16-21
Thu	Acts of Apos 5:27-33	John 3:31-36
Fri	Acts of Apos 5:34-42	John 6:1-15
Sat.	1 Corinthians 15:1-8	John 14:6-14
Sun	Acts of Apos 2:14,22-33/ 1 Peter 1:17-21/Luke 24:13-35	

Liturgical Stewardship May 3 & 4

May 3 @ 5pm	Lector:	Jan Freeman
	Ministers	Mary Kay Forland-H, Chuck Mathews-H, Gail Mathews-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Ron Chlan, Dave DeGonda
May 4 @ 8am	Lector:	Kendra Caduff
	Ministers	Joyce Anderson-H, Mile Moeller-H, Tom McCabe-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Paul Thoreson, Craig Goblirsch
May 4 @ 10am	Lector:	Emelia Fredrickson
	Ministers	Dennis Anderson-H, Jackie Devine-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Pat Theisen, Tony Nelson

SUNDAY GIVING: April 20 / Week 42 in Fiscal Year

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$5,800
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$243,600
Actual Collection Received	\$9,929
Easter Flowers	\$10
Fuel	\$20
Actual Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$255,757
	+\$12,157
Capital Improvement \$15 / 2 nd Collection	\$538

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YOUTH GROUP

It's 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.

AREA NEWS

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

Woman as Prophet and Servant of Truth - May 3, 2014

The Siena Symposium for Women, Family, and Culture at the University of St. Thomas has organized a conference on the topic of *Woman as Prophet and Servant of Truth*. The conference will be held in the 3M Auditorium in the Owens Science Building (UST South Campus) from 8:30am to 5:00pm. Ms. Eberstadt's address "**How the West Really Lost God**" will be at 7:30pm when she also will receive the Symposium's annual Humanitarian Leadership Award. The conference and the public address are free and open to the public. Parking will be available in Anderson Parking Ramp found at the intersection of Grand and Cretin. For more information, contact Dr. Deborah Savage (pdsavage@stthomas.edu) or visit the Siena Symposium website: www.stthomas.edu/spssod/continuing/siena/

May Family Rosary Procession – Sunday May 4, 2014

Loving Mother of the Redeemer, gate of heaven, star of the sea, assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again...You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting, have pity on us poor sinners. For over 65 years we, as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, have united in procession in the prayer of the Rosary with our Blessed Mother Mary, the Immaculata, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, who leads us to kneel in adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Join clergy and faithful from around the Archdiocese and State of Minnesota on Sunday, May 4th, at 2:00 pm as we pray the Rosary in procession from the State Capitol to the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Our prayer intention is for a 'new springtime' for the virtue of purity in our culture and a deeper understanding of the holiness of marriage and family life. As Pope Pius XI stated in his encyclical on the Rosary, "every blessing that comes to us from Almighty God comes through Our Lady's hands." *Ingravescentibus malis -1937* Inside the Cathedral we will renew the consecration of our Archdiocese to Mary, offer prayers for marriage and the family and close with adoration and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Come with family and friends in a public witness to our Catholic Faith during this month of May dedicated to our Blessed Mother. Assemble at the Capitol at 1:30; the Procession begins at 2:00pm. Details at www.familyrosaryprocession.org

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.

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 pro-life 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).

Fr. James Adams, along with Fr. Dennis Zehren, request your presence for an evening about our archdiocesan sister parish of Jesucristo Resucitado in Venezuela on Tuesday, May 13th, 2014 at 5:30pm at Nativity of Mary parish. Father Adams will walk through his last ten months as Associate Pastor at Jesucristo Resucitado in San Felix, Venezuela, and provide an update on the status of the country and the mission during this difficult time there. Friends, family and students who have traveled to the mission in Venezuela will also be there to share their personal testimonies and stories. This is a great opportunity to learn about the various ways you can serve the mission here in Minnesota and in Venezuela and visit with Fr. Adams during his short time back in the states. And enjoy authentic Venezuelan food. **Don't miss this event!!**

Pro-Life Across America is holding their 17th annual *Culture of Love* banquet on May 14, 2014 starting at 6 pm. at St. John the Baptist Church in New Brighton, Minnesota. The speaker will be Dr. Theresa Burke, PhD., the founder of Rachel's Vineyard Ministries, which offers retreats for women who have had abortions. Please contact Christine at 612-782-9434 to reserve your \$60 ticket and for more information.

WOMEN'S, MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS EASTER RETREAT - "Jesus' Resurrected Life in Us" Saturday morning, May 17, from 6:45 AM to 12:15 PM at Immaculate Conception Church, Lonsdale. Beginning with Adoration and Confession from 6:45-7:45 AM, Mass at 8:00 AM followed by a light meal, and presentations. Presenter: Father McCabe. Sponsored by the IC-CCW. Bring your Bible-Free will offering. Please contact the Parish Office at 507-744-2829 or icparish@lonstel.com to register before May 14.