



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER- MAY 4th, 2014

Father Barnes, Father McCabe and Father Chris Shofner would like to invite you to join us for an experience of a lifetime as we make a pilgrimage to Rome in February, 2015. Our focus will be to immerse ourselves in the beauty, culture and Catholicity of the Eternal City of Rome. This is a nine day adult only pilgrimage and is limited to 40 pilgrims so please register early to save your space. For more information please check out the new parish website, stncc.net

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

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, May 4.....First Communion 8am
Mon May 5.....Rosary in Chapel 7pm
Tues, May 6..... Finance Meeting 6:30pm, Choir Practice 7pm
Wed, May 7.... Rel. Ed, Men's Basketball 8pm
Thurs, May 8..
Fri, May 9.....
Sat, May 10....African Violet Sale – after 5pm mass
Sun, May 11.....Happy Mother's Day! / Donut Sunday/African Violet Sale after masses
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 It's easy to sign up and will automatically be withdrawn from your account one time a month.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.

If you have a 1 or 2 hours a week to spare, please consider volunteering to help clean the church. If interested in volunteering please call Lisa at the parish office. 952-461-2403. Thank you in advance!

Donut Sunday – is scheduled for Mother's Day, Sunday May 11th, following the morning masses.

May procession with Mary Statue following the 10am mass on May 18th.

Mothers Day

The pro-life group will have African Violets available after all Masses the weekend of Mothers Day.

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion Students who received Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the first time:



Maryn Anderson, Carolyn Boyle, Jordan Campbell, Hayden Champine, Sean Christenson, Brady Dietz, Leo English, Cara Erickson, Ryan Erickson, Makayla Friedges, Andrew Hertaus, Susan Heselton, Andrew Krautkremer, Julianna Kuehl, Lacey Liberty, Sophie Liberty, Theresa Lynch, Jake Muelken, Kiersten Overgaard, Megan Piiola, Matthew Sandeen, Isabell Schultz, Caroline Seurer, Helena Trnka, Jovian Tupy, Andrew Turnberg, Whitney White

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.

May Happenings:

Tuesday, May 13th – 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



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.

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!



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!

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!!**

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

"Through Mary the cause of our joy you discover that no where on Earth are you more welcomed, no where on Earth are you more loved, than by Jesus, living and truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament...He is really there in Person waiting just for you." ----Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Memorial Day weekend schedule – Our Adoration Chapel will close on Thursday, May 22nd at 6 pm, stay closed through the weekend and will reopen on Tuesday, May 27th at 8:30 am after 8 am 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, **Thursday:** 3 pm (May 22 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 next dates are May 13 & 27. 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 -

Last night Wed. May 7th, 6:15pm - 7:30pm
Appreciation dinner on May 28th for Catechists – must RSVP by May 16th to kathyc@holycrossschool.net
Confirmation at 7:00pm at St. Paul Cathedral on Tuesday, May 20th, 2014. More information available on the website under Confirmation tab

All Praise and Thanksgiving to God for the many blessings and fruits brought to us this year and especially for all our Catechists and aides who came each week to teach and pass on the faith.

We extend a big Thank you to: Jan Freeman; Cherie Serie; Sara Bertram; Shelley Kuhlmann; Erin Landwehr; Jen Chromy; Jennifer Hertel; Heather

Seurer; Kathleen Miller; Cheryl Friedges; Alice Overgaard; Deanna Brake; Lisa Burke; Paula Brohmer; Amy McDonald; Carly McDonald; Chris Kuehl; Candace Panka; Norleen Lane; Matt Damiani; Jake Simones; Brad Roemer; Steve Addabbo; as well as our substitute teachers.

YOUTH GROUP

Congratulations to our Steubenville Essay Contest Winner! Daniel Oleson had the winning essay! His essay will be published in the bulletin next week for all to read. Also a big thank you to our anonymous donor of the scholarship money, and to the judges who read all of the entries and picked the winner!

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	3	5:00 pm	First Communicants
Sun	4	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	4	10:00 am	Fritz & Karen Tupy Family
Tues	6	8:00am	Carol Stunic+
Wed	7	8:00am	World Peace
Thurs	8	8:00 am	Paul & Therese Leon+
Fri	9	8:00 am	Joe & Dorothy Chlan+
Sat	10	8:00 am	
Sat	10	5:00 pm	Dean Johnson+
Sun	11	8:00 am	Paul & Therese Leon+
Sun	11	10:00 am	For the Parish

Daily Scriptures

Mon	Acts of Apos 6:8-15	John 6:22-29
Tue	Acts of Apos 7:51-8:1a	John 6:30-35
Wed	Acts of Apos 8:1b-8	John 6:35-40
Thu	Acts of Apos 8:26-40	John 6:44-51
Fri	Acts of Apos 9:1-20	John 6:52-59
Sat.	Acts of Apos 9:31-42	John 6:60-69
Sun	Acts of Apos 2:14a,36-41/1Peter 2:20b-25/John 10:1-10	

Liturgical Stewardship May 10 & 11

May 10 @ 5pm	Lector:	Kathy Chlan
	Ministers	Jan Freeman-H, Ken Thomas-C, Ralph Wagner-C, Jolene Pierson-Ch-H, Chuck Mathews-Ch-C
	Ushers:	Ron Chlan, Dave DeGonda
May 11 @ 8am	Lector:	Robyn Dietz
	Ministers	Mike Moeller-H, Joyce Anderson-C, Leander Wagner-C, Margo Theisen-Ch-H, Mike Cole-Ch-C
	Ushers:	Paul Thoreson, Craig Goblirsch
May 11 @ 10am	Lector:	Leah Heselton
	Ministers	Norleen Lane-H, Amy McDonald-C, Larry Caduff-C, Tom Streefland-Ch-H, Julie Nelson-Ch-C
	Ushers:	Pat Theisen, Tony Nelson

SUNDAY GIVING: April 27 / Week 43 in Fiscal Year

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$5,800
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$249,400
Actual Collection Received	\$3,695
Actual Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$259,452
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AREA NEWS

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 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).

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.

A Poor Church and a Church for the Poor: Saint Francis of Assisi and Christian Poverty in the 21st Century

Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary Theology Day

Join professor Shawn Colberg, Ph.D. as he explores and discusses the concept of Christian poverty through the biblical notion of poverty in Jesus' sermons and the apostolic lifestyle found in scripture, images and writings from Francis of Assisi, and review of recent statements by Pope Francis. Colberg is Assistant Professor of Theology for Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary and College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University. He received his doctorate in the History of Christianity from the University of Notre dame in 2008 and has several publications. **May 13, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saint Frances Cabrini Church, 1500 Franklin Ave. SE, Minneapolis.** **Free event. Registration is required:** www.csbsju.edu/sot, 320-363-3570 or sot-sem@csbsju.edu.

Do you have room in your heart and home for a child who is in transition and needs a safe, supportive home in which to live and grow? There is need for a few good homes in this area. Please call Candy Picka, Lutheran Social Service Treatment Foster Care, for more information at (612) 242-7553. LSS provides in-depth training, 24 hour staff availability, respite care, weekly coaching, and monthly non-taxable reimbursement.

Registration opens May 1 for the Oct. 3 & 4 event! Join with fellow Catholics from across the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis as we celebrate the depth and beauty of our Catholic faith! Enjoy dynamic speakers and musicians, and learn about exciting faith formation, worship and service opportunities throughout the Archdiocese and beyond in the Rediscover Exhibit Hall. Here are the details: **Minneapolis Convention Center**

Friday, Oct. 3 - 6:30 p.m. – 11 p.m. (Doors open at 5:00 p.m.) This Friday session is geared toward young adults in their 20s and 30s.

Saturday, Oct. 4 - 9:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Doors open at 7:30 a.m.) Includes break-out sessions for Spanish-speakers, as well as for children and youth in kindergarten through 10th grade.

Featuring: Archbishop John C. Nienstedt, Archbishop Paul Coakley of Oklahoma City, Father Dave Dwyer, Scott Hahn

Curtis Martin, *And more to be announced!* Register now at Rediscover-faith.org! If you have questions, please email Rediscover@archspm.org or call 651-291-4411.

We invite you to join us on **Saturday, May 17th** as we explore how each of us is a unique member of the body of Christ with gifts to offer Christ and His members. This retreat will be held at the **St. Alphonsus, 7025 Halifax Ave N, Brooklyn Center, MN from 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM.** The retreat will include Mass, Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation and quiet time for prayer and reflection. The day will also include singing, bingo and crafts! Cost is \$20 and includes lunch and an optional dinner. Caregivers are also welcome. For more information or to register, please contact Deacon Sean or Joan Curtan at (651) 291-4543 or email curtans@archspm.org. Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Life Outreach to Persons with Disabilities.
