

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 13th, 2014

In America today, there is some confusion about what it means to be truly free and about how to live a meaningful life. The reality of the matter is that human nature is fallen and there is need for education and formation and there is need for God. While we are created good and in the image and likeness of God, not every urge is to be pursued. This is where solid education and formation in faith and reason are so important, to help us know how to act.

"As it is the parents who have given life to their children, on them lies the gravest obligation of educating their family. They must therefore be recognized as being primarily and principally responsible for their education. The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute" (GE, #3).¹

"The task of imparting education belongs primarily to the family, but it requires the help of society as a whole" (ibid. #2). Pastors of souls have a "...very grave obligation to do all in their power to ensure that this Christian education is enjoyed by all the faithful and especially by the young who are the hope of the church" (ibid. #2).

Note well that: "**Catholic parents are reminded of their duty to send their children to Catholic schools wherever this is possible, to give Catholic schools all the support in their power, and to cooperate with them in their work for the good of their children**" (ibid. #8)(emphasis added).

My dear brothers and sisters, the young are the future and the hope of the church. This is the reality and it is of highest importance. The youth are being educated in something, and it is either authentic education and formation as a disciple of Jesus Christ or it is something else.

"True education is directed towards the formation of the human person in view of his final end and the good of that society to which he belongs and in the duties of which he will, as an adult, have a share" (ibid. #1).

There is an invitation for families to discern seriously what God is asking in regard to the education of children in the home and how this works in accord with the pastor's responsibility in the matter. We are blessed to have a Catholic school in Webster, *Holy Cross Catholic School*:

<http://www.holycrossschool.net/>. In a day in age when some of the laws in our great nation will dictate what teachers in public schools can and cannot say about what it means to be free and to be truly human and about what marriage is, we have not only a school that can teach the truth in love in *Holy Cross Catholic School*, but also a beautiful community rooted in Jesus Christ where we can grow in our knowledge and love for God openly and freely.

Gravissimum Educationis. Vatican Council II – Volume 1 The Conciliar and Post Conciliar Documents. Austin Flannery, O.P. Costello Publishing Company, New York 2004.

In the Catholic setting, children can ask questions daily about the Faith, and teachers can write questions down that may be more difficult to answer, questions that are then posed to the priests when we make our classroom visits. A Catholic school is a setting where the Word of God can be sown on a deeper level, so that children can grow in their understanding of the Faith and bear fruit as a result!

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, July 13...Doughnut Sunday, Middle School Gathering 6pm

Mon June 14...Rosary in Chapel 7pm

Tues, July 15...Fatima Rosary 8:30am, Sharing & Caring Hands, Baptism Class 6pm

Wed, July 16....

Thurs, July 17...Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Fri, July 18...

Sat, July 19....

Sun, July 20..

Morning Prayer: Everyone is Welcome - Tuesday – Friday at 7:25am & Sat at 7:35am in the church.

Brynlee Lynn Hoppert, daughter of Thomas and Kimberly Hoppert, recently received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism here at St. Nicholas. We warmly welcome her into the family of Christ.

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 Sundays will continue through the summer, with the following schedule; July 13th and August 10th. Doughnuts are served after both Sunday masses. Please join us these mornings 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!

CUSTODIAL / MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR (part-time non-exempt, req. approx. 20 flexible hours per week, July-June; occasional work in the evenings and on weekends.) Assist the Pastor to implement the mission of service of the church by providing professional assistance to staff, volunteers and guests through overall janitorial care and maintenance of parish facilities, equipment, and grounds and through work with volunteers in buildings/ grounds/ cemetery projects as directed. **Req:** Three to five years experience in facilities cleaning, maintenance and repairs including HVAC, plumbing, building safety and grounds care; ability lift up to 50 lbs.; some management experience; communication and time management skills. **Salary:** commensurate with experience. Send Resume **by Thursday, July 31st**.

MAINTENANCE SEARCH, ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, PO Box 9, Elko New Market, MN 55020-0009, or email lisal@churchofstnicholas.com.

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.

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

Middle School Night!

All students in 6th-8th grade are invited to attend our summer middle school night, hosted by the Youth Group! We will be meeting on Sunday, July 13th from 6:00-7:30pm. Join us for fun, games, snacks and prayer! This is open to students that will be entering 6th grade in the fall as well! Questions? Email Megan Anderson at stnicksyouthgroup@yahoo.com.



AREA NEWS Continued..

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

Highview Christiania Lutheran Church – Ice Cream Social/Supperette – Wednesday July 16th, 5-7pm at the Celebration Center. The menu includes; Sloppy Joes, Hot Dogs, Beans, Pie & Ice Cream.

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.

St. Nicholas Ministries

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

JESUS IS WAITING ESPECIALLY FOR YOU! 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 for July and August), 3 pm, **Tuesday:** 3 am, **Wednesday:** 2 pm (starting in September), **Thursday:** 3 pm (July on), **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.

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

Sat	12	5:00 pm	Dean Johnson+
Sun	13	8:00 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Sun	13	10:00 am	For the Parish
Tues	15	8:00am	PJ Siedow
Wed	16	8:00am	Ilene Ramirez
Thurs	17	8:00 am	Jerry Giles+
Fri	18	8:00 am	Gerry Caduff+
Sat	19	8:00 am	Mariano Fuentesbella+
Sat	19	5:00 pm	Mary Connelly+
Sun	20	8:00 am	Jenny Keating
Sun	20	10:00 am	Jeanne Friedges+

Daily Scriptures

Mon	Isaiah 1:10-17	Matthew 10:34-11:1
Tue	Isaiah 7:1-9	Matthew 11:20-24
Wed	Isaiah 10:5-7,13b-16	Matthew 11:25-27
Thu	Isaiah 26:7-9,12,16-19	Matthew 11:28-30
Fri	Isaiah 38:1-6,21-22,7-8	Matthew 12:1-8
Sat.	Micah 2:1-5	Matthew 12:14-21
Sun	Wisdom 12:13,16-19/Romans 8:26-27/Matthew 13:24-43	

Liturgical Stewardship July 19 & 20

July 19 @ 5pm	Lector:	Chuck Mathews
	Ministers	Gail Mathews-H, Jolene Pierson-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Dave DeGonda, Doug Serie
July 20 @ 8am	Lector:	Robyn Dietz
	Ministers	Leander Wagner-H, Ralph Wagner-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Dan Simones, Pat Theisen
July 20 @ 10am	Lector:	Tom McCabe
	Ministers	Denise Anderson-H, Dennis Anderson-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Tim Burke, Leon Meger

SUNDAY GIVING: July 6 / Week 1 in Fiscal Year

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$5,800
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$5,800
Actual Collection Received	\$3,782
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Capital Improvement	\$28

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



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 ll 952-652-6100 ext. 507.

NEW WEBSITE: We are excited to announce a new web site for the Religious Education program that will help improve communication. Check us out at www.lnmvire.net.

Registration materials were mailed this week. Thank you to the volunteers who helped, many hands, made light the work!

HOLY CROSS

Do you participate in your company's United Way campaign? Did you know that your donations can be designated to Holy Cross? That's right! Your contributions can be allocated to our school's Angel Fund which pays tuition for families in need. If you haven't participated in your company's United Way campaign in the past, this may be the right time for you to start. Since Holy Cross Catholic School is a 501(c)(3) organization, all you need to do is specify the amount of your donation and provide our information. Submit the designation at the time of your donation, and all funds earmarked for Holy Cross will go to the Angel Fund. When making your United Way donation, designate your gift to Holy Cross Catholic School, 6100 37th Street West, Webster MN 55088. Thank you for your support of Holy Cross Catholic School!

AREA NEWS

St. Patrick's Church of Cedar Lake Summer Festival – Sunday July 20th. Indoor Mass @ 10am, Grilled Chicken Dinner 11am – 2:30pm, Adults: \$12/Children \$6 – Raffles, Games, Country Store, Antique Tractor Display, Live Music.

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.

NFP Awareness Week Begins July 20, 2014

NFP stands for Natural Family Planning. It offers both a scientific and marriage building opportunity to learn about one's fertility. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the third week of July as NFP Awareness Week. The Office of Marriage, Family & Life is hosting an evening of Mass & Reflection on NFP with Bishop Andrew Cozzens to honor the providers/teachers and to celebrate the gift of NFP in the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis on Thursday, July 24th, 6 pm at the St. Paul Seminary. Mass, dinner and dessert with a special reflection from Bishop Cozzens is \$20/person. Register online at events.archspm.org/nfp-mass2014. All are welcome! If you would like to know more about NFP, contact the Office for Marriage, Family and Life at 651-291-4488 or e-mail schulten@archspm.org

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

"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."

Sacrament of Confirmation for those with Special Needs

Do you know anyone with special needs or mental or physical disabilities age 16 or older, who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Classes will be held on **Saturday, August 16th and 23rd at 9:30 – 11:30 AM**. Both classes are mandatory for guardians and candidates. Pre-registration is required. Thank you in advance for your help in reaching out to all God's people. For more information, please contact Deacon Sean or Joan Curtan at (651) 291-4543 or email us at curtans@archspm.org.

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.

2014 Chicken Cookout

		Gross Income	Expense	Net Income	Net Income 2013
Meals	Adult / Kids Dinners sold	15,345			\$ 8,082.00
	Extra Chicken Sold	265			
	Chicken - Lonsdale Mkt.		-4,503		
	food, charcoil, aprons etc. - Fred's		-3,889	7,218	
Raffle	Tickets sold	15,295			\$ 12,818.00
	Printing/booking		-383		
	Envelopes & postage		-287		
	Gambling License		-85	14,540	
Beverages	Pop/Beer	1,904			\$ 1,463.00
	Beer/Wagon rental/ Ice		-756		
	Beer Pitchers		0		
	Liquor License		-25	1,123	
Games	Kids Games /Cake Walk	2,054			\$ 1,747.00
	Prizes		-290	1,764	
Country Store-CMLG		1,320	0	1,320	\$ 1,032.00
Ice Cream & Hot Dogs		422			\$ 334.00
			-102	320	
Plant Sale - Golden Hearts		500	0	500	\$ 510.00
Bingo - Knights of Columbus		980	0	980	\$ 1,041.00
Pro-Life		0	0	0	\$ 38.00
Misc.	Garbage - Dick's Sanitation		-223	-223	\$ (665.00)
	Restrooms - Town and Country		-410	-410	\$ (410.00)
	Golf Cart Rental - Yamaha		-220	-220	\$ (202.00)
	Picnic Table Rental - G& K		-837	-837	\$ (723.00)
	Advertising-KCHK/Lions Golf Trnmt		-355	-355	\$ (442.00)

NET INCOME FOR ST. NICHOLAS:	\$ 38,085.00	\$(12,365.00)	\$ 25,720.00	\$ 24,623.00
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**Thank you to all parishioners, families, friends and neighbors who helped make this year a huge success.
Thank you to the Cookout Committee for all your time and talent you dedicate to this fundraiser!
We would also like to thank the New Market Fire Department for allowing us to use their big tent,
for setting it up and taking it down! Thank You!**
