

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 28th, 2014

Dear St. Nicholas community,

I would like to let you all know that I have been reassigned for this last year to the University of Saint Thomas as my teaching parish. While I will certainly miss you all, I also anticipate what God wants for me and those I will be working with at the University. When I was approached with the change, I said I have promised obedience, but also gave many reasons why I thought it would be good for us to spend this last year together. After prayer and consideration, my superiors came back and reaffirmed their decision, which tells me that even though it is difficult to part, it is a part of God's will for my life. Being a part of God's will, I know this will be a great opportunity to serve and to grow. I wanted to take an opportunity to thank you for so much over the past four years. I have been truly blessed to be a part of this community. I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you. I have felt very supported and loved in my time here, and I will cherish the time that I spent here. I have had many wonderful evening and meals with you, and have enjoyed being able to cook for several of you as well. So many of the experiences and things I have learned here have been formative for my life as a priest, ranging from spending time with you as families, to sitting in on finance and parish council meetings, to assisting with the liturgies.

Know that I will continue to be keeping you all in my prayers. I ask that you please continue to pray for me, both in this final year of studies and formation, but also throughout my life as a priest. God willing, I will be ordained a priest on May 30th, and you are all certainly most welcome to come to the ordination at the Cathedral that morning. I will miss you all!

Sincerely in Christ,
Deacon Peter Hughes

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, Sept 28...

Mon, Sept 29....Rosary in Chapel 7pm

Tues, Sept 30....Fatima Group 8:30am

Wed, Oct 1....Religious Ed 6:30pm

Thurs, Oct 2...RCIA 6:30pm @ HC, KC Meeting 7:30pm-basement

Fri, Oct 3...Rediscover in Minneapolis 5:30pm

Sat, Oct 4... Rosary in Chapel 9am, First Sat. Prayers 8:35am,

Rediscover in Minneapolis 7am, Holy Cross Marathon

Sun, Oct 5...God in the Family 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 It's easy to sign up and will automatically be withdrawn from your account one time a month.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 website www.stncc.net or by calling the parish office at 952-461-2403.

Doughnut Sunday schedule: Oct. 12th, Nov 9 & Dec 14th. Doughnuts are served after both Sunday masses. Please join us to keep in touch with your fellow parishioners over the summer. Everyone is welcome!!

Not too late to sign up!

The Catholic Celebration at the Minneapolis Convention Center on Oct. 4 promises to be an inspiring, positive day with folks from all over the archdiocese, great speakers, music and fun. Sign up at rediscover-faith.org and call St. Wenceslaus to get a spot on the bus. 952-758-3225

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the Church. This book is being provided at no cost to our Church, including the mailing to each family, and again is being subsidized by local businesses that advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office. This is the perfect time to make sure all your family information is current with the parish. Pleas

Living Rosary between the 8 and 10am mass on Sunday Oct. 19th. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Clothing Collection for Joseph's Coat – please have all donations in the church basement by Tuesday October 7th

St. Nicholas Gala & Auction
The Gala & Auction will be held on Saturday November 1st, 2014, at the Park Ballroom in New Prague, beginning at 5pm.

Wine Pull

Five dollars will get you a cork to pull,
Not everyone's a winner, and that's no bull!

Want to win a bottle of wine?
Pull a cork before you dine!

Raffle Row

Buy a raffle for a buck,
Take a chance, test your luck.

For just a dollar, you might win,
Place your ticket in any bin.

Checklist Challenge

The checklist's a challenge, but lots of fun too.
See how many activities you can do.

Complete the checklist and register for a chance
To win a prize that may make you dance.

Checklist Challenge	
Name: _____	
Phone: _____	
Get your card punched after completing each activity. After all activities have been completed, register to win a fantastic prize.	
<input type="radio"/>	Baked Goods Contest or Raffle
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<input type="radio"/>	Match Made in Heaven Game
<input type="radio"/>	Balloon Burst Game
<input type="radio"/>	Hole-in-One Game
<input type="radio"/>	Waffle Ball Game
<input type="radio"/>	Sno-Ball Game
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<input type="radio"/>	Fund-the-Need Appeal

There are two ways to stay updated:

- 1) Visit the parish website, www.stncc.net/gala-auction
- 2) Visit www.facebook.com/stnccGalaAuction. Please, note a Face book account is not necessary to view the St. Nicholas Gala & Action Face book page.

October is Respect Life Month

- The intention for the Oct 1 daily Mass will be for the Dignity of All Life
- The rosary before daily Mass through the month of Oct. will be for Respect Life
- Please say the Prayer To Our Lady Of Guadalupe everyday in the month of Oct. for an end to abortion and the Dignity of All Life from conception until natural death. (Prayer is under Pro-Life in the bulletin)
- Meet your fellow parishioners for a prayer vigil on Sunday Oct.19 from 1-3pm at Planned Parenthood 671 Vandalia St, Saint Paul

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

Pastoral Visits

In early 2012 three regional vicars began visiting parishes. Each parish will be visited by a regional vicar once every third year. These visitations will help engage pastors and parish leadership in discussion about how to grow and develop the parish and increase effectiveness in carrying out the mission of the church. These visits are intended to provide pastoral encouragement for the priests and the parishes. These visits should also help increase connection with and strengthen collaboration between neighboring parishes and between deaneries, as well as throughout the local Church, as envisioned under the Strategic Plan for the Archdiocese. Please join us in praying for the success of these efforts, so that together we may be drawn ever closer to an ecclesial communion of faith, hope and love.

Members of the parish are invited to complete the Individual Reflection Record-Parish Self- Assessment, which can be located in the back of church. Instructions on how to complete the survey are listed at the top of the first page. All surveys should be returned to the box in the back of church marked

"completed surveys" or dropped in the collection basket. All surveys are due back by Monday October 13th.

Knights of Columbus Annual Gun Raffle..

The KC's have 3 beautiful Firearms to raffle off. Tickets are \$10 each or 5 for \$40. Tickets will be sold after all masses, from now until the end of October. The drawing will be held on Sunday October 26th after the 10am mass. Proceeds will go to Holy Cross School. Please support the Knights, and all the good work they do.

St. Nicholas Ministries

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

Upcoming Event – 40 Hours Devotion, weekend of October 10-12, 2014, 8th anniversary of the Opening of Our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. There will be Eucharistic Adoration in the Church throughout the weekend. There will be Donut Sunday after both Sunday Masses. Closing of 40 Hours Devotion will be on Sunday, October 12th at 4 pm. There will be Evening prayer, readings, a reflection, music, a Eucharistic Procession, and Benediction. A potluck supper will follow in the Church hall. Please bring a dish to share. All are invited! Bring your families and friends! Please see the sign-up book at the back of church to sign up for the additional Adoration hours available on this weekend.

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 November), **Tuesday:** 3 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

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 Sept. 16th, Oct. 21, Nov 18, Dec. 16.

CHOIR

There is a great need for new choir members. Please contact Pam Filipiak if you would like to join the choir!

CMLG

As members of our parish Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild, all female parishioners from the ages of 18 and older are invited to our next meeting on October 14, 2014 at 7pm in the church basement. We will have devotions, business meeting for upcoming events, and an election for our next CMLG officers (president, vice-president, secretary/treasurer). We currently have interested ladies in taking some positions. If anyone else would like to be added for consideration of an office, please call Kendra Caduff at 507-645-6837.

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- every Saturday morning at 9am.

Prayer to Our Lady Of Guadalupe

Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life. Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son. Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens. Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Regular Classes Wednesday, Oct. 1, 6:30pm - 7:45pm

Help Needed! Wednesday nights from 7:45 to 8:15pm We need help to put away extra tables and chairs, and clean up classrooms after religion Classes. If interested please contact Kathy at kathyc@holycrossschool.net

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. 1st gathering will be Sunday night, October 19th from 6:00-9:00pm at the St. Nicholas Campus. Please note the change in date this month!

Parent Volunteers: Any parents interested in helping put on a meal for the DTS youth on the 2nd Sunday of the month please contact Kathy Chlan at 952-652-2286. You can sign up to host, bring part or all the meal for about 20-25 students. This is a great event to get you students involved in each month. Meal is served approx. 6:45pm

Mass Intentions – (* indicates a change in mass time)			
Sat	27	5:00 pm	Stuart & Joyce Russell+
Sun	28	8:00 am	Elmer & Mary Karl+
Sun	28	10:00 am	For the Parish
Tues	30	8:00 am	Ethel Muelken+
Wed	1	8:00 am	The dignity of all life
Thurs	2	8:00 am	Henry & Elizabeth Gregory+
Fri	3	8:00 am	PJ Siedow
Sat	4	8:00 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Sat	4	5:00 pm	Joe Gallagher+
Sun	5	8:00 am	Len & Joan Britten+
Sun	5	10:00 am	For the Parish

Daily Scriptures		
Mon	Daniel 7:9-10,13-14	John 1:47-51
Tue	Job 3:1-3,11-17,20-23	Luke 9:51-56
Wed	Job 9:1-12,14-16	Luke 9:57-62
Thu	Job 19:21-27	Matthew 18:1-5,10
Fri	Job 38:1,12-21;40:3-5	Luke 10:13-16
Sat	Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17	Luke 10:17-24
Sun	Isaiah 5:1-7/Philippians 4:6-9/Matthew 21:33-43	

Liturgical Stewardship			October 4 & 5
Oct 4 @ 5pm	Lector:	Pat Biren	
	Ministers	Kathy Chlan-H, Larry Caduff-Ch-H	
	Ushers:	Joe Molitor, Ron Chlan	
Oct 5 @ 8am	Lector:	Mike Moeller	
	Ministers	Joyce Anderson-H, Margo Theisen-Ch-H	
	Ushers:	Dan Simones, Mike Cole	
Oct 5 @ 10am	Lector:	Leander Wagner	
	Ministers	Julie Nelson-H, Norleen Lane-Ch-H	
	Ushers:	Dennis Anderson, Steve Addabbo	

SUNDAY GIVING: Sept. 21 / Week 12 in Fiscal Year	
Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$6,276
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$75,312
Actual Collection Received	\$5,544
Actual Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$66,629
	-\$8,683
Capital Improvement \$158 / Second Collection \$805	

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HOLY CROSS

Students are hard at work in the classroom, and are excited to put their energy into the annual Marathon. They are collecting pledges for the Marathon for Nonpublic Education, which they will walk on Saturday, October 4. Pledges and sponsorships are greatly appreciated. Contact your favorite Holy Cross student or Anne Fredrickson at 952-652-6100.

RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults)

Class room instruction begins Oct. 2nd at 7:00pm at Holy Cross School. For more information contact Kathy Chlan or Father at the parish office.

AREA NEWS

Divine Mercy Catholic Church is hosting Spirit Fest on Sunday, Sept. 28th at our church facility at 139 Mercy Drive in Faribault from 9am – 4pm. May food options, polka mass @ 10am, Raffles, Silent Auctions, kids games, farmers market and much more.

St. John's Church in Vermillion, is holding its annual Parish Fall Festival on Sunday, Sept. 28th from 11am – 3:30pm. The festival starts with Mass at 10am followed by fun festival activities including many food choices.

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.

IC-CCW Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women – Ham & Egg Breakfast is Sunday October 12th, 8:30am – 12 noon. at the Crusader Civic Center, Lonsdale. Adults: \$8, Children 4-10: \$4, Under 4: free.

“O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” We only need to call on Jesus to help us have the best Sacrament of Marriage or Holy Orders. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are October 10-12, Buffalo & Jamestown, ND; October 24-26 Rapid City, SD; November 21-23 Prior Lake & Stewartville; December 5-7 Duluth. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Mike & Jean Olson at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 763-434-4332.

This series of four **Diaconate Inquiry Sessions** about the **Vocation of the Permanent Diaconate** will give them the basic information needed to discern. Topics include what a deacon is, what he does, how one might begin to respond to the Lord's call to Holy Orders, and what the discernment and formation process entails.

WHO: Men between 29 and 59 years old; single or married at least 5 years - Wives are encouraged to attend

WHEN: **6:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Wednesdays Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22**

WHERE: The Saint Paul Seminary, Brady Education Center Room 105, St. Paul, MN

Questions? Contact Deacon Russ Kocemba at kocemba@msn.com or (952) 933-3660

Registration is required; contact Shellee Leif at sleif@stthomas.edu or (651) 962-6891. Registration deadline is Sept. 26, 2014

Website: <http://www.archspm.org/departments/diaconate/>

ST. CHARLES WOMEN'S COUNCIL TO HOST LAURA SOBIECH, AUTHOR OF *FLY A LITTLE HIGHER*, A MEMOIR ABOUT HER SON, ZACH SOBIECH

St. Charles Borromeo Women's Council will present an evening with Laura Sobiech, mother of the late Zach Sobiech, who captured the attention of millions around the world with his song "Clouds" that became a No. 1 hit just after his death in May 2013 at age 18 from a rare form of bone cancer. Laura will speak at the Women's Council **Connect**, Tuesday, October 14, at 7pm in Doran Hall, St. Charles Borromeo Church, 2739 Stinson Blvd. NE in St. Anthony.

Laura, a member of St. Michael's Church in Stillwater, will share Zach's story and how the family's Catholic faith and Zach's embrace of redemptive suffering carried them through to ultimately see God's higher purpose. She offers inspiration not only to other parents facing the death of a child, but to everyone in all seasons of life determined to live joyfully and in the present. The evening will include a short video, talk and book-signing. Refreshments will be served. A freewill donation at the door will be taken to cover costs. Call 612-419-7677 for more information.

10 Top Reasons to Go to the Catholic Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 4th

10. The people who went last year said it was great, and this year it's even bigger and better.
9. You don't want to miss the promised surprises. What are they???
8. You can take a bus, so no worry about parking around the convention center.
7. Great music!
6. There are breakout sessions for men, women, grandparents and Latinos.
5. You can sleep in the next day, because it ends with Mass. And it will be special.
4. K-6 kids will travel to the Holy Land with the Great Bible Adventure – loads of fun while learning.
3. Teens will hear from speakers chosen just for them – to affirm, challenge and encourage.
2. You'll never again get a chance to hear all these internationally known speakers in one day.
1. The theme *Horizon of Hope* will inspire you and celebrate what it means to be Catholic.

You can order tickets online at rediscover-faith.org.

Call the St. Wenceslaus parish office at 952-758-3225 to reserve a spot on the bus. \$5 per person. The bus will leave the St. Wenceslaus parking lot at 7 am sharp.

