

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 5th, 2014

God has entrusted us with a lot! The tenants in the Gospel today were also entrusted with a lot, and with that came responsibility, for to whom much is given, much will be expected. Therefore the tenants were called to be good stewards of the vineyard. The landowner rightly expected that his tenants would have been working hard to produce good wine.

Obviously they failed and severely misused their freedom, just as many of the chief priests and elders in the Gospel had misused the authority God had granted them to steward God's people. Many had become self-serving white washed tombs. Hence this is a test, how will we use our resources and gifts as individuals and as a parish.

Are we being good stewards? First there is the gift of life. God has given us life and we are like the tenants in that our lives are not our own, just as the vineyard was not theirs. We are Christ's, we belong to Him, we answer to Him. Are we living as He would want us to, are we being good stewards of our spiritual life, making time for prayer so that our souls can be healthy?

The Gospel illustrates that our decisions and actions will require giving an explanation to God at the final judgment. "What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" (Mt. 21). What will God have to say to us when He comes to judge us?

In order to be good stewards, which we all want to be, it is helpful and important to educate ourselves on life issues, and this is a fitting time for it is RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY. The website USCCB.ORG has some great information on this topic, from conception to end of life issues. Please do a little studying of the information on the bishop's website. Know your faith so when God calls and asks for an accounting, we won't be caught asleep! There are resources on getting help and healing if someone has had an abortion and is suffering, there is information about end of life issues so that families can be better prepared to face the difficult questions that can arise when doctors are asking what the family wants to do. We can be ready and we can know what is ok and what is not ok in regard to the serious decisions that often times must be made during the dying process.

Just like taking a test in school, it is much easier if we are prepared ahead of time. I think it is important to remember that God wants to help us. We are talking about some potentially difficult issues here. Yet God teaches us clearly that He wants to help us and give us more chances if we have made mistakes. He kept sending prophets to His disobedient people, He even sent His own Son to help them repent. He is a merciful God, yet at some point we will die and we will have to answer to God how we stewarded the gifts He has given us, especially the gift of life, not to mention our time, talent, and treasure. The beauty is that it is a joy to cooperate with God's will and to be a good steward!

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, Oct 5...God in the Family 7pm at Holy Cross

Mon, Oct 6...Rosary in Chapel 7pm

Tues, Oct 7...Fatima Group 8:30am, God in the Family 7pm @ HC

Wed, Oct 8...Holy Cross Students Here for Mass 8:15am,
Religious Ed 6:30pm

Thurs, Oct 9...RCIA 7pm @ HC, Gala & Auction Meeting 6:30pm

Fri, Oct 10...40 Hours Devotion begins @ 7pm in Church

Sat, Oct 11...40 Hours Devotion Continues,
8am Prayer for Unborn in Mpls.

Sun, Oct 12...40 Hours Devotion Continues, Doughnut Sunday, Closing
of 40 Hours 4pm in Church followed by potluck in the basement.

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!!

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



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

Games of Chance

Match Made in Heaven

Purchase a card with a saint's name,
Search for its mate and play the game.

Find the matching saint, not the sinner –
Register and pray that you are the winner.

(Prizes for Match Made in Heaven = 50% of what is taken in)

Burst the Balloon

Pick a balloon, pick a color so bright,
Get a prize, everyone is a winner tonight!

Here's your chance to play like a kid,
Burst the balloon and get a number that's hid.

Check the envelope with a number that's a match,
You'll win a prize and it could be quite the catch.

(100 balloons with a prize in every one - WOW!)

Hole-in-One

Try your chance at a hole-in-one,
No matter what happens, it'll be fun!

A hole-in-one, how great would that be?
Play this game and you'll get a chance to see.

Plinko

Plinko is here - get your chips ready,
Aim for the target and keep them steady.

Sno-Ball

Roll balls for points in the exciting Sno-Ball Game,
Highest score earns a grand prize and some fame!

Waffle Ball

Land on a colored circle on the waffle ball table,
Red center circle has the biggest prize label!

For questions please email GalaAuctionInfo@gmail.com or contact Alex Berry @ 612-382-4469 or Karen Johnson @ 612-812-7482.

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.

Early Bulletin Deadline for Oct. 18/19:

Friday October 10th, the bulletin will be printed for 2 weekends. October 11/12 & 18/19. If you have any information for the bulletin for either weekend, please be sure and send to the parish office by 9am on the 10th. Thank You!!

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

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.

SURVEYS ARE DUE BACK BY MONDAY OCTOBER 13th!!

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

Next Weekend – 40 Hours Devotion, 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.

GOLDEN HEARTS

Church Tours on Tuesday, October 14th. We will tour St. Joseph Church in Miesville and St. Mary's Church in New Trier. We will stop for a nice lunch at Kings. Everyone is welcome. Call Gretchen with your questions. 461-4230.

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 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

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

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| Sat | 4 | 5:00 pm | Joe Gallagher+ |
| Sun | 5 | 8:00 am | Len & Joan Britten+ |
| Sun | 5 | 10:00 am | For the Parish |
| Tues | 7 | 8:00 am | Richard Kost+ |
| *Wed | 8 | 8:15 am | Holy Cross Students here for mass / John Wagner+ |
| Thurs | 9 | 8:00 am | Ken DeGross+ |
| Fri | 10 | 8:00 am | Paul & Therese Leon+ |
| Sat | 11 | 8:00 am | Joe & Dorothy Chlan+ |
| Sat | 11 | 5:00 pm | For the Parish |
| Sun | 12 | 8:00 am | Elmer & Mary Karl+ |
| Sun | 12 | 10:00 am | Joseph & Lillian Sticha+ |

Daily Scriptures

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| Mon | Galatians 1:6-12 | Luke 10:25-37 |
| Tue | Galatians 1:13-24 | Luke 10:38-42 |
| Wed | Galatians 2:1-2,7-14 | Luke 11:1-4 |
| Thu | Galatians 3:1-5 | Luke 11:5-13 |
| Fri | Galatians 3:7-14 | Luke 11:15-26 |
| Sat | Galatians 3:22-29 | Luke 11:27-28 |
| Sun | Isaiah 25:6-10a/Philippians 4:12-14,19-20/Matthew 22:1-14 | |

Liturgical Stewardship October 11 & 12

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| Oct 11 @ 5pm | Lector: | Gail Mathews |
| | Ministers: | Dana Meyer-H, Chuck Mathews-Ch-H |
| | Ushers: | Joe Molitor, Ron Chlan |
| Oct 12 @ 8am | Lector: | Margo Theisen |
| | Ministers: | Mike Cole-H, Tom McCabe-Ch-H |
| | Ushers: | Dan Simones, Mike Cole |
| Oct 12 @ 10am | Lector: | Carly McDonald |
| | Ministers: | Amy McDonald-H, Jackie Devine-Ch-H |
| | Ushers: | Dennis Anderson, Steve Addabbo |

SUNDAY GIVING: Sept. 28 / Week 13 in Fiscal Year

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| Budget Weekly Sunday Giving: | \$6,276 |
| Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving: | \$81,588 |
| Actual Collection Received | \$3,358 |
| Actual Collection Received Year-to-Date: | \$69987 |
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| Capital Improvement \$55 | |

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION:

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother Begins October 28, 2014 at 6:30 pm and October 30, 2014 8:45am. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *MARY: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ.

Join us for *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* at St. Nicholas beginning October 28, 2014 at 6:30 pm and October 30, 2014 at 8:45 am. For more information or to register for the study, call Jean Moeller at 952-461-4552.

LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Regular Classes Wednesday, Oct. 8th, from 6:30-7:45pm, NO CLASSES Wednesday, Oct. 15th MEA Break, Regular Classes Wednesday, Oct. 22nd 6:30pm - 7:45pm

Parents of First Communion Students:

God in the Family group meetings 7pm on Sundays, Oct. 5, 19, 26, Nov. 2 & 9 and Tuesday nights: Oct. 7, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11.

HOLY CROSS:

The Holy Cross Catholic School students walked the Marathon yesterday and raised much-needed funds while raising awareness in our community of our wonderful school! Thank you to all who supported the students in their efforts. We are grateful for your ongoing prayers and support and invite you to join us for Wednesday Mass or to visit our school.

RCIA: Classes have begun on Thursday evenings at 7pm at Holy Cross School. If you or someone you know is Catholic and has not received all their sacraments or are thinking about investigating the Catholic Church, it is not too late to join us. Call Kathy Chlan at 952-652-6100 ext. 507

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 meeting will be Sunday night, October 19^h from 6:00-9:00pm at the St. Nicholas Campus.

Parent Volunteers: Any parents interested in helping put together a meal and serve the DTS youth on the Oct. 19th or the 2nd Sunday of the month going forward, 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 your students involved in each month, we have students from all three parishes.

AREA NEWS

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.

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. 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.

Pregnancy Options of Faribault Fall Gala is Saturday October 25th at the Faribault Knights of Columbus. Bishop Andrew Cozzens will be the featured speaker. Tickets are \$30 each and can be ordered by mailing a check to Pregnancy Options, 18 2nd Street NW, Faribault MN 55021. Tickets will be mailed to you. For more information call 507-332-7644.

October Retreats for Men and Women

Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center - 16385 Saint Francis Lane, Prior Lake, MN 55372,

Men's Silent Retreat, Oct. 17-19, Theme: Every Man is a Beloved Son.

This Silent Retreat will focus on some of the key passages in men's lives. Using stories from Scripture and the life of St. Francis, as well as the insights of Fr. Richard Rohr and others, we will attempt to reclaim our identity as beloved sons of our loving God.

Women's Mid Week Retreat, Oct 7-9, Theme: Peace be With You - All Will be Well Besides the retreat conferences, there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of Sick. Members of the staff will be available for spiritual direction throughout the retreat. .

Register by calling (952) 447-2182 or on line www.franciscanretreats.net/register

The Liturgical Reading of the Gospel of Mark

Theology Day at Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary

Join Dr. Charles Bobertz, will provide a new interpretation for the Gospel of Mark. **Oct. 14, check-in from 6 to 6:30 p.m. and presentation from 6:30 to 9 p.m.,** Pax Christi Catholic Church, Eden Prairie. Free event. Light refreshments provided. Registration is required: www.csbsju.edu/sot, 320-363-3570 or sot-sem@csbsju.edu.

Visiting Women's Religious Communities in the Twin Cities Area, Saturday, October 25, 7:30 am -6 p.m.

Women will have a chance to visit four different religious communities to meet, learn, share meal, and pray with Catholic sisters. The event is free. For more information and registration, contact Sister Mary Swanson, SSND, at 414-305-9011 or mwanson@ssnd.org. Please register by October 21.

Team Vianney – Thursday, October 9, 2014

It takes courage to follow Jesus. Dedication. Leadership. Vocation.

Team Vianney is a Catholic movement of men in 9th - 12th grades in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. If you've got what it takes, come to Saint John Vianney College Seminary at the University of St. Thomas beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 9. . Meet for dinner with college seminarians, hear a short, dynamic talk on our Catholic faith, and participate in an energetic Mass with seminarians and university students.

