

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 16th, 2014

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, many of us have been educated by religious sisters, at least those who are getting a little older including me. There were only a couple of sisters at my grade school and one or two in my high school in Davenport, Iowa, one sister tutored me when I was young and needed some extra help, and a couple of sisters taught us in the Seminary. I am grateful to all of them.

The stories I hear from my own family members and from so many demonstrate the great impact the sisters have had on our culture and society. Many people who are making things happen in our society were educated by religious sisters. Many people who have high moral standards and who live their faith were educated by religious sisters. We can't forget the brothers either, for example at DeLaSalle High School and many others schools as well!

The impact the consecrated religious have had on our culture goes far beyond education. Many hospitals were founded by religious sisters. For example Saint Francis Hospital in Shakopee has old pictures of the sisters on the wall, commemorating them and the history of the hospital.

Many men and women laid down their lives for Christ and were critical in making Catholic Education and our society what it is today. I would not claim to think we should go back in time, but we do need to be intentional about cultivating vocations from this parish.

The upcoming year is the *Year of Consecrated Life*. Many young people probably haven't even seen a religious sister, but the sisters and brothers are still out there. There is an opportunity for young women to attend the opening celebration for the *Year of Consecrated life* at the Saint Paul Seminary.

This event is for women, but God also calls young men to be religious brothers. They live in community, they pray together, they take vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, and through these evangelical counsels, they are conformed to Jesus Christ.

We must help our young people to see and to find the 'yes' and not just the 'no.' Sure, a person who follows the path of consecrated life gives a lot of things up, but the prize is Jesus Christ and a life of authentic freedom, peace, joy, and adventure!

So my brothers and sisters, we are called to be good stewards of our gifts. Parents are called to this too, including even if God asks one of your children to follow Him into the consecrated life. This could potentially be difficult at first, but so very worth it.



Opening Celebration for the 2015 Year of Consecrated Life. Come and learn more about consecrated life and meet consecrated women from our Archdiocese!

THE EVENING INCLUDES:

"Listening with the Heart of Mary: Virgin, Mother and Prophet"

– a talk by Dr. Deborah Savage, professor of philosophy and theology at The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity and the Co-Founder of the Siena Symposium for Women, Family, and Culture

Holy Hour

of Eucharistic Adoration led by Vocation Director Father Troy Przybilla

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day

Friday, November 21, 2014, 7 – 9 p.m.,

Saint Mary's Chapel AT THE SAINT PAUL SEMINARY

This special event is for adults and high school-aged youth

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, Nov 16..Giving Tree in Church, Turkey Bingo 6:30pm

Mon, Nov 17....Rosary in Chapel 7pm

Tues, Nov 18...Fatima Group 8:30am, God in the Family @ HC 7pm, Book Club 7:15pm, Adult Ed in Myra Hall @ 7pm, Choir Practice 7pm

Wed, Nov 19..... Religious Ed.6:30pm

Thurs, Nov 20...Adult Ed in Myra Hall 8:45am, RCIA @ HC 7pm, Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Fri, Nov 21...10th Gr. Confirmation Retreat, in Lonsdale
Sat, Nov 22...Confirmation Retreat Continues, Rosary in Chapel 9am,
Church Cleaning 9:30am
Sun, Nov 23...Pancake Breakfast 8-12, Middle School Gathering 6pm,
Information Meeting for World Youth Day 2016 7:30pm

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 parish website; www.stncc.net or by calling the parish office at 952-461-2403.

The parish office will be closed Wednesday, November 19th & Thursday, November 20th.

Doughnut Sunday schedule: Dec 14th. Doughnuts are served after both Sunday masses. Everyone is welcome!!

The Knights of Columbus will host a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday November 23rd following the morning masses. Everyone is invited to join their fellow parishioners for this delicious breakfast. Please support the Knights and all their endless work!

There is a change to the mass schedule for Friday, November 28th and Saturday, November 29th. We will not have morning mass or morning confessions on these two days.

This year's Ecumenical Service will be held at Highview Christiania Lutheran Church in Farmington on Wednesday, Nov. 26th @7:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.



TODAY - Please join us for a fun filled evening of Turkey Bingo! Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild will sponsor Turkey Bingo TOAY at 6:30pm in the church basement. This event is open to everyone. If your last name begins with the letter N through Z, you are asked to bring 1 ½ dozen sandwiches or cupcakes. This is a wonderful, fun filled, annual tradition! Please join us for a great evening & possibly win your holiday turkey!!



CHURCH CLEANING – Grab a bucket, broom or mop and lend us a helping hand! We will be cleaning our beautiful Church, on Saturday November 22nd at 9:30am. Any help you can give, is greatly appreciated.

Middle School Night: The youth group will be hosting a middle school night on Sunday, November 23rd from 6-7:30pm. We will meet in the youth group room for games, snacks, fellowship and prayer time. Open to all students in 6th-8th grade. See you there!

World Youth Day Info Night!

Want to learn more about the World Youth Day pilgrimage in July 2016 to Poland? Come to this informational meeting on Sunday, November 23rd at 7:30pm in the Youth Group room. We will be going over all of the details, costs and plans, and answering any questions you may have. The WYD trip will be available to teens entering their Junior year of high school in the fall of 2016, through college aged young adults. Contact Megan Anderson with any questions or for more details if you cant make the meeting:

stnicksyouthgroup@yahoo.com.



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Parish leadership has recently approved a number of necessary maintenance projects. Our operating budget is really just keeping the doors open, there is not extra money for large repairs. We will be taking money out of our parish savings account to pay for these projects. We are asking parishioners for donations to replenish the savings account.

Here is a list of the current projects and their costs:

Sidewalk replacement - \$2,236.50
Replacement of flat roofs over basement bathrooms & south basement entrance - \$11,250.00
Mold removal in parish basement - \$1,755.00
Mold removal in school building - \$600.00
Leaf guards for gutters on rectory - \$620.00
Total cost of current needed repairs: 16,461.50
Donations to date – Thank You! 6,030.00
Balance 10,431.50

We are also in the process of identifying and prioritizing a number of other projects (solving our water problems is a big one). If you are able to contribute to the parish for these expenses, you can make your donation two different ways. In your current Sunday envelopes, on the left side of the envelope it reads Capital Improvement and Endowment Fund Offering. Simply circle Capital Improvement and then list the dollar amount you would like to contribute to the projects. You may also stop in the parish office and leave your donation with Lisa. As the donations begin to come in, the dollar amounts will be listed in the bulletin. If you have any questions please contact the parish office at 952-461-2403

Thank you from the Parish Leadership.

Thank you to everyone who has responded so quickly to the parish needs, through prayer, treasure and talent!
God Bless You!



It's that time of year, when we ask you to please support the Knights of Columbus, by purchasing your Christmas trees and wreaths from their lot, located at the corner of County Road 2 & 91. The lot opens the day after Thanksgiving at 9am. Lot Hours are: Saturday & Sunday

10am – 5pm, and Wednesday- Friday 5-8pm. The lot will remain open until the week before Christmas. **If you can help any amount of time please call Ben Zweber at 952-461-2366.**

Opportunity to Give this Season!

Once again our parish will be participating in a "Giving Tree" for the Christmas season! Your family can help bring joy to one of many children in our area, by choosing an ornament tag from the tree and purchasing the item listed. Please see posted directions by the tree. Unwrapped gifts are to be returned by the tree area during the weekend of Dec. 13-14th. Thanks for your generosity!

Next week's Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help people help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact on communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and help those living on the margins of our society. Please give to the CCHD Collection.

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. The fall schedule is as follows; Nov 18 and Dec. 16.

CHOIR

The St. Nicholas choir practices Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:30pm. We are in great need of new members especially now for our Advent and Christmas season ahead. No previous choir or vocal training required to join. Our music ministry is one of the most vital to the Liturgy and one that brings its members many rewards for their time and talents shared. If you are interested but have questions, please contact Pam Filipiak at 952-461-3478.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

Thanksgiving schedule - The Adoration Chapel will close on Wednesday, November 26th at 4 pm. The Chapel will stay closed through the weekend and will reopen on Monday, December 1st at 11 am.

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 January), **Wednesday:** 10 am, **Friday:** 1 am, 2 am, 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

MOTHER'S GROUP

We are reading Catholic books and meeting once a month for spiritual discussion, to pray, and reflect on the Gospel to enrich and support our vocation as wives and mothers. Location and times may vary. The next scheduled date is, Thursday, December 4th at 9:15am in the Myra Room. Please contact Becky Myhre and join us! 952-292-1086.

PRO-LIFE

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

Mass Intentions – (* indicates a change in mass time)			
Sat	15	5:00 pm	Andrew Sr. & Elizabeth Ann Borum+
Sun	16	8:00 am	Len & Joan Britten+
Sun	16	10:00 am	For the Parish
Tues	18	8:00 am	Richard Kost+
Wed	19	8:15 am	John Wagner+
Thurs	20	8:00 am	Dean Johnson+
Fri	21	8:00 am	Bruce Cammack+
Sat	22	8:00 am	Clarence & Ethel Muelken+
Sat	22	5:00 pm	Bob Seykora+
Sun	23	8:00 am	Jeff Kost+
Sun	23	10:00 am	For the Parish

Daily Scriptures		
Mon	Revelation 1:1-4;2:1-5	Luke 18:35-43
Tue	Revelation 3:1-6,14-22	Luke 19:1-10
Wed	Revelation 4:1-11	Luke 19:11-28
Thu	Revelation 5:1-10	Luke 19:41-44
Fri	Revelation 10:8-11	Luke 19:45-48
Sat	Revelation 11:4-12	Luke 20:27-40
Sun	Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17/1	Corinthians 15:20-26,28/Matthew 25:31-46

Liturgical Stewardship November 22 & 23		
Nov 22 @ 5pm	Lector:	Pat Biren
	Ministers	Jan Freeman-H, Larry Caduff-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Dave Sheedy, Dave DeGonda
Nov 23 @ 8am	Lector:	Mike Moeller
	Ministers	Joyce Anderson-H, Margo Theisen-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Paul Thoresen, Craig Goblirsch
Nov 23 @ 10am	Lector:	Leander Wagner
	Ministers	Julie Nelson-H, Tom Streefland-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Mike Chlan, Tim Burke

SUNDAY GIVING: Nov 9 / Week 19 in Fiscal Year	
Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$6,276
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$119,244
Actual Collection Received	\$2,734
Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$101,056
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Capital Improvement \$866	

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION:

Mary: A biblical walk with the Blessed Mother. If still interested in joining us here at St. Nicholas, please call Kathy Chlan at 952-652-2286 or Jean Moeller at 461-4552. Cost is \$22.00. Classes will be on Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings.

Session 1: (two 4 week sessions – Myra Room in old school building)

Tues., Oct. 28 to Nov. 18 @ 7:00pm / Thurs., Oct. 30 to Nov. 20 @ 9:00am

Session 2: (2015)

Tues., Jan 6 to Jan 27TH @ 7:00pm / Thurs., Jan. 8 to Jan. 29 @ 9:00 am.

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother Begins October 28, 2014 at 6:30

LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Regular Classes Wednesday, Nov. 19th 6:30pm - 7:45pm / No Classes Wednesday, Nov. 26th Thanksgiving Break

Parents of First Communion Students:

God in the Family last group meeting on Monday, Nov. 17 At the Civic Center in Lonsdale (postponed due to weather last week)

These classes are essential attendance for First Communion Preparation Program! If you missed the meeting last week this is an opportunity for you to join us on Monday night.

Confirmation Retreat for Year II (10 grade)

This retreat is mandatory for all our Confirmation students that will be confirmed in April. The Quest retreat is held at the Civic Center in Lonsdale on Friday night, Nov. 21st 6:30 to 10:00pm and Saturday, Nov. 22nd 8:30am-6:00pm.

Parent volunteer letter was mailed, parent volunteers needed, please call Lisa at 461-2403!

HOLY CROSS:

Join us for Ladies' Night Out this Thursday for wine-tasting, snacks, and shopping. This event is free and open to the public, so bring friends and neighbors for a fun night out!

Donations to the Angel Fund matching grant are still being accepted. Please help us meet our goal of \$10,000 to match an anonymous gift to our scholarship fund! Gifts can be sent to the school at 6100 37th Street West, Webster, 55088, and marked Angel Fund.

YOUTH GROUP:

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH!!!

Immaculate Conception will be having open gym night in the Crusader Civic Center Gym next to Immaculate Conception Church in Lonsdale on Friday nights from 8-9:30 pm beginning this week (only exception is Fri., Nov. 21 due to retreat)

All ages are welcome. If there are multiple age levels or interest in different activities we will split the gym so that there could be two groups at once. We also room in our youth room for playing floor games by younger children. If you have any questions please call Kate at IC at 507-744-2829

Happening in the Area

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.

Are You Hurting From a Broken Marriage Relationship?

FAITHFUL SPOUSES Support Group - Please join us on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 7pm in Smith Hall, Hayden Building of the Archdiocese, 328 Kellogg Blvd W in St Paul. Faithful Spouses is a support group for those who are living apart from their spouses because of separation or divorce. Get encouragement and support as you stay faithful to the sacrament of Matrimony. God is very near to you and offers you peace and happiness. Learn to understand our Church's teaching that the marriage covenant is still valid and alive--no matter what has happened in a civil court. If interested or have any questions, please contact Cathy at 651.291.4538.

Benefit for Darcy Seurer Family – Saturday November 22nd, at The Doublewide Bar, in Elko New Market. 4-7:30pm. Pre-Sale tickets, \$12 / At the door \$15. Tickets can be bought at the Doublewide. For more information contact Barb Tonsage at 612-840-5912 or Heather Seurer at khseurer@msn.com.

Sausage Supper – Sunday November 23, 12-5:30pm, at St. Mary's Church in New Trier. Meat Raffle, Games & Refreshments. Turkey Party 6-8pm.

November is National Adoption month

We as Catholics step forward in supporting adoptions through the loving command "to care for widows and orphans." (James 1:27) In celebration of the gift of adoption the Archdiocesan office in collaboration with various parishes will be hosting special Adoption Masses. The regular weekend Mass will be followed by light refreshments and information about adoption as well as an opportunity to talk with adoptive families. All families should discern if adoption is right for them. Is adopting something you have been thinking about? Come to one of our Masses and find out.

This year's Adoption Mass host parishes and times are: November 22: Divine Mercy in Faribault – 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, Maternity of Mary in St. Paul 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass, St. Timothy in Maple Lake 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass, St. John Neumann in Eagan 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, Our Lady of Grace in Edina 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass

In the gospel it says that "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." God loves us and cares for us. He wants for married couples to have happy fulfilling sacramental marriages. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are November 21-23 in Prior Lake, East Grand Forks & Stewartville; also December 5-7 in Duluth. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.

Come & See Priesthood Discernment Day – November 23

Catholic Men, ages 22 – 50, who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood and have, or are close to having, a college degree, are invited to this "Come and See" Priesthood Discernment Day. Sunday, November 23 at 9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m., men are invited to come to The Saint Paul Seminary for a retreat, led by Father Troy Przybilla. The day will begin with registration, Mass and brunch with the Seminarians. Also included, a few seminarians will share their vocation testimonies, Adoration, a talk on discernment, some leisure time to watch the Viking and Packers football game, a tour of the seminary and dinner. To register, please contact the Vocation Office at 651.962.6890 or patty.mcquillan@stthomas.edu

Elko New Market Community Blood Drive, at the Scott County Library – Market Village on Monday December 1st 12:30-6:30pm. For an appointment or information call Sharon at 952-758-8716 or e-mail www.redcrossblood.org, enter sponsor code 0172834.

New this year! St. John's Jordan Council of Catholic Women will host a Christmas Sweet Shoppe and Holiday Breakfast on Sunday, December 7th from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon in St. John the Baptist Parish Hall in Jordan. Serving breakfast egg bake, sausage, coffee cake and beverages for a free will donation! The Sweet Shoppe will feature homemade goodies, candy, cookies, breads and bakery treats, plus several raffle items, and a silent auction. Please come and join us in the Christmas spirit.