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Pontiff: Church Needs Holy Priests

Opens Yearlong Celebration of Priesthood

VATICAN CITY, JUNE 19, 2009 (Zenit.org) - The greatest suffering of the Church is the sin of its priests, Benedict XVI said as he inaugurated the Year for Priests.

The Pope presided today at a celebration of vespers on the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the Basilica of St. Peter's, during which he launched a yearlong celebration of the priesthood. The theme for the priestly year is "Faithfulness of Christ, Faithfulness of Priests."

The year, convoked by the Pontiff, coincides with the 150th anniversary of the death of St. John Mary Vianney, known as the Curé d'Ars. Bishop Guy Bagnard of Belley-Ars brought the relics of the French saint to Rome for the inauguration Mass.

The Year for Priests will conclude with an International Convention in Rome, to be held June 9-11, 2010.

The celebration began with the Holy Father venerating in silence the relics of St. John Mary Vianney.

"The Church needs holy priests," the Pope said in his homily. "[It needs] ministers to help the faithful experience the merciful love of the Lord and to be convinced witnesses."

For this, he invited the faithful to pray "that the Lord inflame the heart of each priest" with the love of Jesus.

"How can one forget that nothing makes the Church - the Body of Christ - suffer more than the sins of its pastors, above all those that are 'wolves in sheep's clothing,' whether because they lead [the faithful] away with their private doctrine, or because they bind [the faithful] down with the ties of sin and death," he asked.

"The call to conversion and to take recourse to Divine Mercy also applies to us, dear priests," Benedict XVI said to the numerous priests and bishops present. "We should also appeal, humbly and incessantly, to the heart of Jesus so that he preserves us from the terrible risk of damaging those whom we should save."

For this, the Pope affirmed, "Our mission is indispensable for the Church and for the world, which demands complete fidelity to Christ and an incessant union with him; that is to say, it demands that we constantly seek the holiness of St. John Mary Vianney."



Adoration Update

Thank you for your generous response to Father's beautiful invitation to spend an hour with Jesus in adoration. Your patience is appreciated as we contact new adorers and update our schedule. Sign up forms will be available in the back of Church, at the Church office and in the Chapel for those wishing to still sign up. These can be returned to the parish office or placed in the collection basket during Sunday Masses. Questions, please call Jim at 763.533.0423.

Knights of Columbus

Family of the Year

2008 - 2009



Please join us in congratulating Rolland and Dona Marek on being chosen as the Saint Louis Council #3949 Knights of Columbus Family of the Year for 2008-2009! They have been volunteering their time for many years in our events, and in particular organizing our Family Potluck Dinners and Pancake Breakfasts. Their service to our organization and the Church has been commendable and please join us in thanking them!

George Hoene - Grand Knight

ATTENTION: ALL BLOOD DONORS!

It's time to SIGN-UP for the HOLY FAMILY BLOOD DRIVE!

Monday, July 20, 2009 ~ 12:30P.M. to 6:30P.M.

Did you know...

- ✦ Every three seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
- ✦ Less than 5% of the national population donates blood.
- ✦ Each week, 2,400 volunteer donors are needed to help supply blood to patients in our area hospitals. Your single donation can save as many as three people's lives. Blood is needed for cancer and surgery patients, burn victims, accident victims, premature infants...the list is endless.

DONOR REQUIREMENTS:

- ✦ You must be in good health.
- ✦ You must be free from colds and flu for 3 days.
- ✦ You must be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission – forms available from Sharon) and eat a good meal within a four-hour period before donating. You must bring a photo ID with you to the drive.

**We need a total of 69 REGISTERED DONORS to meet our goal!
Call Sharon at 952.929.0113 Ext. 13 to schedule your appointment.**



Cathedral of Saint Paul designated a National Shrine

The Cathedral of Saint Paul was designated as the first national shrine in honor of the Apostle Paul by the Office of the Holy See and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on March 25, 2009 following a request by Archbishop John C. Neinstedt of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. According to canon (church) law, "The term shrine signifies a church or other sacred place to which the faithful may make pilgrimages for a particular pious reason with the approval of the local ordinary (bishop)."

The distinguishing mark of a shrine is that it is a place to which the faithful make pilgrimages. Tens of thousands of people make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of Saint Paul every year. Bus loads of children come to learn about the role of the Mother Church of the Archdiocese.

Guided tours are given every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1:00PM or by appointment. To schedule a tour, email tours@cathedralsaintpaul.org.



✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

Sunday, June 28 ~ Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Donut/New Member

8:00 am Confessions
9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass

Monday, June 29

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Exercise Class
3:00 pm WOW Holy Hour (Adoration Chapel)

Tuesday, June 30

8:00 am Mass

Wednesday, July 1

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Coffee & Rolls
11:45 am Exercise Class

Thursday, July 2

8:00 am Mass
7:00 pm NFP (Gathering Place)

Friday, July 3 - Parish Office Closed

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)

Saturday, July 4 - Independence Day

6:30 am Holy Name Society (Gathering Place)
10:00 am Rosaries for Life (Robbinsdale)
3:30 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, July 5 ~ Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Food Drive Sunday

8:00 am Confessions
9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass

Healing Mass

There will be a Healing Mass on Friday, July 17 at 7:30PM at Holy Name of Jesus in Wayzata. Father James Livingston will be the celebrant. The rosary will begin at 7:00PM. Seating for the handicapped is available. For information call Teresa at 763.533.1343.



ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Ladies, We will have periodic updates throughout the summer with information on future events. In addition our focus will be on determining our budget as discussed at the Spring meeting. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Call Mary at 763.533.0423. Have a wonderful Summer!!

Evangelization CD's

Be sure to check out our Evangelization CD section in the pamphlet racks at the back of church. Each CD is only \$3.00! Just put your payment in the envelop provided and drop it in the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the church office.



Banns III

Anthony Elwood and Rachel Blackhawk

Marriages

Matt Doffing and Julia Johnson

Wills and Bequests

*Have you remembered Holy Family for 10% of your estate?
 When you do, our legal corporate title is:*

"Church of the Holy Family of St. Louis Park, Minn."

HOSPITAL AND HOMEBOUND VISITATION:

Please notify the parish office when; ** a parishioner is hospitalized. **a homebound parishioner desires Holy Communion.

Please remember to notify the Parish Office of any changes to your address or phone number. Thank you!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Peter and St. Paul

Tuesday: First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Wednesday: Blessed Junípero Serra

Friday: St. Thomas; First Friday

Saturday: St. Elizabeth of Portugal; First Saturday;
 Blessed Virgin Mary

PLEASE HELP US TO HELP YOU!!!

In order to track your contributions and list them on your annual statement you must use your envelope OR put your envelope number in the memo section of your check. Thank you!

Holy Family Weekly Offering

Regular Envelopes	\$15,340.16
Plate	\$ 1,209.44
Care Fund	\$ 805.65

Thank You For Your Generosity!

Mass Intentions for the Week

June 29 Brian Pieschel †
 June 30 Ann Zwack †
 July 1 Jay Zimmer †
 July 2 Melinda Roth †
 July 3 Altar & Rosary Society
 July 4 Vocations
 July 5 Kathleen Gehl † (9AM)
 July 5 For the Parish (11AM)



**Archdiocesan Prayer Service to conclude the Evangelization Initiative
and**

The Year of Saint Paul

June 28, 2PM, Cathedral of Saint Paul

On Sunday, June 28, at 2PM, join Archbishop John C. Nienstedt and Bishop Peter Christensen at the Cathedral of Saint Paul for an Archdiocesan Prayer Service commemorating the successes of the Evangelization Initiative and the conclusion of the Year of Saint Paul.

Bishop Christensen of Superior, Wisconsin will preach on the importance of evangelization in the life of the Church and the individual believer. A light reception will be held on the lawn of the Cathedral following the prayer service, to which all are welcome.

Make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of Saint Paul on June 28 and pray with men and women from around the Archdiocese as we ask God to give us continued courage to make Jesus Christ known and loved, following in the footsteps of Saint Paul, our patron.

Firearm Safety Classes

DNR Firearm Safety Classes at Holy Family will begin on July 7 and run Tuesdays at 6:30PM until August 29 including a shooting range trip on Saturday August 22. You must be at least 11 years old on the day of the first class. Cost for the classes will be \$15.

Please register in advance with me as space is limited. You can e-mail me or call me with any questions and to sign - up: 612.325.9517 or deanpcummings@gmail.com

 **Pro-Life Corner**

There are subtle ways in which we become unfaithful to life. We do not meet life's demands when we refuse to permit developing life to complete its course or when we hasten the end of life by taking positive steps against it when life can yet support itself. In the one case a person is not allowed to assert his identity, but dies as a embryo or a fetus; in the other case, an identity already established is removed because we decide that pain is more imperative than life.

~ Anthony T. Padovano

Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching it's people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.

~ Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

PROTECTIVE MEDICAL DECISION DOCUMENTS

With Health Care Reform in the forefront these days, it is important that we all have Health Care Directives in the event we need them. It is not prudent to use the Minnesota Living Will which is available through most doctors and at all hospitals. The Minnesota Living Will is too restrictive and opens the door to Euthanasia.

Sharon Pero has placed "A Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decisions" that is in accord with Catholic moral teaching on end-of-life issues in the racks in the back of the Church. They are the form used by Deacon Stephen Najarian and put out by the National Catholic Bioethics Center. The forms are free of charge. This document provides latitude in patient care provided and always stipulates that food and water do not constitute extraordinary means of sustaining life but are required components of care. The individual drafting the document should keep one for him/herself, one for the designated person responsible for making decisions if you are unable to do so, and one for your health care provider.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES

The Couple to Couple League will be offering a series of classes, for engaged and married couples, on the Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning here at Holy Family Academy in the School Library. New streamlined methodology and new materials integrate Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Classes begin on Tuesday, July 14 at 7:00PM Call 612.721.3791 or go to website at twincities.ccli.org for registration/ information.

**MESSAGES from your HOLY
FAMILY HEALTH BOARD**

The Holy Family Exercise Program is conducted by a Certified Fitness Instructor, and is held every Wednesday at 11:45AM in Moorman Hall. EVERYONE is welcome! Don't put it off . . . come join us and reap the many benefits of exercise. (The cost is \$5.00 per session) TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS HEALTHY BENEFIT OFFERED RIGHT HERE AT HOLY FAMILY! Questions? Call Sharon 952.929.0113 Ext. 13