



“Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, ‘Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.’ ”

~Mk 9:36-37

Church of Saint Agnes

548 Lafond Avenue | St. Paul, MN 55103

September 20, 2009

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. John L. Ubel Pastor
Rev. John Paul Erickson Parochial Vicar (Part-time)
Rev. Christopher Beaudet Weekend Assistant
Deacons Rev. Mr. Harold Hughesdon, Rev. Mr. Bernard Pedersen
Rev. Mr. Nathan Allen

Phones

Parish Office 651-925-8800
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Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:15 p.m. (anticipated) Benediction at 5:00 p.m.
6:30, 8:30, 10:00 (Latin High Mass), 12:00 Noon
The 10:00 a.m. Mass on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of each month will be offered in the Extraordinary Form (1962 Missale Romanum)

Holy Days of Obligation

Watch Bulletin for schedule

Weekday Masses

8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday (Saturday—Sung Latin Mass)
5:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday
During the school year, additional Mass at 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays

Confessions

Saturdays: 3:30–5:00 p.m. and 7:30–9:00 p.m.
Tuesdays: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays following Novena
Eves of Holy Days and Thursdays before First Fridays:
4:00–5:00 p.m. and 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Adoration

Fridays in the Chapel following the 8:00 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 5:00 p.m.

Baptisms

Sundays immediately following the Noon Mass. Active parishioners seeking baptism for their child are asked to make arrangements prior to the desired date of baptism.

Marriages

Active registered parishioners are to make arrangements for marriage preparation at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

Registration in Parish

Required for Baptism and Matrimony. Please call the rectory for an appointment.

Devotions

Tuesday: Rosary at 7:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Sunday: 3:00 p.m. Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Friday Adoration: Each Friday beginning after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m.

Web site.....www.stagnes.net

De Paroeciis: The Parish as the Center and Foundation of Catholic Life

I can recall the account of a Saint Paul realtor who marveled that in the course of her work it is commonplace that certain neighborhoods of Saint Paul are referenced, not by the name the neighborhood, but by the Catholic parish. People who are not even Catholic have been known to inquire, "I am looking for a house in the Nativity neighborhood." I had to chuckle, as well as brim with pride, being that it is my home parish, and in fact the only parish to which I ever belonged prior to my ordination to the priesthood.

But it certainly says something. Drive through any small town in Stearns County, or due west on US Highway 212 and you will see that steeples dominate the landscape. Or consider Swift County, in extreme western Minnesota (along US Highway 12), where entire towns were formed as part of Archbishop John Ireland's colonization efforts, ca. 1880's. Ten new towns dotted the landscape, conveniently located near the railroad tracks: DeGraff, Danvers, Clontarf, to name but a few. One was even named "Graceville," (2008 pop. 605) in honor of...you guessed it, Bishop Thomas Grace, second Bishop of Saint Paul. These towns were populated almost exclusively with Catholic immigrants, whose experience of their Catholic faith was the glue that held them together. The parish was the center of their lives.

Pope John Paul II once described parishes in very personal terms, noting that "the parish is the Church placed in the neighborhoods of humanity, it lives and is at work through being deeply inserted in human society and intimately bound up with its aspirations and its dramatic events." (*Christifideles Laici* #27, 1988). In the New Testament, "church" (*ekklesia*) and "parish" (*paroikia*, a sojourn) had effectively the same meaning. The earliest Christians saw themselves as pilgrims awaiting the imminent return of the Lord, and less so as gathering around a fixed place of worship. That happened later as the Church structure organically developed.

The Council of Chalcedon in 451 AD prescribed that rural or country parishes (*L. rusticas paroecias; G. ekklesian*) "...are to stay firmly tied to the bishops who have possession of them." Further, in any new city established by imperial decree, "let the arrangement of ecclesiastical parishes conform to the civil and public regulations." By 1179 AD, Lateran Council III insisted that no one receive "even the rule of parish churches, unless he has reached his twenty-fifth year of age, and can be approved for his learning and character." It remains to this day the minimum age for ordination (cf. Code of Canon Law #1031). I attest that I am at least twenty-five years old, and 'plead the Fifth' with respect to the other two!

Today's reality reveals many more competing forces for the time and attention of families. However, it is still the fervent hope of the Church that parish life may occupy a central place in the lives of all Catholics. It is, so to speak, "where the rubber hits the road." I thought, for example, of just last Monday evening. We had the following meetings occurring simultaneously at Saint Agnes: Cub Scouts, Legion of Mary, Maria Hilf Chapter of CAA, and the Twin Cities Catholic Chorale Board meeting. It is a sign of vitality and commitment on the part of so many of you, especially considering the distances you travel to come to Church. As our Fall Festival draws near I hope these reflections help to draw us closer together as a parish.

- I am in St. Louis, MO this weekend for the annual meeting of The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. I am pleased to be going to support one of our own long-time parish members, **Dr. Linda Long**, who is being inducted into the group that traces its history to the First Crusade. It was officially recognized as a papal order in 1122 A.D. Its aims are to support and help the Roman Catholic Church in the Holy Land, especially in the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, and to encourage the preservation and spread of the Faith in the Holy Land, defending the rights of the Church. I offer heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Long, but humbly request that she refrain from riding her horse down the center aisle.
- Please be generous in your support of the second collection for the Cathedral of Saint Paul. It is truly a work of beauty, and belongs to all the people of this Archdiocese.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. John L. Ubel
Pastor

Instruction In Religious Education (CCD)

Just a reminder that CCD Religious Instruction Classes begin on Wednesday, September 23. Please note that classes run from 6:15-7:30 p.m. each week. Registrations will still be accepted onsite on the first night of class. If you have any additional questions, please contact Mrs. Liz O'Neill at 651-925-8748 or at loneill@saintagnesschool.org.



Fall Festival October 17-18

Please mark your calendar for the annual Saint Agnes Fall Festival October 17-18. The theme of the Saturday adults-only event is *An Evening Celebrating Our Cornerstone of Faith, 1909-2009*; it will include dinner, entertainment and raffles. Sunday will feature all the traditional family favorites: booya, kids' games, bingo, Basket Booth, Cherry Tree, refreshments, raffles and more.

SAINT AGNES
FALL FESTIVAL

The Festival Needs your Time and Talents.

If you haven't already volunteered to work at the Saint Agnes Fall Festival, now is the time to do so. Signup sheets are available in Schuler Hall for a variety of jobs October 15-18:

- Thursday: 6:00-9:00 p.m. – Setup and decorating for Saturday evening in Schuler Hall.*
- Friday: 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Preparing booya meat and vegetables in the school cafeteria.**
- Saturday: 5:00-10:00 p.m. – Serving dinner and cleaning up in Schuler Hall *
- Sunday: 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. - Manning booths and games, serving booya, and cleaning up (two-hour shifts) **

You also can volunteer by calling Catherine* at 651-785-8941 or Sue** at 651-641-1998.

Order your Saturday evening tickets, too!

Tickets for the Saturday evening, adults-only event, *Celebrating the Cornerstone of Our Faith*, are on sale in Schuler Hall after today's Masses or can be ordered by calling Gerrie at 651-925-8809. The cost is \$35 per person; reserved tables are \$325 for eight persons or \$400 for 10. Entertainment and beer from Flat Earth Brewing Company are included with an all-American dinner. Guests can enter drawings to win airfare and a one-week stay for two persons at a Honeymoon Island condo near Tampa, plus other valuable prizes.

Catholic Catechism Inquiry Classes

Deacon Nathan Allen will be offering a comprehensive course of the basics of the Catholic Faith offered beginning Thursday September 24, 2009 in Schuler Hall. The classes are intended for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, including those who are exploring the possibility of Baptism or those considering entrance into full Communion with the Catholic Church through Confirmation and reception of the Eucharist. The classes are held each Thursday from 7:00-8:30 p.m. There is no cost for the courses, though all who attend are asked to have a copy of the Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Special Collection on Sept. 19-20 for Our Cathedral

Our beautiful Cathedral of Saint Paul requires everyone's help! Please consider a sacrificial gift for this collection to assist with the remaining \$12.7 million for the emergency exterior restoration. Many thanks to all those who generously contributed to last year's collection to care for our Mother Church. The Cathedral Heritage Foundation has been established to address our Cathedral's pressing restoration needs. All gifts received in this special collection will be designated and restricted to the restoration needs of the Cathedral. Envelopes for this special collection on September 19-20 will be available in your parish and checks should be made out to the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Archbishop John Ireland relied on every Catholic's support to build this great monument of faith and so we need everyone's support now to preserve it for future generations. For more information please call 651-228-1766 or visit www.cathedralsaintpaul.org.

The Twin Cities Catholic Chorale

The Twin Cities Catholic Chorale will be starting rehearsals on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:30 p.m. As we look forward toward our 36th season, we are preparing the beautiful Mozart "Missa Brevis in F" for our opening Mass on October 18. At this time, we are looking for interested singers to join the Chorale. If you have had choral experience and read music, we invite you to come to a rehearsal. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Saint Agnes. If you need additional information, please contact Dr. Peterson at RLPeterson2@msn.com. As you know, the Twin Cities Catholic Chorale is a non-profit organization that depends entirely on contributions by Friends of the Chorale. Our marketing committee is continually looking for new ideas for raising funds. The current economic season has brought its challenges, and for this reason we are grateful for the continued support of our many friends at the Church of Saint Agnes.

Fall Rummage Sale

St. Mark's Council of Catholic Women will sponsor their 2009 Fall Rummage Sale on Friday, September 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The sale will be held in Carolyn Hall at the corners of Dayton and Moore Streets in Saint Paul. There will be clothing, furniture, plants, toys, jewelry, books and many other collectible items. There will be coffee and doughnuts for sale in the coffee shop. For more information, call Vicki Dzieweczynski at 651-644-7724 or Connie Hoye at 651-645-4418.

Electronic Contributions

To learn more about setting up electronic contributions for Church giving, please contact our Business Administrator, Patrick Menke at 651-925-8801.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 20

Donut Sale sponsored by the Men's Club

Monday, September 21

Legion of Mary (Bride's Room) 6:45 pm
Men's Club Meeting (Schuler) 7:30 pm

Tuesday, September 22

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help..... 7:30 pm
Couple to Couple League giving a pre-menopause supplemental class (Schuler) 7:30 pm

Wednesday, September 23

Religious Education Classes (CCD) 6:15 pm

Thursday, September 24

Childrens' Choir Rehearsal 3:30 pm

Friday, September 25

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:00 am Mass until 5:00 pm

Thanks to our Advertisers for their Support

Jim Byrne, our bulletin representative, has been with us this past week contacting prospective advertisers for the business of our weekly bulletin. We thank all of those who will be renewing their ads as well as our new advertisers. Anyone who might be interested in advertising in our bulletin is advised that there is still time left. Please contact Jim at 651-895-4979 or jbyrne@4LPi.com. He will be happy to answer any advertising questions or help you place your ad.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 21 ~St Matthew, apostle and evangelist

8:00 am Special Intention
5:15 pm Florence Myrna Jensen Rohn †

Tuesday, September 22

8:00 am Nancy Janssen

Wednesday, September 23 ~St Pio of Pietrelcina

8:00 am Adam Praska
5:15 pm Gregory Timmons



Thursday, September 24

8:00 am In Thanksgiving for Mother Mary
*9:30 am Catherine Turner

Friday, September 25


8:00 am Frank Nodes †
5:15 pm Mercedes Cerney †

Saturday, September 26 ~St Cosmas & St Damian, martyrs

8:00 am Special Intention
5:15 pm Catherine Kranz †

Sunday, September 27 ~Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For the Parish
8:30 am Pete Welvang (B)
*10:00 am Paul Steiner
12:00 pm Rebecca Dobbmeyer



We welcome these new members to our Parish Community:

Robert and Jane Berg

Paul and Melissa Pekarek and their children Justin and Maria



Wedding Banns

Justin Prokop will be joined with Kristin Ladoucer in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, September 26th, 2009

Ben Schuster will be joined with Sarah McKee in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Friday, October 9th, 2009

Jeremy Fehrman will be joined with Samantha Schreier in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, October 10th, 2009

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept 26th
5:15 p.m. Mass
Jonathan Ethier, Christopher Ethier, Mark Honetschlager


Sunday, Sept 27th
8:30 a.m. Mass
Christopher Minwegen, Joseph Minwegen, Max Minwegen

10:00 a.m. Mass
Team 3

12:00 Noon Mass
Julian Sicam, Kyle Hadden, Viet Pham
(1st, 2nd, Paten)

Sunday Offerings

Collections for September 13, 2009



Sunday Envelope/Plate	\$12,563.35
Automatic/Electronic Contributions...	\$2,419.00
Total	\$14,982.35