

May 17, 2009

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Father Mark's Remarks....

Wednesday of this week is the 19th Anniversary of my priesthood ordination. In those years I have served 13 parishes — mostly two at a time. I have also been the Spiritual Director for dozens of Together Encountering Christ retreats. I haven't added up all the baptisms, weddings, funerals, etc. By now they are so many that I can not remember most of them. Maybe I am just getting so old that I can't remember most of them. I certainly remember meeting a seven year old girl named Therese in my fourth year of priesthood. At such a young age she began to play the piano at church in Cass Lake. Next Saturday that same girl, now 22 years old, is getting married. I will be going up to St. Charles in Cass Lake where she still plays the organ on Sunday mornings to officiate at her wedding. This is just one of the joys of meeting so many good people over the years. By the way, after the wedding I will get to Hackensack just before Mass time so there will not be confession time at Sacred Heart next Saturday. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of my life during these 19 years. It is amazing to me how the Lord has allowed my life to bring his mercy into the lives of others through the priesthood.

Totus Tuus — In addition to our Vacation Bible School (June 15-18) we will also have a special week for youth this summer called "Totus Tuus" — which means "Totally Yours." Two of our seminarians and two college women will travel here as teachers to present this parish mission for youth (June 28—July 2). Youth from the surrounding parishes in Longville, Remer, Cass Lake, Laporte and Nevis will be invited to join the youth of Walker and Hackensack. Saint Agnes church will be the host church. Totus Tuus is for elementary school children during the day and for Jr. High and High School students in the evenings.

Welcome Back Father Paul Halloran — Father Paul has returned along with so many of our snow birds. Friday morning Mass in Hackensack is now on the calendar. Father will also be helping at a few of the weekend Masses during the summer months. Thank God for the ministry of our retired priests.

Together Encountering Christ (TEC) — Some of our Confirmation students are planning to attend a TEC retreat this summer. Father Mark is the Spiritual Director for the June 27—29 retreat in Belle Prairie. He is hoping that there are adults from our parishes who wish to attend. Visit with him soon.

Indoor Clean-Up — We are organizing a time for people to do some spring cleaning at St. Agnes. Bring a bucket and wash rags to help clean the pews, tables, chairs, desks, railings, radiators, etc. on Wednesday, May 27th. The clean up will begin at 4:00 p.m., but you may come later if that works better for you.

Community Night — Our final offering for this academic year is on May 20th in Hackensack. We begin with 5:30 p.m. Mass, then enjoy a meal and listen to our speaker. Sister Brenda Rose Szegedy, OSF is part of the retreat team at Christ the King Retreat House in Buffalo. She will come to us to give a presentation on our life as a journey back to the One who created us.... And how on the way, we encounter Jesus many times. A number of our women have enjoyed listening to her when they were on retreat and we are delighted that sister has accepted our invitation to travel here to be with us.

Altar Server Training Session — On Sunday, May 17th, after Mass in Walker, we will have a class for those boys and girls who are able and willing to be altar servers. It is open to those who have already received First Communion. If there is anyone who wants to be a server, but is not able to attend this class, please let Father Mark know and he will find another opportunity to teach you.

This Week's Schedule of Events

Saturday EASTER WEEKDAY		5/16
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Mass—Intention for Lois Dupre	
Walker	5:30 p.m. Mass—Intention for Ralph Juenemann	
Sunday 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER		5/17
Hackensack	8:30 a.m. Mass—Buerdett & Marguerite Sievers	
Hackensack	9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic	
Walker	10:00 a.m. Mass for Grads—Intention for All Parishioners	
Walker	11:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic & Coffee in Social Hall—All are welcome!	
Walker	11:00 a.m. Altar Boy & Girl Server Training	
Monday EASTER WEEKDAY		5/18
Hackensack	2:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Rosary Prayer Group	
Walker	5:30 p.m. Board of Education	
Tuesday EASTER WEEKDAY		5/19
Walker	8:00 a.m. Mass—Intention for Amanda Leininger	
Walker	8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration until 3 p.m. Wed.	
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction	
Hackensack	5:00 p.m. Pot-Luck Supper & Catholic Faith Discussion	
Hackensack	6:05 p.m. Sacred Heart Parish Council	
Wednesday EASTER WEEKDAY		5/20
Walker	5:30 p.m. Mass—Fr. Al Svobodny 60th Anniversary	
Hackensack	6:00 p.m. Community Night	
Thursday EASTER WEEKDAY		5/21
Walker	7:30 a.m. Men's Cursillo Meeting	
Walker	8:00 a.m. Mass—Intention for Newell Ellis Family	
Hackensack	7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus	
Friday EASTER WEEKDAY		5/22
Hackensack	8:00 a.m. Mass	
Saturday EASTER WEEKDAY		5/23
Walker	11:00 a.m. Sacrament of Penance	
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Mass—Roman & Lillian Meuwissen	
Walker	5:30 p.m. Mass—Intention for Ralph Juenemann	
Walker	6:30 p.m. Angels of St. Agnes Bake Sale	
Sunday ASCENSION OF THE LORD		5/24
Hackensack	8:30 a.m. Mass—Intention for Jane Reigert	
Walker	10:00 a.m. Mass for Grads—Intention for All Parishioners	
Walker	11:00 a.m. Angels of St. Agnes Bake Sale	
Walker	11:00 a.m. Coffee in Social Hall—All are welcome!	

If you have someone in need of prayers...call Betty Meeks at 547-1347 or (alternate) Zola Bleth, at 547-2239 to be put on the St. Agnes prayer chain. If you would like to be part of the prayer chain there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex at St. Agnes.

Upcoming Events



Key: S.A. = St. Agnes & S.H. = Sacred Heart

- May**
 25 Rosary Prayer Group at 2 p.m. at S.H.
 26 Sacred Heart Finance Council at 6 p.m.
 27 Indoor Cleanup at S.A. at 4 p.m.
 27 St. Agnes Parish Council at 5:30 p.m.
- June**
 08 St. Agnes Parish Council at 5:30 p.m.

- Keep in your prayers....**
- ✠ Joseph Munnell died last Sunday. His Funeral Mass was Thursday morning at St. Agnes.
 - ✠ Jack Audette who was in our prayers as he suffered from lung cancer died recently.
 - ✠ Mary Tiedeman continues chemotherapy.
 - ✠ Ed Mergens is receiving cancer medication.
 - ✠ Jean Bellamy is in nursing care in Twin Cities.
 - ✠ Nina Burke is undergoing cancer treatments.

The Little White Church is open for donations to the summer rummage room sales. Donations may be left in the vestibule at Sacred Heart at any time.

2008 UCA Update	
St. Agnes.....	Goal—\$26,470
.....	YTD—\$4,667..17%
Sacred Heart..	Goal—\$21,361
.....	YTD—\$5,149..24%

 **Last Week's Collections** 

May 9th & 10th

Walker	Hackensack
Plate:	\$735
Envelope:	\$2,034
St. Agnes Building	
Balance Remaining: \$341,346.34	
Building Fund: .. \$246	



**Angels of St. Agnes Bake Sale
Saturday, May 23rd & 24th
at St. Agnes Church**

BAKE SALE

You will be contacted to bring items. Feel free to bring items even if you are not contacted. Bring baked goods, etc at least 1/2 hour before Mass.

Sacred Heart Pastoral Council Election — During the month of May, nominations are being accepted for those who will be on the ballot at the end of June. The term of office is three years. The council meets about six times a year and the meetings are usually on Tuesday evenings. You may nominate yourself or you may suggest another parishioner by calling the parish office.

The Haiti Committee wishes to thank everyone who purchased flowering plants and donated money to help support the parish school in Baidin, Haiti.

Plants were sold at several locations including Walker, Akeley, Nevis, Hackensack, Laporte and Two Inlets. Thanks to all of your support, over \$2000 was raised! If you didn't have a chance to purchase a plant and would still be interested in donating or sponsoring a child's education in Haiti, please contact Martin and Cecilia Merk at 218-652-2938. God Bless!

**Directed Retreat ~ June 30 – July 7, 2009
at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN**

King's House will again offer a 6-day directed retreat. Each day, besides the celebration of the Eucharist, the retreatant meets with a director to talk about his or her personal journey and experience of God. The rest of the time is spent in solitude and silence relaxing, praying, reading and reflecting. In the extended time of quiet, one often moves into a deeper listening to God and awareness of God's presence and action in life. The experience can clarify your dreams, purify your ambitions, expose your foolishness and refresh your life.

Suggested Offering: \$400.00

A **non-refundable** deposit of \$50.00 is required by June 1, 2009 to reserve a space.

Registration: Tuesday, June 30 at 3 p.m.

Concludes: Tuesday, July 7 at 10 a.m.



The Knights of Columbus is looking for new members. For information or to sign up, go to their website at www.kofc13144.org.

Lakes Area Pregnancy Support Center (LAPS)

Last weekend LAPS Kicked off with their **Baby Bottle Fundraising Campaign** for the new pregnancy center coming to Walker. The enthusiasm was inspiring and a definite sign that people are willing to work for the sanctity of human life.

Please be generous in your donations as the money raised from our three major fundraisers is what keeps the services flowing with the centers.

If you did not get a baby bottle or you need more; please check the basket located in the back of the church. It's a great way to support the community and its people.

Every weekend till Father's Day a representative will be in the back of the church ready to take the full bottles and will have empty bottles too.

Those wishing to receive a tax deduction may request a receipt that will be next to the bottles. Just insert it into the bottles upon completion if desired.

**THESE CENTERS SERVE COMMUNITIES
IN THREE PRIMARY AREAS:**

1. **PREVENTION:** Presenting the uncompromised message of premature abstinence to teens in schools, youth groups, and civic groups.
2. **INTERVENTION:** Presenting life-affirming options to women, men, and families experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, focusing on adoption and parenting.
3. **RECONCILIATION:** Assisting women and men who have experienced the pain and trauma from a past abortion to receive spiritual healing and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

Also, with millions of unplanned pregnancies, a growing Sexual Transmitted Disease (STD) epidemic, and a culture of sexual chaos, young women and men are in great need of finding a message of hope and truth.

We are hoping by starting this pregnancy support center in Walker it will educate and give support with factual information and life affirming options to those affected by an unplanned pregnancy. All services provided are free and confidential.

Please keep the work of this pregnancy support center in your prayers, financial support and your volunteer time.

God is good and is truly blessing this community with your cooperation. God is the creator and the only one who should take a life.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Graduating Senior Mass Sunday, May 17th 10 a.m. at St. Agnes. The Angels of St. Agnes will be giving blankets to the graduates. Cake will be served following the Mass. May God bless these young adults in their future endeavors.

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| Channing Alto | Taylor Knight |
| Molly Arola | Benny Leber |
| Kyle Haugen | Matthew Stein |

Altar Boy & Girl Server Training Sunday, May 17th after 10 a.m. Mass at St. Agnes. All children that have completed their first communion to sixth grade are eligible to participate in the training. If questions please contact Jenny.



Vacation Bible School at St. Agnes Discovery Canyon
Monday, June 15th — Thursday, June 18th
3-5:00 p.m. with dinner provided

All children from preschool through 6th grade are invited to attend. Parents must register their children with Jenny by Friday, June 5th Cost: Free Teachers and Jr./Sr. High Youth Helpers are needed. Postcard reminders will be sent out this week. More information is posted on the youth board at St. Agnes.

D-Week in Duluth
Tuesday, June 16th through Friday, June 19th
Youth that have completed grades 9-12th are eligible. Cost: \$175 Letters and flyers will be sent to youth this week. More information is posted on the youth board at St. Agnes.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEER TEACHERS

- Carol Howard
Jennifer Benik
Gina Smith

These blessed people gave of their time and talents to teach our Diving Deeper after school program for pre-school-3rd grade children. Thank you for listening to God's call to serve.

A new Sacred Heart Rosary Prayer Group began Monday, May 4th. It is at 2 p.m. each Monday through out the year. Parishioners from both parishes are invited to participate.

This year the adoration chapel will be celebrating its 6th Anniversary. Please consider being a part of this wonderful ministry. We have needs for substitutes as well as the hour of 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday evenings.

Please call Vicki at 547-4628 or Beth at 547-0481. God Bless.

“Whoever comes to me will never hunger and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” —John 6:35

It's that time... Time to attend the Annual Sons of Norway Meatball Dinner & Bake Sale on Thursday, May 28th 5-7 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, Walker. There will be Scandinavian Goodies. Tickets sold at the door: Adults \$10, Kids age 6-12 \$5, age 5 & under are free. Call 547-2050 for information.

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR NINA BURKE
Sunday, May 31, 2009 at 7 p.m.
Hope Lutheran Church ~ Walker

This fund-raiser is being organized to help with Nina's loss of income and other expenses. Refreshments will be provided. A Free Will Offering will be taken. If you can donate some bars or cookies call Linda Arts at 547-4216.

Free Natural Family Planning introductory sessions are available: Brainerd: 6 p.m. at St Joseph's Medical Center on Thurs., June 11th. Crosby: 6 p.m. at Cashen Enrichment Center on Tues, June 23rd Pequot Lakes: St. Alice Church by appointment only. Pre-registration is required. Individual times for sessions may also be scheduled. Contact: (218) 829-2861 Ext 6217 or visit www.brainerdnfp.org

ABC SALE—Immanuel Lutheran School is Having its Annual Attic ~ Basement ~ Closet Sale
June 11, 12, & 13
Thurs.& Fri. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Sat. 8 a.m. –noon
(1/2 mile East of the Y Junction on Hwy 200)

All proceeds go to Immanuel Lutheran School for Preschool through 8th grade. DONATIONS WANTED: furniture, useable appliances, knickknacks, clean clothing and treasures would be greatly appreciated.

Call 547-1589 or 547-3156 for information and/or pickup of donated items. Donations are tax deductible; please ask for a receipt.