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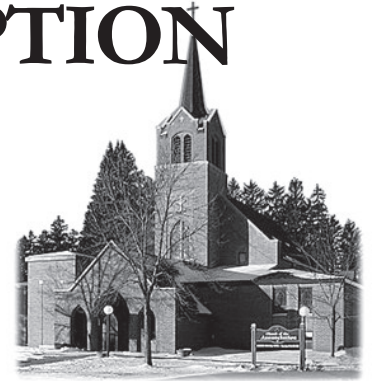
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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ANNUNCIATION

January 17, 2010 •

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rice

Mayhew Lake

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Mass Times January-June
Sat 7pm & Sun 10:30am

Reconciliation
Saturdays at 4pm at Rice
and 8pm at Mayhew Lake

Baptisms, Marriages & New Members
Please contact Fr. Tim
at the Church Offices

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www.stclouddiocese.org



PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

by *Father Tim*

I want to thank you for your prayers while I was on retreat Jan. 3-7. It was a good retreat, an excellent opportunity for spiritual, mental and physical renewal. The director was Fr. Ernie Martello, a Crosier priest. He was a good speaker. I felt your support. It is my prayer that the spiritual renewal

of this retreat will help me to continue to serve God and you in the spirit of Christ's compassion and charity.

Friday, January 22 is the 37th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion. We as Catholics oppose this decision as contrary to the teaching of God's gift of life. Let us continue to work for a greater respect for all of life in our society.

The following is a prayer for our nation:

Gracious and loving God, we come to you in humble prayer for the United States of America.

Bless our President. Give him wisdom and strength to serve the American people and lead our country in ways that are pleasing to you.

Bless our Congress. Instill in them knowledge and understanding to enact laws that protect the sanctity of life—from the unborn to the elderly; and promote the good of all people.

Bless the people of the United States. Make us aware of our responsibility as citizens to uphold the principles of life, liberty, justice and equality. Send your Holy Spirit upon our beloved country. Make us people of faith in time of uncertainty. Make us people of hope in times of trouble. Make us people of compassion with those who are less fortunate. Make us people of peace in our homes, our community, our country, and our world.

We as this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.



Baptism

Our next Baptism class for both parishes will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 7:00pm at Immaculate Conception Church. All parents are required to attend before their baby is baptized. Please call one of the parish offices to register. Please schedule the baptism class well in advance, before you schedule the baptism. Thank you!

Immaculate Conception News

Journey of Faith

In today's Gospel Reading, John uses the metaphor of a wedding to show that there is new wine among us. The readings taken together tell that the marriage is between heaven and earth, divinity and humanity, God and us. The sign of Jesus obeying his mother to make more wine tells us how obedience leads to glory, dying to rising, believing to abundance. The purpose of using wedding imagery runs deep: the sign revealed Jesus' glory! If water changed to wine can reveal Jesus' glory, how much more can changed hearts reveal it! Our own encounters with Jesus in prayer, through others, in struggling with daily dying, are truly epiphanies of God's glory that also invite us to respond with belief. These epiphany signs can come in many different ways: through someone's cry for help, in the beauty of nature, or even the spontaneous laughter of delight. We ourselves can be the good wine kept until after Jesus' ascension when we take up Jesus' mission as disciples. Let us think this week about what we should empty ourselves of in order to be filled with the goodness of God's glory.

The journey for those who follow Christ is more fruitful when we travel together, learning and growing, sharing and supporting each other along the way. Over the past 15 years of our parish "Journey of Faith," I have observed how much more welcoming our church has become, our parish community relationships have grown, and the way we celebrate Sunday liturgy more vibrant. All these show God's glory! As we begin catechesis for First Communion, witness our Confirmation Candidates becoming more involved in the church, walk the journey with Meaghan Sabyan through RCIA, and see so many people involved in parish ministries, we thank God for a parish community that witnesses God's love.

Stewardship Blessings

Adult Sunday	\$4,854.00
Loose Plate	\$370.30
Other Income	\$85.79
Total Received for Debt Retirement.....	\$754.25
St. Cloud Visitor	\$17.00
Faith Formation	\$57.50
Total Income Last week	\$6,138.84

To meet budget per week — \$5,641.00-this includes monthly loan payment (\$2,611.00)

Year to Date Income	\$171,715.75
Year to Date Expenses.....	\$147,006.52
Loan Balance (as of 01-01-10)	\$247,171.92

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits—the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

Weekly Events

Tue	7:00pm	Finance Council Meeting
Sun	10:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word

Future Events

January 26	7:00pm	Parish Council Meeting
January 27	7:00pm	Baptism Class
January 29-31		Confirmation NET Retreat
January 31	2-6pm	KC Chili Cook-off & Bingo

Pizza, Pizza, Pizza

It is not too late. You can still order Pizza through Jan. 23rd. Sign up sheets are on the table in the Narthex. Prices are: Cheese \$6.50, Pepperoni, Sausage, and Canadian Bacon \$7.00, Pepperoni & Sausage \$7.50. *Reminder* Pizza's must be picked up the day they are made on January 30. Pizza Fundraiser Coordinators: Kelly Preusser (393-4334) & Roxie Saldana (393-4805).



Bingo & Chili Cook-off January 31



We hope you have your recipe picked! The Cook-off is coming up soon! Please post the flyer that is enclosed at your place of work or in the community. Plan to come and enjoy Bingo, fellowship & good food!! There might even be some to buy and take home.

Baptisms

Welcome to our parish family:

Kamden James, son of Jeremy & Nicole Yourzek
Abigale Elizabeth, daughter of Travis & Angela High

Kitchen Request

Please pick up your containers from any recent fundraisers or funerals on the table in the fellowship hall.

Couples Dinner at Mayhew Lake

The Couples Dinner at Annunciation Church will be on Saturday, February 6. Members of both parishes are invited to attend. The evening starts with Mass at 5pm. Food, refreshments and entertainment will follow in the church basement. Please contact Shirley Scapanski (259-4941) as soon as possible if you plan on attending. Cost per couple will be \$25.00.

Catholic Women's Conference

"Love Makes Everything Possible"—A Catholic Women's Conference January 30, 7am-3:15pm at Mary of Immaculate Conception in Rockville. Speakers are Fr. Anthony Oelrich and Suzanne Baars. The day begins with 7am Confessions and 8am Mass and includes a light breakfast and elegant lunch. Registration is \$25 (\$30 after Jan. 21) For more information call 252-9299.

Annunciation News

2009 Graduates

Letters were sent to the 2009 seniors in December. I have heard back from some of you, and I thank you for your quick response, but I have not heard from all of you. If you could let the office know what your decision is, either way, that would be really helpful. Thank you!

Janice

Couples Dinner

The Couples Dinner will be on Saturday, Feb. 6th starting with Mass at 5:00pm and food, refreshments and entertainment to follow in the church basement. This would be a very nice, fairly cheap night out/date with your spouse, so, get someone to watch the kids, buy some flowers and please contact Shirley (259-4941) as soon as possible if you plan on attending. Cost per couple will be \$25.00. (Where else can you get a meal, entertainment for two, and socialization with friends and neighbors for \$25.00?)



Mass Intentions

Mass intentions are always welcome and needed. Call. Email, or drop a note in the collection basket at Mass. Intentions are \$5 per Mass.

Shut-Ins

If you know of anyone who can not venture forth from their home because of the weather, or any other health related reason, and they would like to receive Communion, a visit, someone to pick up some supplies, etc., please call the office.

Respect Life Events

January 17: Vespers for Life 4 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church, St Cloud All are invited to join in prayer for recognition of the dignity of life from conception to natural death and for the overturning of Roe v. Wade. The service will include music, prayer, scripture and reflection. Refreshments will be served after the service. Please bring a baby item to be donated to Birthline, Inc.

Stewardship Blessings

Adult Sunday.....	\$2,058.00
Loose Plate	\$52.50
Carpet	\$15.00
Youth	\$13.10
Christmas.....	\$50.00
Initial Offering.....	\$41.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$75.00
Total Income Last week	\$2,304.60

Weekly Events

Thurs., Jan. 21 7:00pm Liturgy Committee meeting

Future Events

Sat., Feb. 6 Couples Dinner
Wed., Feb. 10 First Reconciliation for 2nd graders

Notes from Shirley

- Students in grade 10 will be going to the Williams-Dingman funeral home on Wed., Jan. 20th. We are in need of parents to help chaperone and drive to the funeral home. Please contact Shirley ASAP if you can help.
- I am in need of a male chaperone for Castaway weekend March 12-14.
- Our 11th grade confirmation students will be going to Place of Hope on either Feb. 3rd or March 3rd. This place is for people who are homeless or out of a job and need a warm meal. We are asking for some assistance from our parish in preparing the meal. We will have more details in next week's bulletin.
- We are in need of large pieces of cardboard. Eg. TV and refrigerator boxes. Please contact Shirley if you have any at 259-4941.
- Please pray for the following students who will be at the TEC retreat this weekend: Josh Kuehn, Kayley Lain, Brandon Doege, Melissa Kahl, Heather Hienmenz, Joseph Wocken, Matt Dietman. Also Karolyn Brenny (John Brenny's wife) is making the weekend.

You Are Needed:

In addition to replacing the carpeting in the church, what other major material needs and repairs does Annunciation Parish have? A committee for the maintenance and improvement of facilities is being formed to help determine what these needs are, prioritize them, and find creative ways to move forward in accomplishing these goals. We are looking for a variety of people with different perspectives, life experiences, and skills in order to determine the best courses of action. It will not be a huge time commitment; please contact Mike Kahl at 393-4172 if interested in this opportunity.



2009 Contribution Statements

The 2009 Contribution statements are done. Please pick yours up in the back of church to defray the cost of postage. Thank you for everyone's generosity in 2009!

Happy Birthday!

Lynda Gans, Krista Jarnot, Tim Scapanski, Sandra Rajkowski, Thomas Knott, Janice Buermann, Jonell Conroy, Carmel Fox, Sarah Larson, Alvin Molitor, Kimberly Molitor, & Janice Hinkemeyer

Rice Mass Schedule

Wed 8:00 am †Lyle & Helen Hoihjelle-
Jim & Sylvia Hoihjelle
Fri 8:00 am †Diane Skaja-Joe & Kathy Wollak
Sat 7:00 pm †Leonard Levinski-Libby Levinski
Sun 10:30 am People of the Parishes

Ministry Schedule

Week of January 18-24

Daily Mass Lector: Pat Kollodge

Cantor

Sat 7:00 pm Janice Martin
Sun 10:30 am Chris VanHeel

Lector

Sat 7:00 pm Rachel Mohs
Sun 10:30 am Robin Nelson, Bobby Deters

Servers

Sat 7:00 pm Alicia & Blake Goebel
Sun 10:30 am Hannah Moeller, Jamie Leither

Greeters

Sat 7:00 pm Peggy & Tom Kubat
Sun 10:30 am Leon & Janet Skroch

Ushers

Sat 7:00 pm Denny Popp
Sun 10:30 am Nick Preusser, Doug Gansen,
Mark Saldana, Marcus Saldana

Host Count

Sat 7:00 pm Eileen Saldana
Sun 10:30 am Catherin Held

Body of Christ

Sat 7:00 pm Paul Goebel
Sun 10:30 am Roseann Moeller, Mike Kampa,
Catherin Held

Communion at Home:

Please call Mary Lepinski 393-4271

Mayhew Lake Mass Schedule

Tues 8:30 am +Gene Meyer
Thurs 8:30 am +Bertha Lucken
Sat 5:00 pm +Donald Gammon
Sun 8:30 am +Joe Cannon

Mayhew Lake Ministry Schedule

Lectors:

Sat. Gena Hiemenz
Sun. Lora Knafla

Eucharist:

Sat. Mike Kahl
Sun. Richard Cash(h) & Don Kainz(hc)

Ushers:

Sat. Mike(S) & Tom Skaja, Mike Gans & Gene Kubat
Sun. Randy(S) & Julie Miller, Michelle & Joshua Kuehn

Servers:

Sat. Zach Hiemenz & Brian Kahl
Sun. Heidi Rajkowski & Rachelle Lass

Greeter:

Sun. Sarah Lentner

News for Both Parishes

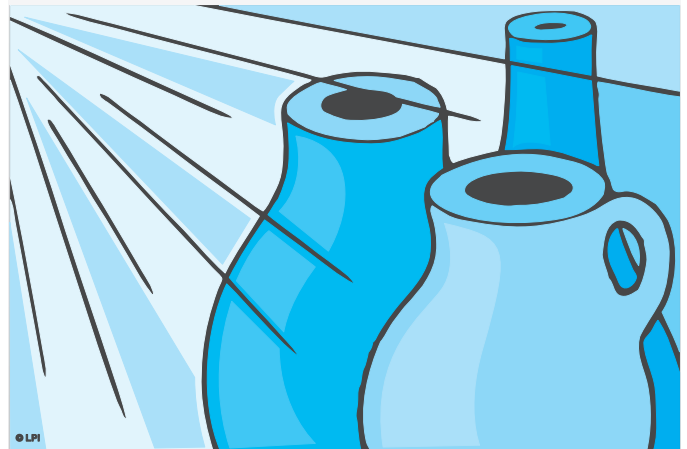
KC Chili Cook-off & Bingo

Everyone from both parishes are encouraged to participate in this fun day! See the insert in this bulletin for the details.



Young Adult Evening Enrichment

The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls invite the young adults to an Evening Enrichment Gathering at the Franciscan Welcome House located at 1600 11 Av S in St. Cloud. The is an evening to experience "Taize' Prayer," a reflective meditative quiet prayer with readings and song and will be held on Thur. Jan. 28 from 6-8pm. This evening will include dinner followed by prayer. Young adults are welcome to join the sisters for shared faith, food and fun. To register call 229-0307, or e-mail franciscanwelcoming@fslf.org



"Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. - Jn 2:10-11

Scripture Readings for the Week of January 17, 2010

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30
or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Question of the Week

God fills each of us with grace and gifts. What is one grace or gift that you have shared with your family?