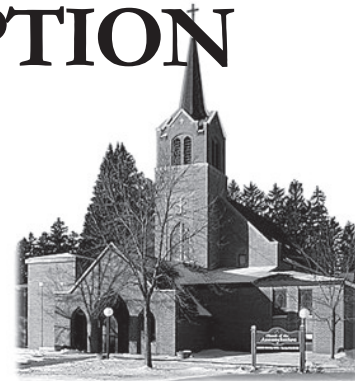


Churches of the  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
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**ANNUNCIATION**



**February 5, 2012**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Rice

Mayhew Lake

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### **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

It was a year ago that I was in the hospital for the first time in my life. The minor surgery meant that I had to stay overnight. When it came time for the dressing change the next day, I thought that I was going to die from the intense pain. Of course my brief experience of pain was nothing compared to the chronic conditions or acute illnesses that so many people suffer each and every day. When you think of all the people in hospitals or nursing homes, and the countless others around the world who endure without any medical care, the enormity of suffering seems overwhelming.

It is no wonder then that in Jesus' time once the crowds had heard that he cured Simon's mother-in-law, they raced to bring to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. If someone could alleviate the pain, cure the sick, and cast out demons this was definitely an opportunity of which to take advantage.

While modern medicine may help us with our physical illness and psychological pain, there is still a spiritual dimension to sickness that we should not ignore. Sickness separates us. It makes us question our faith. Illness strikes at our heart as well as our body. That is why the church offers the sacrament of the anointing of the sick for any who are ill. When we are sick, we are also alone. We need the support of the community of faith. And we need their prayers.

When a loved one is ill-or if you are sick yourself-don't hesitate to request the sacrament of anointing. If your illness confines you for a longer time, ask to receive Communion regularly to nurture you spiritually even as you seek to be strengthened physically. People sought out Jesus in this weekend's Gospel. When we or a loved one is ill, we can seek him out today.

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## Journey of Faith

This Wednesday our second graders and their parents will be going through the Learning Centers for First Communion preparation. Scheduled starting times are between 3:30 and 6pm.

Chris Codden from the Office of Marriage and Family will be teaching our 10<sup>th</sup> grade class on Respect for Life Issues.

11<sup>th</sup> Graders will have class with their Catechist and Pat Spence.

Thanks to everyone who has participated in our Biblical Walk through the Mass as part of our parish Journey of Faith! Next month we will study some of our Catholic Devotions.

## Liturgy Committee

Our monthly supper meeting is Thursday at 5:15. Please prepare by reading "Lenten Season" in your *Sourcebook*.

## Together Encountering Christ

If you are looking for a teen or adult retreat experience during Lent and are age 16 or older, consider "Together Encountering Christ (TEC)". The three-day retreat is based on the Paschal Mystery: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The weekend begins on Saturday morning and runs through Monday evening. Upcoming Central Minnesota TEC Weekends are March 10-12 and March 31-April 2. The retreats are held on the grounds of Holy Family Parish in Belle Prairie just north of Little Falls. Cost for the three-day retreat is \$75, which includes lodging and meals. Register on the website at [www.cmtec.org](http://www.cmtec.org) or by calling 320-532-4455.

## Stewardship Blessings

### January 17-30, 2012

Adult Sunday .....	\$6,535.00
Electronic Giving.....	\$1,430.00
Visitors .....	\$239.82
Other Income .....	\$13.63
Total Received for Debt Retirement.....	\$673.00
Calendar Sales .....	\$4,020.00
Faith Formation .....	\$115.00
St. Cloud Visitor .....	\$564.00
Cookbooks .....	\$45.00
Total Income Last week .....	\$13,635.45
Year to Date Income .....	\$228,352.61
Year to Date Expenses.....	\$194,958.38
Loan Balance (as of 01-01-12) .....	\$157,246.92

*Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of sharing in its blessings."*

## Weekly Events

Wed	3:30-7:30	First Communion Learning Centers Parents & Students
	6:30pm	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class with Chris Codden
	6:30pm	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class with Catechist & Pat Spence
Thu	5:15pm	Liturgy Committee Supper Meeting
	7:00pm	RCIA Class
	8:00pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Fri	All Day	St. Cloud Diocese Faith Formation Gathering
Sat & Sun		Food Shelf Weekend
Sun	9:45am	Jubilation Choir Rehearsal

## Future Events

Feb. 19 Pizza Sale Order Deadline

## Baptism

Congratulations to *Justin Joseph*, son of Danny and Pam Hurdt. *Justin* is receiving the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, February 5th.

Welcome to our parish family.



- To Steve Maciej for leading the Knights of Columbus Soup & Chili Bingo on January 22. Thank you to everyone who brought soup or chili, all the helpers, and all who came to play Bingo. The Knights were able to donate \$619 to our parish debt retirement.
- To all for their participation in the recent Lucky Leap Year Fund Raiser. Thank you for all who bought and sold tickets. The parish was able to achieve profit of \$11,644.00. This fund raiser was held because of lower profit from Summerfest and those dollars are necessary for the operating budget of the church. Because of **your** efforts is was a great success!

## Lucky Leap Year Winners

Congratulations to the first group of winners. February 1st \$100-Faye Leither, February 2nd \$100-Tamrah Peka, February 3rd \$100-Sandra Rojas, February 4th \$100-Ray Thompson, February 5th \$150-Frank Hard, February 6th \$100-Andrew Kelash, February 7th \$100-Marvin & Ann Kimman, February 8th \$100-Odele Maciej, February 9th \$100-Allen & Kim Popp, February 10th \$100-Gary Aschenbrenner, February 11th \$100-Jaime Schmitt.



## Pizza Sale Fund Raiser

Sign up sheets are in the gathering space for our annual Pizza sale. Orders can be placed until Sunday, February 19th. Pickup day for your pizzas will be Saturday, February 25th from 10:30am until noon.



# Annunciation News

## Notes from Shirley:

\*Parents on Patrol February 8th—Kevin & Brenda Martinson.  
 \*Grades 10th & 11th Confirmation Retreat with Father Greg Mastey and Parents till 10pm.  
 \*Just a reminder—Ash Wednesday is Feb. 22nd. Mass here at 7pm for all children and parents. Confirmation Students will be helping with the Mass.

## Congratulations:

To Lexi Kay Novak, daughter of Andrew and Melissa Novak who was received into our Catholic faith through the waters of Baptism last Sunday, January 29th, 2012.



## Taking Bids for 2012

**Lawn Care:** Bid forms and written requirements are available in the Parish office for any one wishing to make a bid for the 2012

Lawn Mowing Season for Annunciation Church, Cemetery, and ball field. Call 252-1729 or stop by for a form. All bids are due February 26th by 9:30am.

## Plymouth Playhouse:

There is still time to sign up for a comfortable coach bus ride, good chicken dinner, and a fantastic show, on Sat. March 10th. Tickets are \$60 per person and includes everything—So all you have to do is get on the bus and enjoy the ride! Any questions or you want to save your spot on the bus... call Jill Kiffmeyer at 320-290-4204.



**Spaghetti Supper:** All You Can Eat—Valentine Special, Handicap Ramp Fundraiser, Sat. Feb. 11th @ St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church Basement, Brennyville. Adults \$7, Children under 5 free. From 4:30-7:30pm.

## Stewardship Blessings

Adult Sunday .....	\$1,956.00
Visitors .....	\$56.00
Youth .....	\$20.01
Initial Offering .....	\$24.00
Building Fund .....	\$140.00
Votive Candles .....	\$4.50
St. Cloud Visitor.....	\$20.00
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$2,220.51</b>

## Weekly Events

Tues. Feb. 7th 7pm Liturgical Committee Meeting  
 Wed. Feb. 8th 7pm-10pm Religion Class  
 10th & 11th grade Confirmation Retreat with Parents.

## Future Events

Mon. Feb. 13th 6:15pm Youth Choir Practice  
 7:30pm Adult Choir Practice  
 Tues. Feb. 14th 10am-3pm Diocesan Leadership Day  
 Freeport, MN  
 Wed. Feb. 22nd 7pm Ash Wednesday Mass here with All religion classes and their Parents. Confirmation Students will Be helping with the Mass

## Thank You from the Brand Family:

For all of your prayers and support, after the passing of our mother, Virginia. Special thanks to those who assisted at the funeral mass, to those who brought food, and to all who helped prepare and serve the funeral lunch. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.



## Marriage Encounter Weekend:

March 23rd-25th at Cragun's in Baxter, MN. For more information and registration call 320-259-4444 or 1-888-455-3496. [www.wm@section8.org](http://www.wm@section8.org).

**Franciscan Sisters:** invite the public to join them for Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading) on Thursday, Feb. 16th, from 6-7pm in the Gathering Space at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. For more information call 320-632-0668 or e mail [franciscanlife@fslf.org](mailto:franciscanlife@fslf.org).

## Natural Family Planning:

A first instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be Thursday, Feb. 23rd at 6:30pm at the Office of Marriage & Family. For more information or to register call 320-252-4721. The class is approx. 1.5 to 2 hours long.

## Happy Birthday

Joyce Loidolt, Anita Montag ♥, Donald Montag, Philip Saldana, Thomas Freidhammer, Kayla Schubert, Donna Brown, Jennifer Puhalla, Rose Beauchamp, Eleanor Brambrink, Jaymie Bzdok, Donald Gravelle, Beth Walker, Joshua Ackerman, Kendel Pflipsen, Judi Spears, Nicole Zwilling, Jessica Hartwig, Gabbie Mosher, Jackson Ackerman, Coralyn Thesing, Bradley Popp, Vernon Kosloski, Marilee Pflipsen, Mitchell Thell, Norbert Thene,



## Mass Schedule

Tues 8:30 am (ML) †Loretta Roebing  
Wed 8:00 am (R) †Andy Hovland-L. H.  
Thur 8:30 am (ML) †Anna Blissenbach  
Fri 8:00 am (R) †Henry Frerich-J. L.  
Sat 5:00 pm (R) †Connie Wienand  
Sun 8:30 am (ML) †Virginia Brand  
10:30 am (R) People of the Parishes

## Week of February 6-12

### Rice Ministry Schedule

**Daily Mass Lector:** Eileen Saldana

#### Cantor

Sat 5:00 pm Isaac Popp, Katie Schmitt  
Sun 10:30 am Sam & Marc Kelash

#### Lector

Sat 5:00 pm Blake Goebel  
Sun 10:30 am Caitlyn Larson, Rose Deters

#### Servers

Sat 5:00 pm Hannah & Tamber Moon  
Sun 10:30 am Rebecca Kelash, Jacob Deters

#### Greeters

Sat 5:00 pm Mark Kruger, Francis Januschka  
Sun 10:30 am Caleb & Chris Larson, Dan Posch

#### Ushers

Sat 5:00 pm Paul Goebel, Francis Januschka,  
Allen Popp, Scott Voigt  
Sun 10:30 am Dale & Michele Hiscock,  
Darlene Hiscock, Tom George

#### Host Count

Sat 5:00 pm Janice Martin  
Sun 10:30 am Kathy Siemers

#### Body of Christ

Sat 5:00 pm Karen Wolbeck  
Sun 10:30 am Peggy Kerestes

#### Blood of Christ

Sat 5:00 pm Paul Goebel, Janice Martin,  
Joyce Patton, Brenda Hommerding  
Sun 10:30 am Mike Kampa, Paul Posch,  
Joanne Karls, Roxanne Saldana

#### Communion at Home:

Please call Mary Lepinski 393-4271

## Mayhew Lake Ministry Schedule

#### Lectors:

Sun. Lisa Cash & Richard Cash

#### Eucharist:

Sun. Anita Montag

#### Ushers:

Sun. Dan Bemboom(S), Christina Bemboom, Brady  
Lain, Duane Wentland

#### Servers:

Sun. Katie Dietman & Rachel Lass

#### Greeters:

Sun. Richard Cash

## News for Both Parishes

### Annual Diocesan Appeal

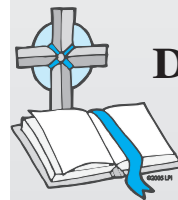
Every parish in the Diocese of St. Cloud has been asked to support the 2012 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Our diocese is made up of 134 parishes, 29 schools and serves over 145,000 Catholics from all walks of life. This is a vital sign of our unity in Christ as we reach out in faith and love to one another. Supporting this appeal is a meaningful way of expressing our gratitude to God for his many blessings. Please prayerfully consider a financial gift to support the work of Christ in our diocese. Our goal at Annunciation is \$6,509, and at Immaculate Conception \$9,413.

### Benefit February 11th

A benefit for Jim & Deb Ludwig, parishioners of ICC, both suffering from severe health problems, will be held on Sat. Feb 11th from 3-8pm at the VFW in Sauk Rapids. Events include: Spaghetti Supper, Silent Auction and a Quilt Raffle. Call Kathy Petron at 333-6086 with questions or to make a donation.

### Cathedral High School Registration

Registration nights for the 2012-2013 school year at Cathedral are Mon. Feb 6th and Thurs. Feb 9th 4:00-8:00pm. Scholarship information sessions will be offered Feb 6th at 4:30pm & 7pm, and Feb 9th at 5pm & 6pm. Come and learn how the right school does make a difference. For questions call Rebecca Brown-Medvec at 320-257-2145 or email her at [rbrown-medvec@chs23.org](mailto:rbrown-medvec@chs23.org).



### Daily Scripture Readings for

### February 5-12, 2012

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/  
Mk 1:29-39  
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30  
Friday: St. Scholastica (Memorial)  
1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10  
Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/  
Mk 1:40-45

### Question of the Week

Have I shared or lived the Good News this week with a neighbor, co-worker, or family member?