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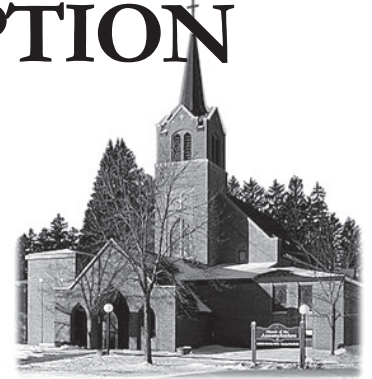
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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ANNUNCIATION

January 29, 2012

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rice

Mayhew Lake

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Athletes put hours into practice. It is not enough just to play the game. In practice a person learns the moves, discovers

how muscles respond, trains all aspects of his or her body, and over time becomes so proficient at the selected sport that she or he can intuitively react during play. Practice in sports helps the athlete develop self-confidence. The same holds true for the musician, the salesperson, the new teacher. When an individual takes up something new he or she may initially be a bit shaky at it. Over time, we develop the skills so that something becomes second nature. A confident team takes to the field or the court with the belief that they will win.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is the confident, self-assured teacher. Yes, he works a miracle. But before we get caught up in that, we should look at how Mark portrays him. Right at the beginning of the Gospel, Jesus enters the synagogue in Capernaum and starts to teach. Unlike the scribes who would appeal to the words of Jewish teachers to support their teaching, Jesus comes across as confident in his own authority. He has no need to reference what others have handed on. Instead, his teaching commands respect because he shows its truth through his deeds.

Like the athlete who is confident in his game, we can become confident in our faith by practicing it. As we see in the Gospel from the very first chapter of Mark, Jesus was confident in both word and deed. We can do the same. By reading the Scriptures regularly we become attuned to Christ's teaching. We absorb the knowledge, just as any good athlete memorizes all the plays. And by acting on Christ's teaching through our worship of God and love of neighbor we are performing the deeds of faith. The skills become second nature as we put into practice what we have been taught by Christ.

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Journey of Faith

Tuesday at 6:30pm is our First Reconciliation Service for the parish second graders and their parents. Family members are also invited. There will be a social following the service.

Wednesday at 6:30pm is our parish "Journey of Faith."

The adult session will be on the Communion Rite and the Concluding Rite of the Mass and will conclude our "Biblical Walk through the Mass." Adults are reminded to please bring their Bibles. All adults of the parish are welcome.

Our 11th graders are on their Confirmation Retreat this weekend at the NET Center in West St. Paul. Please keep them in your prayers.

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 or by calling 320-532-4455.

Stewardship Blessings

Due to Patti's vacation, there is no financial report this week.

A prayer for generosity

Dear Lord, teach me to be more generous,
Teach me to serve you as you deserve,
To give and not to count the cost,
To fight and not to heed the wound,
To toil and not to seek for rest,
To labor and not to ask for a reward,
save that of knowing that I do your will.

St. Ignatius Loyola

*Moses told the people, "The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own kinsmen."
"God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church."
What gifts are yours to share?*

Weekly Events

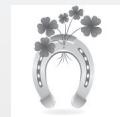
Mon	12pm	Lucky Leap Year Ticket Deadline
Tue	12pm	Lucky Leap Year Drawing
	6:30pm	First Reconciliation Service- 2nd grade Youth & Parents
Wed	6:30pm	Parish "Journey of Faith"
Thu	7:00pm	RCIA Class
Fri	8:30am	First Friday Mass *After Mass-Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation and Benediction.
Sun	9:45am	Jubilation Choir Rehearsal

Future Events

Feb. 19 Orders taken for Pizza Sale

St. Cloud Visitor

You will find in your January packet an envelope for the St. Cloud Visitor. The parish is assessed a set fee by the diocese, based on the number of families in our parish. A contribution of \$17 would be greatly appreciated to help defray that assessment. This newspaper provides valuable educational reading information to enrich our faith.



Lucky Leap Year Fund Raiser

This Monday is the last day to purchase your lucky ticket! The deadline to turn tickets in is at noon. The drawing will take place on January 31st at noon in the fellowship hall and winners for the first four days of February will be announced at the drawing and the remaining days listed weekly in the bulletin.



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

Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family of Mark Fiedler. He died this past week. Our prayers are with Norbert & Virginia Fiedler and their family.

Food Shelf Weekend

Our parish collects food the first weekend of each month to support the Rice-Area Food Shelf. The needs are great, so please help with a donation of some food items. They can be placed in the area near the elevator as you enter the church. Food items are carried forward during Mass with the gifts of bread, wine, and our monetary donations on this weekend.



Annunciation News

Notes from Shirley:

*Parents on Patrol February 1st – Ana & Paul Martel.
 *Chris Codden here with 7th graders and their parents.
 *Reconciliation for 2nd Graders and their Parents.

Parish Council Openings:

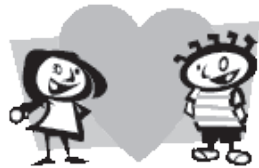
Interested to join Parish Council? Speak Up now! There are 2 adult and 1 youth positions open to represent the congregation in feedback and to take an active role in parish ministries (social, cemetery, maintenance, liturgy, religious ed). Terms begin in March, 2012 and for adults they are 3 years with opportunity for a second consecutive term. For the youth position—you need to be in 10th grade right now and it is a 2 year term. Meetings occur in alternate months, each second Tuesday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. If interested speak with one of our trustees, Duane Wentland or Dennis Emslander or contact the parish office at (320)252-1729.



Thank You from the sisters of the Poor Clare's for the wonderful donations of paper goods that were given to them at Christmas time. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Also thank you to Rita Knott for collecting and delivering the items.

Mayhew Lakes Annual Couples Night:

There is still time to sign up for Couples Night Saturday, Feb. 4th. Starting at 6pm with a social followed by dinner and entertainment. Cost is \$25 per couple. Please Call Shirley by Feb.1st at 259-4941 to register. Everyone is welcome.



Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Virginia Brand who passed away on Jan. 15th and was laid to rest here on Jan 19th. Eternal rest grant unto her Lord, and may perpetual light

shine upon her.

Stewardship Blessings

Adult Sunday	\$1,408.10
Visitors	\$58.00
Youth.....	\$10.70
Initial Offering.....	\$3.00
Funeral Lunch—Virginia Brand	\$195.94
Votive Candles.....	\$5.85
Total Income	\$1,681.59

Weekly Events

Sun. Jan. 29th 8:30am 2012 Annual Diocesan Appeal Commitment weekend.
 Wed. Feb. 1st 7:00pm 2nd Graders and parents Reconciliation.
 7:00pm Chris Codden with 7th graders And their parents

Future Events

Mon. Feb. 13th 6:15pm Youth Choir Practice.



Catholic Charities 30th annual Mardi Gras Celebration

will be held on Saturday evening, February 4 at River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud. This Party with a Purpose benefits Catholic Charities Emergency Services Food Shelf and Catholic Charities Domus Transitional Housing, a facility for homeless women and their children. Tickets are available for \$85 by calling 320.650.1665. Discounted tickets are available online at www.ccstcloud.org.

Help provide food and shelter - while having a great time!

♥Becoming a Love and Logic

Parent on Sat. February 4th, 9am-4pm at Resource Training and Solutions 4150 2nd Street S., Suite 550, St. Cloud. 320-255-3236. Cost is \$50.00. Register by Tues. Jan. 31st, 2012. Learn simple, low stress communication techniques that are effective with children from toddlers to teens. Avoid Power struggles, guide your children to solve their own problems, model and teach responsibility, raise your children without raising the roof.

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.wwm@section8.org.



Mayhew Lake Softball has a few openings.

Chuck Wocken who has done such a wonderful job as "Commissioner" is stepping down and Cindy Gans who has been keeper of the checkbook is ready to pass it on. Anyone interested in one of this positions please call 252-1729.



Happy Birthday

Jim Janson, Liz Kiffmeyer, Renee Popp, Kevin Thell, Eric Baynes, Zachary Harren, Cheryl O'Keefe, Mariah Simmons, Harriet Juetten, Shirley Lindner, Sylvie Schmitz, Nora Zwilling, Jennifer Hinke-meyer, Michael Lentner, Lisa Przybilla, Travis Przybilla, Joyce

Mass Schedule

Tues 8:30 am (ML) † Dec. Rajkowski/Bemboom family
Wed 8:00 am (R) † Walter Fiedler-N. & V. F.
Thur 8:30 am (ML) † Helen Rosha—M.A.
Fri 8:00 am (R) † Lucille Langer-J. & Y. F.
Sat 5:00 pm (R) † Ray Janski— B. F.
Sun 8:30 am (ML) † Claude Popp
10:30 am (R) People of the Parishes

Friday Mass will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation and Benediction.

Week of January 30-February 5

Rice Ministry Schedule

Daily Mass Lector: Annette Legatt

Cantor

Sat 5:00 pm James Moon
Sun 10:30 am Jubilation Choir

Lector

Sat 5:00 pm Mitch Fiedler
Sun 10:30 am Joe Katzner, Mike Kampa

Servers

Sat 5:00 pm Dalton & Logan Siemers
Sun 10:30 am Jared & Derek Durant

Greeters

Sat 5:00 pm Ethan Zimny, Bobby Seppelt, Adam Virnig
Sun 10:30 am Dan Posch, Kalee & Kelsey Petron

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 Megan Petron
Sun 10:30 am Catherin Held

Body of Christ

Sat 5:00 pm Pat Rauch
Sun 10:30 am Greg Frank

Blood of Christ

Sat 5:00 pm Megan Petron, Lisa Wannigman,
Bill Rauch, Eileen Saldana
Sun 10:30 am Sue Frank, Roseann Moeller,
Catherin Held, Diane Wojtanowicz

Communion at Home:

Please call LuAnn Trutwin 248-7768

Mayhew Lake Ministry Schedule

Lectors:

Sun. Jenessa Brown & Loren Popp

Eucharist:

Sun. Jean Bemboom(h), Sue Rajkowski©,
Maria Gans©.

Ushers:

Sun. Tom Brand(S), Barb Brand, Jeremy Brand,
Cory Popp

Servers:

Sun. Zac Hiemenz

Greeters:

Sun. Abby Scapanski, Jessi Ackerman, Molly
Martinson

News for Both Parishes

Annual Diocesan Appeal

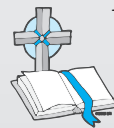
This weekend marks the beginning of the 2012 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Every registered household will receive a letter from Bishop Kinney seeking support for the many ministries that support the efforts of our parishes in providing pastoral care to our parishioners. Please take time to learn what this appeal supports and prayerfully consider how you will respond as a member of the Body of Christ and as a faithful steward of the gifts that God has given to you. Celebrate our continuing commitment to the Appeal by pledging your support with the materials you will receive in the mail. The goal at Annunciation is \$6,509; the goal at Immaculate Conception is \$9,413.

Bus Trip to Plymouth Playhouse

Come along and see the Church Basement Ladies in A Mighty Fortress is Our Basement on Saturday, March 10th. Tickets are \$60 which includes transportation, chicken dinner, show, tax, and gratuity. To sign up call Jill Kiffmeyer at 320-290-4204.

Habitat for Humanity

Central Minn. Habitat for Humanity ReStore at 2801 W St. Germain St. in St. Cloud is now accepting the following electronic items at no cost to you for recycling: Monitors, Laptops, Servers, TV's, Printers, Computers, Fax Machines, Scanners, VCR's DVD players, Stereos. Typewriters, Cash registers, Cable Boxes, PDA's, Cell phones, Video Games Consoles, and Computer peripherals-mice/keyboards.
Hours: Wednesday—Saturday 10am-6pm.



Daily Scripture

Readings for

January 29-February 5, 2012

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: St. John Bosco, Priest (Memorial)
2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-
19:3/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Presentation of the Lord (feast)
Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
or 2:22-32
Friday: St. Blaise (Memorial)
Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/
Mk 1:29-39

Question of the Week

What do I hope Jesus will free me from? What is happening in the world that need's Jesus' help?