

Parishioners of Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Stewardship – it seems to be a new “buzzword” in the Church. Often we think that is all about giving more money to the church. However, it is really about cultivating a way of life that is aware of and grateful for all the blessings we have received from God – our life, our health, our gifts, our talents, and, yes, our financial blessings as well. Stewardship in the Church invites us to reflect in a meaningful way on those blessings and make a decision about the level of our grateful response to God’s generosity. Some of that will come in financial forms. But, equally important, are the ways we use our gifts and talents for the building up of our community of faith so that we can more effectively be about Christ’s mission of building up the Kingdom of God.

I am pleased and impressed by the willingness of so many to give of their time and talents. It is often the case in smaller parishes that a “family” atmosphere takes hold and everyone takes their share to accomplish what needs to be done. In my brief time here I am becoming aware of how true that is here at Holy Trinity. I see it in liturgy, I see it in the upkeep of the facilities, I see it in the work that is done on the Parish Festival, I see it in the ways you reach out to others. This commitment is a reminder that our stewardship is not so much about the needs of our parish, but is about our need to give. How thankful are we for all that God has given and how do we need to respond?

Here is an update on our financial stewardship progress for this year. As you may know our fiscal year ends this month. At present we are in solid financial shape. Our income is meeting our expenses. That is good news.

In looking at stewardship income (weekly) we forecast that we will be slightly ahead of our budgeted amount. However, because our stewardship giving is about our need to give in gratitude to God and not simply on the needs of the parish I invite you, if you have been away or are not current in your intended giving, to please consider working on this in the coming weeks. Those responsible have been very attentive to good stewardship in the expense end of things. For that we should all be thankful.

Of more concern to me is the shortfall in meeting our Diocesan Appeal goal. At the moment we are only at 64% of our \$4,300 goal. We will need to cover any shortfall in our next budget so we will want to see if we can’t do better. I will be working with the Pastoral and Finance Committees to deal with this shortfall.

Thank you for all of the ways you are good stewards, which happen when “we receive God’s gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others and return them with increase to the Lord.” (*U.S. Bishop’s Pastoral Letter “Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response”*)

Next Sunday, Bishop Harrington will be at Sacred Heart for the 9:00 a.m. Mass to install me as pastor of our parish cluster. I invite and encourage you to join us for this celebration. A number of our parish leadership will be participating in the ritual as it is an installation for both Holy Trinity and Sacred Heart.

...Fr John Sauer

Catholic Daughters of the Americas #1180 will meet Wednesday, June 18th beginning with a 6:00 p.m. potluck supper at St. Joseph’s Church. Please bring a dish to pass and your own tableware.

Mass Intentions

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Friday & Sat. – NO MASS
Sunday – 10:30 a.m. – Eugene Spinler †

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Lec – Janet Miller
EM – Cheryl Rysavy
Cup – Marcella Jenó & David Miller
Servers – Julia Borchert & Al Rysavy
Gifts – Mary Starman & Marie Kubicek
Ushers – Ed Skala & Gordy Spinler
Music – Combo Rosary - Marie Kubicek

6/08/08– Adult - \$876, Off. - \$140, Youth- \$7, Painting - \$10

St. Isidore School Calendar Winners:
June 15– David Mulert, Owatonna

Riehle Decorating from Cresco, Iowa is working on painting the interior of the church. They will also be cleaning, lightly sanding, and varnishing the pews. This project will take approximately one month.

The cost for the painting is \$26, 500. The finishing of the pews is \$4,800. Funding for this project will come from the Earl McNearney estate monies, which was a gift of \$44,000 to the parish.

We ask for everyone’s cooperation during this time, when we will be celebrating Mass in the church basement.

Thanks so much to the many who came on Monday & Tuesday mornings to help the painters unload & prepare for their work & to the ladies who came Tuesday evening to decide on the color.

Festival News:

Attention St. Blanche Guild Members: We are asking for a donation of \$7 (or more) to be used in purchasing prizes for the Children’s Games. You may give this to Mary Ann Rysavy or you may mail it to her @ 10325 Co Rd 45, Owatonna, MN as soon as you can. Thank you.

Please pick up your Festival tickets on the tables in the church basement. **PLEASE NOTE:** The price has been changed to **\$2** per ticket or \$10 per book. You are welcome to take extra tickets. *Please read the enclosed letter.* Everyone is encouraged to sell as many as they can, as this is the biggest money maker for the Festival. Also pick up some Festival Posters and help put them up. The Festival is on Sunday, July 27th beginning with a 10 a.m. Polka Mass. All parishioners are needed to help that day. Pray each day so the day of the Festival will be cool and dry!!

Good Clean Items for the Flea Market may be brought anytime and be put in the church basement or garage.
NO CLOTHES PLEASE!!

Parade Float Helpers needed: If anyone is interested in walking/roller blading along with our parade float in the Blooming Prairie 4th of July Parade advertising our Festival, please contact Troy Anderson at 363-1701, or e-mail yorte21@hotmail.com

Remember our loved ones serving in the armed forces. Keep them in our prayers until they are safely home.

Happy Father’s Day to all of our Dads!!!