

**\*\*Weekend Offerings \* \***

Envelopes (73)	\$1,839.00
Children (2)	\$ 3.00
Plate	\$ 269.90
Building Maintenance	\$ 10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,121.90</b>
<b>Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>\$2,760.00</b>

**\*\* Church Donations \*\***

Candles	\$ 21.65
Faith Formation Registration	\$ 80.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 101.65</b>

**\*\* Other Donations \*\***

St. Paul Cathedral	\$ 10.00
Fr. George Orphanage	\$ 300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 310.00</b>

**First Reconciliation & First Communion**

The second graders, led by teachers Cheryl Stenmo and Melinda Hermansen, have started their preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion.

First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. All family members, especially Godparents, are invited. Families that have older children in Faith Formation may have them excused from class to celebrate the Sacrament with the family.

First Communion will be celebrated Sunday, April 25, 2010, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

A mandatory orientation meeting will be held for parents of the second grade class on Wednesday, October 7, 2009. We will meet in the Church for the Rosary first and stay there for the meeting. Parents, if your children were not baptized at Sacred Heart, please bring their baptismal certificates with you to the meeting.



**Those Who Need Our Prayers**

Donna Weinreich, Christine Johnson, Ralph Anderson, Mary Ann Lunseth, Tom Reding, Walter Newton, Matt Carlson, Yvonne Lind, Paulette Staples, Mildred Johnson, Cindy Soley, Fern Vescio, Connie Pechous, Scott Stepp, Donna Schellbach

**A Sweeter Gospel Required**

The Sunday's Gospel condemned adultery and divorce in severe terms (Mk 10:2-12) and the pastor picked an alternate reading for the weekend, complaining that the recommended one was not "relevant." I knew that pastor Fr. Mike, an only son. His mom had left her marital relationship for her boyfriend. His two half-sisters were from that second union; the oldest was married, divorced and re-married now. The youngest lived with a boyfriend and two children from another relationship. Of course, he didn't want to read that passage; nor was he happy with the Church prescribing it.

In the backdrop of alarming divorce statistics, there is a general feeling that marriage is only a human, social contract, to be defined anyway we please. Today's approach towards marriage is increasingly easy-going. Adultery is watered down as "cheating" or "an affair." Evangelists and pastors labor to preach a "sweeter" Gospel, accommodating marital breakdowns. They fall short of affirming that marriage is a divinely instituted sacrament and as such a holy state, demanding sacrificial love.

Jesus' preaching on divorce was not popular either. That's why the disciples questioned him again at home, and he didn't back out or water it down. No wonder, the Church who says "no" to fornication, pornography, cohabitation, adultery, and homosexual acts is turning unpopular as well.

~Fr Xavier

**Environment Person**

We are looking for a person to help with the worship environment in the Church. If you feel the call to such a ministry, please call the Parish House at 320-358-4370.

**Food Shelf**



Thanks to all those who made generous donations to the food shelf last weekend. We raised 121 lbs. It is truly appreciated.

**Confirmation Meeting**

There will be a meeting for the 10th grade Confirmation candidates who will be getting confirmed in 2010, and their parents, on Wednesday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m.

**Prayer Corner**

We pray for the victims and families of the earthquakes in Samoa and Samatra that they may be consoled and supported in this time of need.



## This Week at Sacred Heart

### Sunday, October 4

6:30 p.m. Rosary at Golden Living  
6:30 p.m. Gambler's Anonymous

### Monday, October 5

7:00 p.m. RCIA

### Tuesday, October 6

7:00 p.m. Bible Study-North Branch

### Wednesday, October 7

8:30-Noon Adoration  
6:00 p.m. Youth Choir  
6:30 p.m. Faith Formation  
7:30 p.m. Confirmation Meeting

### Thursday, October 8

1:00-4:00 p.m. Project Group-Wey Hall  
4:00 p.m. CCW Meeting

### Saturday, October 10

6:00 p.m. Fr.'s Farewell Potluck

## Saints of the Week

**October 6** *Bruno*, † 1101 at La Grande Chartreuse (or Charterhouse [in Latin: *Carthusia*]) near Grenoble; sought "to seek God assiduously, to find God promptly, and to possess God fully"; founded (1084) the Carthusians, today numbering about 360 religious, whose motto is: "While the world changes, the cross stands firm."

*Marie-Rose*, † 1849 at age 38; born in St.-Antoine, Québec; began the first Canadian parish sodality for young women; founded the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary for Christian education.

**October 9** *Denis, or Dionysius*, † 258; first bishop of Paris; martyred with the presbyter, Eleutherius, and the deacon, Rusticus, on Montmartre (or "mount of martyrs"); patron of Paris and of France.

*John Leonardi*, † 1609 at Lucca; founded (1574) the Congregation of Clerics Regular of the Mother of God (today numbering about sixty members) to further education in Christian doctrine; helped found the *Propaganda Fide*, the Vatican Congregation in charge of missionary activity (Known today as the "Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples" [*Congregation pro Gentium Evangelizatione*])

*Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also*

### Volunteers Needed

Please sign up at the back of the church if you would like to help work at the farewell events for Father Xavier on Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11. Your help is truly appreciated.



### Happy Anniversary!

Steven and Colleen Larson (14 yrs)

### Mass Intentions

#### For the Week of October 4 - October 10, 2009

Tues. 8 a.m. Fr. Timoti Kernan †  
Wed. 8 a.m. Irene Perrizo †  
Thurs. 8 a.m. Rose Perreault †  
Sat. 5 p.m. Chip Pearson †  
Sun 9 a.m. Parishioners

### Birthdays of the Week

**10-4** Denise Hemmer, Jonathan Hjelm, Dean Kruchten, Mark Murphy, Timothy Roth, **10-5** Edward Blazek, **10-6** Cathy Gamache, Paul Tippelt, **10-7** Brenda Dahl, Jamie Scheffer, Danica Schellbach, Melissa Schroeder, Michael Skalsky, **10-8** Elizabeth Raway, Matthew Swanson, Edward Truskolaski, **10-9** Matthew Jungels, Kenneth Kirchberg, Scott Schramm, **10-10** Alice Peshia, Daniel Weber

Happy Birthday

### The Web Site Needs You

The parish website needs regular updating and continued maintenance. We need a volunteer with some computer skills for this task. If you have some interest in this direction, please call the Parish Office at 320-358-4370.

### \*\* Next Week Liturgical Roles \*\*

#### Saturday, October 10, 2009 5:00 p.m.

**Lector:** Dan Weber  
**Commentators:** Conner Sherrill  
**Communion:** Mary Petschl, Bev Mollberg  
Ginny Thorn  
**Gifts:** Drevecky Family  
**Ushers:** Ken Opatz, Butch Anderson,  
Jim Thorn  
**Servers:** Garrett Larson, Devan Larson

#### Sunday, October 11, 2009 9:00 a.m.

**Lector:** Wayne Herberg  
**Commentator:** Chelcie Gamache  
**Communion:** Jim Noon, Dave Prickett,  
Alice Peshia  
**Gifts:** Peno Family  
**Ushers:** Dennis Kaufmann, Don  
Belland, Ron Peltier  
**Servers:** Heather & Samantha Herberg