

****Weekend Offerings ****

Envelopes (87)	\$1,751.50
Plate	\$ 334.00
Children (4)	\$ 4.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 298.00
Holy Day/Energy	\$ 95.00
Total	\$2,482.50
Budgeted Amount	\$2,425.00

**** Church Donations ****

Mass Intentions	\$ 56.00
Total	\$ 56.00

**Archbishop Nienstedt
in Rush City**

Archbishop John Nienstedt of St. Paul and Minneapolis will celebrate the Eucharist with us in Rush City on Saturday, March 28, at 5:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars!



Crucifix in the Sanctuary

On Sunday, February 8, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Father Xavier will lead a discussion on the use of crosses and crucifixes in the homes and churches, the relevance of a crucifix in the sanctuary of the church, etc. This meeting will take place in church. Please come to join in the discussion and for refreshments after the meeting in Wey Hall. Everyone Welcome!!

A Miracle in Lanciano

This play will be hosted by Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Pine City on Friday, February 20, as a fundraiser for St. Mary's School in Pine City. See bulletin board for complete details.

Seeking Balance

A classmate of mine, a religious priest, was very successful in parish ministry. I was rather astonished at his popularity and busyness. I learned a couple of things from him too. But everyone was making demands on his time and he didn't even have the much-needed rest. Rarely did he visit the Religious community to which he belonged. For about a year after that, I didn't hear from him. Then, one day I learned that he had left ministry and the parish suddenly. It was so shocking that at the height of his glorious career, he would walk away leaving it all. When I called, he said, "I needed time to recharge."

"Everyone's looking for you" (Mk 1:37). That statement can be really flattering. They brought to Jesus all their troubles. He was out there helping them all, healing their diseases and driving out demons; a very effective ministry. That's why they were hunting him down. However, to Jesus it served as a warning. Even his time to relax, pray and reflect was demanded. He moved on looking for greater balance (Mk 1:38).

Our very effective ministry can get cluttered with too much external activity, without enough support of prayer, reflection and leisure. "A life unreflected is not worth living" said Plato. Seeking greater balance is always prudent.

Fr. Xavier

Lenten Retreat

Would you like a spiritual "shot-in-the-arm"? This is the place to experience renewal of our whole being. Please come join us at the Church of Sacred Heart on Saturday, March 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for the Lenten Retreat which will include an introduction to practices and prayers which can be used throughout Lent and beyond. Our featured speaker is Sister Mary White. For complete details, please see the bulletin board.



Prayer Corner

We pray for all married couples, especially those of our community, that they may continue to grow in love and commitment to each other.



This Week at Sacred Heart

Sunday, Feb 8

6:30 p.m. Gambler's Anonymous
7:00 p.m. Crucifix in the Sanctuary
Presentation

Monday, Feb 9

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesday, Feb. 10

7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, Feb 11

8:30-Noon Adoration
10:00 a.m. "World Day of the Sick"
Mass at Golden Living
6:00 p.m. Youth Choir
6:30 p.m. Faith Formation

Thursday, Feb 5

1:00-4:00 p.m. Project Group
7:00 p.m. RCIA

A truly rich person is one whose children run into their arms when their hands are empty.

Mass Intentions

For the Week of February 8 - February 14

Tues	8 a.m.	Gary McDonald †
Wed	8 a.m.	Bee Jenkins †
Thurs	8 a.m.	Mary Froelke †
Sat.	5 p.m.	Carol Pariseau †
Sun	9 a.m.	Parishioners



Happy Anniversary!

Michael and Cheryl Stenmo (14 years)
Jon and Kimberly Sarago (22 years)

Birthdays of the Week

2-8 Margarette Brooker, Mary Jo Buttgerit, **2-9** Bernie Knoss, David Kost, **2-10** Joshua Chilson, Jason Dahl, **2-11** Robert Diedrich, Thomas Nelson, Brandi Peno, Jarrod Swanson, **2-12** Mackenzie Frazier, David Gamache, **2-13** Gary Frazier, William Gibson, Robert Schlagel.

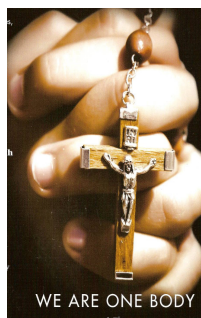
Happy Birthday

Saints of the Week

Feb. 10 *Scholastica, virgin*, † c. 543 at Monte Cassino; twin sister of St. Benedict; "She could do more because she loved more" (Gregory the Great, *The Dialogues*); eventually interred in the same grave with her brother; invoked against storms; patroness of Benedictine nunneries.

Feb. 11 *Our Lady of Lourdes*; According to St. Bernadette (16 Apr.), the visionary at Lourdes in 1858, the Virgin Mary proclaimed herself "The Immaculate Conception"; patroness of Portugal and the Philippines.

Feb. 14 *Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop*. *Cyril*, † 869, and *Methodius*, † 885; brothers known as the "Apostles to the Slavs"; prepared Slavic liturgical texts; served as the "spiritual bridge between Eastern and Western traditions" (Pope John Paul II); patrons of Europe and, in particular, of the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Croatia, and Bosnia-Herzegovina.



2009 Catholic Services Appeal

Next weekend begins the new 2009 Catholic Services Appeal which celebrates the **40th** campaign held in this Archdiocese. This Appeal supports many ministries that help provide spiritual, educational and social needs to many within our Archdiocese. Coming soon in your mail will be a letter from Archbishop Nienstedt. Each parishioner should receive this gift request. Please prayerfully consider your gift to the Appeal. "We are one body, one body in Christ."

Vocation Views

The afflicted Job in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind - - there is nothing to it. Sorrow and sadness strike many people; only those who have been afflicted, who know sorrow themselves, are poor enough to minister to others.

**** Next Week Liturgical Roles ****
Saturday, February 14, 2009 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Rose Lekatz
Commentator: Judy Anderson
Communion: Loring Olson, Mary Stenger,
Deacon Larry
Gifts: Drevecky Family
Ushers: Matt Stenger, John O'Brien,
Dick Ordner
Servers: Heather Fisher, Logan Lekatz

Sunday, February 15, 2009 9:00 a.m.

Lector: Debbie Prudhomme
Commentator: Mary Ann Lunseth
Communion: Jean Peno, Scott Tryon,
Deacon Larry
Gifts: Peterson Family
Ushers: Ken Kirchberg, Rodney Swanson,
Joe Wegleitner
Servers: Garrett Larson, Devan Larson

World Day of the Sick with the Archbishop

There will be a 5:15 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, February 10, at the Cathedral of St. Paul with Archbishop John Nienstedt presiding in order to celebrate World Day of the Sick. Following Mass at 6:00 p.m., there will be a blessing of the sick, caregivers, and healthcare workers and a reception following at 6:30. Please see bulletin board for more details.



**World Day of the Sick,
Rush City**

The Holy Father has designated February 11 as the World Day of the Sick. That Wednesday we will have a Mass at the Golden Living Center along with the Sacrament of Anointing for the Sick. We will especially acknowledge all the health care workers and will have a reception in their honor after mass. Everybody is welcome!



Those Who Need Our Prayers

Vivian Peltier, Elinor Capecci, Roger Chellevoid, Father Oliver Dufresne, Sharon Westman, Nick Cieminski, Rose Peloquin, Joe Moore, Mary Mitchell.



LENT **Bring your old Palms**

Ash Wednesday, February 25, is coming up. Please remember to bring in last year's palms from home to be burned to make Lenten ashes. The next couple of weekends, you will find baskets for that purpose at church entrances.

Ash Wednesday

The Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday, February 25. On that day, we have Mass at 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at both the Masses. It is a day of fasting and abstinence in the Church.

Year of St. Paul

Please help us celebrate the Year of St. Paul. "From (St. Paul) we draw a very important lesson: what counts is to place Jesus Christ at the center of our lives, so that our identity is marked essentially by the encounter, by communion with Christ and with his Word."

—Pope Benedict XVI, *The Apostles*



We want to thank all of those involved with the FOCA postcard campaign. This includes: Deborah St. Michael, Debbie Prudhomme, Lois Noon, Elaine Schneider, Pat Mihm, Julie Dosch, Helga Weinreich, and Char Meyers. Your time was truly appreciated.

Thanks from Cathedral Heritage Foundation

The Cathedral Heritage Foundation would like to express their thanks for all that participated in the donations of 2008. Our special collection for our Cathedral yielded \$466.36 last September. It was sent to the Cathedral Heritage Foundation. Continued donations in 2009 will be greatly appreciated to help restore and preserve the national historic treasure of the Cathedral of Saint Paul for generations to come.

Bible Study

The Bible Study group will meet on Monday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish House. We will reflect on the Gospel for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mark 1: 40-45) and we will continue our discussion of Chapter 27 in Matthew. Come and join our journey. See you there!

~Deacon Larry

RCIA

RCIA will meet on Thursday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish House. We will reflect on the Scripture for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 1: 40-45. Our topics for the evening will be Baptism and Confirmation and we will begin our discussion of "What is Salvation?" Come and share your faith. See you there!

~Deacon Larry



Mission Trip Fundraiser

Please support the recycling fundraiser for the Mission Trip students. These students can raise funds for their mission trip by collecting recycle items such as: cell phones, ink jet printer cartridges, DVD movies, video games, laptop computers, iPods, digital cameras, digital video cameras, (DVRs), and portable navigation and GPS devices. These are also listed on the flyer posted on the bulletin board. There will be collection boxes at the entrances to the church for these items. Thank you.



NET Retreat at Sacred Heart

The National Evangelization Team is coming to Rush City for a youth retreat focused on the Sacrament of Confirmation. This event in the afternoon on Thursday, March 26, is required for our Confirmation candidates of 9th and 10th grades at Church of the Sacred Heart. Others who wish to participate may call the parish office at 320-358-4370 in order to register.



Youth Mass and World Marriage Day



This Sunday, February 8, is celebrated as World Marriage Day at Sacred Heart, Rush City. This is to highlight the importance of marriage and family as the very foundation of society as well as that of the Church. The Eucharist on this day will focus on the sacrament of matrimony and married couples will have an opportunity to renew their wedding vows and affirm their commitment to each other. We will have a special blessing and acknowledgement of those who have completed many years together. The honor of being the senior-most married couple in Rush City goes to Rose and Louis Perrault who will complete 71 years together on February 21, 2009.

The students of the Faith Formation classes invite all the married couples to this event. They will also host a special reception to the couples.