

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

Envelopes (82)	\$1,977.00
Plate	\$ 390.83
Children (2)	\$ 2.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,369.83</b>
<b>Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>\$2,425.00</b>

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

Prison Ministry	\$ 20.00
Candles	\$ 10.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 344.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 374.00</b>

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

Catholic Services Appeal	\$ 100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>

**Pro-Life Corner**

“The Christian tradition from the earliest days reveals a firm antiabortion attitude. From apostolic times, the Christian tradition overwhelmingly held that abortion was grievously evil.”

*Charles Chaput, OFM.Cap., Archbishop of Denver*



**Chrism Mass**

The celebration of the Chrism Mass will take place on Tuesday, March 31 at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. The Confirmation candidates and RCIA candidates are specially invited to the event.

**Mark Your Calendars**

\* Our Easter Potluck will take place on Saturday, April 18 along with the Welcoming of new members. Come and join us with your favorite dish after mass at 6 p.m.

\* The Men’s Club Spaghetti Dinner, a fundraiser for our Faith Formation program is fixed for April 24th. Details will follow.

**Fun Loving Grains**

I was planting seeds for the upcoming summer, flowers and vegetables. Neatly packed seeds had come from the seeds company in Wisconsin and I had to plant them by dropping each tiny seed into small peat sacks with a lot of moisture in it. A visiting friend of mine was helping me. “It’s terrible for these poor seeds” she said. “Why?” I asked. “Each seed has to go into that cold, dirty and damp peat sack, you see.” That was true. There was no other way for that seed to sprout.

To the Greeks who approached him, Jesus said, “Amen, amen I say to you unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life” (Jn 12: 24-25). In order to be fruitful one has to be ready to drop oneself to the earth and lose oneself in the dirt. It’s a simple but universal principle. Always seeking pleasures and running after fun can be in the way of fruitfulness. “Have fun” we say to each other. Is undue love of the pleasures of life preventing us from being truly fruitful?

Fr. Xavier



**Palm Sunday**

Sunday April 5, 2009 is Palm Sunday and the celebration of the Lord’s Passion. We have Eucharistic celebrations as scheduled including the reading of the Passion. Thus begins the Holy Week.

**Prayer Corner**

We remember in prayer our Confirmation candidates who are in the final stage of their preparation for the Sacrament on Wednesday , April 15 at the Cathedral of St. Paul.



## This Week at Sacred Heart

### Sunday, March 29

6:30 p.m. Gambler's Anonymous

### Monday, March 30

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

### Wednesday, April 1

8:30-Noon Adoration

6:00 p.m. Youth Choir

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation

Reconciliation

### Thursday, April 2

1:00-3:00 p.m. Cards

4:30-7:00 p.m. Chow Mein Dinner

### Friday, April 3

8.00 a. m. First Friday Mass

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Soup Supper

Shadow Stations

*A gossip is a person who creates the smoke in which other people assume there's fire*



### Happy Anniversary!

Kenneth and Caroline Kirchberg (16 years)

### Mass Intentions

#### For the Week of March 29 - April 4, 2009

Tues	8 a.m.	Phanxica Xavier Thanh Haivũ †
Wed	8 a.m.	Agnes Kuntz †
Thurs	8 a.m.	Aileen Olson †
Fri.	8 a.m.	Charles Debevec †
Sat.	5 p.m.	James Olson †
Sun	9 a.m.	Parishioners

### Birthdays of the Week

**3-29** Elaine Holland, Todd Sempel, Peter Umbreit,  
**3-30** David Major, Bonnie Ordner, Lisa Tomczyk,  
 Joseph Wegleitner, **3-31** Julie Wegleitner, **4-1** Eliza-  
 beth Arcand, **4-2** Carol Cieminski, Gina Mitchell,  
 Bonnie Swanson, **4-3** Steven Linn, Hunter Minke, **4-4**  
 Elsie Moore, Joan Tippelt

Happy Birthday

### Saints of the Week

**Apr. 2** *Francis of Paoli, hermit, † 1507*; founded (1435) the Order of Minims, a congregation of hermits, "the least of God's household"; today they number about 175 religious.

**Apr. 4** *Isidore, bishop, doctor, † 636*; succeeded his brother, St. Leander (13 Mar.), as bishop of Seville; presided over the Council of Toledo (633); completed the Mozarabic liturgy; combated Arianism in Spain; known as the "Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages," especially for his *Etymologies*.



### Chow Mein Dinner

CCW is having their annual Chow Mein Dinner on Thursday, April 2 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. in Wey Hall. They will be serving pork and beef chow mein, noodles, rice, dessert and a beverage. The cost is as follows:

Adults - \$7.00

Senior Citizens - \$6.00

Children ages 6-12 - \$3.00

Children ages 5 and under - Free

Family Limit - \$25.00

If anyone is interested in a dinner to go, please call 320-358-3145.

### Walk in the Shadows of Gol'gotha

The Shadow Stations presented by our Confirmation Candidates will be back on April 3, Friday at 7.30 p.m. after our regular Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper, upon popular demand. If you missed it, here is a chance again. The confirmation class has worked hard on it under the guidance of Dan Weber and Taylor McFee, their teachers. See you all there.

### Vocation Views

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we first dry out and die to our selfish ways, we can never expect to be people who will "lay down their lives for their friends."

**\*\* Next Week Liturgical Roles \*\***  
**Saturday, April 4, 2009 5:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Chelcie Gamache  
**Commentator:** Brenda Dahl  
**Communion:** Jeanne Kay, Shanon Swanson,  
Ginny Thorn  
**Gifts:** Larson-Parkins Family  
**Ushers:** Butch Anderson, Bob Waters,  
Tom Waters  
**Servers:** Kyler Sempel, Sarah Gamache

**Sunday, April 5, 2009 9:00 a.m.**  
**Palm Sunday**

**Lector:** Debbie Prudhomme  
**Commentator:** Laura Hestbeck  
**Communion:** Debbie Karnick, Mary Pat Hestbeck  
Jim Noon  
**Gifts:** Peno Family  
**Ushers:** Craig Peterson, Ken Kirchberg  
Rodney Swanson  
**Servers:** Joseph Dahl, Emma Peterson

**Parish Council Elections**

The Parish Pastoral Council is an important body in the church that helps the pastor in the day-to-day affairs of the church. Three of the members' term of office will expire this May. Elections to those seats are due in April.

The Council meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in Wey Hall. A confirmed member of the parish is eligible to be elected to the Council. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 358-4370.

**Mass Intentions Needed**

Please note that there are envelopes located in the back of the church for Mass Intentions. These can be used for the appropriate donations necessary for having a Mass said in honor of those loved ones whether living or dead. Suggested donation for a mass is \$7.00

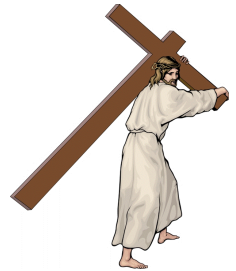


**Those Who Need Our Prayers**

Vivian Peltier, Nick Cieminski, Rose Peloquin,  
Joan Parkin, William Kalkbrennar, Donna  
Weinreich, Carole Swanson, Fern Vesio

**Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper**

Please continue to join all of us here at Church of the Sacred Heart this Friday at 6:00 p.m. through the Lenten season for Stations of the Cross followed by a soup supper prepared and served by our CCW. This is a great way to continue our wonderful Lenten encounter.



**Penance Services During Lent**

Faith Formation Students here at Sacred Heart will have the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, April 1, during the regular Faith Formation time beginning at 6:30 p.m. The communal session intended for adults will be on Palm Sunday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

**Easter Memorial Flowers**



During Lent, envelopes are available for flowers in memory of your loved one(s). The flowers will decorate the altar for Easter celebrations and your loved one(s) will be specially remembered at the Easter Vigil mass. Please pick up the envelope today at the back of the church.

**Servers Scheduled for Stations of the Cross**

**April 3**

Heather Herberg, Samantha Herberg, Tom Jungels

**April 10**

Garrett Larson, Devan Larson, Patrick Kasl

**CCW Annual Quilt Raffle**

Our parishioner, Ginny Thorn, owner of Fabric, Fashions and More, has donated a beautiful queen size quilt for our Salad Luncheon on May 6. We would like to thank her for this generous donation! All women of the parish will be asked to sell or purchase raffle tickets which will be issued via the mail. The quilt is available for showing to encourage additional sales. Please feel free to contact Elaine Robinson at 320-358-3223.

# Bible Study

The Bible Study group will meet on Monday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish House. We will reflect on the Gospel for Palm Sunday. Our discussion and reflection on the Gospel of Mark with Jesus' teachings continues. Come and join our Lenten journey. All are welcome!

~Deacon Larry



## Director of Religious Education

Sacred Heart is looking for a Director of Religious Education to assume responsibilities in September 2009. It is a wonderful opportunity to serve the parish, working with the young people. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

## Mission Trip Fundraiser

Please continue to support the recycling fundraiser for the Mission Trip. The collection boxes are at the entrances to the church for these items. Thank you.

## Volunteers Needed

We are still searching for two adult volunteers to be chaperones for the Youth Mission Trip to Brooklyn, New York, which takes place from July 31 to August 9. These individuals must be willing to worship, work, and witness along with our Youth, and have fun too. This would also include a willingness to help drive. A background check is also required. Please talk to Lil or Dan if you are interested.

## "Ask Saint Paul" Lenten Series

The Cathedral Young Adults (CYA) in St. Paul invites young adults to a series of conferences that will aid them in profiting from this blessed and sometimes difficult time of Lent. The conferences take place on Wednesdays from March 4-April 8. Please see bulletin board for details.



## Rush City Food Shelf



Since we proclaim the month of March to be Minnesota Food Share month, we thank everyone in this community and in communities throughout Minnesota for donating food items and/or funding to the local food shelf during this March Campaign. This ensures that all of our neighbors will have food enough to share fully in the life of our community.

For questions or information, please feel free to contact Director, Carolyn Thiel at Rush City Food shelf, c/o Carolyn Thiel, 435 W. 4th St., Rush City, MN 55069. Her phone number is 320-358-0904 and e-mail address [rcthiel@mgdinternet.com](mailto:rcthiel@mgdinternet.com). The Rush City Food Shelf website is [www.rushcityfoodshelf.com](http://www.rushcityfoodshelf.com).

The Rush City Food Shelf is located in the Rush City Community Center at 720 W. 14th Street, Rush City with the phone number of 320-358-4428. The hours are every Tuesday from 2:00-5:00 p.m. and the first Thursday evening from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Donations can be dropped off at the food shelf during open hours or picked up by arrangement. Checks should be made out to Rush City Food shelf. Your generosity is truly appreciated

## Jay Phillips Center for Interfaith Learning 2009 Programs

Michael Dennis Browne a renowned poet and librettist and a Morse-Alumni Distinguished Teaching Professor of English at the University of Minnesota presents "A Different Kind of Belonging - Hearing the Voices of Interfaith". This will take place on April 1 at 8:00 p.m. at St. John's University, Collegetown, MN - Quadrangle Alumni Lounge and also on April 2 at 7:30 p.m. at University of St. Thomas St. Paul South Campus, Owens Science Hall Auditorium.

Kevin Spicer, a Catholic priest currently teaching history at the University of Notre Dame, is presenting "Hitler's Priests - The True Story of the Catholic Clergy and the Nazis". This will take place on Friday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Mt. Zion Synagogue, 1300 Summit Avenue. St. Paul and also on Saturday, April 4 at 4:00 p.m. at the Basilica of St. Mary, 88 N. 17th St., Minneapolis. If you need any additional information, call 651-962-57801.