

Readings for the Week

Mon 4-28	Acts of Apostles 16:11-15 John 15:26-16:4a
Tues 4-29	Acts of Apostles 16:22-34 John 16:5-11
Wed 4-30	Acts of Apostles 17:15,22-18:1 John 16:12-15
Thurs 5-1	Acts of Apostles 18:1-8 John 16:16-20
Fri 5-2	Acts of Apostles 18:9-18 John 16:20-23
Sat 5-3	1 Corinthians 15:1-8 John 14:6-14
Sun 5-4	Acts of Apostles 1:12-14 1 Peter 4:13-16 John 17:1-11a

****Weekend Offerings ****

Envelopes (87)	\$2,086.00
Plate	\$ 262.00
Children (6)	\$ 6.60
Building Maint.	\$ 48.00
Total	\$2,402.60
Budgeted Amount	\$2,425.00

**** Church Donations ****

Catholic Aid Grant	\$ 697.78
Total	\$ 697.78

**** Other Donations ****

Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 8.95
Total	\$ 8.95

Prayer Corner

We pray for the five new priests of the Archdiocese ordained this Saturday that the Lord bless them with His abundant graces and generous gifts.



Express Your Love

“I love Jesus, but I don’t care for all the fuss about religion though.” Dan was referring to the various regulations and observances of the followers of Jesus in different churches. He claimed to be a “contemporary Christian” independent of any church affiliation. “I love Jesus, and that is it” he affirmed. According to him that was enough.

However, what is love? It requires to be expressed. Can we love someone without giving expression to that love in words and actions? There is no such thing as unexpressed love. In fact, when one fails to display ones love for the other, that love simply becomes a lie.

Love of Jesus needs to be expressed. It is displayed and demonstrated through observance of his commands. Jesus explicitly asked for it. “If you love me, you will keep my commandments” (Jn 14:15). Knowing his commands and abiding by them is the way of demonstrating that love. Jesus said it again, “Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me” (Jn 14:20). It’s not mere words, but deeds indicative of deep convictions. If we love him, we need to live accordingly. Organized religion focuses on profound expressions of that love through life. No one can love Jesus and, at the same time, disregard his commands.

Fr Xavier

Respect Life/Pro Life Corner

Abortion is a procedure important to the process of in vitro fertilization, since “fetal reduction” is routinely used. Moreover, embryos are often destroyed in order to choose the most viable embryo for implantation into the woman’s womb. Further, “left-over” embryos are often looked upon as resources for scientific research, rather than as human beings at the beginning of their life who should never be objects of research done not for their benefit but for someone else’s. Richard Doerflinger, Associate Director of the U.S. Catholic Bishops’ Pro-Life Secretariat, commented that “one would have to call the IVF procedure a fairly efficient method of abortion, with a 95-96% success rate.”



This Week at Sacred Heart

Sunday, April 27

After Mass RCIA Final Session
Confirmation Recollection
Gamblers' Anonymous

6:30 pm

Monday, April 28

6:30 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, April 30

12:00 - 4:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Youth Choir

6:30 pm Faith Formation

Friday, May 2

8:00 am First Friday Mass

Saturday, May 3

4:00 pm Lifeline

*"Life's most persistent and urgent question is:
What are you doing for others?"* Martin Luther King

Mass Intentions

For the Week of April 27 - May 3

Tues	8 am	Rita Jansen †
Wed	8 am	Jeff Mulick †
Thurs	8 am	Paul Gobel †
Fri	8 am	Fr Otto Neudecker †
Sat	5 pm	McDonald Family
Sun	9 am	Parishioners

Senior Health & Wellness Expo

Wednesday, April 30 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Chisago County Senior Center in North Branch. Pre-register for a \$3.25 meal by calling (651)674-7088. Bingo from 12:45 to 1:30, personal safety and identity theft presentation from 1:30 to 2:00. The Expo includes door prizes, giveaways, food/refreshments.

Happy Anniversary!

Anders and Jessica Johnson (12 years)
James and Lois Noon (20 years)
Jerry and Tammy Scheffer (21 years)



Birthdays of the Week

4-28 Raymond Johnson, Scott Tryon **4-29**
Leone Bier, Richard Kosloski, Ronald Peltier,
Madelin Rindahl, Sarah Spencer, Carole Wiss
4-30 Michelle Branchfield **5-2** Thomas
Solorz **5-3** Gerald Pariseau

Happy Birthday

Saints of the Week

Apr 28 *Peter Mary Chanel, priest, martyr;* † 1841; French Marist missionary on the Pacific islands of Wallis and Futuna where he was martyred; destroyed cult of evil spirits; protomartyr and patron of Oceania.

Louis Mary de Montfort, priest; † 1716; from Brittany; studied at Saint Sulpice; hospital chaplain and founder of the Congregation of the Daughters of Wisdom; apostolic missionary whose preaching led to a spiritual revival in his native Brittany; established numerous confraternities for the recitation of the rosary; founded (1705) the Missionaries of the Company of Mary, today numbering over 1,000 religious; chief work: *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*.

Apr 29 *Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor of the Church;* † 1380; O.P. tertiary, mystic, and author (*The Dialogue*); peacemaker within the Church and renewer of religious life; worked toward ending the Avignon papacy under Gregory XI (1377); declared doctor of the Church in 1970; patroness of Italy and, together with Bridget of Sweden (23 July) and Teresa Benedicta of the Cross [Edith Stein] (9 August), co-patroness of Europe.

Apr 30 *Pius V, pope;* † 1 May 1572; O.P. who implemented the reforms of the Council of Trent; promulgated the *Roman Catechism*, the *Roman Missal*, and the *Roman Breviary* used until Vatican II; canonized 22 May 1712.

May 1 *Joseph the Worker*

May 2 *Athanasius, bishop, doctor of the Church;* † 373; 45 years the bishop of Alexandria; champion of Nicea (325); prolific polemicist against the Arians who exiled him five times; one of the four great doctors of the Eastern Church; wrote *On the Incarnation*, the *Discourse Against the Arians* and the *Life of Antony*; known as the "Doctor of the Incarnation."

May 3 *Philip, apostle;* † 1st c.; from Bethsaida; among the first disciples called by Jesus (Jn 1:43-44); tradition holds he preached in Phrygia, dying on a cross at Hierapolis; two apocryphal works attributed to him; with James, venerated as the patron saints of Uruguay.

James, apostle; † 62; son of Alphaeus and cousin or "brother of the Lord"; surnamed "the Less" or "the Just" for his piety; leader of the Jerusalem Church; an epistle is ascribed to him; believed to have been beaten or stoned to death; patron of the dying; both saints mentioned in the Roman Canon.

**** Next Week Liturgical Roles ****

Saturday, May 3, 2008 5:00 pm

Lector: Laura Hestbeck
Commentator: Bryanna Koehnle
Communion: Mary Petschl, Rick Kosloski
Ginny Thorn
Gifts: Petschl Family
Ushers: Bob & Tom Waters, Dick Ordner
Servers: Becky Johnson, Ashley Masters

Sunday, May 4, 2008 9:00 am

Lector: Dan Weber
Commentator: Connor Sherrill
Communion: Scott Tryon, Beth Churchsmith
Lauren Weber
Gifts: Karnick Family
Ushers: Joe & John Gamache
Joe Wegleitner
Servers: Blake Minke, Joseph Dahl

CCW Salad Luncheon

Our Salad Luncheon is set for Wednesday, May 7, 2008. St. Catherine's and St. Ann's circles are hosting and we are in need of additional salads to make this event successful. Drop-off times will be Tuesday, May 6 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm and Wednesday, May 7 prior to 10:00 am in Wey Hall. Please contact Mary Petschl at the Parish Office if you can donate. Raffle tickets for the quilt drawing must be turned in no later than Sunday, May 4.

Married Couples Spring Fling

Celebrate your love and the new season by attending a Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend May 9-11, 2008 at Kings House in Buffalo, MN. For more information, call (612) 840-7630 or visit our web site at www.wmesection8.org/.

Those Who Need Our Prayers

Michael Gaul, Michael Kalkbrenner, Jim Kirshberg, Earl McDonald, Betty Odendahl, Roy Ortner, Vivian Peltier, Renee Schmidt and Frank Storm.



Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Today's special collection is the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This Appeal supports the Home Missions - places in the United States where the Catholic Church struggles just to keep parishes open and to educate children in faith. Some dioceses are terribly short of priests, sisters, and the money needed to run parishes. For example, there are only 70 priests in the whole state of Utah, 57 in Idaho, and 45 in Wyoming. Please give generously to help your fellow Catholics here in America.



Project group

Do you have unfinished projects? Come join others for encouragement and set aside time for completion! The 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month beginning May 8 in Wey Hall from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Come when you can, leave when you must! Bring your needed supplies and an extension cord. Coffee, conversation and company provided! Hope you can join us!

May Day Family Rosary Procession

The Cathedral of St. Paul and Basilica of St. Mary host the 61st Annual May Day Family Rosary Procession on Sunday, May 4, 2008 at 2:00 pm. Come and unite your prayers for your family and all the families of the world! Entrust your family to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, our Heavenly Mother! For details visit www.familyrosaryprocession.org.

Ministree

Please share your time with someone in need. Grab a card off the Ministree Board today and enjoy Spring!



Vocation Views

That Jesus rose from the dead is our Faith. That we can be reborn in the Spirit is our Hope. That we can do God's work is our Love. Follow His Call.

Bible Study

The Bible Study group will meet Monday, April 28 at 6:30 in the Parish House. We will continue reading and discussing Matthew chapter 14 and begin chapter 15. All are welcome to join us as we discuss this Scripture and its messages for today.

~Deacon Larry

RCIA

RCIA will meet for our final session for this season on Sunday, April 27 after Mass in the Parish House. Congratulations to Amanda Duerr, our newest Sacred Heart member, as she joins our community. Thank you to all who encouraged her during her journey and those who assisted with our RCIA process. Although this is our last session for this year, the quest for candidates for RCIA continues year around. See Father Xavier or Deacon Larry for more information. ~Deacon Larry

Encountering the Living Christ

Youth Fundraisers Due

Pizza orders and Flower Basket orders, along with money, must be turned in to Lil or Dan or dropped off at the Parish Office no later than Wednesday, April 30. Any questions? Call Lil at (763)639-7465.

Confirmation

We have six students who are in the midst of their final preparations to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral on Thursday, May 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

These students are Connor Sherrill, Chelcie Gamache, Taylor McFee, Laura Hestbeck, Jenna Scheffer, and Jordan Scheffer. They are led this year by teachers Dan Weber and John Lunseth.

On Sunday, May 4, 2008 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass we will celebrate their Sending Ceremony as a parish community and on Pentecost, Sunday, May 11, 2008 the Confirmation students will present a wonderful presentation about their confirmation year here at Sacred Heart.

These are wonderful young people and they have been diligent in their preparation for this Sacrament. Please keep them, their parents, sponsors, and teachers in your prayers as they continue to earnestly prepare for this important milestone in their Catholic Christian journey. ~Debbie Prudhomme



Congratulations to Debbie Prudhomme

Debbie Prudhomme, Director of Religious Education here at Sacred Heart, has just graduated from a course in "Enrichment in Catholicism". She is pictured here with Archbishop Harry J. Flynn after the ceremony. Please take a moment to congratulate Debbie on this wonderful achievement!