

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

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| Envelopes (81)         | \$2,070.00        |
| Plate                  | \$ 444.25         |
| Children (6)           | \$ 7.75           |
| Building Maintenance   | \$ 103.00         |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$2,625.00</b> |
| <b>Budgeted Amount</b> | <b>\$2,425.00</b> |

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

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| Candles            | \$ 100.00        |
| Stipends           | \$ 65.00         |
| Plant Sales        | \$ 10.00         |
| Youth Mission Trip | \$ 50.00         |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>\$ 225.00</b> |



**Pro-Life Corner**

“Our President ought to look at what abortion has done to poor and minority women in this country...’The abortion rate (number of abortions per 1,000 women of child-bearing age) for black women is almost five times that of white women,’ according to Susan Cohen of the Alan Guttmacher Institute. Cohen also notes that ‘the abortion rate among Hispanic women is double the rate among whites.” (Wanda Franz, Ph.D., *NRL News*, 2/09)

**Family Picnic**



The decision from the survey that was completed last weekend, was to have a parish family picnic on

Sunday, August 2. We are still in need of an overall chairperson to get this picnic organized. If you are interested, please feel free to contact Lois Anderson at 320-629-2112 or the parish office. More details will follow.

**Hard Love**

As Sarah graduated, she planned to go to Las Vegas with her boyfriend for a short vacation. Having been brought up in a disciplined Christian family, she felt it important to talk to her Dad for his approval. When she did, he made a big deal out of it, talked to her Mom as well, and came up with a response “no,” though he tried to put it across to her in nice words. “I love you” he said, concluding the telephone conversation. She felt terrible, and couldn’t respond with “I love you too,” which she always used to do.

Love is sweet; very true; but it sometimes can feel bitter and harsh as well. The love of a man and his wife is a good example. It’s indeed sweet to love and be loved. But that love has a rough, tough and painful aspect to it. Jesus loved the whole world, and he went to the extent of laying down his life for that love (Jn 15:12). Laying down one’s life was not sweet. He also said, “If you keep my Commandments, you will remain in my love” (Jn 15:10). Keeping Commandments can be hard, but that’s the way to love Jesus. True love involves sacrifices that can be hard, demanding and painful. Love without sacrifices is never true.

**Fr Xavier**



**Softball Team**

Church of the Sacred Heart Co-ed Softball Team is still looking for committed players to join the softball team. This can be a fun family event! The minimum age is 14 and there is no maximum! The season started on May 15 and continues through August on Friday nights at 7:15 p.m.. Please contact Curtis Petschl if you are interested. His home number is 320-358-3673 and his cell is 320-224-2670. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church for all who are interested.

**Prayer Corner**

We pray for the repose of the soul of Sherry Anstedt. May God grant her eternal rest.



## This Week at Sacred Heart

### Sunday, May 17

9:00 a.m. Catechetical Awards  
6:30 p.m. Gambler's Anonymous

### Monday, May 18

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

### Wednesday, May 20

8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
8:30-Noon Adoration

### Thursday, May 21

8:00 a.m. Communion Service  
1:00-3:00 p.m. Cards  
6:00 p.m. Men's Club Meeting

### Friday, May 22

7:15 p.m. Co-Ed Softball Game - Mora

*There's a time to let things happen, and a time to make things happen.*

### Advertising in the Bulletin

Please note that there are five vacant spots open for ads on the back of the bulletin if any one is interested. The 2x2 ads are \$100.00 per year. Please contact the parish office for additional information.



### Happy Anniversary!

LaVern and Lois Anderson (46 years)  
Anthony and Paula Belland (25 years)

### Mass Intentions

#### For the Week of May 17 - May 23, 2009

Sat. 5 p.m. Frances Debevec †  
Sun 9 a.m. Parishioners

### Birthdays of the Week

**5-17** Natalie Kuehn, **5-18** Ronald Hestbeck, Raymond Mullner, Scott Scherer, **5-19** Rita Heinn, Kimberly Sarago, Tara Sarago, **5-20** David Prickett, **5-21** Emily Forster, **5-22** Sabrina Gibson, Erik Nelson, Timothy Roth, **5-23** Bryanna Koehnle, Hans Luckoff

**Happy Birthday**

### Saints of the Week

**May 18** *John I, pope, martyr* † 526; from Tuscany; introduced the Alexandrian computation of the date of Easter; led an embassy to Constantiople to discuss Emperor Justin I's policy toward Arians in the East not satisfying the demands of Theodoric, the Arian king in Ravenna, and not knowing his fate, he died there, a wretched man, ill and worn out from his travels; buried in Rome, his epitaph salutes him as "a victim for Christ."

**May 20** *Bernardine of Siena, priest*, † 1444; O.F.M.; famous reformer and eloquent preacher who traveled throught Italy; encouraged devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus; known for his use of the monogram, *IHS* (an abbreviation of the Greek name of Jesus. Ἰησους); patron of advertisers and advertising; invoked against hoarseness.

**May 22** *Rita of Cascia, religious*, †; Rita was born in 1381 in the town of Roccaporena in Umbria. She lived with a brutal husband and had two sons. After the violent murder of her husband, she urged forgiveness in contrast to the customary vendetta of her day. Becoming an Augustinian nun, she spent some forty years in prayer, contemplation, and service to the sick and poor. Toward the end of her life, she received a wound from a thorn from the crown of thorns. She died in 1457. She is the patron saint of desperate situations. This memorial has been newly included in the Universal Calendar of the revised *Missale Romanum, editio typica tertia*.

### Harry P. McGoon

Harry passed away on April 30, 2009, at the age of 65, after a courageous battle with lung cancer. A Mass of Christian Burial was on Monday, May 11 at Church of the Sacred Heart in Rush City with burial at the Calvary Cemetery. Harry was so full of life and had a wonderful heart. He had a way of making everyone laugh and will be missed very much. May God grant him eternal rest.

### Vocation Views

The greatest love story that ever happened: God's continuing love for His people. All He asks is: Love one another as I have loved you. And the world really needs to see people who are trying to love others with all their hearts. Sure, they fail occasionally. But they try. What about you?

**\*\* Next Week Liturgical Roles \*\***  
**Saturday, May 23, 2009 5:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Kevin Smith  
**Commentators:** Alan Walz  
**Communion:** Shannon Swanson, Ginny Thorn,  
Deacon Larry  
**Gifts:** Stenger Family  
**Ushers:** Butch Anderson, John O'Brien,  
Jim Thorn  
**Servers:** Patrick Kasl, Ashley Masters

**Sunday, May 24, 2009 9:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Rose Lekatz  
**Commentator:** Wendell Swanson  
**Communion:** Beth Churchsmith, Jean Peno,  
Deacon Larry  
**Gifts:** W. Swanson Family  
**Ushers:** Ed Cunnien, Dennis Kaufmann,  
Ken Kirchberg  
**Servers:** Joseph Dahl, Blake Minke,  
Jacob Dahl



**Women's "Spring Fling"**

Everyone's invited to Apron Strings (*The Ties That Bind*) presented by First Evangelical Lutheran Church's W/ELCA in Rush City on May 20, at 6:30 p.m. Please see bulletin board for complete details.

**18 - Hole Golf Tournament**

The Pine City Pregnancy Resource Center is hosting a fund-raising 18-hole golf tournament at Bulrush Golf Club on Monday, June 8, 2009. The entry fee includes golf, cart and dinner to follow. Show your support for the young women and families of our community by taking part in this event that benefits such a vital community resource. Please see bulletin board for complete details.



**Those Who Need Our Prayers**

Donna Weinreich, Carole Swanson, Connie Pechous, Christine Johnson, Ralph Anderson, Mary Ann Lunseth, Richard Zgonc, Walter Newton, Tom Reding, Margarett Brooker

**Out of the Shadows Women's Program**

Please note that this is sponsored by the Haven Center & Hiding Hurting Healing Women's Programs and will take place at the Harris Covenant Church in Harris, MN on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. through June 4. Please see flyer on bulletin board for complete details.

**Natural Family Planning Classes**

The Couple to Couple League will be offering a series of classes, for engaged and married couples, on the *Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning* at Epiphany Church in Coon Rapids on Saturday, June 6 at 10:00 a.m. and a second series of classes at Church of St. Paul in Ham Lake on Friday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m. Classes will teach new streamlined methodology using new materials integrating Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. To register / info, please call 612.721.3791, or at web site, <http://twincities.ccli.org>.

The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis  
announces a

***Marriage Day Celebration***

*honoring couples in 2009  
celebrating their silver and golden anniversaries  
and fifty or more years of marriage*

***Saturday, June 13, 2009  
10:00 a.m.***

*Celebrant: Most Reverend John C. Nienstedt*

***Cathedral of Saint Paul***

*239 Selby Avenue*

*Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102*

Families are encouraged to attend  
For more information, call 651-291-4488

# Bible Study

The Bible Study group will meet on Monday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish House. We will study the Scripture for the Ascension of the Lord, Mark 16:15-20. Come and join us as we discuss Mark Chapters 9 and 10. This is our last meeting before our summer break. It has been a great year with the Gospel of Mark!

~Deacon Larry

## Catechetical Awards Sunday

This Sunday, May 17 at the 9:00 Mass, we will celebrate Awards Sunday. We will honor students who have distinguished themselves in the Faith Formation program.



The following children will be receiving Student of the Year awards for each class: 1st Grade - Erin Tomczyk, 2nd Grade - Jamie Guptill, 3rd Grade - T.J. Roth, 4th Grade - Blake Minke, 5th Grade - Devan Larson, 6th Grade - Matt Swanson, 7th Grade - Blake Cook, 8th Grade - Viola Manske, 9th Grade - Trista Sarago, and 10th Grade - Jessica Swanson.



Pentecost

## Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday is a commemoration and celebration of the receiving of the Holy Spirit by the early church. Today, in many Christian churches, Pentecost Sunday is celebrated to recognize the

gift of the Holy Spirit, realizing that God's very life, breath and energy lives in believers. During this service, [John 20:19-23](#) may be the core of the message about our risen Savior supernaturally appearing to the fear-laden disciples. Their fear gave way to joy when the Lord showed them His hands and side. He assured them peace and repeated the command given in [Matthew 28:19-20](#) saying; "as the Father has sent me, I am sending you." Then He breathed on them and they received the Holy Spirit ([John 20:21-23](#)). Please see next week's bulletin for more information on this special Sunday.



## Ascension of the Lord

The Feast of the Ascension remains a Holy Day of Obligation throughout the United States. The day on which it is celebrated, however, varies. The 40th day after [Easter Sunday](#) is always a Thursday, and the feast has traditionally been celebrated on that Thursday. However, because attendance at Ascension Thursday Masses had been falling for years, the bishops of the United States, in accordance with canon law, petitioned the Vatican to allow the celebration to be transferred to the following Sunday which is May 24 this year of 2009.

The Ascension of Our Lord, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven (Luke 24:51; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11).

The reality of the Ascension is so important that the creeds (the basic statements of belief) of Christianity all affirm, in the words of the [Apostles' Creed](#), that "He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead." The denial of the Ascension is as grave a departure from Christian teaching as is denial of Christ's Resurrection.

Christ's bodily Ascension foreshadows our own entrance into Heaven not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies, after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment. In redeeming mankind, Christ not only offered salvation to our souls but began the restoration of the material world itself to the glory that God intended before Adam's fall.

The Feast of the Ascension marks the beginning of the first novena, or nine days of prayer. Before His Ascension, Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit to His apostles. Their prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit, which began on Ascension Thursday, ended with the descent of the Holy Spirit on [Pentecost Sunday](#), ten days later.

## Pentecost Sunday

Red is the color for Pentecost which is May 31. Red Hat ladies celebrate with us in your special hats! We'll reserve the front pews for you! We would like to have everyone be a personal part of the liturgy - wear red!