

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

Envelopes (56)	\$1,406.00
Plate	\$ 257.80
Dukrana	\$ 599.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 294.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,556.80</b>
<b>Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>\$2,925.00</b>

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

Candles	\$ 10.59
Stipends	\$ 41.00
Youth Mission Trip	\$ 863.00
Plant Sales	\$ 60.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 974.59</b>

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

Food Shelf	\$ 25.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 448.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 473.00</b>

**Focus on the Word**

*"We're candles upon His altar, burning ourselves down. That changed my life."* She said it looking directly into my eyes. "Where did you hear that?" I asked. "Right here in this church. *You* said it, twenty-three years ago." "Really?" I couldn't believe it. "Sure, it changed my life inside out." It was the occasion of the golden jubilee of a parish where I had been pastor for a short time. I recognized the woman who shook my hands. I had no clue when and why I had said that sentence. She apparently had become a lay preacher modeled after the candle at the altar.

I was flattered that my preaching had a life-changing effect on someone and that she wanted me to know it. God's word is indeed powerful. "So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me void" (Is 55:11). That's why Jesus' disciples were mandated to focus on preaching the word rather than anything else like food, money, clothing, shelter, etc. (Mt 6:7-13). The Christian call is to be preachers of the word. Don't let anyone play down its importance. Apostle Paul said "... proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient" (2Tim 4:2). It's time we focused more on it setting aside superfluous diversions.

~Fr Xavier

**Pro-Life Corner**



Because of the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision, an unborn baby now has a legal status similar to what a black slave had under the 1857 *Dred Scott* decision. As with a black slave in the 19th century, the unborn baby now has no legal rights, and is the "property" of the owner (the mother). In fact, the unborn child is worse off since she can be killed, if the owner wishes, any time before birth. Today's Slave...The Unborn Child, pamphlet by Cincinnati Right to life

**Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life**

Will have a booth at the Chisago County Fair which is July 16-19 and we are looking for volunteers to work the booth. If you are interested in working at the booth to show your support for Life, please call Elaine Schneider at 320-358-4129 or sign up on the sheet in the back of the church. It is always a very interesting booth and a wonderful way to express your beliefs on life issues.



**Those Who Need Our Prayers**



Donna Weinreich, Christine Johnson, Ralph Anderson, Mary Ann Lunseth, Richard Zgonc, Walter Newton, Tom Reding, Colleen Larson, Jason Palme, Rose Perreault, Paulette Staples

**Prayer Corner**

We pray that God will continue to give us the strength and glory to continue to praise him every day and that he will continue to keep us safe, happy, and healthy.



## This Week at Sacred Heart

### Sunday, July 12

6:30 p.m. Gambler's Anonymous

### Tuesday, July 14

6:30 p.m. Parish Family Picnic Mtg

7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

### Wednesday, July 15

8:30-Noon Adoration

### Thursday, July 16

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

### Friday, July 17

7:15 p.m. Softball @ Rush City

*Laughter is an instant vacation*

### Happy Anniversary!

Craig and Judy Peterson (23 yrs)

Thomas and Shirley Solorz (54 yrs)

Mark and Mary Stenger (24 yrs)

David and Amy Prickett (37 yrs)

Wendell and Bonnie Swanson (31 yrs)

Gerald and Ramah Mattson (63 yrs)



### Mass Intentions

#### For the Week of July 12 - July 18, 2009

Tues. 8 a.m. Deceased Members of  
McDonald Family †

Wed. 8 a.m. Kathy Bourasa †

Thurs. 8 a.m. Frank Debevec †

Sat. 5 p.m. Chip Pearson †

Sun 9 a.m. Parishioners



### Free Kittens

If you are interested in a free kitty to bring into your home, please contact Sarah Roth at 320-358-4370 or 612-281-5661.

### Birthdays of the Week

**7-12** Georgia Buttgerreit, Julie Dosch, **7-13** Jax Bultoltz, **7-14** Richard Cukla, Caroline Kirchberg, Anika Kost, Garrett Larson, **7-15** Esther Blazek, **7-16** Ann Gibson, Alexander Nelson, Joseph Schoeberl, Michael Stenmo, **7-17** Mary Ann Lunseth, **7-18** Brandon Cook, Courtnie Peno

**Happy Birthday**

### Saints of the Week

**July 13** *Henry II*, † 1024; together with his wife, St. Cunegunda, he assisted the poor; as emperor, he respected the Church's freedom, fostering ecclesiastical and monastic reform; founded the See of Bamberg as a center for missions to the Slavs; patron of Finland and Benedictine Oblates.

**July 14** *Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin (USA)*, † 1680 at Caughnawaga, Québec, at age 24; led a life of great austerity and love in spite of ridicule and abuse; called "Lily of the Mohawks"; first native American to be declared "Blessed" (1980).

**July 15** *Bonaventure, bishop and doctor of the Church*, † 1274; O.F.M. minister general for 17 years; Cardinal bishop of Albano; authored biblical commentaries and many ascetical and spiritual treatises, esp. *Journey of the Soul into God*; known as the "Seraphic Doctor."

**July 16** *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*, the scriptures speak of the beauty of Mount Carmel in Galilee where the prophet Elijah defended the faith of Israel in the living God. There, at the beginning of the 13th c., under the title of "St. Mary of Mount Carmel," the Order of Carmelites (today numbering about 2,200 religious) had its formal beginning.

**July 18** *Camillus de Lellis, priest (USA)*, † 1614 at Rome; born at Chieti in the Abruzzi in 1550; soldier addicted to gambling; his conversion led him to found (1582) a society (Camillians), today numbering 1,000 religious, which established hospitals and cared for the sick with affection and diligence; patron of nurses, of the sick, and of hospitals.



### Parish Family Picnic

I hope you have all received the letter and information regarding the details of the church picnic. Please be sure to get your raffle ticket returned for a chance to win the cash prizes and please sign up at the back of the church as to whether or not you can make it. The next family picnic meeting is Tuesday, July 14. If you have questions or would like to become involved, please call Julie Dosch at 612-910-3019.

### Vocation Views

In today's First Reading, Amos says he did not choose to be a prophet. God selected him. Maybe God is asking you to reconsider what you are doing and do His work instead.

**\*\* Next Week Liturgical Roles \*\***  
**Saturday, July 18, 2009 5:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Alan Walz  
**Commentators:** Chelcie Gamache  
**Communion:** Chuck Debevec, Jeanne Kay,  
Laura Kay  
**Gifts:** Petschl Family  
**Ushers:** Jim Thorn, Dick Ordner,  
Al Petschl  
**Servers:** Heather Fisher, Sarah Gamache

**Sunday, July 19, 2009 9:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Brenda Dahl  
**Commentator:** Judy Anderson  
**Communion:** Sue Yanta, Jim Yanta,  
Elsie Moore  
**Gifts:** Peno Family  
**Ushers:** Craig Peterson, Ed Cunnien,  
Dennis Kaufmann  
**Servers:** Emma Peterson, Blake Minke



**Rummage Sale**

The dates of the Church of the Sacred Heart Rummage Sale are Friday, August 21 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. (early entry fee of \$1.00) and Saturday, August 22 from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. We are looking for volunteers

for the morning of August 15 to move and set up tables in the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds. We would also appreciate volunteers to help from noon to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 17 through Friday, August 21 with sorting, pricing, and setting up for the sale. Everyone can bring donations to the 4-H Building from noon to 7:00 p.m. starting Monday, August 17 through Thursday, August 20. On Friday, August 21, donations will be accepted from noon to 3:00 p.m. only. No appliances like computers, TVs, etc. please. For more information, call Judy Anderson at 320-358-3792.

**THANK YOU**

Our Teacher Appreciation Dinner went well. Thank you to Phyllis Keating for singing and playing for us. It was a great evening of fellowship. We missed all the teachers who were not with us.



I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Dukrana Celebrations. Debbie Prudhomme, Deacon Larry, and Marilynn Walker helped with organizing the liturgy. Mary and Al Petschl, Marilynn Walker, and Elaine Schneider worked hard in the kitchen to organize the food. It was a great event! Thank you all.  
Fr. Xavier

**Youth Mission Trip to Brooklyn, NY**  
**July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

This year's participants include: **Youth:** Jordyn Churchsmith, Garrett Churchsmith, Heather Herberg, Daniel Weber, Lauren Weber, Connor Sherrill, Mackenzie Sherrill, Taylor McFee, Chelcie Gamache, Randi Schoeberl, Linzy Potter, Keegan Frazier, Tom Jungels, Teri Jungels  
**Chaperones:** Beth Churchsmith, Dan Weber, Lil Jungels. Six youth and one adult chaperone from other parishes will be joining the group. Watch for more details in the bulletins)

**\*\*Please pray for the upcoming Mission to Brooklyn, NY\*\***

**Faith Formation Update**

Faith Formation classes will begin on Wednesday, September 16, 2009. And, Sunday's Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of four teachers for our upcoming year.

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade,
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade
- Sunday's Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Confirmation Coordinator to work with administrative and other support details

You will not find a ministry that is more rewarding than working with the future of our Church and helping them to establish a faith filled life and way and to pass on our wonderful Catholic Traditions. Our Faith Formation program has been blessed with many parishioners in the past who volunteered their time and talent and we are praying those blessings continue. Please contact Debbie Prudhomme at 612-849-8830 or Brenda Dahl at 320-267-0369 if you would like more information.

## Summer 2009 Retreat

### Living From the Heart of Prayer

Guided Retreat with Mary White, OSB

**August 23 to 29, 2009**

A prayerful life is one of Sabbath rest, compassion and justice-making. Prayer brings genuine happiness, even in times of suffering. Prayer does not require perfection. Rather it endears us to our own weaknesses and those of others because it knows the power of vulnerability. Sister Mary will draw upon classics of the Christian contemplative tradition, including Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, the Cloud of Unknowing, as well as the Gospels. Please see the bulletin board for the registration form and complete details.

### Rush City Food Shelf

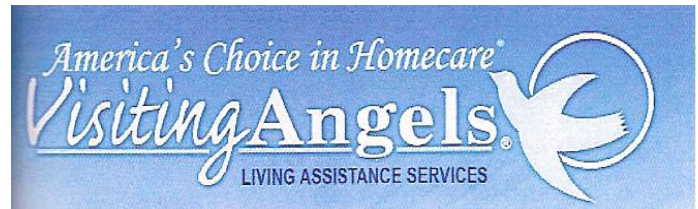
The Rush City Food Shelf will again be participating in the Chisago County Fair Parade on Saturday, July 18th at 3:00 p.m. Please help the food shelf by bringing a non-perishable food item to the parade. Some of the youth from Rush City will be pushing grocery carts to collect food items. Cash donations will also be accepted. Thank you for your support.

### Help Minnesota Food Share Spread the Word

When school is out, many low income children and teens lose access to school-furnished free and reduced cost lunches. However, you can help spread the word about alternative summer lunch programs. For more steps you can take to support this effort, click on the congregational outreach flyer at [www.gmcc.org/foodshare/summerfood](http://www.gmcc.org/foodshare/summerfood). See bulletin board for details.

### Rules and Regulations of the Cemetery

The Cemetery Board of St. Joseph's Cemetery of St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church, North Branch, MN has revised the Rules and Regulations of the Cemetery. Enforcement of the revised Rules and Regulations will begin July 5, 2009. We have a copy here in the Parish House and additional copies are available by calling St. Gregory's Catholic Church at 651-674-4056 or by e-mail at [stjosephcemetery@stgregorynb.org](mailto:stjosephcemetery@stgregorynb.org). Thank you for your assistance.



When you need care for a loved one, you want the agency you choose to be deep in home care experience. Visiting Angels home care agencies have served tens of thousands of client families from Visiting Angels locations across the United States (each office is independently owned and operated). There is a location in Cambridge, MN and you can visit them at [www.visitingangels.com](http://www.visitingangels.com). For more details, please see brochure on the bulletin board.

### Natural Family Planning Awareness Week July 19-25, 2009

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis wants us all remember that God entrusted men and women with the gift of being co-creators and that children are the supreme gift of marriage. Let's all unite together in prayer that God bless all married couples with the grace and strength needed to do his will, raising up holy families through this creative plan. Let it be proclaimed in truth and love, "responsible parenthood" requires that "each and every marriage act must remain open to the transmission of life." (Catechism #2366-2368). Natural Family Planning respects the unitive aspect of marriage making it a moral choice for fertility treatment. For more information, visit [www.archspm.org/family](http://www.archspm.org/family) or call 651-291-4489.



### Relay for Life of Chisago County

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life event is July 24 - July 25, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. at Almelund Threshing Grounds. This event is open to the public and is an opportunity to celebrate those who are battling cancer, to remember those who have lost the fight, and to fight back as a community against cancer! To form a team or for more information, please contact Martha Arnold at 651-428-1795 or [MarthaArnold@frontiernet.net](mailto:MarthaArnold@frontiernet.net). The website is [www.RelayForLife.org/ChisagoMN](http://www.RelayForLife.org/ChisagoMN). Please see flyer on bulletin board for more details.