

April 4, 2010

Easter Sunday



Happy Easter to all of you. A warm welcome to anyone visiting and participating in our liturgical celebration this weekend. I am just a few days new here and I want to say thank you to those of you who have extended a warm word of welcome to me as I settle in. I want to thank in a special way all those who have made our Holy Triduum services such special celebrations. I look forward in working together with most of you in the future and making our worship even better in the years to come.

I fly to my native country Kenya on Monday, till April 29th and I will be looking forward to my coming back to begin my new assignment, hopefully rejuvenated. My first priority when I come back is to start familiarizing with most of you parishioners and get to know each other better, as much as that is possible. When I left Grand Rapids Parish, they gave me a fishing rod and a life jacket, hoping I might get on Leech Lake. Since I have no boat and I am not so good in fishing, I hope someone will take me there sometime and that way I get to know someone at least. I am looking forward also in meeting with our trustees, the pastoral and finance council members, as well as any other groups that might be in existence within the parish in view of working together in making our two parishes a welcoming and better place of worship.

Looking at our bulletin, I realize how blessed this parish has been with various programs that we can all continue to build upon. It's my hope and prayer together we can honestly look at where we have been, where we are right now, and where we want to be as a community of believers guided by the principles of our Christian faith and Catholic heritage in all aspects. Please join me as your priest, first in prayers and dedication to our various unique responsibilities and ministries in continuing building-up a harmonious community of believers as Christ prayed that 'all be one' even with our God freely given diverse view of things. Peace!

Fr. Francis Kabiru

EASTER SUNDAY IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS. The death and resurrection of Jesus is without a doubt the most important event that has ever happened in the history of the earth. Jesus rose from death on a Sunday. That changed the first day of the week forever. Before the resurrection, Sunday was just the first day back to work or school... like Monday is to us now. After the resurrection, Sunday became the Lord's day. Every Sunday is a little Easter.

FIRST COMMUNION—SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH AT 10 A.M. AT ST. AGNES—Please keep the children in your prayers as they make their preparation for the reception of Holy Communion.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The First Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Novena prayers are available in the St. Agnes Narthex for those interested in the Nine Day Novena that began Good Friday.



This Week's Schedule of Events

Saturday	HOLY SATURDAY	4/3
Walker	11:00 a.m. Confession	
Walker	1:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food	
Hackensack	8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass—All Parishioners	
Sunday	EASTER SUNDAY	4/4
		
Hackensack	8:30 a.m. Mass—Intention for Easter Flower Memorial	
Walker	10:00 a.m. Mass—Intention for Easter Flower Memorial	
Walker	11:00 a.m. Coffee in Social Hall—All are welcome!	
Monday	MONDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	4/5
Hackensack	2:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Rosary Prayer Group	
Walker	6:30 p.m. Women's Lamb of God Prayer Group	
Tuesday	TUESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	4/6
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration	
Walker	6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study	
Wednesday	WEDNESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	4/7
Hackensack	10:00 a.m. Craft Wednesday	
Walker	3:30 p.m. Diving Deeper	
Thursday	THURSDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	4/8
Walker	7:30 a.m. Men's Cursillo Meeting	
Friday	FRIDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	4/9
Saturday	SATURDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	4/10
Walker	2:00 a.m. Sacrament of Penance	
Hackensack	3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance	
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Mass—Roman & Lillian Meuwissen	
Walker	5:30 p.m. Mass—Intention for Martha Arndt	
Sunday	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	4/11
Hackensack	8:30 a.m. Mass—Intention for Ralph E. Hackman	
Walker	10:00 a.m. Mass—Intention for Mickey Jones	
Walker	11:00 a.m. Coffee in Social Hall—All are welcome!	

AN APPRECIATION LUNCHEON—for retiring Sacred Heart CCW President Virgie Tostenson—is planned for Wednesday, April 14th at the Dancing Fire Restaurant in Walker. The luncheon will follow our regular 10 a.m. meeting.

All CCW ladies are welcome to attend to show our appreciation for Virgie's six years of dedicated and exceptional leadership. Please call Bev Egan at 218-363-2686 or Joanne Johnson at 218-675-6876 if you are able to attend.

Upcoming Events

Key: S.A. = St. Agnes & S.H. = Sacred Heart

- APRIL**
- 12 Angels of St. Agnes at 9:30 a.m.
 - 12 St. Agnes Pastoral Council at 5:30 p.m.
 - 14 CCW Mtg. & Appreciation Luncheon (Please see bulletin announcement.)
 - 14 Youth Ministry Night at 5:30 p.m. at S.A.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS....



- ✚ Tracy Styf—daughter of Charlyne LaVoie—and her fiancé—John, who was diagnosed March 5th with Stage 3 Colon Cancer. Their wedding was scheduled for August, but is now on hold. An Oncology appointment is this Wednesday to determine future treatment.
- ✚ Kathy Ihrke, who is in hospice at home and thankfully receiving good care.

The Women's Lamb of God Prayer Group—will meet Monday, April 5th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Agnes in the Social Hall. Please bring your Bible and join us. For questions contact Rosemary at 547-1509.

SACRED HEART CCW—The Brainerd Deanery Spring Convention will be held at St. Edwards in Longville on April 20th. Registration is at 9 a.m. The cost is \$10 and is paid for by the CCW.

If you plan to attend, please call Bev Egan at 218-363-2686 no later than April 11th.

SACRED HEART INFORMATION—If you are homebound and would like Holy Communion brought to you; please contact Joanne Johnson. at 675-6876 or Joan Rueter at 682-2324.

 **Last Week's Collections** 

March 27th & 28th

	Walker	Hackensack
Plate:	\$729	\$534
Envelope:	\$1,203	\$1,191
St. Agnes Building		
Balance Remaining:	\$283,231.72	
Building Fund:	..\$310	

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR

YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHT

Wednesday April 14th 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.
All Grades 7-12 Welcome

DIVING DEEPER

FIRST COMMUNION/FIRST RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, April 7th 3:30-5:00 p.m.

PLEASE KEEP OUR 2ND GRADERS IN YOUR PRAYERS...
as they are fast approaching their First Reconciliation and First Communion. First Reconciliation will be held on Saturday, April 24th as a part of the class retreat. First Communion will be held on Sunday, April 25th in Walker at 10 a.m.

**LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS
Mark Your Calendars Now!**

D-Week: June 15th—18th

High School Students Dive Deep into your faith here! Registration Fee: \$175-Includes all meals, lodging, and a really cool T-shirt!

Totus Tuus: July 24th—30th

Grades 1-6 Monday-Friday 9am-3pm
Jr. High/ Sr. High Sunday-Thursday 7:30 p.m. to 9:40 p.m.

Stuebenville: July 30th—August 1st

High School Youth Conference held in St. Paul at Macalster College. Housing will be in the student dorms at the University of St. Thomas. Registration Fee: \$165-Includes meals, housing, and conference fees

Camp Survive: August 8th—12th

Summer Camp designed for those students who have completed grades 6-8
Registration Fee: \$210- Includes all meals, lodging and a really cool T-shirt!

**FOR QUESTIONS, IDEAS, OR COMMENTS
ON YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Contact Anna Frost or Jennifer Arnold at the parish office 218-547-1054, or e-mail us at: anna@walkercatholic.org or jennifer@walkercatholic.org

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP—St. Joseph's Hospice—of Park Rapids—has a Grief Support Group at Hope Lutheran Church in Walker on the first Tuesday of the month from 2-3:30 p.m. For questions contact Laurel Hed at 218-237-5744

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING APRIL 6, 2010—

“Living as a Beloved Daughter of God.”

A faith sharing Catholic bible study for women to help grow in their relationship with God and with one another. This study will be on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Rosemary Ellis's. Please bring your Bible. Please contact Rosemary ASAP at 547-1509 to sign up or for more information.

ST. AGNES MUSIC MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS—

Contact the parish office A.S.A.P. if you may be able to help with the music ministry program. For example: learn to run the Clavinova; be a song leader; and/or play a musical instrument such as a guitar or piano.

FUNDRAISER FOR FAITH IN ACTION FOR CASS COUNTY—COMPASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS SERVING PEOPLE IN NEED.—It's an Evening of Country Music at the Northern Lights Convention Center in Walker on Thursday, April 8, 2010 from 7 to 10 p.m.

Enjoy performances by Country Jim Allen, Lois Holleman, Slight-of-hand Magician—Jordan Robinson, and the Red Cedar Lake Band. Call Faith in Action at 866-675-5435 for more information.

**SENIOR DRIVER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
AT SACRED HEART IN HACKENSACK**

April 22nd 4 Hr Refresher Course Noon to 4 p.m.

This Driver Improvement course is open to the public; and pre-registration is required. Driver safety, confidence, and comfort are taught by a MN Highway Safety & Research Center “certified” instructor.

The 4 hour. Refresher course is \$18. Persons age 55 and older who complete the course qualify for a ten percent discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years. Repeat persons are required to take a four hour refresher course. For more information or to register call TOLL FREE 1-(888)-234-1294.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE! You can go online to see the bulletin if you are unable to attend.

The website addresses for the parishes are:

www.StAgnesCatholic.org &
www.HackensackCatholic.org

2010 St. Agnes Pastoral Council Candidate Profiles

There are three terms expiring on the St. Agnes Pastoral Council. The election will be the weekend of April 24 & 25, 2010 and you may vote for up to three people at that time. This is the list of our current candidates and it will be updated as we get more.



Don Carlson

My name is Don Carlson. I have been a member of St. Agnes for the past 32 years. I have served on the parish council in the past. I was a school administrator for 30 years and worked with student-teachers and the public. I will help our parish grow and improve.



Skip Duchesneau

My name is Skip Duchesneau. I have been a member of St. Agnes Church for 22 years and have served on the parish council once before. I was the chair of the building committee and feel with my knowledge on construction and getting things done I would be able to help guide the committee to making good decisions in helping our parish grow.



Greg Smith

My name is Greg Smith and I am honored to be running for a seat on the St. Agnes Pastoral Council. My wife, Gina, and I moved with our children, Jacob, Adam, and MaryJo, to Walker two years ago this May. We most-recently lived in Mantorville, MN, near Rochester. I'm able to work from home for IBM, and am in the process of opening Leech Lake Brewing Company here in Walker. I became a Catholic eighteen years ago following a wonderful RCIA experience, just before Gina and I got married. I have been active in parish life ever since, including a three-year term on the Pastoral Council at Holy Family Church in Kasson, MN. If elected, I will work to promote the spiritual growth of our community, and financial discipline for our parish. Thank you.



Wendy Navratil

My name is Wendy Navratil. I became a member of St. Agnes Church in 1991 and the following year married my husband, Scott. We are blessed with two boys, Cullen and Kade. I am presently working full time for the First National Bank of Walker and have been employed there since 2005. I've gained knowledge and experience working in bookkeeping and customer service and in my current position as Loan Operations Department Manager. Prior to this my husband and I co-owned and operated Y Mart/Y Bait convenience store. I am proud to have assisted in religious education at St. Agnes. I have actively taught religious education, release time and vacation bible school. The past three years I have served on the Church Auction Finance Committee. I would be honored to serve as your Parish Council Representative for St. Agnes. I will faithfully listen and present both your ideas and concerns to the board. Thank you and God Bless You.

**If you wish to have your name included on the ballot,
notify the parish office by noon on Tuesday, April 20th.**

Write-Ins will also be accepted.

St. Agnes
2010 Easter Flower Memorial

Newell Ellis Family

Joe & Ann Majcin Family

Tony & Ann Mysc Family

Nick Pulezinski Family

Floyd & Melvina Randall

Milton Spaulding

Deceased family and friends of
Gordy & Mary Tideman

