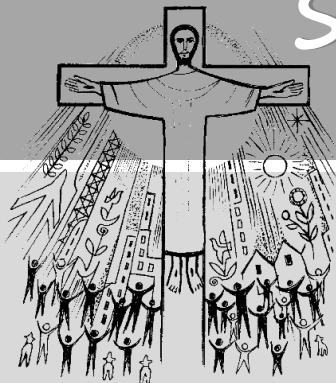


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OUR MISSION STATEMENT: We, the parishioners of St. Agnes and Sacred Heart, are inspired by the Word of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist. We strive to use our time, talents and resources to become a real presence of Christ. Our mission is to reach people for God, to welcome them into His Holy Church and to lovingly strengthen and support them as we journey toward our eternal home.

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

PLEASE PRAY...

✠ For our students who will be receiving 1st Holy Communion on May 22nd: Austyn, Clay, Gretchen, Jeremy, Lizzie, Maggie, and Taylor

✠ For our 11th Graders who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 24th: Brenna, Brittany, Cole, Dylan, Hannah, Jordan, and Mariah

✠ For the Moto Hope Mission as it forms its Board and plans its first event and also for all who will be benefited by these efforts

✠ That world leaders may pursue the path of true peace, which is based on justice and the protection of human rights

✠ That all followers of Jesus may actively oppose abortion, euthanasia, and all assaults on human dignity

May 14th & 15th, 2011

SACRAMENTS AHEAD—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

THANKS BE TO GOD!

After months of preparation and prayers, First Holy Communion and Confirmation are just around the corner! Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the following parish-wide celebrations:



1ST COMMUNION

May 22nd, 2011
During the 10:00 am Mass
At St. Agnes

A cake and punch reception will follow in the Social Hall. **All parishioners** are encouraged to attend to congratulate our new Communicants!

CONFIRMATION

May 24th, 2011
Mass at 6:30 pm
At St. Agnes

A reception with supper and cake will follow in the Social Hall. **All parishioners** are encouraged to attend to meet our Bishop and congratulate our Confirmands!



A NOTE FROM FATHER FRANCIS

Dear Parishioners,

Today's "Praying the Mass Anew" insert is entitled "Introducing the Mass." Have you ever wondered why the "Greeting" at the beginning of Mass is "The Lord be with you," or other similar words? Is it possible for the priest's greeting simply to be "Good Morning?" Today's insert speaks of the importance of the Greeting and how the response to it by the people is meant to lead us into a deeper encounter with God.

Please take time to read this important article.

I want to thank all those who voted last Sunday in our **Pastoral and Finance Council elections**. All of the candidates received a very significant number of votes, hence after consultation, I have decided to allow them all to serve in the respective councils for certain terms to be communicated to them individually.

In the first ever Finance Council elections, we welcome new members, **Bryan Schliet, Guy LaFortaine, Kay Arnold and Roger Nister**. I want to thank the current members **Mike Elsenpeter, Lois Orton, Tony Doughty, and Mike Smith** for their expertise and commitment in helping me and my predecessor pastors remain good stewards of the parish resources over the years. I certainly believe, with the new elected members, we will be able to work together even better for the common good of all and in keeping in line with the our mission statement which is basically the mission of the Catholic Church, the Mission of Jesus Christ.

Congratulations to the new members of our Pastoral Council, **Dalma Fabijanac, Kathleen Ostlund and Paul Jaeger**. Many thanks also to **Rosemary Ellis** who is leaving her role in the Pastoral Council after serving 2 terms!

As a reminder, all parishioners should be receiving information regarding the **2011 United Catholic Appeal** for our diocese by mail shortly, if you haven't received it already. If you do not receive this important mailing, please feel free to pick up information in the Narthex or notify Lori in the office. Thanks to all for your generosity in working towards our parish stewardship goals.

Finally, please pray for me this week as I am beginning classes towards a Certification in Spiritual Direction and Counseling and will be **out of the office** this Monday, May 16th through the Friday, May 20th. Pete, Lori, or Joanne will be able to direct you as needed while I am in Chicago.

- Fr. Francis

P.S. Check next weekend's bulletin for information regarding our new **directory**. Pictures will be taken on July 14-16 and 28-30 at St. Agnes and July 20-23 at Sacred Heart.

KENYAN MISSION OUTREACH

MOTO HOPE MISSION—WE REACH OUT. WE EMPOWER.

Please pray for the Moto Hope Mission! Watch the bulletin for more information regarding June 11th and June 18th events. If you would like more information, check out:

www.motohopemission.com



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEE OUR PARISH CALENDARS FOR MAY 2011 FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS. DEADLINE FOR JUNE CALENDAR IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 25TH.

DO YOU HAVE AN INTENTION FOR OUR PRAYER CHAINS?

For St. Agnes: Call Betty Meeks at 547-1347 or (alternate) Zola Bleth at 547-2239.

For Sacred Heart: Call Joan Rueter at 682-2324 or (alternate) Lucille Abbott at 675-6102.



ST. AGNES SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP



All parishioners and visitors are invited to join us in the Social Hall after Sunday Mass for coffee and rolls; we would like to get to know you!

Thanks to Greg & Gina Smith family for serving coffee this weekend!

SACRED HEART CLEAN UP DAY

Will be May 17th beginning at 9am. Lots of help is needed; please plan to attend!

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN MEETING

The May CCW Meeting will be Wednesday, the 18th at 10:00 am at Sacred Heart. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR FOR WOMEN



Our Lady of the Lakes Walker Area Chapter of Magnificat is presenting a one-day "Life in the Spirit" seminar for women on Saturday, May 21 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at Saint Agnes in Walker. A free will offering will be accepted. Please bring a sack lunch. To register, call Betty (218) 675-6180 or email garoutte@tds.net

THANKS FROM CCW

A big thank you to all who offered prayers for the success of the Brainerd Deanery CCW Convention held last Tuesday at Sacred Heart and all who were able to attend!



It turned out to be a wonderfully spirit filled event thanks to so many--the ladies who cooked and served coffee, rolls and a beautiful lunch and all those who handled the many miscellaneous assignments.

We owe a big debt of gratitude to Ken LaBore who has recorded the event in an awesome slide show on the church's website. Also, many, many thanks to the musicians who added such a prayerful background to a most inspiring and beautiful Mass offered by Father Francis and Father Paul Fruth, assisted by Deacon Hap Ramsey. Thank you Father Francis and Deacon Ramsey for your heartwarming support.

God Bless, The Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

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YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL YOUTH

SERVERS: The date for the Twins game has been set! Thanks to the generosity of the Knights of Columbus, any servers who are signed up for at least 6 Masses before July 31st are eligible to attend the KC's Twins Day at Target Field on **June 12, 2011**. All who attended Server Training will be receiving information in the mail. Any youth who would like to sign up to serve should contact Lori to check for available dates. **THANKS to the Knights for covering tickets, transportation, and meals to and from the game!**



7TH-12TH GRADERS

YOUTH GROUP is on for this week! See you for supper at 5:30 on 5/18. Also, mark your calendars for 5/24 (Confirmation); we'll need your help!

CONFIRMANDS: If you have not already, make your interview appointment with Fr. Francis ASAP! He is out of town this week, so you need to meet with him on 5/21 or 5/22. If you did not mail your letter to Bishop this past week, you need to send it ASAP! Finally, your service hour log is due! Drop it off in the office this week. Remember, you need to be at the church by 4:30 on May 24th.



SUMMER EVENTS: D-Week (10-12th graders), Camp Survive (6-8th graders), and Steubenville (9-12th graders) are just around the corner! Check out the Youth Board for dates and info; registration is due soon!

K-6TH GRADERS

THANKS FOR A WONDERFUL PICNIC! To all who joined us this past Wednesday, THANK YOU! It was great to see so many youngsters and their families! A special thanks to Carol Howard for leading our younger students this year and Confirmand Brittany Erickson for being my right-hand lady with the older kids! Please plan to attend Totus Tuus (July 11-15) this summer!

PARENTS OF 1ST COMMUNION STUDENTS: Please have your child at the church by 9:30 next Sunday! And plan to stay for cake after Mass :)



ATTENTION MOMS (AND GRANDMAS) OF BABIES—4TH GRADERS

We are exploring the possibility of offering a Mom's Group during the summer months for women with young children. This would be a fun, informal playgroup for kids with time to share and support each other as moms through a book or bible study. We hope to offer at least one 6-week session (meeting weekly or bi-monthly during June-August). Your input is needed! If you would like to participate, please contact Lori using the email address below to choose a day and time to meet. Child-care helpers will also be needed!

HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUTH ACTIVITIES?
PLEASE CONTACT LORI AT DRE@STAGNESCATHOLIC.COM

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PRO-LIFE INFORMATION

WEEK 8: "IS ANYTHING TOO WONDERFUL FOR OUR GOD?"

This weekly pro-life education tool will follow the development of a child in the womb from now till Christmas.



This week, Lucy begins to move her appendages! Lucy's arms are bending and flexing like a child taking a Karate class, her fingers are developing and will soon become her first toy. She looks to be quite the little swimmer and gymnast – getting ready for the 2028 Olympics, perhaps? Lucy's mother is also noticing changes in her body; it is likely that her hair is especially silky and her fingernails are longer and stronger than ever before!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN FOR WAPSC

Beginning on Mother's Day, the Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center is asking for your help by collecting your "loose change". Baby Bottles for collecting change are available for pick-up in the Narthex. Last year, with your help, the center raised nearly \$5,800! Please return your baby bottle to the Narthex during Father's Day weekend, June 19th. Thanks for your support!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

JESUS IS THIRSTING FOR YOU!



"It is there in His Eucharist that He says to me: "I thirst, thirst for your love, your sacrifices, your sufferings. I thirst for your happiness, for it was to save you that I came into the world, that I suffered and died on the Cross, and in order to console and strengthen you I left you the Eucharist. So you have there all My life, all My tenderness." - Mother Mary of Jesus, foundress of the Sisters of Marie Reparatrice

Resolve to spend time with our Eucharistic Lord during this Easter season. Sacred Heart has a **Holy Hour each Tuesday** from 4:00 to 5:00 pm and St. Agnes has Jesus exposed Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in our **Adoration Chapel** beginning at 8:30 Tuesday mornings through 3:00 Wednesday afternoons. Additional adores are always welcome and needed!

AREA CHURCH EVENT

WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN TOUR

Internationally Renowned Christian Musician John Michael Talbot will offer prayer, music and Christian mediation on May 23, 24, 25 at St Christopher's Catholic Church in Nisswa starting at 7:00 each evening. John Michael's ministry has blessed millions over the past 35 years and thousand of lives have been transformed in a deeper personal relationship with Jesus. See flyer in the Narthex for details.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CAREGIVER DISCUSSION GROUP

If you are caring for a friend or relative who is chronically ill, frail or elderly, join us for coffee, cookies, and conversation. Our next meeting will be 10:00 am, Tuesday, May 17th at the Warehouse at 301 Norway in Pine River. Topic is, "The Family Meeting". The group provides education and support for caregivers, and opportunities to share with other caregivers in a confidential setting. There is no charge, no membership responsibilities, and no one will make you talk. For more information, call Theresa at 218-675-5435. Caregivers Need Care Too!

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