

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 25 & 26, 2010

A NOTE FROM FATHER FRANCIS

This week, I received a memo from our Bishop Most Reverend Paul Sirba informing me that all Catholic households in the Diocese of Duluth will be receiving a letter and a DVD from him sometime next month geared towards engaging all us Catholic faithful in a public debate on issues of marriage. The content of the DVD is a call for Catholics to remain vigilant in defense of marriage between one man and one woman. As you will be able to read in the letter from the Bishop, he clearly reminds us that, “as Catholics, we are unabashedly *Pro-life* and *Pro-love*.” Our Parish is so blessed to have a very active pro-life members who work tirelessly in support for life and have organized an Ecumenical Prayer Vigil, 40 Days for Life. I encourage everyone as they have been asking us to join them in their efforts to keep vigil in prayers, but also to deepen our understanding of the issues surrounding the importance of protecting those most vulnerable among us, especially the unborn. The election season is on, and as faithful citizens, we are once again called upon to exercise our democratic rights to make decisions that are guided by our faith and convictions, and to choose the right people who represent the ideals of the Gospel we all profess.

On a different note, as you are all aware our Bishop has asked all parishes to continue taking head counts in all Masses to aid in diocesan long-term planning. We have been doing this since this past May and will continue till May next year. One of the concerns I have encountered so far, and people have been asking me about it, is the issue of the Mass times between our two parishes. The time between Hackensack and Walker is **only ½ hour** which has been making me rush back to Walker without visiting with people in Hackensack. (*Thank God I haven't gotten a ticket in the rush... 'knock on the wood'!*) Next month, we are going to have our Annual Joint Pastoral Council meeting and one of our main agenda items will be to talk about the possibility of changing those Mass times and **if** need be, in the winter time, reduce Masses from **four to three** between the two Churches. Just to be clear on this point, any necessary changes will be discussed by our both Pastoral Councils and voted on ahead of time as any schedule changes would not begin until **Fall 2011**. Please feel free to share your concerns with me or any members of your respective Parish Councils.

Lastly, for those who are volunteering to teach our young people, **PLEASE** make an effort to attend our training session this Sunday night at **6 p.m.** at St. Agnes. It's important for volunteers to be there so that we can all begin on the same page.

Fr. Francis

Magnificat © “Let Your Faith Be Your Strength”—Ladies, Mark Your Calendars!!!

Our Lady of the Lakes Walker Area Chapter of Magnificat will have Toni Morrison as our guest speaker at our **MAGNIFICAT DINNER ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2010**. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Chase on the Lake (502 CLEVELAND BLVD ~ WAKER, MN). **Please check future bulletins for more details.**

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 26—OCTOBER 3, 2010:

Sunday—Am 6:1a,4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31
Monday—Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd,2-3,6-7; Lk 9:46-50; see 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 9:35-38
Tuesday—Jb 3:1-3,11-17,20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday—Dn 7:9-10,13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Thursday—Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9c,13-14; Lk 10:1-12; see Tm 3:14-17; Mt 13:47-52
Friday—Jb 38:1,12-21;40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3,7-10,13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16; see Is 66:10-14c; Mt 18:1-5
Saturday—Jb 42:1-3,5-6,12-17; Ps 119:66,71,75,91,125,130; Mt 18:1-5,10; see Ex23:20-23
Next Sunday—Hb1:2-3;2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2,6-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8,13-14; Lk 17:5-10



This Week's Schedule of Events

Saturday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9/25
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Mass—Intention for Bob Loew	
Walker	5:30 p.m. Mass—Intention for All Parishioners	
Sunday	26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9/26
Hackensack	8:30 a.m. Mass—Roman & Lillian Meuwissen	
Walker	10:00 a.m. Mass—Special Intention	
Walker	11:00 a.m. Coffee in Social Hall	
Monday	SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL	9/27
Hackensack	2:00 p.m. S.H. Rosary Prayer Group	
Tuesday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9/28
Walker	7:35 a.m. Rosary before Mass	
Walker	8:00 a.m. Mass—Intention for Gary & Carrie Kemp	
Walker	8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration to 3 p.m. Wednesday	
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration to 5 p.m.	
Walker	6:30 p.m. Faith Formation—Fr. Zeck Speaking	
Walker	6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Rosemary's	
Wednesday	SAINT MICHAEL, SAINT GABRIEL, & SAINT RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS	9/29
Walker	8:00 a.m. Mass—Special Intention	
Walker	5:30 p.m. Youth Group for Grades 7—12	
Thursday	SAINT JEROME	9/30
Walker	7:30 a.m. Men's Cursillo Meeting	
Walker	8:00 a.m. Mass—Intention for Luella Renowski	
Friday	SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS	10/1
Hackensack	8:00 a.m. Mass—Roman & Lillian Meuwissen	
Saturday	GUARDIAN ANGELS	10/2
Walker	11:00 a.m. Sacrament of Penance	
Hackensack	3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance	
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Mass—Special Intention	
Walker	5:30 p.m. Mass—Intention for Mary Lou Campbell	
Sunday	27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10/3
Hackensack	8:30 a.m. Mass—Intention for All Parishioners	
Walker	10:00 a.m. Mass—Intention for Margaret Howard	
Walker	11:00 a.m. Coffee in Social Hall	

MASS INTENTIONS
If you have an intention; please let Fr. Francis know through the parish office.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME AT SACRED HEART—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10TH AFTER THE 8:30 A.M MASS—ALL ARE INVITE FOR COFFEE, ROLLS, AND A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP IN THE SOCIAL HALL.

Upcoming Events

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

OCTOBER

- 04 S.H. and S.A. Pastoral Council Mtgs. at 5:30 p.m. at S.H.
- 04 Jt Pastoral Council Mtg. at 6 p.m. at S.H.
- 04 Women's Lamb of God Prayer Group at 6:30 p.m. at S.A.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS....

- ✠ Jim Aletto passed away last Sunday. His funeral Mass was celebrated last Thursday at St. Agnes. Please pray for his wife Barb and family as they go through this difficult time of loss.
- ✠ Ben Walker Wade; who was baptized last Sunday at St. Agnes.
- ✠ Pray for the soul of Gloria Canney, wife of Don Canney, who makes us those nice knives for the St. Agnes Auction. Pray for Don & family as they go through this difficult time of loss.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE

Please submit announcements by 10 a.m. on Wednesday by email to: stagnes@avig.net or call Michelle at the parish office at 547-1054.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PASTIE SALE

Saturday and Sunday, October 2nd & 3rd at both parishes after the Masses. Pasties are \$4, and monies raised go toward their Scholarship Fund.

2010 UCA Update	
St. Agnes.....	Goal—\$29,405
.....	YTD—\$10,390..35%
Sacred Heart..	Goal—\$21,565
.....	YTD—\$ 7,913...36%

Last Week's Collections  

	Walker	Hackensack
Plate:	\$1,379	\$1,052
Envelope:	\$1,649	\$1,386
St. Agnes Building		
Balance Remaining: \$259,984.71		

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS*Know God. Love God. Serve God.*7TH-12TH GRADERS

Youth Group is off to a great start and we would love to have you join us each Wednesday during the school year! Supper is served at 5:30 p.m. followed by a short, interactive lesson, and time for fellowship and fun! We typically finish around 7:15 p.m.

Church Release Sessions for high school students will be on October 20th, November 17th, February 9th, and March 23rd. These Retreat Days will consist of talks, small group discussions, activities, and celebration of the Sacraments. Key topics include: What We Believe, Celebrating the Christian Mystery, Life in Christ, and Christian Prayer. **We are still in need of small group leaders for these High School sessions.**

Diocesan Youth Events; there are several throughout the school year. For registration or more info on any event, contact Lori Westland. Here is a quick preview:

THE SOURCE YOUTH RALLY (7TH-12TH)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16TH. 12 NOON—9 P.M. AT THE COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA IN DULUTH. COST IS \$10 FOR RALLY PLUS \$5 FOR TRANSPORTATION.

CONFIRMATION RETREATS

Students preparing for Confirmation are required to attend one of the following retreats: OCTOBER 22ND & 23RD (PINE CITY) DECEMBER 3RD & 4TH (BRAINERD), FEBRUARY 26TH & 26TH (DULUTH), OR MARCH 26TH & 26TH (HIBBING). ALL RETREATS BEGIN AT 7 P.M. ON FRIDAY EVENING AND END AFTER MASS ON SATURDAY (5:30-6:00). COST IS \$35.

CHAOS! SENIOR HIGH YOUTH RALLIES (9TH-12TH)

SATURDAYS: NOVEMBER 20TH, JANUARY 22ND, MARCH 5TH BEGINNING AT 6:15 P.M. AT ST. LAWRENCE, DULUTH. COST IS FOR TRANSPORTATION ONLY AND DEPENDANT ON THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ATTENDING.

ALL CATECHISTS (Teachers, helpers, and other volunteers): Please plan to attend a **Training Session this Sunday, September 26th from 6-8 p.m. at St. Agnes.** Diocesan Safe Environment requirements will be fulfilled for all attendees as well as training for the upcoming year's class sessions and youth events.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUTH ACTIVITIES, PLEASE CONTACT LORI WESTLAND IN THE PARISH OFFICE AT 547-1054 OR DRE@STAGNECATHOLIC.COM.

DETAILS FOR K-6TH IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

FAITH FORMATION—TALK: “LEARN TO DISCERN”

The Faith Formation of our parishes has invited Fr. George Zeck of Lake Country parishes to speak on **Tuesday, September 28th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on at St. Agnes in Walker.** Fr. Zeck will inform us and help us initially understand the varied concepts and dangers of “New Age” doctrines. You are encouraged to bring your bibles. There will be overviews on “reiki”, energy medicine, crystals, yoga, and Wicca during the presentations and compare them with the teachings of Sacred Scripture, the teachings of the Catholic Church, and the Catholic catechism. If time does permit, Father Zeck will also give the Catholic teaching on deliverance and exorcism.

WOMEN OF ST. AGNES AND SACRED HEART—

October 12—14, 2010 is the date for our Midweek Retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center at Buffalo, MN. Theme: *JESUS HEALS OUR DARKNESS.* This retreat focuses on the healing strength that Jesus desires for us and the invitation to become people of hope in a world filled with darkness and despair. Questions, call Joan Rueter, 682-2324; for reservations, 763-682-1394.

NORTH COUNTRY REGIONAL HOSPITAL PETAL PROGRAM—Parents Embracing Time After Loss—

Is hosting the 3rd Annual Walk to Remember on Saturday, October 2nd. Everyone is encouraged to walk for the steps their baby never got to take, or to support those who have experienced this loss. For questions call 218-751-5430.



Sessions are on Mondays & Thursdays at 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart in Hackensack
For questions call: Julie at 218-682-2803

HOMEBOUNDED MINISTRY—If you are homebound, or you know someone who needs to be visited, please contact Fr. Francis at 547-1054, Deacon Hap Ramsey at 547-4872, or Joan Rueter at 682-2324.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

If you are unable to attend Mass, you can see the bulletin online at: www.StAgnesCatholic.org.



Walker Area Food Shelf—Workers from Sacred Heart and St. Agnes are needed to work at the Walker Area Food Shelf this Tuesday, September 28th from 3 p.m.—6 p.m. Please call Viv Palmer at (675-5082) if you are able to work a couple of hours to help fill shelves or weigh items. Also, if you have extra veggies to donate from your garden call Viv for pick-up or deliver to the food shelf those dates/times open. **Items needed during September:** laundry detergent and personal care items.

WALKER 4-H WEEK—We are a young, inspired club. October 3rd through the 9th is 4-H week. We have a displays of our projects at Bensons Emporium. For more information on our club, such as how to join, or what 4-H is in Walker, please visit www.walkerwigglers.com

WHITE MASS—All physicians and spouses are invited to attend a White Mass, celebrated by Bishop Sirba, Saturday, October 9, 2010, 4:30 p.m. at Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary, Duluth, MN. After the Mass there is a dinner (\$20 per person) at Holy Rosary School, Duluth. Bishop will be the guest speaker at the dinner.

Please RSVP by September 30th to Jack at the Cathedral (218-728-3646 or duluthcathedral@gmail.com.)

COOKIE WALK ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING—Saturday, October 9th at 10 a.m. at St. Agnes—This is for ALL women of the parish who would like to volunteer to help with this Angels of St. Agnes fundraiser. We will meet in the Social Hall. For questions please contact Carol at 547-3302 or if she's unavailable, Harriett at 547-4845.

LIVING THE COVENANT OF MARRIAGE—Natural Family Planning FREE Introductory Sessions are available in the Brainerd Lakes Area—Aitkin, Brainerd, Crosby, and Pequot Lakes. For October class dates, times and locations; or to register please contact the NFP Office at 218-829-2861 Ext 6217 or go to www.brainerdnfp.org

MIKAL MARION CANCER BENEFIT—Mikal has been diagnosed with germ cell cancer. Please show your support on Saturday, October 16th at the 3rd Base Bar & Grill in Laporte, MN. There will be a Silent Auction all day; raffles, prizes at the door, live entertainment, and a Spaghetti Dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Adults: \$7 Children: \$4). For questions or directions call Bree at 218-820-7520, Maria 218-537-0576, or Cindy 218-760-2508.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES—WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE—ARE POSTED ON THE ST. AGNES/SACRED HEART WEBSITE—Please go to: www.StAgnesCatholic.org if you would like to review them. If you do not have access to the web, you can contact the parish office for a copy.

Annual Caregiver Workshop—Shelly Glover from the Senior Linkage Line, will present “A Thriving Network to Lighten Your Load” at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 5th at The Warehouse, 307 Norway Avenue, Pine River. She will share information about the networks that exist within our community and area to help ease the isolation and stress that often accompany caregiving. Lutheran Social Service Caregiver Respite Coordinator, Iva Thielges, will present “*Talking with Family and Friends about Challenging Issues*”. The presentation will give suggestions for approaching difficult topics with family members and gaining their support in caregiving. This workshop gives caregivers an opportunity to take a break from their responsibilities, to learn about community resources, and share with other caregivers. The workshop is sponsored by the Central Minnesota Council on Aging and Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota. For more information, or to register, please contact Iva Thielges at 218-732-7451 or e-mail at iva.thielges@lssmn.org.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

September 22—October 31, 2010

**At the little White Tent in front of the
Cass County Courthouse lawn in
Walker, MN**

All men, women, and children are welcomed
to participate in this prayer vigil.

Please register at: www.40daysforlife.com/walker
for more in formation and a prayer schedule.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE—We wish to thank all who were able to participate in the Kick-Off Rally on Tuesday, September 21st, which brought a spirit of life to our opening event. We have been energized and enlightened to trample the darkness of evil. Through the precious blood of Jesus and His Resurrection power we fear no evil.

The "Flood gates" of God's mercy are open and the river of living waters are flowing with graces like never before.

God has great plans of healing and restoration during these 40 days of prayer and fasting. But we must first beg God's mercy and forgiveness for ourselves and for our country for choosing a culture of death vs. culture of life attitude. It is through reconciliation that man may have new life (2 Cor 5:17-21). Only by a change of heart attitude, can a country/community/person be changed.

We have committed to 960 hours of prayer and fasting in some order, so please be generous with your time, talents, and financial assistance for a great cause.

To sign up for hours, or if you have any questions, please go to our website: www40daysforlife@yahoo.com/walker or email Beth at: elcbohannon@yahoo.com or call 547-0481. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you at the tent.

LOCAL BLOOD DRIVE—Monday, October 4th from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.—at Calvary Ev. Free Church (5925 Oberly Loop, Walker, MN). God's love has produced many miracles, large and small. One of these is the life sustaining power of blood. We have the ability to share this miracle of life; to pass it along to others. This is an opportunity to share your healthy blood with those less fortunate.

Please call Carol at 218-547-1567 or Arlene at 218-547-1329. This blood drive is for United Blood Services, who supplements the blood needs of our local and surrounding hospitals. On behalf of the patients who will benefit, thank you.

AREA FOOD SHELF—AT CARE-N-SHARE—209 STATE 371 S ~ HACKENSACK, MN—We serve people from the Hackensack, Backus, and surrounding areas. Presently we have 37 families being helped. We are open the 2nd & 4th Monday evenings of each month from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monetary donations can be sent to PO Box 55 Hackensack, MN 56452 and food donations can come in the front door Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. For questions call Lynette Emery at 218-675-5862, or email her at sharecare@tds.net.