



FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- ✠ Our confirmands as they begin class this week: Mariah Dormanen, Jordan Duff, Brittany Erickson, Cole Garoutte, Dylan Nistler, and Brenna Kennedy
- ✠ Rosemary Ellis and her family as we extend our deepest sympathies on the loss of her daughter
- ✠ Cliff & Karen Nagengast as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary
- ✠ Safe travels, rejuvenating rest, and blessings on Fr. Francis's Mission as he ventures home to Kenya

January 8th & 9th, 2011

PARISH SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



THANKS TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL TO HELP WITH SACRISTAN DUTIES WHILE FR. FRANCIS IS GONE AND ALSO COLLATING THE BULLETINS!

HERE ARE SOME AREAS WE STILL NEED HELP WITH:

4TH GRADE CATECHIST: Due to the large number of students in our 4th grade class, we are in need of an additional Catechist. All materials will be provided, including planned-lessons, if needed. Please pray about your involvement with our youth!



PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS ARE NEEDED for meal prep and clean up for our Youth Group for the remainder of the school year; there are generally 15-20 students who eat around 5:30 on Wednesdays. Meals are needed for 1/26, 2/2, & 2/16 in addition to many dates in March, April, and May.

MUSICIANS: Music is an important part of the Mass! Singers and musicians are always needed. Contact Michelle Nistler at rmnis@arvig.net or call the parish office.



****Unless otherwise noted, contact Lori in the Parish Office if you are able to help****

Schedule of Mass Intentions

Key: SA = St. Agnes, Walker & SH = Sacred Heart, Hackensack
 SH 4:30pm **1/8: Mass—Intention for John Murray Family**
 SA 5:00 pm **1/8: Mass—Intention for Joan Salden**
 SH 8:30 am **1/9: Mass—Intention for Mike Nelson**
 SA 10:00 am **1/9: Mass—Intention for Margaret Howard**
 SA 8:00 am **1/11: Mass—Intention for Gloria Canney**
 SA 8:00 am **1/12: Mass—Intention for Willard Jueneman**
 SA 8:00 am **1/13: Mass—Intention for John & Verda Dricoll**
 SH 8:00 am **1/14: Mass—Intention for Roman & Lillian Meuwissen**

To request a Mass Intention, contact the Parish Office

SEE OUR PARISH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2011, AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX, FOR ALL UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS. FEBRUARY CALENDAR DEADLINE IS JANUARY 19TH.

“4-SATURDAY MORNINGS” SERIES

The Diocese of Crookston Pastoral Leadership Program presents “The Teachings of Vatican II”, a mini-series by Brian Pizzalato, Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Duluth. This course will explore the major documents of VII with an emphasis on the historical developments that led to the Council and the relevance of the documents for the Church today.

The course is from 9:00 am-12 noon on January 8th, 22nd, 29th, and February 12th, 2011 and will be held at St. Peter’s in Park Rapids. Cost is \$60.

Registration forms are also available on our bulletin boards.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

7TH-12TH GRADERS

YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEK: See you January 12th @ 5:30!

CONFIRMANDS: We begin classes this Sunday, January 9th at 6:00pm. It is important that you arrive on time and stay until 8. A Bible and Catechism will be provided; please bring your Release Retreat Journal (if you have one) and a writing utensil. Classes will also be held on 1/30, 2/20, 3/13, & 4/3. You need to attend the 2/9 & 3/23 Release Retreats as well as an overnight Confirmation Retreat. *I am excited to begin working with you!*

TOBIT RETREAT: Feb. 2-6th @ Big Sandy near McGregor, MN. Cost is \$90. This is going to be an AMAZING weekend for 9-12th graders! See the poster on the Youth Board and register with Lori.

K-6TH GRADERS

DIVING DEEPER THIS WEEK: All K-6th Graders are welcome; there is still plenty of room! Email Lori to register.

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

Know God. Love God. Serve God.

Do you have a prayer intention that you would like our prayer chains to know about?

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.

SACRED HEART CCW

A meeting will be held on January 12th @ 10:00 am. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

WALKER BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, Jan 10th from 11 to 6pm, at Hope Lutheran Church in Walker. Call Kelly or Jeanne Nelson at 547-2222 for an appointment.

2011 CALENDARS are available for pick up in the Narthex. We thank *First National Bank of Walker* for sponsoring these beautiful calendars!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, USHERS, LECTORS, AND SERVERS

Please pick up a January Schedule from the info rack in the Narthex.

Ushers/Greeters: Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to Mass to be present to greet parishioners.

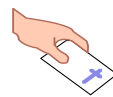
Lectors: Please pick up at 2011 Sunday Missal in the Office at St. Agnes or in the Library at Sacred Heart.

Eucharistic Ministers at St. Agnes: Please remember to use the cross necklaces found near the Usher’s table so we know if more helpers are needed.

Alter Servers are needed at all Masses: Any youth can volunteer to serve. Contact the Parish Office for training information.

UCA UPDATE

Thanks to those of you who have contributed to this year’s United Catholic Appeal! Your donations support the many ministries of our Diocese, including providing for our Priests and Seminarians. As you can see below we are still a long way from meeting our goals for this year. These funds are mandated by the Diocese and each church has to reach it’s goal in full, even if that means taking money from the budget to meet stewardship shortfalls. It is not too late to contribute towards our 2010 Goal!



	Stewardship	
	<u>St. Agnes</u>	<u>Sacred Heart</u>
Plate	\$740.00	\$494.00
Envelope	\$1,174.00	\$1,533.00
UCA	\$12,790 (52%) Goal: \$24,405	\$8,693(40%) Goal: \$21,565

St. Agnes Building Balance Remaining: \$195,056.53

A NOTE FROM FATHER FRANCIS

Happy New to everyone!

It's my hope and prayer that we all ushered in this new year well and are keeping warm! As you are aware, I will be leaving to head home for a visit for the next 3 weekends. In October, I let our Bishop know of my intention to go and visit my family and he allowed me to look for a priest to come and help while I am gone. Fr. Dan, who is a good friend of mine, was willing to come and cover me after I convinced him how 'petty' January is up here. I am grateful to him as he has sacrificed the warm weather of San Diego in order that we have a priest in residence while I am gone. As you know, it is really hard to get a substitute this time of the year because many retired priests are gone South. Fr. Dan is currently doing his graduate studies at the Catholic University of San Diego. He and I have been friends for many years going back to the days of our collage seminary in Kenya. **Please welcome Fr. Dan**; as I hope he will feel as welcomed as I've always felt! Pete Pederson our business manager and Lori Westland DRE/Administrative Assistant will be available while I am gone to respond to any questions and organize any events that might need to be tended to while Fr. Dan will provide all sacramental needs that may arise.

I'm definitely looking forward to my trip home, as you can imagine! I have lined up a number of charitable projects through my **Moto Hope Mission** that I have been working on for the last 10 years. Our motto is "**We reach out. We empower.**" Over the years, on my own and through the help of a few friends, I have seen few poor kids go through schools and colleges back at home by giving them hope and helping them to break the poverty cycle they find themselves into. I have been helping women in my village empower themselves after unfortunate events of life hit them a few year ago as I have often shared with you. I thank those who have really helped me on this endeavor, even within our community. More so, I'm trusting God for his guidance as I embark onto a bigger mission, building (little by little) a grade school in my village that is going to tremendously impact many children who may have no chance for a better education. **Many thanks** to the people who have helped me with a loan to start this process! I will be eternally grateful to you as this is just my simple way of living my Christian calling of being that single 'light' and 'salt' that makes just a small difference, starting from my village. As Christ reminds us "Whatever you do to the least of these, you do it to me" consciously knowing as they say, charity begins at home.

On the other hand, I am definitely looking forward to my coming back to continue with my ministry within our two wonderful parishes. I feel blessed to be your pastor and I do **sincerely appreciate your support** in all ways as we, together, continue in a small and ordinary manner to build up God's kingdom. There is much lined up for the year so far that I'm already looking forward to! It will be great to witness as our 2nd graders receive their 1st Reconciliation as well as 1st Communion, which is a very important step to these wonderful young ones. We are also set to have confirmation for our Juniors in the month of May and the Bishop has already confirmed he will be present to bless the occasion. This summer I'm lined up to witness three weddings and I urge you all to keep these young couples in your prayers as they prepare to start their new life together. I'm also hoping, when I come back, to have a series of talks/homilies on stewardship as we continue to re-educate ourselves on our need to re-evangelize from within in new and better ways, utilizing all means that God has bestowed on each one of us.

May our new year be blessed as we approach it with a mind open to the reality that God's will be done as we strive to live and sanctify ourselves each day, especially through our daily celebration of the Sacraments.

Peace and have blessed New Year!

Fr. Francis Kabiru

P.S. Visit www.motohopemission.com to learn more about this mission.

WELCOME FR. DAN!

Fr. Daniel Nganga will be staying at St. Agnes while Fr. Francis is gone. Our Parish schedule will not change except for **Friday Mass being at St. Agnes rather than Sacred Heart** on 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, and 2/4.



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!

VISIT OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

At all times and in all situations, Jesus is drawing us unto Himself, calling us to deepen our relationship with Him. Prayerfully consider spending time in His True Presence in Adoration, offered weekly at our parishes. 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 until Wednesday afternoons (except for 1:00-5:00 am). Additional adores are always welcome and needed! See the sign up info in the Chapel.

