

BIOGRAPHY OF OUR NEW PRIEST—My name is Fr. Francis Kabiru, a native of Kenya, born June 5, 1974. I grew up as the eighth born in a family of twelve in the small town of Central Rift Valley in Kenya.

After graduating from high school, I worked as a clerk in a multifaceted production company for a year before I joined College where I earned my degree in philosophy and there after 2002 graduated with a degree in theology and Religious studies from Christ the King Major seminary.

In the year 2003, as I continued to discern my vocation, I worked as a teacher in a Catholic High school teaching History and Religion. In January of 2004, I came to visit my brother in Worcester, Massachusetts and in May, that same year, through a friend who was already in Virginia MN, got introduced to (by then) Bishop Dennis Schnurr who asked me formally, if I would consider joining the Diocese of Duluth. Summer looked great then I tell you (I never thought winters would ever come—but later I realized I was 'duped' come January and February of Minnesota's weather...). Anyway, after prayerful consideration, I said yes, and that fall of 2004, I was accepted for a two year program at St. Paul Seminary at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, where I earned my Masters degree in Theology. I was ordained a deacon at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis in May of 2006. Then I was assigned to work for one year as a deacon at the Cathedral of Our Lady Duluth and at Our Lady of Rosary Catholic School where I taught Religion. In June of 2007 I was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Duluth.

After my priestly ordination I was assigned to Blessed Sacrament Church in Hibbing, MN until July 2009 when I was assigned as an associate in St. Joseph in Grand Rapids. Two weeks ago, that changed when I received a letter from our new bishop, Paul Sirba, assigning me to serve as pastor to these two wonderful parishes. Honestly, I feel much honored to come and be one among you to serve you as your priest. I have already heard wonderful things are happening here, as well as a few challenges here and there, which is part of our individual and communal crosses we have to carry.

This Sunday we begin to celebrate the Most Sacred Week of the entire Church calendar year—the passion of Christ—where we see what true love and service entails. We are all called to emulate Christ's life and I believe as I bring with me my few talents, I also carry with me some personal limitations (especially my Kenyan accent), which I hope it won't be hard on you, as I promise I will try my best to articulate words well.

I hope with the help of each other, especially through prayers and sharing generously of our various diverse gifts, together we shall continue to serve each other as God through our Mother Church expect of us in our daily Christian lives. I am certainly looking forward in meeting and knowing most of you.

My official assignment begins May 1st 2010 as I had already made plans to go and visit my family in Kenya though the bishop had asked me to move in as from March 30th and assist Fr. Joe Sobolik who has been working so hard especially in driving all the way from Duluth to celebrate masses for you. I look forward to my coming back and to relieve him of all the traveling hassles. May you all have a blessed Holy week and Happy Easter and many blessings upon your families.

Fr. Francis Kabiru

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, March 29th
Chrism Mass 5:30 p.m.
in Duluth

Tuesday, March 30th
Confession 3:30 p.m.
at St. Agnes

Wednesday, March 31st
Mass 8:00 a.m.
Confession 8:30 a.m.
Penance Service 7 p.m.
at St. Agnes

Holy Thursday—April 1st
Confession 6:00 p.m.
Mass 7:00 p.m.
at Sacred Heart

Good Friday—April 2nd
Lord's Passion at 4:00 p.m.
at Saint Agnes

Saturday, April 3rd
Confession 11:00 a.m.
at St. Agnes
Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 p.m.
at Sacred Heart

Easter Sunday, April 4th
Easter Mass 8:30 a.m.
at Sacred Heart
Easter Mass 10:00 a.m.
at Saint Agnes

This Week's Schedule of Events

Saturday	LENTEN WEEKDAY	3/27
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Mass — <i>Roman & Lillian Meuwissen</i>	
Walker	5:30 p.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Mickey Jones</i>	
Sunday	PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	3/28
Hackensack	8:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Jane Riegert</i>	
Hackensack	9:45 a.m. Coffee Social Hour	
Walker	10:15 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Pat Moore</i>	
Walker	11:15 a.m. Coffee in Social Hall — <i>All are welcome!</i>	
Monday	MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK	3/29
Hackensack	2:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Rosary Prayer Group	
Tuesday	TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	3/30
Walker	3:30 p.m. Confession	
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration	
Wednesday	WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	3/31
Walker	8:00 a.m. Mass	
Walker	8:30 a.m. Confession	
Hackensack	10:00 a.m. Important Sacred Heart CCW	
Walker	5:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Night	
Walker	7:00 p.m. Penance Service	
Thursday	HOLY THURSDAY	4/1
Walker	7:30 a.m. Men's Cursillo Meeting	
Hackensack	6:00 p.m. Confession	
Hackensack	7:00 p.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Frank Terdan</i>	
Friday	GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	4/2
Walker	4:00 p.m. Lord's Passion	
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 — <i>Ralph E. Hackman</i>	
Sunday	EASTER SUNDAY	4/4
	THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	
Hackensack	8:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Easter Flower Memorial</i>	
Walker	10:00 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Easter Flower Memorial</i>	
Walker	11:00 a.m. Coffee in Social Hall — <i>All are welcome!</i>	

Upcoming Events

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

- APRIL**
- 05 Women's Prayer Group at 6:30 p.m. at S.A.
 - 06 Women's Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.—See the bulletin announcement for details.
 - 07 Craft Wednesday at 10 a.m. at S.H.
 - 07 Diving Deeper at 3:30 p.m. at S.A.
 - 14 Craft Wednesday at 10 a.m. at S.H.
 - 14 Youth Ministry Night at 5:30 p.m. at S.A.
 - 15 Knights of Columbus at 7 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.

IMPORTANT
SACRED HEART CCW MEETING—This Wednesday, March 31st at 10 a.m. Election of Officers for the next two year term to take place.

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.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE—This Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. there will be three or four priests available for confession at the end of the brief prayer service.

We all sin. We do things that we know God finds offensive. Yet our Lord is waiting for us to acknowledge our offenses so He can absolve us of our sin.

Last Week's Collections  

March 20th & 21st

	Walker	Hackensack
Plate:	\$312	\$387
Envelope:	\$1,197	\$816

St. Agnes Building
Balance Remaining: \$287,311.43
Building Fund: \$1,010

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR

YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHT

Wednesday March 31st 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.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARENT AND PARISHIONER SUPPORT AND HELP. Jennifer and I could never have done our work with the youth if it wasn't for your prayers and support. To all those to helped with meals, teaching, and volunteering...THANK YOU! Anna

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

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. The location will be determined by the number attending .

Please contact Rosemary ASAP at 547-1509 to sign up so we know how many study books will be needed or for more information.

**DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR THE
WALKER AREA PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER**



Donations of new or used baby bottles are needed for the up coming fundraising events for the Walker Area Pregnancy Center.

Please bring them to the parish office; or place them in the designated container in the Narthex at St. Agnes or Sacred Heart.

The center would also greatly appreciate donations of other baby items. They can be placed in the baby cradle in the Narthex at St. Agnes or Sacred Heart. Thank you so very much for your contribution to our Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center.



LIVING WELL WORKSHOP—Wednesdays at 1-3:30 p.m. March 31-May 5, 2010 at the Walker Area Community Center—this FREE workshop includes a manual and relaxation tape or CD. Open to all persons; you don't need to be a Merit Care patient. You must attend all sessions to get maximum benefits. Pre-registration is required. Call: 877-234-4240.



**Be a SUPERHERO...
Have you mailed your envelope
to the Walker Area Food Shelf?**

Please send in your tax deductible donation by March 31st and be included in Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign.

Dollars and food donated during March supports our local food shelf in Walker for the year. There are envelopes available in the Gathering Place of both churches. Or simply mail a donation to: Walker Area Food Shelf, PO Box 1101, Walker, MN 56484.

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.

WANTED—Leader to carry on the MN Citizens Concerned for Life “Pro-Life Up North” work for our local area Chapter.

This chapter was formed 15 years ago and needs someone to step up and continue the political work in the pro-life movement in our area.

Please prayerfully consider and respond!!! We need you. For inquiries/questions please contact Deb Kitzman at 218-947-3417; cell: 218-820-1061 or email her at jjmd@uslink.net.

LOVING NATURALLY: Natural Family Planning of the Brainerd Lakes Area free introductory sessions are on Tuesday, April 13th at 6 p.m. and at St. Joseph’s Medical Center in Brainerd and on Tuesday, April 20th at 6 p.m. at the Cashen Enrichment Center in Crosby.

Free introductory classes are also offered at St. Alice Church in Pequot Lakes and at St. James Church in Aitkin by appointment. Registration is required. Individual sessions may also be scheduled. For more information or to register please contact the NFP Office at 218-829-2861 Ext 6217 or www.brainerdnfp.org.

The Women’s Lamb of God Prayer Group—will meet Monday, **April 6th** 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.

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.

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

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

TRADITIONAL BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

**Saturday, April 3, 2010
1:00 p.m. at St. Agnes**



You are invited to bring to the church, a basket filled with a portion of the food you will be serving on Easter Sunday, to be blessed.

This is also for the people themselves—so bring those who will gather at your table— to the blessing.

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.



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.

**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.