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Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday (9/17) at 5:45 pm
+ George Renowski

Sunday (9/18) at 10:00 am
+ All Parishioners

Tuesday (9/20) at 8:00 am
+ Bill Bieloh

Wednesday (9/21) at 8:00 am
+ Edward R. Kolodge

Thursday (9/22) at 8:00 am
+ Luella Renowski

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 11:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues at 8:30 am to Weds at 3:00 pm



Sacred Heart

300 First Street North, Hackensack

Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday (9/17) at 4:00 pm
+ Butch Lachermeier

Sunday (9/18) at 8:00 am
+ Brae Mercil

Friday (9/23) @ 8:00 am
+ Paul Thom

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 3:30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays at 4:00 to 5:00 pm

For the Sacrament of Baptism or Sacrament of Marriage, contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

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.

25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

September 18th, 2011

PLEASE PRAY...

✠ On this Catechetical Sunday, for all those who hold and teach the Catholic faith throughout the world

✠ For those entrusted with the catechetical ministry in our Church, that they may be strengthened in their zeal to share the truth of Christ's teaching to all seeking the living God

✠ For Bishop Sirba and all priests of the Diocese of Duluth, that they may remain faithful to the Church in all matters

✠ For the poor, the vulnerable, the stranger, and the unborn, that we may welcome them with the unconditional love portrayed by the Gospel

CATECHISTS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



On Monday, September 19th, at 6:30pm, a meeting will be held for any parishioners willing to give of their time through teaching or being a classroom helper for our religious education program. Experience is not necessary, you just need a heart willing to serve! Helpers are needed in all areas (Elementary and High School Release Classes, Diving Deeper, snack/food preparation, Youth Group, and prayer support). Dessert will be served at the meeting. Please consider attending to learn more about how you can support the youngest members of our parish family.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"To converse with You, O King of glory, no third person is needed, You are always ready in the Sacrament of the Altar to give audience to all. All who desire You always find You there, and converse with You face to face." -St. Teresa of Avila

Spend a Holy Hour with our Eucharistic Lord exposed in the Blessed Sacrament! 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!



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEE OUR PARISH CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2011 FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS. DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER CALENDAR IS WEDNESDAY, 9/21.

****WEEKLY BULLETIN DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY AT NOON.****

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.



COMMUNION CALLS AND SICK VISITS

If you or a family member is sick or unable to attend Mass for another reason, please contact the Parish Office. Our Home Visit ministry team brings Holy Communion to parishioners in local nursing homes and elsewhere on a regular basis.

Visiting the Sick is one of the corporal works of mercy; if you would like to help us out, please contact Deacon Hap at 547-4872.

ST. AGNES SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

All parishioners and visitors are invited to join us in the Social Hall after Sunday Mass for coffee and rolls. Thanks to Andy and Pat Bednarczyk for serving this weekend!

Mike & Mary Becker and Jo Ann Melby are on the schedule for next weekend.



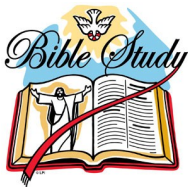
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All men of the parish are invited to join the Men's Bible study group that meets on Tuesday mornings following 8am Mass. The 6-week study is using *Journey into the Bible: Job* published by Liguori. Call Jim at 547-2110 or e-mail jamesfdawson@hotmail.com for more info.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study group meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm. The new study, which began August 30th is "The Words of the Risen Christ", which is a follow-up of "Seven Last Words of Christ". Interested in joining? Please call Rosemary (547-1509). Materials are \$10. **All are welcome!**



UPCOMING MAGNIFICAT EVENT

Save the Date: St. Agnes parishioner, Mary Tiedeman, will share her personal testimony, "An Extraordinary God found in the Ordinary" on Monday, October 17th. All women of the community are invited to attend this Magnificat Meal which will be held in the St. Agnes Social Hall. Fellowship will begin at 5:30, dinner served at 6:00pm.



To **RSVP**, send a \$12 check payable to Magnificat to Lorri Henning, 3080 20th Ave NW, Hackensack, MN, 56452, before Wednesday, October 12th. For more information, call Jean Bauerly at 547-3111.

DIocese OF DULUTH - WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND

Catholic Women are invited to attend the Women's Cursillo Weekend on Sept 28-October 2nd at the TEC Retreat Center in Little Falls sponsored by the Diocese of Duluth Cursillo. For more information and application forms contact Jamie Richter at 547-4058 or visit www.cursillodioceseofduluth.com.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

RCIA Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 28th at 7:00pm in the Narthex Meeting Room at St. Agnes. Any adults interested in joining the church are encouraged to attend. If you'd like more information, contact Fr. Francis through the Parish Office.

PRO-LIFE INFORMATION

WEEK 26: "I HAVE APPOINTED YOU AS A PROPHET TO THE NATIONS."

This weekly pro-life education tool will follow the development of a child in the womb beginning with Annunciation until Christmas.

Thousands and thousands of brain cells are growing in Lucy's head every day; soon, she'll have billions of brain cells! "I can make a fist and grasp things. My spine is beginning to form to protect my spinal cord. I'm covered by a white substance, called vernix, that protects my skin. I often get hiccups, and Mom can feel them! They are just from my respiratory system developing!"



40 DAYS FOR LIFE LESS THAN 2 WEEKS AWAY!

This fall's 40 Days for Life campaign will begin on September 28th and run through November 6th. All are invited to our Kick-Off events on Wednesday, September 28th at 3:00pm at St. Agnes. For more information, contact Beth at 547-0481 or 218-770-7621. To sign up for vigil hours, contact Beth or visit our website at www.40daysforlife.com/walker



KENYAN MISSION OUTREACH: THANKS FOR A GREAT FUNDRAISER!

The Moto Hope Mission Steering Committee would like to thank those who attended last Tuesday's fundraising dinner. It was such a wonderful night that brought more than 150 people from the Leech Lake area and neighboring towns that know Fr. Francis. We never imagined that this event would be so successful raising over \$58,000, \$13,000 in pledges, and \$37,000 in stock as of today. As Fr. Francis showed those present with current pictures, work has already begun on 5 classrooms and an additional 5 classrooms will now be built using the money raised so far, completing Phases I and II of the school plans. Fr. Francis and the entire fundraising committee appreciate all contributions, whether \$10, \$100 or \$10,000 or even more; each dollar adds up.

We thank God for His blessings and goodness as we ask you to continue praying for this mission as well as in your giving intentions in the future. If you'd like more information, talk with Fr. Francis or any of the committee members or visit our website to make a donation online: www.motohopemission.com

May God, who is never outdone in His generosity, bless all those who have supported us!

- Moto Hope Mission Fundraising Committee

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Plate	\$1,426	\$1,166	
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UCA	\$6,073 (22%) Goal: \$27,405	\$3,968(18%) Goal: \$22,323	

St. Agnes Building Balance Remaining: \$154,390.61

A NOTE FROM FATHER FRANCIS

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to those of you who attended last weekend’s Strategic Planning Process Town Hall meetings. For those who were not able to make it, below is the summary of what was voted at Deanery level and sent to the bishop for review and eventually final approval. Each parish’s representatives were required to come up with a plan that adhered to the 7 principles I posted in my column last week and then voted on by the rest in the deanery strategic planning representatives. Below is the proposal regarding our cluster from the Brainerd Deanery to the Diocese of Duluth:

“First, they recommend some readjustments in Masses, especially for the months when attendance is much lower. These months are the weekend after Labor Day until the weekend before Memorial Day, when three Masses per weekend can comfortably be scheduled between the two parishes. After the Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, they will maintain the current Mass schedule with adjustments on Mass times to accommodate all our summer visitors at both churches.

“The other change they want to pursue is increased collaboration between the two parishes. While each site will remain a separate corporation financially, their human resources will be pooled into one joint Pastoral Council and one Finance Council. This merger will better utilize the expertise of the vast number of members from both parishes and enable them to more efficiently make long-range plans for the two parishes that share 60% to 40% responsibility under one pastor. This will reduce travel time for meetings, especially by the pastor to both parish sites. They want to follow the “merged-parish” model more closely. Currently the parish office staff and education programs already follow this “merged” model.”

To expand on the above proposal, you may recall in the Fall of 2010, well before the Strategic Planning Process began, the Joint Parish Councils had agreed to reduce the number of weekend Masses from 4 to 3 during the non-summer months when attendance is low. It was agreed that beginning on the first weekend of November 2011, the below schedule would go into effect. The schedule in our proposal to the Bishop would only be adjusted to accommodate the Memorial to Labor day schedule, returning to 2 Saturday Masses, with Sunday Masses remaining 8:30am in Hackensack and 10:30am at St. Agnes **all year long**. You will be receiving a post-card with the new Mass schedule in the coming weeks as well reminders from all corners; please keep them handy!

St. Agnes, Walker
1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturday of the Month: 4:00pm
Sundays: 10:30am
Confession at 11:00 am on Saturdays

Sacred Heart, Hackensack
2nd & 4th Saturdays of the Month: 4:00pm
Sundays: 8:30am
Confession 1/2 hour before Saturday Mass

Again please continue to pray for Bishop Sirba and for our diocese as we enter into the next phase of strategic planning. As the four parish representatives and I can attest, after attending monthly meetings since May, we are actually being asked to make only a few small changes, as there are many parishes that will be facing huge challenges. In the Brainerd Deanery alone, there are at least 4 parishes that will likely be closing and many others who will be forming new clusters. At this moment, what I would urge is some patience as we wait to hear from the bishop when the entire Diocese proposal will be evaluated and finally approved by early next year. We will keep you undated with more information.

Finally, don’t miss today’s ***Praying the Mass Anew*** insert is entitled “The ‘Collect’ and other prayers of the celebrant.” Each day of the liturgical year contains prayers and readings that are proper to that day. Among these proper prayers, there are three particular times of the Mass that the priest himself is to offer in his “representing” of the people before God. Today’s insert explains which prayers these are, how the priest prays them, and what effect the new translation will have upon them. **Please take time to read today’s insert.**



God bless your week!
Fr. Francis Kabiru, Pastor

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

7-12TH GRADERS

Youth Group this week! See you at 5:30 on Wednesday! Remind your parents that we finish up at 7:30 (last year was 7:15).

K-6TH GRADERS

NO Diving Deeper this week, the next session is 9/28. If you have a child in K through 6th grade, please plan to send them to this fun program which takes place after school on Wednesdays twice per month. See the Youth Bulletin Board for more information.

PARISHIONERS & PARENTS

Helpers are still needed for Release Classes and to provide meals for Youth Group; please contact the parish office and let Lori know how you are able to help.

WHAT IS CATECHETICAL SUNDAY?

The third Sunday of September in the United States is celebrated as Catechetical Sunday in order to acknowledge and appreciate those who are catechists. In his encyclical letter *Redemptoris Missio* Pope John Paul II, says: “Among the laity who become evangelizers, catechists have a place of honor... Catechists are among those who have received Christ’s command to ‘go and teach all nations’” (*Guide for Catechists*, 33).

The word “catechetical” is unfamiliar to some people. What does it mean? The word might be more familiar than you think. Many Catholics have used the word “catechism” for years, and they know it has something to do with the compendium of the Church’s teachings. The root word, “catechesis,” is from a Greek word meaning “to echo, or resound.” Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church’s teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

Please hold the catechists of our parish in your prayers!

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