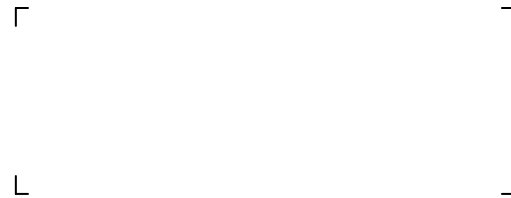


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Parish Life

If you have news or announcements for Parish Life, please leave it in the Parish Life tray in the coat room by 5:00 pm on **the third Friday of the month** or e-mail it, if possible, to ddbeker@tds.net (emailing is preferred so we don't need to re-type! =)

Church Commission

The Year of the Priest June 19, 2009 – June 19, 2010. Christ chose to remain with us through the Holy Eucharist and the grace of the sacraments. Priests are ordained to act for Jesus; they are called in a unique way to serve the Church and to bring the Spirit of God upon us. The following are some suggestions for showing gratitude to Christ for the priesthood by honoring His chosen men during this Year for Priest:

- :: Thank your priest for his vocation.
- :: Offer to help with a task around the parish.
- :: Invite your priest for a meal and get to know him better.
- :: Remember him with daily prayers.
- :: Send him a card on his birthday.
- :: Make a donation to assist missionary priests and seminarians.
- :: Pray to Saint John Vianney, universal patron of priest for all our priests.
- :: Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

Also pray for our **NEW** Shepherd of the Fields priest for this year, Father Tony Stubeda (birthday Nov. 12, Ordination June 1, 1985). His address: 1014 Knight Avenue North, Glencoe, MN 55336.

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Pastoral Leadership Changes

As of July 1, I (Fr. Jeff) will be moving to become the pastor of the churches at Fairfax, Franklin, Gibbon and Winthrop. I have enjoyed my five years here, and so I will be sad to leave. Fr. Brian Mandel will move from Kandiyohi to Spicer, and he will function as your pastor even though he will be named a Senior Associate. Fr. Steve Verhelst will be named Pastor of all four churches in our Area Faith Community. Fr. John Ekwoanya will move to Kandiyohi and serve there as well as at Lake Lillian. Fr. John is one of two priests from Nigeria serving in our Diocese.

"...I have enjoyed my five years here..."

New Summer Mass Schedules:

Since there is so much to do in the warmer months, we are again changing our Sunday Mass schedule beginning the weekend of June 5/6, 2010. Our Sunday Mass will be at 9:15 am until Labor Day, September 6. Kandiyohi will have a 9:30 am Mass, and Willmar will have an 8:00 am, 10:00 am and a Spanish Mass at 11:30 am. Lake Lillian will remain at 8:00 am.

Potluck Supper to Honor Our Priests



As a way to celebrate this Year of the Priest, there will be a potluck on May 12 at St. Thomas More in Lake Lillian. The tentative time is 5:30—7:00 pm. Please watch the bulletin for final details.

CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS

The Cemetery Committee has been planning to improve the area where young children are buried. The planter that has been there for many years will be taken out, and a new bench inscribed with the names of juvenile children buried there will be added as well as some new plantings.

Our Easter Season finishes with a bang! Easter concludes with the great feast of Pentecost on Sunday, May 23, 2010. We remember that God poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit on the disciples gathered in the upper room. With the energy and power of that Spirit they spread the Good News of Christ to people who spoke various languages. In a real way it was the birthday of the Church. We all received the Holy Spirit in our Baptism and Confirmation. A good question to ask is, "Do I allow God's Holy Spirit to move me to witness to Christ?" Our actions speak more loudly than our words.



THE LINK UPDATE

Mission:

Creating a community where neighbors share the love of God through service to each other.

Connections:

"We are not put on earth for ourselves, but are placed here for each other. If you are there always for others, then in time of need, someone will be there for you."

Our goal is to bring people together and to build relationships among neighbors. We want to build natural supports for people that do not depend on the resources of government agencies, but on the good will and the resources of community members. Complete an interest survey for The Link- so that we can help you find ways to be there for others.

EMAIL Network:

We are looking for people who would like to be on an email network in order to respond to various requests and needs that we become aware of in the community. Here are just a few examples: exchange of furniture or appliances, school or sports equipment requests, volunteer teams for household or moving needs, etc. We will also include you for other important updates about upcoming projects and events! If you would like to be on this list, please email Michelle Peterson at fic_michelle@tds.net

Supporting Students

This school year is coming to a close and before we know it, students will be gearing up for another year in the fall. We would like to assist families in those preparations, and here is how you can help: Contribute gift cards for clothes shopping and sports equipment, backpacks, new or used scientific/graphing calculators, and new jump drives and three ring binders and tab dividers.

Household Exchange

We are currently accepting the following items at our household exchange in the New London office:

Sets of dishes and silverware, toasters, coffemakers, lamps, side tables, new bed linens, pillows and towels, brooms, buckets and mops. We also are looking for beds- twin and double size.

Community Visits

We would be pleased to come and visit your group to talk about the work of The Link and ways you can get involved! Call us to schedule a time to speak with your bible study, adult education group, book club, civic organization, etc.

Contact Information: Michelle Peterson 320-796-2522 or email at fic_michelle@tds.net

CCW CORNER

Attention Ladies! It's that time of year- the annual CCW Spring Salad Supper is scheduled for Monday, May 17, starting with the social hour at 6:00, followed by the supper, Sam Lanzrath giving a talk on her recent trip, & entertainment by the Fiddlers. The theme is "Table of Plenty" and we will be installing officers and commissioners for the coming year. Bring a dish to pass, your \$5 dues, and join us for fellowship & fun!

A CCW reminder- while we're just getting into spring & summer, CCW will start planning for the Fall Festival, which is our primary fundraiser for the year. Please contact Meg Lee if you are interested in getting involved in the planning or chairing an activity, or donating an item for the raffle and silent auction. We will be meeting on the third Monday of each month, and as always, we are open to new and creative ideas- so please come & share your time & talents!



COUPLES BRIDGE

We are interested in starting a couples bridge group at church. We would play one night a month on a Sunday night from 6:30-9:30 pm. Last year we were only able to play a few times before the snow birds left for winter. Call LaVerne Gleason at 354-4547 if you are interested in joining us. We would probably start the last Sunday in May, but nothing is definite yet.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Our ministry is growing and we are in need of more prayer shawls. We have received a donation to purchase yarn— anyone that would be interested in shopping for the yarn should please contact the office or Nancy Caven at 220-1843.



NEW RESOURCE for Catholic Teaching ...Relevant Radio (1180 AM Dial) coming out of Rockville, MN—check it out! For more information go to: www.relevantradio.com

Our Lady of Lakes CCW Summer Mystery Tour

Come one and all and sign up for Our lady of Lakes CCW Summer Mystery Tour. This is year number one and the committee has spilled the beans to let everyone know that we have scheduled a tour of Saint John's in Collegeville. We will begin with a tour of Hall Museum and the Saint John's Bible. Next we will tour the Abby and participate in noon vespers. Lunch will be in the Old Church followed by a tour of the pottery shop. We will round off our day with free time for the gift shop and book store. The tour will leave the church's parking lot at 7:30 am, arriving back about 4:30 pm. All of this is scheduled for August 11, 2010. The cost will be \$35.00 and sign-up forms will be available beginning May 17, 2010 at the Spring Salad Supper. This would be a tremendous opportunity to spend with fellow parishioners!