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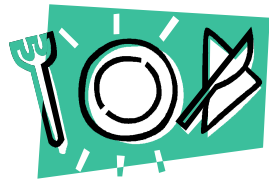
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Parish Life

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 ddbecker@tds.net (emailing is preferred so we don't need to re-type! =)

Tuesday's Table



October 2011 will be the one year anniversary of the area wide community meal. OLOL has serviced about 1,000 folks over a 12-month time in our parish. We have been blessed by all the volunteers of all different ages. Our 5-star quality meals have varied from month to month. With in-kind and financial help, the volunteers continue to show our friends in NL-5 hospitality and kindness. The meal is served from 6 to 6:30 p.m. the 1st Tuesday of each month. What are you hungry for? Food? Fellowship? Or both?

The meal is sponsored by The Link and Our Lady of the Lakes at no cost. Please come and bring your family or friend to this informal meal.

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Transitions!

On Wednesday night, September 14, on my way home from the Catechist's meeting in Willmar, I stopped at the beach in Spicer to take in the sight of the large harvest moon glimmering across Green Lake. Upon arrival at home, I sat on the deck and gazed at the rising moon and the countless stars on this clear crisp night.

God's creation was distinctively marking our transition from summer into fall as frost was spread around much of Minnesota. Our growing season pretty much ended as God's good earth readies itself for a rest.

Transitional times are always great times for prayerful reflection and gratitude. They give us opportunities to "Pray always! Pray all ways!" We can pray in gratitude for what has been and for the produce of the land. We can pray in anticipation of what will be.

The heavens reveal the vastness and magnificence of God's creative energy and the breathtaking beauty provided for us without cost. When we do not stop to marvel at the splendor of transitions in creation and in our own lives we miss ways to pray that are so easy and simple. These times do not need words, just awe, respect and gratitude.



Welcomed transitions in nature can help keep us grounded and humble as we acknowledge our Creator's incredible power to change our surroundings overnight. Thank God for the great teacher we have through the forces of nature, in the heavens and on the earth!

~Fr. Jerry Paulson

CCW Prayer Partner Potluck



This year's CCW Prayer Partner Potluck will be on **Monday, October 17, 2011**. All ladies of the Parish are invited to join in on the fun. Please bring your favorite potluck dish to share. We will begin the evening with prayer and a meal at 6:00 pm. We will be revealing our current prayer partners and getting new ones for the upcoming year that evening. We hope to see you there!

REVERENCE LIFE

The theme this year from the USCCB (**United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**) for Respect Life asks that our hearts be transformed, that we become living witnesses to the meaning of Jesus' mission: *I came that all might have life, and have it to the full!*

October is Respect Life month and it offers us an opportunity to focus on ways we can promote the sanctify of all life. Our Diocesan Office of Family Life & Social Concerns gives these suggestions: contact the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services to ask them to remove sterilization and prescription contraceptives from the list of "preventive services" the federal government is mandating in private health plans. Comments can be sent to nchla.org/actiondisplay.asp?ID=299.

Education yourself on "Pray for the DREAM", an effort of the USCCB's Justice for Immigrants Campaign, prayer and advocacy resources are available at www.justiceforimmigrants.org/parishes.shtml and <http://mncc.org/issues/immigration-sunday/>.

The USCCB publishes an informative packet of materials for our enrichment. In the Respect Life brochure "Life Matters: Abortion", there is a paragraph on Project Rachel, the post-abortion ministry, founded by the Catholic Church. Project Rachel helps mothers and fathers find forgiveness and healing. Although abortions are advertised as simple procedures, the priest, staff, and counselors in Project Rachel networks know that abortion destroys more than an innocent baby's life. It can shatter a woman's peace, happiness, sense of self-worth, her goals and relationships. Project Rachel teaches, and asks us to teach others, that God's mercy has no limits, and his greatest desire is to forgive our sins.

CCW Reverence Life will host coffee on *Sunday, October 16 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass*. Proceeds will be donated to the Hope Pregnancy Center in Willmar.

FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Vicki Holm is in the process of taking over and continuing the OLOL ministry of Friends in Christ. We *thank* her and hope all who are associated with this ministry will continue to support her in this important work. If you know of someone who would appreciate a meal, please call Carol Lee at church at 796-5664 or Vicki at home at 354-4253.

CCW Corner




CCW FALL FESTIVAL

A Big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our Fall Festival a success! We could not have done it without so many awesome donators, customers and volunteers.

God bless you all!



MINISTRY SCHEDULE/EMAIL REQUEST

Ministry Schedule –Ministry Schedules will no longer be sent by mail. Yours will be sent to you by e-mail, it can be seen on Our Lady of the Lakes website or may be picked up at the church office. The next Ministry Schedule will be for Christ the King, starting on November 26 & 27. Please help us with this task by returning the information below. 

Parishioners Please help us to save paper and time and fill in the information card below and return it to the church by: putting it in the church collection basket, dropping it off at the church office or e-mailing it to ourlady@tds.net by November 1.



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