

**Mass Intentions**

**Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Friday – NO MASS**  
**Saturday – 7:00 p.m. – For All of Our Parishioners**

**Father Sauer will hear confessions** next Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. before the 7:00 p.m. Mass. He also hears confessions every Saturday at 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart, Owatonna.

**Saturday – 7:00 p.m.**

**Lec – Tom Wencil**  
**EM – Bob Prokopec**  
**Cup – Marie Kubicek & Rose Ann Kubicek**  
**Servers – Mitchell Jones & Kendra Boecker**  
**Gifts – Dale Seykora Family**  
**Ushers – Joe Wondra & Ed Skala**  
**Rosary – Don Kasper**  
**Singing – Combo**

**4-19-09- Adults - \$317, Youth - \$2, Off - \$114.10, Easter - \$27**

*Love Others as He Loves You* is the theme of the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal 2009, which is to be taken up as a second collection in the parishes of the diocese at the Masses on Mother's Day Weekend May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. Your support is vital to Catholic Charities mission of helping those in need, regardless of their ability to pay. Last year Catholic Charities served over 4,700 people residing in 2,100 households. The need is great. Please be generous.

**School News:**

**St. Isidore Giving Calendar winner –**  
**April 26 – Steve & Maureen Brand, Faribault**

**It's time to register for the 2009-10 school year!** **St. Isidore's Catholic School** offers a strong academic program for preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, small class sizes, and the opportunity to learn about the Catholic faith. St. Isidore's Preschool is on Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00-11:00 for 3 year olds, and Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9:00-11:30 for 4 year olds. St. Isidore's Kindergarten is all day, Monday/Wednesday/Fridays. Check out our website at [www.stisidoreschool.webs.com](http://www.stisidoreschool.webs.com), and then call 451-5876 for more information or to schedule a visit. You'll be glad you did!

St. Isidore's students will be participating in "Jump Rope for Heart" on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a fundraiser for the American Heart Association. If you would like to make a donation you may contact a student of the school. [Americanheart.org/jump](http://Americanheart.org/jump)

**Memorials** – There are Memorial Envelopes on the table in back of church that you may pick up and use when you need to (*or use one from home*). You are encouraged to give memorials to St. Isidore School when you have loved ones pass away. (*There are also envelopes at each Funeral Home in Owatonna*)>

**Students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation**

on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at Sacred Heart Church are:  
Spencer Jones, Tayla Jones, Kaci Kremer, Rebecca Larkin, Adam Miller, Katy Pogones and Connor Robbins. Please pray for these students each day as they confirm their Catholic faith.

**This evening** at 7:00 p.m. Mass these students will participate in a sending ritual.

**Confirmation practice** is Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart in Owatonna. A reception sponsored by Sacred Heart's and Holy Trinity's Council of Catholic Women will be held following the 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass. Everyone is welcome.

**Thank You –**

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make First Communion Saturday a special day for the first communicants. The wonderful music, the gift of Bibles and the reception afterwards will all be appreciated. A Special Thank You to Teresa Sisler and Erin Olson for teaching us throughout the year and getting us prepared.  
*...The First Communicants*

**The Decorating Committee** has a sample of a **new kneeler** placed in the middle of the church for everyone to view. If new kneelers such as that one are put in, the cost would be \$14,000.

**Contact** a Finance Council member by the second Thursday of May and let them know your opinion.

**Festival News**

By May 15<sup>th</sup> we are going to be printing the prize list for our Big Ticket Raffle for our Summer Festival. Each ticket will sell for \$2 and each prize needs to be at least \$25. If you, or a business you know, would like to be on the prize list, please contact Rose Ann Kubicek at 451-6616 no later than **May 12<sup>th</sup>**.

**At the next planing meeting** of the Festival, job lists will be discussed, so if any man wishes to have a different job than they had last year at the Festival, please contact Bruce Kubicek at 451-6616 or Tom Wencil at 583-7120.

If there is anyone who would be able to help out by asking for donations from some of the businesses in Owatonna this year, please contact Rose Ann Kubicek as soon as possible. Thank you.

**The Annual Litomysl Summer Festival** will be held on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> (always the last Sunday of July). All men, women, and children of the parish will be needed to help that day, so please plan you vacations accordingly.

**Please pray** each day that the day of the Festival will be a cool dry day!

**Cemetery News:**

Everyone is asked to consider the lawn mowers when displaying flowers at the cemetery. It would be much easier if flowers could be in stands or attached to the stones with fish line, instead of on the ground. Please inform your relatives of this policy. Also please remove the flowers by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

*From the Pastor ~~*

Thanks to all who asked about **my recent trip**. I had a wonderful time and got some good rest in the bargain. I stay with a classmate in Queens and it is fun to have a guide who knows the city so well. We did get to see one show, Blithe Spirit with Angela Landsbery and an organ concert by the organist of Notre Dame in Parish. I also had the opportunity to reconnect with another friend who I hadn't seen in a while. All in all, a great vacation.

This week we have been interviewing candidates for our **Pastoral Associate** position. We had over 26 applicants and have done phone interviews or in person interviews with a number of them. We hope to have made a decision in the coming week. So, please continue to pray for us that we find a good fit between parish and candidate.

We are making good progress in our **Annual Diocesan Appeal**. We have gifts or pledges of over \$3,000. This brings us to 62% of our diocesan goal. Thank you so much to all who have been so generous in your support of the Appeal. To those who have not yet given I ask you to be a part of this important project. It will take all of us to bring it over the top.

Just a short update on St. Isidore's School. As many of you have heard, Jenny Deml will not be returning as director of St. Isidore's next year. She originally took the position on an interim basis and really wants to spend more time with her family. I happily support her in that. However, she has been a great director for the school and we will miss her presence and competence a great deal.

In looking at options for the future, we are pursuing the possibility of sharing a principal with St. Mary's School in Owatonna. They would have a presence at the school of a couple hours each week and would oversee operations and provide for teacher support and evaluation. Both the School Board and Pastoral Council support this approach. It will be presented to the St. Mary's School Board this week. We will be looking to include an individual or two on the search committee as it is formed. Please thank Jenny for all of her hard work and for a successful search for a new leader for our school.

*...Father John Sauer*

**School Board Opening:** Bruce Nelson's 3 year School Board term will be up at the end of June, so we have an opening for a new School Board member. Thank you so much to Bruce for his time and commitment to St. Isidore School. You have been a great addition to our School Board. We appreciate your willingness to volunteer! If you are interested in applying for the position, please call the school **by Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** at 451-5876 to submit your name. You either need to be a parishioner at Holy Trinity Church or a St. Isidore School parent to apply.