

Mass Intentions

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat. – NO MASS
Sunday – 10:30 a.m. – David & Janet Miller (50th Anniv)

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Lec – DeAnn Kaplan
EM – Marcella Jenó
Cup – Ed & Sharon Skala
Servers – Randi Kremer & Kendra Boecker
Gifts – Albert Rysavy Family
Ushers – Joe Wondra & Kevin Noble
Rosary – Marie Kubicek Singing - Combo

**St. Isidore School Calendar Winners:
August 3 – Joe Rysavy, Litomysl**

Brick-Meger Funeral Home in Owatonna has once again generously offered the proceeds from parking cars on their parking lot during the Steele County Fair (August 12 to 17) to St. Isidore School. If you are able to help park cars any time that week, please contact Peggy Larkin at 507-456-5430 or Carmen Krell at 507-583-2019. Plan to park there during the Fair and support the school.

St. Isidore's School Board will meet Thursday, August 7 at 4:00 p.m. in the school library. (note this is the first Thursday, due to the Steele County Fair.)

The Litomysl Pastoral Council & Finance Council will not meet in August. Their next meetings will be the second Thursday on September 11th.

A special thanks to each and every one of you who helped to make the Litomysl Summer Festival the wonderful success it was again this year. Everything went so well! *Even the rain did not stop everyone from having a good time!*

Also a special thank you goes to all the chairpeople and co-chairpeople of each area of the festival. You all did a very fine job in getting ready and managing your area and cleaning up afterward. May God reward everyone for all of their efforts!

Thanks to everyone who donated items for the Silent and Oral Auctions, for the Root Beer Barrel Game, for Chances, and for the Children's Games etc. There were many wonderful items donated!

Thanks also to everyone who gave items to the Used-A-Bit sale. When you are doing your fall cleaning, start packing items for next year's Used-A-Bit sale.

If you won a prize at the Festival please send a "Thank You" note to the business who donated it. This will help us when we ask them again next year. Over 300 businesses gave donations again this year.

Please turn in all bills from the Festival to the bookkeeper, Tara Jones as soon as possible. Thank you very much!

Everyone is invited to an Open House honoring David & Janet Miller on their 50th Wedding Anniversary Saturday, August 9th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Izak Walton Bldg 1546 SW 58th St, Owatonna.
Hosted by: Their children & grandchildren

36th Annual St. Vincent de Paul Funfest – West Concord – Sunday, August 24 beginning with a Polka Mass at 10:00 a.m. BBQ chicken dinner from 11:00 to 1:30 p.m. Raffle, music, bingo, country store etc.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church ~(Claremont)

Come help us dedicate our new church Sunday, August 10, at 2:00 p.m. We wish to thank you for your prayers and support during our rebuilding. Come celebrate with us!
R.S.V.P. 507-528-2643

Trinity Lutheran Church (5881 118th St SE Bl Prairie) 1st Annual Pie & Ice Cream Luncheon Sunday, August 24, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mark Beaupre Benefit today, at the Owatonna VFW from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tickets at the door - \$8 and 5 & under free. Roast Pork – Bake Sale – Silent Auction. Mark is the son of Ed & Barb (Ringhofer) Beaupre, & a 1985 graduate of OHS.

You may have noticed the Owatonna People's Press is no longer placing Church News in the Saturday paper except for the Church times. You can now access all the weekly Church News online at www.owatonna.com. Look in the news section/weekly Church news for any updates.

New Websites -

Our parish has a new website, www.litomysl.webs.com St. Isidore School also has it's own website now, www.stisidoreschool.webs.com Check out the new websites and sign the guest books while you're there.

Our Faith Community welcomes Chase Eathen Boehme the son of Mark Boehme and Amanda Wacek, who is being Baptized after mass today. God's blessings on him and his family.

From the Pastor:

Congratulations to all on the marvelous work on our Summer Festival. It was obvious how much effort went in to all of the preparations for the day. I enjoyed my time there and even the rain did not seem to dampen anyone's spirits. Early reports are that income remained good this year despite the afternoon rain. We will issue a full financial report when all of the bills have been accounted for. Well done, everyone!

On Saturday evening our school will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a dinner. Please join us in honoring all who have made our school a wonderful opportunity for the education of our children. So much hard work and commitment really pay off. We have much to be proud of in our history and the School Board is working diligently to build an even stronger future. Also part of the event will be

an appeal to help support our scholarship fund. Your contribution will go far in helping us keep our school affordable and accessible to all who wish to take advantage of what we have to offer.

After last week's break, here is the final installment of Bishop Harrington's Pastoral Letter, *Proclaim Jesus!*

WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

At the core of a disciple's life lies stewardship. Some associate stewardship with collections and campaigns, but nothing could be further from the truth. When Jesus talked about stewards, it wasn't about collecting funds for a project or to pay ministry bills but about the ways in which stewards used the resources the master had given them. (Matthew 25:14-30) Jesus taught stewardship. More importantly, He lived stewardship and modeled a life of stewardship for us. The bishops of the United States published "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response" with specific suggestions to help us follow Jesus and embrace stewardship as a way of life.

Being a steward requires a conversion from a life focused on acquiring the goods of the world for ourselves to a life dedicated to using the gifts with which God has blessed us to build the Kingdom of God. Conversion is not a single event like Baptism or graduation from high school, but a life-long process, filled with temptations, doubts, and all the "isms" that discourage stewardship -- commercialism, materialism, secularism and individualism. Disciples believe in Jesus, they overcome these challenges, and they live as Jesus lived.

Over the past five years, I have met more and more stewards in our diocese and very often in ways other than financial stewardship. I see priests, deacons, religious and lay ministers who recognize that God has blessed them with gifts and abilities to build the Kingdom. I see many stewards in the hundreds and thousands of volunteers in every aspect of church life. I see them at Confirmation as they rejoice in the young men and women whom they have led to the sacrament as catechists; I see them at youth rallies helping our young people mature as disciples of Jesus. I see them at nursing homes, visiting the sick in parishes, helping at natural disasters, working in food banks or clothing resale stores. Disciples are everywhere, doing in our time precisely what Jesus did in His: using the blessings of the Father to care for the poor and the sick and to teach everyone about the Father.

Stewardship is a way of life for us as disciples of the Lord and for us as parish communities. Around every one of life's corners God has placed yet another opportunity for stewards to bring His love and His grace.

- *Parishes will form a Stewardship Committee to lay the foundation for an effective program to invite disciples to live as stewards of God.*
- *Stewardship is a way of life, hence it reaches into every corner of our human activity. Parish Stewardship Committees will develop a plan for utilizing the gifts and talents of all parishioners in the building of God's Kingdom.*
- *Every parish or cluster stewardship plan will include a component for children and teenagers, following the guidance of "Stewardship and Teenagers: The Challenge of Being a Disciple," adopted by the bishops of the United States in November 2007.*

CONCLUSION

Jesus said of His disciples, "By their fruits, you will know them." (Matthew 7: 16) When disciples of Jesus pass through a person's life, they leave behind the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. They leave feelings of love, justice and mercy. People recognize them as living a life modeled by Jesus, a life characterized by love of God and love of neighbor.

It is by the fruits of our actions that people will know that we are disciples of Jesus. The initiatives and benchmarks in this letter suggest only some of the ways in which we can follow the instruction of Jesus and make disciples of everyone we meet. God has blessed every parish in special ways, and every parish in our diocese faces its own challenges. I urge pastors and pastoral councils to embrace the challenges of discipleship and to Proclaim Jesus! If the benchmarks in this letter don't fit a parish's circumstances, then, by all means, develop different ones. We must be about our Master's business.

The prophet Habbakuk told the people of God to "wait for the vision, it will surely come, it will not be late." (Habbakuk 2: 2-3). And, while we wait, we are to be about the work of the Lord. Jesus told us that, when the King returns, He will be most pleased with His stewards who have done as He asked. So, it is with us. We will go throughout our world with a simple message: Proclaim Jesus!

Fr John Sauer