

From the Pastor

School opens this week. I was excited to be a part of the parent meeting this past week. The teachers and staff are excited and looking forward to the arrival of the students. Thanks to those of you who have entrusted your children to our St. Isidore's School. Watch for additional information about the start of our Religious Education classes for students not in St. Isidore's School.

Last weekend, **Bishop Harrington consecrated the diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.** He asked that each pastor do the same at one of the Masses in the parish. Unfortunately, I spaced out on that and neglected to comply. And of course, he stopped by Sunday afternoon on his way through town and asked about it! Therefore, we will do the consecration this weekend.

The following is adapted from materials sent from the Diocese.

"Totus Tuus. These two seemingly simple words were the motto of Pope John Paul II, words that he borrowed from St. Louis de Montfort, the great theologian of Marian devotion. These two words, usually translated, "Totally yours," are an expression of trust in the Mother of God and her guidance in leading us to her Son. . . . Consecration establishes a relationship of intimacy between God and that which is consecrated. . . . Looking back upon the history of humanity, the only human person who belonged exclusively to God for every moment of her existence is the Blessed Virgin Mary. . . . By the gift of God and by her own voluntary cooperation with that gift, she was never separated from God by sin, even for the briefest of instants.

. . . Who, then, could teach us how to follow Christ more clearly than his mother, who always belonged – and still belongs – to Him? Who is a better example and model of consecration than our Lady, who always belonged -- and continues to belong – to her Son? The more we become like Mary and the closer we get to her, the more we become Christ-centered. . . . Thus, it is clear that 'consecration to Mary' is truly 'consecration to Christ through Mary.'

. . . In the apparitions of Fatima, apparitions approved by the Catholic Church, a great return to Christ, to the Catholic Faith and the achievement of world peace is prophesized through consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. By a Solemn Act of Consecration of our diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I wish to secure for the whole Diocese of Winona an abundance of graces from heaven both in the spiritual and in the material order. Ultimately, this act of consecration expresses a yearning for the greatest blessing of all – the blessing to be like Mary herself, totally committed to God while we journey on this earth, so that we may also enjoy eternal union with Him in the kingdom of Heaven."

Bishop Harrington celebrates his 75th birthday on September 6. The priests will be gathering on Thursday to celebrate with him. According to Church law, a bishop must submit his letter of resignation on his 75th birthday. So this means that in the near (we hope) future we will have a new bishop. The process of selection has been going on for some time. Please join in praying that God will continue to bless Bishop Harrington and will send us another good and holy bishop.

Father John Sauer

Mass Intentions

**Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat. – NO MASS
Sunday – 10:30 a.m. – For Our Parishioners**

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Lec – Rose Ann Kubicek
EM – Al Rysavy
Cup – Marie Kubicek & Janet Miller
Servers – Sara Noble & Randi Kremer
Gifts – John Schiller family
Ushers – John Styndl & David Miller
Rosary – Don Kasper
Singing - Combo

Attention: Holy Trinity Faith Formation Students grades 6-10: A Parent and student meeting will be held at Holy Trinity on Wednesday, Sept. 24th at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement. Parents and students are invited to attend, to start our Faith Formation year. Schedules will be distributed and expectations discussed. Please bring your class fee of \$20.

Holy Trinity Catholic Aid Council #328 is sponsoring a Back to School Bike Ride/Campfire afternoon on Sat. September 6th, 4 to 7 p.m. We'll meet in the church parking lot at 4:00 p.m. and go for a nice scenic bike ride. We'll end up at Tom Boecker's place for games and supper/campfire. Come join us for the bike ride or just come for the campfire. You'll need your own bike, but we'll find one if you don't have one. Contact Troy Anderson to sign up at 363-1701, or e-mail at yorte21@hotmail.com Everyone is welcome!

Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:30 p.m. the Holy Trinity Catholic Aid Council #328 will meet in the rectory. All members are welcome to attend and all parishioners are welcome.

Litomysl Pastoral & Finance Councils will meet September 11th—The Pastoral Council meets at 6:30 p.m. New members are needed so come and observe the meeting and volunteer to become a member. The Council discusses the spiritual needs of the parish. The Finance Council meets at 7:30 p.m. We welcome our new member, Eric Anderson. DeAnn Kaplan's term is up on the Council, but Fr Sauer has granted her one more year, so she may see the painting project completed.

School News:

St. Isidore School Calendar Winners:
Aug. 31 – Pam Routh (Seykora) Colorado Springs, CO

St. Isidore School Board will meet on Thursday, Sept. 11th at 4:00 p.m. in the school library. Everyone is welcome.

St. Isidore's School will be having a Benefit Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Owatonna Council #945 on Sunday, September 14th, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The breakfast will be in Owatonna at the St. Mary's School Cafeteria. Enjoy the delicious menu of pancakes, French toast, fried or scrambled eggs, fresh country sausage, breakfast potatoes, milk and coffee. Tickets are \$5.50 presale and \$6.00 at the door will children free to age 5. Tickets will be sold after mass on 8/31 and 9/7. Thank you for your support!!

School at St. Isidore's School for 1st thru 6th graders begins Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. School for the Kindergartners begins Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. and will be all day on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Preschool Open House will be Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Monday, September 8th is the first day for the 4 and 5 year old preschoolers and their classes will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Tuesday, September 9th is the first day for the 3 year old preschoolers and their classes will be Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

St. Isidore School will be having a magazine sales fundraiser this fall so please save your renewals and subscriptions.

Catechetical Sunday will be September 21st at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. After Mass everyone is invited to an Open House at school.

Turkey & Ham Fall Dinner – St. John's Church, Johnsbury- Sunday, September 7, serving from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Fall Festival ~~ Sunday, September 21 at the Church of St. Canice, Kilkenny, MN. Roast beef and ham dinner cafeteria style, serving only at 11:00, 11:45, 12:30, 1:15, 2:00. Activities 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.—Country Store, Jar Bar, Crafts, Refreshments, Games for all ages, Raffles. Come enjoy the day!

Ways To Eat Like A Catholic...

1. Fast from fast food.
2. Make Sunday dinners a special feast. Teach children to set the table using some of your best china and linens and linger over food and conversation.
3. Pray before and after meals.
4. Make a list of your favorite foods and help the children learn to prepare.
5. Decide on a special prayer intention for the week and use it with your meal prayer.
6. Every so often, invite a single friend, relative or even your pastor to join your family for dinner.

8-24-08 – Adult - \$538, Off. - \$21, Youth - \$8.03
Assumption - \$5, Painting - \$10