

Remember to Vote on Tuesday

Mass Intentions

**Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., & Sat. – NO MASS
Sunday – 10:30 a.m. – Myron Pirkl †**

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Lec – Tom Boecker
EM – Gordy Spinler
Cup – Sharon & Ed Skala
Servers – Hunter Henderson & Al Rysavy
Gifts – Tom Wencil Family
Ushers – Bob Prokopec & Chris Deml
Rosary – Marcella Jenó Singing - Combo

10-26-08– Adult - \$845, Offertory - \$391, Youth - \$4.28,
Prop of Faith - \$3

School News:

**St. Isidore School Calendar Winners:
November 2 – Jack Dillemath, Owatonna**

On Monday after lunch, St. Isidore's students will be having an "All Saints Party" with the residents at Countryview Senior Living in Owatonna.

Thursday is the end of the 1st quarter at St. Isidore School. There will be no school at St. Isidore's on Friday, as it is a teacher workday.

St. Isidore School Board will meet on Tuesday, November 11th at 4:00 p.m. in the school library. (*Note it is on Tuesday this month, due to the Parent Teach Conference on Thursday.*) Everyone is welcome.

Note from St. Isidore School's Director:

Hello all! I just wanted to take a moment to mention how much I appreciate all that the parishioners of Holy Trinity Church do for the school – from keeping the lawn looking great to clipping Box Tops for Education to volunteering in the school, it ALL makes a difference! You have been great. Thank you!

I also want to share some good news with you: we received our results from the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, and St. Isidore School students rank in the top 9% in the nation!! We are very proud.

Stop by the school sometime and say "hi"! We'd love to have you visit.

-Jenny Deml

All 7th & 8th grade youth are invited to the annual Central Deanery Youth Rally on Sunday, November 9th at St. Mary's School in Owatonna from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Fun & Games with a highly energized team, keynote speaker, Tony Melendez, Sunday liturgy, pizza party and a dance.
Cost is \$15.00. Contact Leona Suchanek before November 4th to register.

The 9th & 10th grade confirmation students will receive the Rite of Enrollment today at Mass. The 10th graders are: Kaci Kremer, Spencer Jones, Tayla Jones, Adam Miller, Rebecca Larkin, Katie Pogones and Connor Robbins. The 9th graders are: Hunter Henderson and David Huff. Please keep these students in your prayers each day.

From the Pastor ~~

This week we once again break our normal progression of Ordinary Time Sundays to observe the Commemoration of All Souls. Today we remember all those who have "gone before us, marked with the sign of faith." In a sense, it is a companion to our Saturday Feast of All Saints. What is the difference? On Saturday, we celebrate those who have lived their lives in a manner consistent with the Gospel and who have embraced God's will in their lives. We believe they are in heaven and saints (whether recognized formally by the Church or not).

Here is what the Catechism of the Catholic Church says about heaven: *Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ. They are like God forever, for they 'see him as he is,' face to face. . . . This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity – this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed – is called 'heaven.' Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness. (1023 – 24)*

On the Commemoration of All Souls we pray for our loved ones who have gone before us in faith but who await their final union with God. In the Catholic Church, we speak about this interim time as "purgatory." Based on Scriptural indications of the value of praying for the dead, the Church came to teach that for some a period of purification is necessary before they attain heaven. The Catechism states: *All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. (1030)*

Of course, the Church teaches that we can choose to totally cut ourselves off from God's love and then our final state is what we call, "Hell." Again, the Catechism: *We cannot be united with God unless we freely choose to love Him. But we cannot love God if we sin gravely against him, against our neighbor or against ourselves. . . . To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from him forever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called "hell." . . . God predestines no one to go to hell; for this, a willful turning away from God (a mortal sin) is necessary, and persistence in it until the end. . . (1033, 1037)*

On Monday, Bishop Harrington will gather with the priests of the diocese for our annual Mass of Remembrance for the deceased priests and bishops of our Diocese. Let us pray for our loved ones, priests and bishops who have died, that they may enter their final reward at the banquet feast of heaven.

Father John Sauer

Let us remember in our prayers:

The soul of Engelberta "Birdie" Dunlop who passed away this past week. She is the mother of Debbie Horejsi. Eternal Rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.

The soul of Jim Trotman who passed away this past week. He is the brother-in-law of Marie Kubicek. Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

A note was received from the Kvasnicka Reunion Committee with the following comments:

"Please congratulate the parish on how well the church and grounds are maintained. There were many very favorable and complimentary remarks made by the attendees. This was an excellent location for our reunion."

Thanks for your assistance.

...Don Kvasnicka

The Litomysl Pastoral Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 13th in the church basement.

The Litomysl Finance Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 13th in the church basement.

Faith Formation Classes at Holy Trinity

The 5 year old through fifth grade students meet each Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in St. Isidore's School.

The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students meet each Wednesday from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in the church basement.

The 9th & 10th grade students preparing for Confirmation meet each Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the church basement.

All students are encouraged to attend each week.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to teach the classes.

Food Drive

As part of our call to service, Holy Trinity is promoting a Salvation Army Food Drive during the month of November. This food drive will help provide the Salvation Army with much needed food for the upcoming winter holidays. There will be collection table in the back of church during this time. Please donate as much as you can, and thank you in advance for supporting the Salvation Army.

T.E.C. Retreat

Worthington will host Pathways TEC #51, November 28-30 (Thanksgiving weekend). The 3 day TEC retreat is open to young people ages 16 and up. Adults are encouraged to attend. It begins on Friday morning and ends Sunday afternoon. The 3 days unfold an exciting presentation of the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ, as participants journey through DIE Day, RISE Day, and GO Day. For more information call Troy Anderson at 363-1701 or e-mail him at yorte21@hotmail.com

St. Mary's of rural Geneva is holding their annual **Soup and Pie Supper**, Today, November 2 serving 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Free Will Offering.

Hunter's Mass at St. Columbanus Church, Blooming Prairie, Saturday, November 8 at 7:30 p.m. Chili Supper at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall. Come as you are. All are invited.

Sunday, November 16th - Pancake Breakfast to benefit the new Steele County History Center will be held at the Ellendale Community Building serving 8:00 a.m. till 12:30 p.m.

School Sisters of Notre Dame celebrate 175 years

November 9th

2:00 p.m. Prayer Service

At Lumen Christi Catholic Community, 2055 Bohland Ave., St. Paul. The event is open to everyone!

Dessert Reception immediately following until 5:00 p.m.

When making a difficult moral decision, have you ever heard the advice, **"Just follow your conscience,"** or **"Let your conscience be your guide?"** What is **"conscience"** and what does it mean to **"follow it?"** Come hear Dr. Janet Smith, a world-renowned Catholic moral theologian, consultant to the Pontifical Council on the Family, and the next speaker in The Call To Be Catholic series, on Sunday, November 16th, 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church. Dr. Smith is a very popular author and speaker on sexual morality and bioethics. Over a million copies of her talk, "Contraception—Why Not?" have been distributed.

Operation Christmas Child

This Christmas, you can share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with a needy child in a country like Uganda, El Salvador, or Mozambique by using a simple shoe box. This is an easy missions project that every member and family can participate by bringing a gift-filled shoebox to church by November 16th. For complete details, pick up a flier from the table in back of church, or contact Troy Anderson at 363-1701 or e-mail him at yorte21@hotmail.com