

From the Pastor

We welcome Deacon Adam McMillan who joins us this weekend for a period of pastoral service. I am delighted that Deacon Adam will be joining us and look forward to his help in meeting the spiritual needs of our parish cluster. Please extend him a warm welcome.

I enjoyed my visit to the school on the second day. And I am sure, by the time you read this; all will have successfully completed the first week – students, teachers, staff, and parents. I happened to arrive during music class. The kids really love to sing and they did a great job “showing off” their talent for me. The students introduced themselves to me and I had the opportunity to bless them, the teachers and the school year. I look forward to meeting the pre-school children as well once they get started. I look forward to sharing in the school life in the coming year. I have a deep appreciation for what our Catholic schools can do as I am a product of Catholic education for all except my kindergarten year (we didn’t have Catholic kindergarten in those days).

Those of you who have driven by the rectory the last couple of nights may have noticed lights on and a car in the parking lot. We have invited some members of the Neo Catechumenal Way team who will be working in Austin and St. Joseph’s, Owatonna. They had need for some housing and our rectory fit the bill. Because there was a very short decision making window, I consulted with Bruce Kubicek and he spoke with a couple of others who responded positively. It is great to have someone using the rectory. I hate to see it sitting empty.

Because we do use the house for some parish business, I would ask that you respect the privacy of Alexa and her husband Daniel who will be in residence. Please ring the doorbell before entering and keep to the two office areas for the time being. I appreciate your accommodation on this.

What is the Neo Catechumenal Way? It is one of the new “lay movements” in the Church. It seems that each age of the Church finds certain charisms, which arise to meet the needs of the times. The great religious orders are one example. In our day, we find new movements, which seek to help us lead a more fully Christian life. Some examples would be Communion and Liberation, St. Egidio, and Focolare. The Neo Catechumenal Way is a lay movement of renewal that was begun in Spain, 1964 by Kiko Arguello and Carmen Hernandez with the help of Msgr. Frances Scherer. Kiko is an artist and had formation as a catechesis in Cursillo, while Carmen is a scientist and has a licentiate in theology. Together they developed a method of catechizing and evangelizing adults. What began as a mission in the slums took root also in the parishes of Madrid.

The heart of the Neo Catechumenal Way is the renewal of baptism through a journey or an itinerary not unlike the journey toward faith of the unbaptized catechumen. Also in a way familiar to the spiritual masters of every way, the initial instruction is followed by the way of purification. The spiritual combat in which we are engaged is confronted. The result is an adult faith capable of responding to the signs of the times. The Neo Catechumenal Way is centered on the Eucharist, and the itineraries (those gathering for the teaching) gather for Mass on Saturday evening and for a liturgy of the Word at another time.

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 – Clarence Horejsi
EM – Bob Prokopec
Cup – Jill Kubicek & Jenny Deml
Servers – Hunter Henderson & Kara Kubista
Gifts – Dennis Sisler family
Ushers – Ed Skala & Tom Boecker
Rosary – Marie Kubicek Singing - Combo

Holy Trinity Parish will be offering a Faith Formation program for students **five years old through the fifth grade** for the 2008-2009 school year. It will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. starting late September and running through late April. If you are interested in signing up your child(ren) up, please sign up in the back of church or contact Teresa Sisler (451-7481) or Jill Kubicek (451-1859). And anyone from ninth grade on up is welcome to volunteer. The volunteer sign up from is also on the table in back of church.

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.

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.

Attention Blooming Prairie KC's~~~~
There will be a Memorial Mass on Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. Immediately after Mass the Annual Winsor Chop supper will be served. All KC's & wives are invited and also widows and widowers.

School News:

St. Isidore School Calendar Winners:

Sept. 7 – Daniel Seykora, Venice, FL

Thank you so very much to everyone who helped to park cars at the Brick-Meger Funeral Home during the Fair, and thanks to everyone who parked there!
A total of \$2,013 was raised for St. Isidore School. Special Thanks to Glen Meger for giving us this opportunity once again.

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!!

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.

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!

8-31-08 – Adult - \$430, Off. - \$21.25

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) of Owatonna invites mothers, preschoolers and volunteer childcare workers to join us this fall. MOPS is an interdenominational Christian organization designed to nurture mothers with preschool aged children. We meet from 9-11 a.m., the first and third Tuesdays each month at Bethel Church in Owatonna, beginning September 16th and ending in May. Childcare is provided: a safe, well-equipped nursery for infants and early toddlers; and a structured morning program called MOPPETS for ages 2-5.

If you are interested in joining us, either as a mother of preschoolers or as a volunteer caregiver for our nursery or MOPPETS program, please contact Kim Kubicek at 444-4128.