

SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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**The Most Holy
Body & Blood of Christ
June 14, 2009**

**Mass Times: Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 9 am 11 am**

**Confessions: Tues/Wed 5 PM
Saturdays 3:45 - 4:30 PM**

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SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

Exodus 24:3-8 "This is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you in accordance with His words."

Psalms 116 **Our blessing cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.**

Hebrews 9:11-15 "How much more will the blood of Christ cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship God"

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26 "While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them."

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

Again this weekend we celebrate an "idea feast." This time, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. We focus upon the central act of our worship, the Mass. This celebration combines two older celebrations, the one formerly called Corpus Christi, and a separate celebration honoring the Precious Blood.

This ritual, steeped in the Hebrew tradition of sacrifice of animals, as well as in the Passover Meal, celebrates and re-presents Christ's saving sacrifice upon the cross. He allows us to share in his own body and blood, and thus is intimately joined to us.

Since we receive communion so often, we run the danger of taking this wonderful gift for granted. As we receive this sacrament, may we be given new eyes to appreciate in a new way, the wonderful presence of Jesus within us. And may we truly become Whom we have received, and embody Jesus' presence, values, and actions in our own life.

YEAR OF THE PRIEST



This coming Friday, at the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we begin the Year of the Priest, designated as such by Pope Benedict XVI. The pope said he was calling for the special year for priests in an effort to foster the priest's yearning "for spiritual perfection, upon which the effectiveness of their ministry principally depends." During this jubilee year, the pope will also proclaim St. John Vianney to be patron saint of all the world's priests. At present he is considered

the patron saint of parish priests.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the death of this 19th-century saint who represents a "true example of a priest at the service of the flock of Christ," the pope said.

Open House Reception for Sr. Marlene

Sunday, June 14, 1:30 - 4:00 PM in the Social Hall

STM Parish is proud to honor Sr. Marlene as she celebrates her Golden Jubilee as a Benedictine Sister.

Help Wanted: St Thomas More Parish is seeking a parish bookkeeper, 28 - 40 hours per week. Salary and benefits negotiable. Contact the parish office to apply, 692-4361.

Vacation Bible School

High School Students: Want to become a part of the team at Discovery Canyon the Catholic Vacation Bible School for pre-school and kindergarten students? The excitement begins Monday, July 27th and ends Friday, July 31st from 9 am until 12 noon each day. Twelve (12) students are needed to fill teacher and aide positions! Activities include music, Bible stories, crafts, games, snacks, and daily service challenges. Sign-up in the Gathering Space or call Joanna Hageman at 692-4361 ext. 29.

Please Pray for Priests

Dear Lord,

We pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry.

We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5).

May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse.

May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross.

May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

Potluck honoring Fr. Paul Rutten

Sun., June 21, 11:30 AM - Pius XII Newman Center-Lower Level. Please bring a hot dish and a salad to share, everything else will be furnished.

Help a soldier in need! Donations are being accepted for the Adopt a Soldier Program. Adopt a Soldier is a program designed to allow citizens to support U.S. soldiers deployed overseas through the donation of needed items and communication through letters, pictures, and cards. A medical company comprised of 33 soldiers is in need of our support. Needed items include paperback books, magazines, DVD movies or TV shows, puzzles, puzzle glue, all hygiene products, board games, nerf footballs, soccer balls, volleyballs, any snack foods, and dry drink mixes to put in bottled water. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, July 5. Items can be placed in the bin located in the gathering space. Please consider donating to this cause. It is a wonderful way to support our U.S. soldiers and kick off the 4th of July holiday!

Catholic Daughters will have a Pot Luck Supper and meeting at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, June 16. Education Contest winners will be announced that evening.

Word of Life - Bulletin Brief

By 6 weeks plus 2 days after conception the brain waves of an unborn child can be recorded by EEG (electroencephalogram). The Endowment for Human Development, www.ehd.org

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In the gospel today Jesus tells his disciples "you will meet a man ...follow him... he will show you." Every child needs "a man" to "follow" who gives them direction, not so much by words, but by "showing."

Cursillo Monthly Mtg June 21, 7 PM, Rm C 692-7978.

We offer our Prayers, Love & Support to Maggie Mallett and all her family at the loss of her husband, Robert and to the family of Teresa DeBoise. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!

Questions you might not think to ask:

- How many "First" Baptist churches are there?
- If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?
- Why is a person who invests all your money called a broker?
- Is it true that a gossip is someone with a great sense of rumor?
- Why are there no sit-down comics?
- How did a fool and his money get together?
- Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?
- Why did kamikaze pilots wear helmets?
- Why do you pay a toll on a freeway?
- If a mime gets arrested, do the police tell him he has the right to remain silent?
- If something is "needless to say," why is it always said?
- Why do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet Coke?
- Do Vegetarians eat animal crackers?

Jim (Butch) Murphy to be speaker for the Annual Summer Conference July 17-18 – "Transformed by God and Sent by Christ" is the theme of the Annual July Conference hosted by the Shalom Prayer Group at Mount Marty College in Yankton. **JAMES "BUTCH" MURPHY** is the founder and president of [Vera Cruz Communications](http://VeraCruzCommunications.com). Come and allow the Holy Spirit to inspire you with the timeless message of God's good news. The Yankton conference will be held in the Roncalli Center on the Mount Marty Campus. It begins Fri. evening at 7 p.m. and concludes Sat. evening after Mass and a Service of Healing. Pre-registration is requested for planning purposes. For more information or to register call Jane Barz at 605-940-4101 or e-mail at cottonwoodfrm@santel.com.



Summertime and the livin' is easy. Fish are jumpin', but is your relationship? Put the **zing back** in your relationship by making a **Marriage Encounter Weekend**. Our next scheduled weekend is **September 11-13, 2009** at Blue Cloud Abbey in Marvin, South Dakota. For more info or to register, please contact Curt & Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 or visit www.VWME.org.

Broom Tree Retreats

Silent Retreat Schedule:

MEN'S: July 9-12, September 24-27

WOMEN'S: June 18-21, Aug. 13-16, Sept. 17-20, Oct. 15-18

For information or to register for a retreat or schedule a gathering, call Broom Tree at (605) 263-1040 or email broomtree@sfcatholic.org. Learn more at www.broom-tree.org.

Natural Family Planning & Fertility Care: For information and list of instructors and physicians call the Family & Children Faith Formation Office, 605-988-3776 or check the Bishop's Bulletin. Also see: www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/nfp

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

For info call Bart & Barbara Workman, (605) 362-0292, or mail registration form to: Engaged Encounter, PO Box 85414, Sioux Falls, SD 57118-5414; eesdworman@aol.com. You need to fill out registration form. Registration cannot be done by phone: **Sioux Falls**, Sept. 12-13, Nov. 14-15, **Yankton**, Oct. 10-11.

Prairie Rome Companion (PRC) is an online audio program which offers presentations and interviews on matters of Catholic teaching. Regular PRC episodes are approximately 30 minutes in length. In addition to this, special presentations like the Sioux Falls Feast of Faith presentations are also available via PRC. All of these episodes and talks are available for download, and can be subscribed to as a podcast as well. To browse and/or download the available episodes, go to the diocesan website (www.sfcatholic.org) and click on the Prairie Rome Companion link on the right side of the webpage.

First Annual Walk for Life for "Planning Life Center"

Saturday, June 20, 10:30 AM across from Roosevelt HS on West 41st St, Sioux Falls. Two (2) mile walk to Kuehn Park followed by a celebration BBQ at the park. Rain or shine, all are welcome. Registration forms in the Gathering Space. Questions call Judith Crox, 691-2282.

First Communion Pictures are here. You may pick them up in the main office which is open Mon.– Fri. 8am - 5 pm.

Music Ministry Choir Rehearsals:
Recessed for the Summer!
YOUTH FORMATION

Confirmation is October 18th at 1:30 pm

2009 - 2010 Religious Education Registration

Thank you to all those that took advantage of our in-house preregistration for next fall.

The remaining forms have been sent out and we would like those returned as soon as possible. We appreciate your help as we can get a head start on next year's planning. Thank you so much!!

RETREATS:

Search:

Aberdeen: October 23-25, 2009; January 8-10, 2010; March 26-28, 2010

Sioux Falls: Nov 20-22, 2009; Feb 19-21, 2010; June 4-6, 2010

Junior High D-Camp – Broom Tree: July 16-19, 2009

Senior High D-Camp – Broom Tree: July 12-15, 2009

Catholic Heart Work Camp: June 21-27 \$75 deposit

Steubenville Youth Conference: \$50 deposit ASAP

June 18-22 (Steubenville, OH - trip with Diocese)

July 17-19 (Rochester, MN)

World Youth Day 2011: Madrid, Spain

Stay Tuned for more information.

Scholarship Applications for youth retreats can be found in the wooden magazine rack next to glass windows in the Gathering Space, or on website. **Fundraising Opportunities** are also available - contact Esther.

Registration forms for Totus Tuus summer program and the preschool vacation Bible school are available on the table in the gathering space. Totus Tuus is July 26- 31.

Preschool & Kindergarten: 9 am-noon, cost is \$5.

Grades 1-6: Mon-Fri 9:00-2:30, cost is \$15.

Grades 7-12: Sun.-Thurs. 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm, cost is \$15.

Registration deadline is May 31.

Space is limited, so sign up now!

Totus Tuus Wednesday, July 29. We still need help with the Wednesday night potluck. This is open to all families that participated in any of the summer programs. Contact Esther if you are willing to help, esther@stmbrookings.org.

Summer Activity Center Schedule

Mon-Fri 8am – 5pm: Gym & exercise room open

Kids must be supervised!!

Sunday: Supervised open gym: 10-11am & 1-3pm

Parish adult volleyball 6:30 – 8:30pm

Mon-Thurs: Aerobics: 5:30-6:30pm

Thurs: Men's Basketball 6:30-9:00 pm

Sat: 9am Aerobics

READINGS: June 15 - 20

Mon. 2 Cor 6:1-10 • Ps 98:11-15 • Mt 5:38-42

Tues. 2 Cor 8:1-9 • Ps 146:2,5-9 • Mt 5:43-48

Wed. 2Cor 9:6-11 • Ps 112:1-2,3-4,9 • Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Thur. 2Cor 11:1-11 • Ps 111:1-4,7-8 • Mt 6:7-15

Fri. Hos 11:1,3-4,8c-9 • Is 12:2-6 • Eph 3:8-12,14-19 • Jn 19:31-37

Sat. 2 Cor 12:1-10 • Ps 34:10-13 • Lk 2:41-51

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS (June 13 - 21)

13	Sat.	5:00 PM MASS	Jack McClemons †
14	Sun.	9:00 AM MASS	For the Parish
14	Sun.	11:00 AM MASS	Int. of Sr. Marlene on her 50th Jubilee
15	Mon.	10:30 AM	Funeral Mass for Robert Mallett
16	Tues.	5:15 PM	Dec. of Grabowska & Smolik Families †
17	Wed.	5:15 PM	Evelyn Feldhaus †
18	Thurs.	7:00 AM	Fritz Kreber †
19	Fri.	7:00 AM	Fran Johnson †
20	Sat.	5:00 PM MASS	For the Parish
21	Sun.	9:00 AM MASS	Greg Gengler †
21	Sun.	11:00 AM MASS	Lucy Brotsky †

Schedule at Pius XII Newman Center

Sunday, - June 21- St. Paul's in White - 8:30 AM; Pius XII - 10:30 AM

Sunday, June 28 - St. Paul's in White - 8:30 AM; Pius XII - 10:30 AM

June Schedule : June 15 -18 - 8 AM Mass

June 22 - 8 AM Mass

June 23 - No Mass

June 24- 25 - 8 AM Mass

There will not be a regular schedule for Adoration, Confessions or Rosary. You may make a personal appointment with Fr. Paul for Confessions.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

14	Sun.	10:00 AM	Rolls, Juice & Coffee - St. Ann & Andrew's
14	Sun.	1:30-4 PM	Sr. Marlene's 50th Jubilee Celebration
16	Tues.	6:00 PM	Catholic Daughters Pot Luck & Mtg.
17	Wed.	5:40 PM	Respect Life Prayer - Chapel
21	Sun.	10:00 AM	Rolls, Juice & Coffee - St. Ann & Andrew's

Counters Schedule: June 21:

**Steve & Sheila Leary,
Mary Parsley & Blaine Hoff**

**Serving the Assembly
June 20 & 21, 2009**

	Saturday 5 PM Keyboard/Cantor	Sunday 9 AM Keyboard/Cantor	Sunday 11 AM Keyboard/Cantor
Altar Servers	Kelsey Billet Jackie Meyer Jacob Meyer	Taylor Kuck Hannah Swanson Chris Schonewill	Alexis Gannon Dylan Gilk Ryan Gilk
Lector	Judy Duffy	Teri Petz	Katie Schefers
Eucharistic Ministers	Natalie Hoffman Cheryl Meyer Sr. Marlene Rick Van Sambeek Joan Van Sambeek Ken Vlaminc Linda Vlaminc	Ray Dorn Al Kurtenbach Gary McKeown Michele Sage Don Struck Ed Weninger Vicki Whitehead	Deb Leiferman Maggie Mallett Rachel Mark Scott Mark Mary Schulte Joe Schulte Stacia Stahl
Ushers/ Greeters & Offering	Pam Erickson Ardelle Roberts Walt Spiering Judy Spiering © Larry Heinemann © Art Wilber © Dave Zervas © Stacy Zervas	Tony Kuck Dave Kuhlman Judy Kuhlman Lane Munson © Angela Guidry © Ryan Krogman © Keith Mahlum © Ralph Matz	Doug Bierschbach Vicki Bierschbach Paul Gilk Greg Klug © Volunteers Needed © Volunteers Needed © Volunteers Needed © Volunteers Needed