

SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PARISH

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14th Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 5, 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

Ezekiel 2:2-5 "They shall know that a prophet has been among them."

Psalms 123 Lord, let us see your kindness.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

Mark 6:1-6 "A prophet is not without honor, except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own country."

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

We welcome back Fr. Mike Wensing this weekend as I enjoy some days off. We join all Americans this weekend in celebrating our independence. Many have fought and died so that we might have the freedoms we enjoy—be sure to take time to pray in thanksgiving for the blessings we enjoy as US citizens! Yet, we are also citizens of God's family, and everyone, of every nation, is our brother or sister, and a member of God's family, too. May we pray, and work, for freedom and the basic necessities of life, for every member of our human race.

Our scriptures for today present 3 of God's messengers: Ezekiel, Paul, and Jesus, God's Son. The readings hint at the difficulties and challenges each of them faced in presenting God's message to the people of their time.

YEAR OF THE PRIEST



As you know, Pope Benedict has declared this year to be the year for priests.

A little brochure from Our Sunday Visitor outlines 5 ways to support your parish priest; it might be helpful to list them:

- 1) Pray for your priest
- 2) Participate and be active in your parish, sharing time & talent
- 3) Watch your expectations; sometimes we have unrealistic expectations for what a priest should be or do.
- 4) Be prepared to believe the best. Gossip often tends to be untrue or at least exaggerated, and can do much damage.
- 5) Show your appreciation. Everyone, including priests, needs affirmation and encouragement.

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant to our young people and single adults, the generosity necessary to follow Your call and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation.

Give to parents that faith, love, and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood and religious life.

Let Your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents and let your grace sustain them. Amen

First Communion Pictures are here. If you haven't done so, you may pick them up in the main office which is open Mon.- Fri. 8am - 5 pm.



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Pray for vocations to the priesthood & religious life.

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!

Word of Life - Bulletin Brief

In the present situation of our nation, a serious question has arisen about the moral obligation of Catholics to work for the overturning of the Supreme Court decisions in *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. There are those who would tell us that such work is futile and, therefore, to be abandoned, so that we can devote ourselves to help prevent individuals from choosing abortion. As Catholics, we can never cease to work for the correction of gravely unjust laws. Law is the fundamental expression of our culture and implicitly teaches citizens what is morally acceptable. Our efforts to assist those who are tempted to do what is always and everywhere wrong or are suffering from the effects of having committed a gravely immoral act ... ultimately make little sense, if we remain idle regarding unjust laws and decisions of courts regarding the same intrinsic evils. We are never justified in abandoning the work of changing legislation and of reversing decisions of the courts which are anti-life and anti-family. --Most Rev. Raymond L. Burke, Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura, Address to the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast, May 8, 2009

THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM WE WELCOME



Sofia Leonor Gonzalez, daughter of **Jose & Marci**. May Sofia grow with us in the love of God.

Baptismal Planning Meeting Parents who are anticipating the baptism of a child are reminded of the next meeting on Thursday, July 9, 7 PM in Room B. To pre-register, call 692-4361.

STM Preschool would like to thank you for your support of our program through the collection of Hy-Vee receipts and Campbell's UPC's. Campbell's no longer accepts the whole labels only the UPC's. Please continue to clip and save!



Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you for your generosity in last week's Peter's Pence Collection. Because of you, Pope Benedict XVI will be able to help millions of people around the world quickly and effectively. In 2007, the United States was responsible for almost one-third of worldwide proceeds for this Collection. Your important contributions are truly helping the Holy Father to make a difference for those most in need. If you haven't had a chance to make a donation, envelopes are on the table in the gathering space.

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.



Just like a spectacular fireworks show on the Fourth of July, so is attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter-- A Weekend of Discovery... A Lifetime of Love! Put the fun, spark and romance back into your relationship! Come and see what all the excitement is about. Register to attend our next scheduled weekend **September 11-13, 2009** at Blue Cloud Abbey. For more information, please contact Curt & Rochelle Lauret at 605-362-9145 or visit www.WWME.org. Early registration is recommended as space is limited.

"New address: Marriage In God's Plan, PO Box 90313, Sioux Falls, SD 57109

Broom Tree Retreats

Silent Retreat Schedule:

MEN'S: September 24-27

WOMEN'S: 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 broom-tree@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.

RETRouvaille: HELP FOR TROUBLED & STRAINED MARRIAGES:

Contact: Family & Children Faith Formation Office; 988-3763 or 988-3776. Note: Please keep in mind that Retrouvaille has helped couples who thought they were beyond hope, already separated, or even divorced. September 25-27, 2009 - Sioux Falls

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.

Music Ministry Choir Rehearsals:
Recessed for the Summer!

YOUTH FORMATION

Confirmation is October 18 2009 at 1:30 pm

2009 - 2010 Religious Education Registration

Return your registration forms now! You should have received one in the mail. If you didn't get one, please stop by the parish office.

RETREATS:

- Junior High D-Camp** – Broom Tree: July 16-19, 2009
- Senior High D-Camp** – Broom Tree: July 12-15, 2009
- Steubenville Youth Conference:** \$50 deposit ASAP
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.

Register now for Totus Tuus & VBS !!

Forms 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. Space is limited, so sign up now!

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: July 6 - 11

- Mon. Gn 28:10-22a • Ps 91:1-2,3-4,14-15 • Mt 9:18-26**
- Tues. Gn 32:23-33 • Ps 17:1,2-3,6-7,8,15 • Mt 9:32-38**
- Wed. Gn 41:55-57;42:5-7a,17-24a • Ps 33:2-3,10-11,18-19 • Mt 10:1-7**
- Thur. Gn 44:18-21,23b-29;45:1-5 • Ps 105:16-17,18-19,20-21 • Mt 10:7-15**
- Fri. Gn 46:1-7,28-30 • Ps 37:3-4,18-19,27-28,39-40 • Mt 10:16-23**
- Sat. Gn 49:29-32;50:15-26a • Ps 105:1-2,3-4,6-7 • Mt 10:24-33**

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel is so familiar, it hurts! The home town folks couldn't accept the presence of God in Jesus. After all, they had seen him grow up. We can easily make the same mistake if we don't see God present in the ordinary routines of family life. "The Lord be with you" is a statement of fact. Believe it. Live it.

Bulletin Deadline is Wednesday at Noon.

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS (July 4 - 12)			
4	Sat.	5:00 PM MASS	Intention of Jack & Marcella Headley on their 50th Anniversary
5	Sun.	9:00 AM MASS	Gene Grimsley †
5	Sun.	11:00 AM MASS	For the Parish
6	Mon.		No Mass
7	Tues.	5:15 PM	Communion Service
8	Wed.		No Mass
9	Thurs.	7:00 AM	Communion Service
10	Fri.		No Mass
11	Sat.	5:00 PM MASS	For the Parish
12	Sun.	9:00 AM MASS	Electa Willmott †
12	Sun.	11:00 AM MASS	Clem & Dolores Quass †

Schedule at Pius XII Newman Center

Sunday, July 12 - St. Paul's in White - 8:30 AM; Pius XII - 10:30 AM
July Schedule :

There will not be a regular schedule for Adoration, Confessions or Rosary.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK			
5	Sun.	10:00 AM	Rolls, Juice & Coffee - St. Rachel / Robert's
8	Wed.	5:40 PM	Respect Life Prayer - Chapel
9	Thurs.	7:00 PM	Baptismal Planning Mtg. - Room B
12	Sun.	10:00 AM	Rolls, Juice & Coffee - St. Rachel / Robert's

Counters Schedule: July 12: Al Baker, Ron & Jan Seeley, Joan Tabor

Serving the Assembly July 11 & 12, 2009			
	Saturday 5 PM Keyboard/Cantor	Sunday 9 AM Keyboard/Cantor	Sunday 11 AM Keyboard/Cantor
Altar Servers	Alice Gengler Marie Gengler Conor Lanning	Rebecca Apland Amy Leiferman Nichole Whitehead	Emma Lucchesi Lydia Lucchesi Matt Mason
Lector	Kim Ferris	Natalie Hoffman	Tom Coughlin
Eucharistic Ministers	Viva Alberts Rita Harming Sr. Marlene Chuck Murphy Mary Murphy Rick Van Sambeek Joan Van Sambeek	Teresa Bortnem Dave Helgeland Al Kurtenbach Deb Leiferman Gary McKeown Dan Schulte Vicki Whitehead	Ellen Berg Nancy Hausman Connie Jennings September Kirby Maggie Mallett Mary Schulte Joe Schulte
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