

# Religious Education Newsletter

## May 2010

Wow ~ where has the year gone? It sure doesn't seem like we have completed nearly nine months of Religious Ed classes. Congratulations to our 2nd grade students who received the Sacrament of First Communion this past Sunday. They worked so hard over the past months in preparation for receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus! I am so proud of each of them, their parents, and their teachers!

On May 15th we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation as an Area Faith Community where 70 candidates will stand before Bishop LeVoir and God to receive the Holy Spirit. Please continue to pray for these candidates as they make their final preparations in the days to come.

On May 30th we will celebrate Baccalaureate with our graduating seniors at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The juniors will be serving a brunch after Mass for our seniors and their parents. Please join us at Mass as we congratulate and bless these young adults as they begin a new chapter of their lives.

Even though Religious Education classes have ended for the year, there are still many things happening at church and school. Read through the newsletter to see what opportunities lie in store for you.

Summer is filled with fun things to do, places to go, and people and places to see. May God be with you during your many summer travels. See you in the Fall!

~ Lori Penas - DRE



### Grade 1-4 Fundraiser Brunch

Congratulations to the students in grades 1-4 on a very successful fundraiser to benefit Seminarian Aaron Wessman. Thank you to the parents and students who worked along the Knights of Columbus to raise over \$1,100.00, which will help Aaron in his studies.

**Confirmation** will be held on Saturday, May 15th at 4:00 p.m. here at Holy Family. This will be the first time we celebrate this sacrament as an Area Faith Community with Holy Trinity Winsted and St. Pius X Glencoe. Letters will be sent to the candidates and their parents this week.

**Soup Kitchen:** This year the 10th grade students asked if they could go and help out at a soup kitchen. We are working with Catholic Charities to arrange this trip, and it looks like we may be doing something in June. As soon as we finalize a date, additional information will be sent to students. We are also looking to go to St. Therese House in Mankato sometime this summer.

**Final Tuition** was due on February 28th. Thank you to those families that have paid their balance. If you still have an outstanding balance, please take care if this immediately. Please contact me at the parish office or you may contact Father Brian Oestreich at 320-327-2261 if you have any questions or need to make alternate arrangements.

### Holy Family Parish Youth Grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>



Holy Trinity High School invites all students in grades 7-12 from Holy Family Parish to join them for a day of fun at Valleyfair on Tuesday, June 15th. The cost is \$28.00. A sign-up sheet and permission slips are available in the back of church, at the parish office, and on the Religious Education web page at [www.holyfamilysilverlake.org](http://www.holyfamilysilverlake.org). All permission slips and payment must be turned in by Wednesday, June 9th.

No refunds after tickets have been purchased

### Vacation Bible School



All children ages 4-12 are invited to attend Vacation Bible School on June 21st - 24th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the school all purpose room. Ms. Heather Kaczmarek will again be leading a group of volunteers to teach the children about Jesus and the Bible through stories, songs, and many other activities. This year's theme is *Crocodile Dock ~ Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light*. The cost is \$12.00 per child with a \$36.00 family cap. Registration forms are available in the back of church, at the parish office, or on the Religious Education web page at [www.holyfamilysilverlake.org](http://www.holyfamilysilverlake.org). Please register June 16th so we can plan accordingly.

## Opportunities for Summer Fun

**Discipleship Camps:** Young women's and young men's Discipleship Camps are sponsored by the Diocese of New Ulm. The women's camp will be held June 17th & 18th, and the men's camp will be held June 24th & 25th. The cost is \$50.00. Both of these camps are great and will help you strengthen your leadership skills. If you are interested in attending, please stop by the parish office to pick up a form, or you can find a copy of the information on the Religious Education page of the parish website: [www.holyfamilysilverlake.org](http://www.holyfamilysilverlake.org).

**Summer Splash** with the Notre Dames in Mankato for Mother's and Daughters will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 25th & 26th. Some activities you can partake in are arts & crafts, swimming, Bingo, and prayer opportunities. The cost is \$60.00 per pair. For additional information you can visit [sndmankato.org](http://sndmankato.org).

**Catholic Youth Camp** on Big Sandy Lake in McGregor has programs for youth in grades 1-12 throughout the summer months with a variety of prices. Visit [www.cycamp.org](http://www.cycamp.org) for additional information.

**Steubenville North** is a dynamic weekend-long conference that brings teens closer to Christ through active immersion into the Catholic faith. Weekends conferences will be held in Rochester on June 16th - 18th and in St. Paul on July 30th - August 1st. For additional information and to register, visit [www.partnershipforyouth.org](http://www.partnershipforyouth.org).

**Discipleship Week** for teens ages 13 - 18 will be held Monday - Thursday, June 14th - 17th in St. Paul or Crookston, and June 15th - 18th in Duluth. The cost for the St. Paul and Duluth events is \$175.00 and for Crookston is \$185.00. Discipleship Week is sponsored by NET Ministries, and will re-ignite your Catholic faith through great music, excellent speakers, praise and worship, Mass, and may other run and entertaining activities. For additional information or to register, visit [www.netusa.org](http://www.netusa.org).

**Winstock 2010**, one of Minnesota's biggest music festivals in Winsted sponsored by Holy Trinity Catholic Church will be held June 11th & 12th. Headliners include Alan Jackson and Dierks Bentley, along with acts such as Josh Turner, Sara Evans, Ronnie Milsap, Trailer Choir, Phil Vassar, Jake Owen, and many others. For additional information, visit [www.winstockfestival.com](http://www.winstockfestival.com).

**Higher Ground**, one of Minnesota's biggest Christian music festivals in Winsted sponsored by Holy Trinity Catholic Church will be held August 13th & 14th. Artists include Chris Tomlin, Steven Curtis Chapman, Mark Schultz, Hawn Nelson, BarlowGirl, Go Fish, and many others. For additional information, visit [www.hgmusicfest.com](http://www.hgmusicfest.com).

### Upcoming Events:

- **May 9th:** Mother's Day
- **May 13th:** Ascension of the Lord
- **May 15th:** Confirmation on 4:00 p.m. Mass will be streamed on the parish website ~ visit [www.holyfamilysilverlake.org](http://www.holyfamilysilverlake.org) and click on the Confirmation Mass stream.
- **May 23rd:** Pentecost Sunday
- **May 29th:** Anniversary of Fr. Brian's Ordination to the Priesthood (17 years)
- **May 30th:** Baccalaureate Mass at 9:30 a.m. The Junior class will serve a brunch afterward for graduates and their parents.
- **May 31st:** Memorial Day ~ 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Family cemetery, 9:30 Mass at St. Adalbert cemetery, 10:30 a.m. Memorial Day presentation in city park.
- **June 21-25:** Vacation Bible School
- **June 25th:** 6:00 p.m. Mass with Bishop LeVoir to consecrate our new altar (made by Duane Wanous) with a farewell pot-luck supper to follow for Fr. Brian.

### **Weekly Mass Schedule:**

8:05 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

6:25 p.m. Mass every Wednesday (6:15 p.m. Reconciliation)

5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Mass every Saturday (4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Reconciliation)

9:30 a.m. Mass every Sunday

Traveling this summer? Visit [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com) or [www.thecatholicdirectory.com](http://www.thecatholicdirectory.com) to find Masses where you are vacationing.