

PRESENTATION OF MARY

WORSHIP (Week of April 28)

- 28-MON.** Acts 16: 11-15; Ps 149: 1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15: 26-16:4a
8:00 a.m.: † Denise Velasquez-Harvey
- 29-TUES.** Acts 16: 22-34; Ps 138: 1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16: 5-11
8:00 a.m.: † Gary Wirkus
- 30-WED.** Acts 17: 15, 22-18: 1; Ps 148: 1-2, 11-14; Jn 16: 12-15
8:00 a.m.: † Bill Wold
- 1-THURS.** Acts 18: 1-8; Ps 98: 1-4; Jn 16: 16-20
8:00 a.m.: † Bill & Bev Schroeder
- 2-FRI.** Acts 18: 9-18; Ps 47: 2-7; Jn 16: 20-23
8:45 a.m.: † Dolores O'Mara
- THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**
- 3-SAT.** † Robert Rivard
5:00 p.m.: † Robert Rivard
- 4-SUN.** Acts 1: 1-11; Ps 47: 2-3, 6-9; Eph 1: 17-23; Mt 28: 16-20
8:30 a.m.: † George Gerlach
- 10:30 a.m.: † Parishioners

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Our parish welcomes the newly baptized!



**Kira Lorraine Edelyn
Corvyn John Plant**

Please pray for them as they continue to grow in Christ.



REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers,
Robert Merry who died recently.
Our sympathy to his family and friends.

H.E.O. UPDATE

Thank you for your donations to area food shelves.
110 lbs went to Dayton's Bluff
April 28— Viv Forsberg, North St. Paul
Thank you for your generosity!



MAINTENANCE DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2008

MEET IN THE GYM

8:00 AM—3:00 PM



We need your help to clean up and fix up our facilities and grounds. If you have special skills (carpenter, plumber etc.) be sure to let us know. We have plenty of jobs anyone can do such as painting, trimming bushes, gardening, cleaning out storage areas or helping feed the workers.

This is a great chance to meet your fellow parishioners and socialize while helping out the parish. Donuts and coffee will be provided in the morning and lunch will be served.

We can use all ages from youth to seniors!! A job for anyone and everyone! Sign up in advance by contacting Rick Bidwell at 651-260-7032.



MAPLEWOOD

In this time and age, it seems that we are all seeking stability in our lives over growth. We search for stability in our finances, stability in our relationships, and stability for our future. While we never know what tomorrow will bring in our personal lives, we do know one thing, and that is the fact that tomorrow will bring us a church and a school working together to enrich the lives of children and adults in the works of Jesus Christ.

It is apparent to me through my many conversations with parents, parishioners, and alumnus that our school was once a center point for Catholic education on the eastside of St. Paul. Although our enrollment is not what it used to be, it is important to remember that numbers are not the criteria to dictate our status or stability, but rather the more appropriate criteria are faith and community in which our parish and school exceed.

However, our school is stable in every sense of the word. We are stable financially, we are stable with enrollment, and we are far beyond stable in the education that we provide. This is important because we all know that nothing can be built on what is not stable. Once stability is achieved, growth can occur, which is exactly what we expect in the next few years. I am reminded of this by Pope Benedict XVI's visit this past week, and Jesus called St. Peter his "rock" his stable foundation to build His church upon. We all need to achieve stability in all forms of our life, before we can grow, which is exactly what Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is achieving every day.

Thank you for your continued support.

- Brian Ragatz
Principal

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

We will be beginning a four week **Grief Support Group** on Thursday mornings from 8:30 -10:00 a.m. Our first meeting will be Thursday, May 1, 2008, and we will meet for four consecutive Thursdays ending May 22, 2008. If you are experiencing the loss of a loved one we invite you to attend. We will learn some of the different ways we grieve, address specific topics, allow for group discussion, and invite Christ into our lives wherever we happen to be. Please note: We will be meeting in the Fireplace room in the Parish Center following daily Mass. For questions, directions or to let us know that you are coming, please call Jim or Karen at 651-777-8116.

DENTAL CARE ITEMS NEEDED!



Everyone thinks to give food and clothing for those in need but some everyday items are overlooked. Dental hygiene is important for both health and appearance.

Presentation's Social Justice Committee and Community Caring for Life Group would like to help supply Alley Shoppe, Therese Living Center and Listening House with more dental care items.



How can you help?

Bring any of the following listed items to church during May and drop them in the boxes at the entrances:

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| Toothpaste | Dental floss |
| Mouthwash | Toothbrush covers |
| Toothbrushes (adult and children's) | |



PRESENTATION SCHOOL NEWS

- ◆ The School Advisory Commission along with the entire Presentation School community would like to thank and recognize our **2008 Volunteer of the Year** award recipients.

Pat Hustings volunteers to tutor several school children and help in the lunch room. One grateful parent noted that thanks to Pat's work, her child, who was struggling in math is now working at grade level and has a more positive attitude towards math. Pat's work with our children is a blessing for all of us!

The husband and wife team of **Jeff and Bonnie Wasienski** dedicate both time and talent to our school. Bonnie manages the school store which helps raise funds for school technology while Jeff spends endless hours during the school year and summer updating, trouble-shooting, fixing, and installing computer systems. Jeff's talents on the violin have enhanced our school Christmas and Spring concerts. Bonnie works behind the scenes to ensure the concerts are filmed and DVDs are available for sale. Jeff and Bonnie are a fantastic team their work greatly benefits our school community.

Thank you, Pat, Jeff and Bonnie, and thanks again to the many volunteers that make Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary school a positive, faith-filled educational experience for our children.

- ◆ **"Don't Worry...Be Happy"** was the theme for this year's Spring Concert. All who attended performances certainly left a bit happier than when they arrived, thanks to the fun and creative songs the students presented. Thank you to Mrs. Nancy Masson for her creativity in producing and directing the concert, and to all who worked "behind the scenes" before, during, and after the event. Thank you too, to the volunteers who helped make the POPS sponsored Ice Cream Social after the evening concert such a fun event. Cathy Miettunen, Jim O'Brien and Carol Grau decorated, set up, and cleaned up Kenney Hall and kept the ice cream well stocked for everyone!
- ◆ POPS is pleased to once again sell **Linder's Garden Center Gift Cards** through the end of June at the Pres \$ table after Sunday Mass. Linder's gift cards make great gifts for Mother's Day, baby and wedding showers, birthdays, and anniversaries. Purchase a few for your own gardening needs, too! Profits from the sale of gift cards go directly to Presentation School.

Theme Basket booth . . . Consider making a basket for the Theme Basket booth. Cash contributions are also welcome to defray the cost of bags, ribbon, etc. Back by popular demand we will be selling chances for: St. Paul Hotel Stay, Dinner of the Month (12 Restaurant Gift Certificates), Wine Cooler, Combination TV & DVD Player, and a fantastic basket to bid on for a lucky couple to win an elegant dinner catered by the Otto and Miettunen families. Spread the word and be sure to visit the Theme Basket booth! Questions, or if you wish to volunteer, please contact Sue Hobday at 651-770-5257 or Angie Jasinski at 651-770-8084.

Inflatables . . . Pre-Sale of wristbands for the inflatables are available at the Parish Center, PCLC and the school office. \$10 for a day or \$18 for the weekend. During the festival prices will be \$12 per day or \$20 for the weekend.

FAITH FORMATION

Jesus commissioned each of us to teach the Good News of his redeeming love. Last Saturday at our monastery in St. Joseph, MN, Bishop Kinney (St. Cloud Diocese) thanked the Sister Jubilarians (one 85th...age 106, five 75th, and fourteen 60th) for sharing the GOOD NEWS through their various ministries. Eleven of these Sisters were teachers and/or Faith Formation directors, four were nurses, and five were domestic artisans in nursing homes and hospitals.

Today there are countless LAY MINISTERS who do the same...share the Good News of Jesus' redeeming love. To them and to all who fulfill that sacred ministry, Jesus says, "Blessed are the feet of those who teach the Good News". It was with that quote that Bishop Kinney ended his homily. (What about the 25th and 50th Jubilarians? They will celebrate in July!)

-S. Kathy

SOCIAL JUSTICE: We, as Christians, know the Our Father from memory but do we know it by HEART? Father Ron Rohlhauser, in his book, THE HOLY LONGING (PP 189-190), suggests the following reflections to help us pray the Our Father by HEART:

Our Father... who always stands with the weak, the powerless, the poor, the abandoned, the sick, the aged, the very young, the unborn, and those who, by victim of circumstance, bear the heat of the day.

Who art in heaven... where everything is reversed, where the first shall be last and the last shall be first but where ALL will be well.

Hallowed be thy name... may the reverence we give your name pull us out of our selfishness that prevents us from seeing the pain of our neighbor.

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DONATIONS FOR THE FESTIVAL!

Bottle booth . . . All types of plastic bottle items.

Grandma's Attic . . . As you start your spring cleaning, keep this booth in mind. We need your used, yet useful items, anything from dishes to pictures, jewelry, trinkets, and collectibles of any kind. **No clothing, please.**

Silent Auction . . . New or used items (in good, usable condition). In years past people have donated various items, such as kitchen wares, toys, sports equipment, collectables, jewelry, paintings, antiques, items that were received as gifts but never utilized, and many other items. **Please NO large exercise equipment or appliances.**

Book booth . . . New or gently used books (paperbacks, hardcovers, childrens or adults). **No encyclopedias please.**

Raffle Tickets . . . Remember we are giving away \$6,000 in cash prizes and raffle tickets are \$3/each. . . So get your sold raffle tickets into the Parish Office soon or you can bring them to the Parish Festival. We need your support and appreciate your participation in this event.

PASTORAL CARE

CODEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS/ALANON meets Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. For more information, call Mary Claire at 651-777-8181.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS meets Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. For more information, please call Colleen at 651-295-9853.



FRIDAY, MAY 2

3:00 PM—8:00 PM

- Bring your donated items to Kenney Hall for Silent Auction, Theme Baskets, Grandma's Attic, Bottles for the Bottle booth, and Book booth.
- Donation of cakes for Cake Walk (A-M)
- Donations of pies (N-Z)
- \$5 donation to offset the Sunday dinner cost

SATURDAY, MAY 3

12:00 NOON—6:00 PM ALL BOOTHS OPEN

1:00 pm The 3M Wizards

2:15 pm The Hill-Murray Jazz Band

3:00 pm MN State Fair's own Princess Kay of the Milky Way

3:30 pm Youth Talent Show Featuring:
Deena Star and Lauren Zimitsch—Duet
Mariah Fenwick—Piano

Kara Star and Rachel Tschida—Duet

John Blanda & Jonathan Hjelmgren—Piano/song Duet
John Blanda—Piano

Jonathan Hjelmgren—Piano

Peter Book and Friends—Kazoo Band

Collin Fenwick—Piano

Maia Wells—Jokes

Laura Star—Soloist

Collin Fenwick, Anne Franey, Mahalia Mgeni—Band

Marcus Haskins—Drums

Veronica Garcia—Flute

Sam Henkes—Piano

5:00—7:30 pm Mexican Dinner catered by Aca pulco's

7:00—11:00 pm Dance to the Wildcard Band

NO COVER CHARGE

SUNDAY, MAY 4

11:30 AM—4:30 PM ALL BOOTHS OPEN

Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner served in the gym.

(\$8.00 full order Chicken Breast \$6.00 half order)

5:00 pm Raffle drawing in Gym

BOTH SATURDAY & SUNDAY: Outdoor Inflatables, Kiddieland, Bingo & Pull-tabs, Silent Auction, Prize Drawings, Theme Baskets, Books, food and more.

SUNDAY, April 27, 2008

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WHAT I AM IS GOD'S GIFT TO ME

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| Amount needed in April..... | \$58,000 |
| Sunday Envelopes | \$11,142 |
| Automatic Deposits (thru Apr. 22) | \$349 |
| Plate Collection..... | \$412 |
| Children's Envelopes..... | \$22.00 |
| Weekly Total..... | \$11,925 |
| April Collections to Date..... | \$50,483 |

WHAT I BECOME IS MY GIFT TO GOD

IN OUR PARISH

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| 28-MONDAY | 3:00 pm Chess Club (KH) 7:00 pm CoDa (CR) 7:00 pm Women's 500 Cards (FR/MR/RR) 7:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 461 (G) |
| 29-TUESDAY | 6:30 pm Den 2 (KH) |
| 30-WEDNESDAY | 8:45 am Scripture Reflection (FR) 11:00 am Women's Art Day (MR) 6:00 pm ELC Meeting (KH) 7:00 pm Liturgical Choir Practice (SFC) |
| 1-THURSDAY | 8:30 am Grief Group (FR) 6:30 pm Jr. Girl Scout Troop 50811 (KH) 6:30 pm Social Justice Committee (FFC) 7:00 pm Parish Council (CR) 7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous (FR/MR) 9:00 pm Volleyball (G) |
| 2-FRIDAY | 8:45 am All School Mass (C) 10:45 am Ramsey NH Communion Service 3:00 pm Drop off for Spring Festival Donations until 8 pm (KH) |
| 3-SATURDAY | SPRING FESTIVAL |
| 4-SUNDAY | SPRING FESTIVAL |

KEY TO MEETING PLACES:

Parish Center: SFC-St. Francis Chapel, FR-Fireplace Room, CR-Conference Room, UCR-Upper Conference Room, PC-Parish Center, FL-Faculty Lounge, RR-Resource Room, MR-Modesta Room, MRS-Mary's Room in School

Other Areas: C-Church, KH-Kenney Hall, G-Gym, S-School, BR-Band Room, FFC-Faith Formation Center

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2008-2009

Presentation of the BVM parish is currently accepting nominations for the Parish Council. The Parish Council meets every other month from September through June. The term for a council member is three years. The role of the council is to provide the pastor a prayerful, reflective body that offers counsel, information, recommendations and support for issues and concerns that arise in the parish. This fall there will be four openings on the Parish Council. If you are interested or if you would like additional information, please contact Steve Blessing at 651-777-8116 or any of the current council members listed in the bulletin.