

PARISH NEWS

There's a sign up sheet on the kiosk for **leading the Rosary** before May Mass times. Please consider leading and experience the power of the Rosary.

Altar Servers: A new list for Altar Servers has been published. If you have not received a list by e-mail, please pick up a list at the kiosk.

Thank you all for faithfully serving at your scheduled times and also filling in when needed.

Catholic Communication Campaign Collection Helps the Good News Get Around

The national date of the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) is June 5. This year, the campaign focuses on new ways to bring the gospel to wherever people are. Whether it is through Internet content to strengthen marriage, podcasts for daily readings, televising the Christmas Mass, or using Facebook for news, discussions and sharing the faith, the Catholic Communication Campaign Collection helps the Good News get around.

WORD OF LIFE: Against a cultural background characterized by the eclipse of the sense of life, in which the common perception of the moral gravity of abortion and of other kinds of attacks on human life, special fortitude is demanded of doctors so that they may continue to assert that abortion resolves nothing but kills the child, destroys the woman and blinds the conscience of the child's father, all too often ruining family life. This duty, however, does not only concern the medical profession and health-care workers. The whole of society must defend the right to life of the child conceived and the true good of the woman who will never, in any circumstance, be able to find fulfillment in the decision of abortion.

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Address to Participants in the General Assembly of the Pontifical Academy for Life, February 28, 2011



DATES TO REMEMBER

May 19-20: Spring Scholastic Book Fair.

May 19: Choir Party

May 20: End-of-the year dance from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

May 22nd: 10:00 am. —High School Seniors Mass.

May 22nd: 10:00 a.m. Receiving Mass for Confirmation Students.

May 25: Preschool and Kindergarten graduation at 7 PM.

May 26: Track and Field Day at 1:00 PM.

May 27: Last Day of School

May 27::Games start at 9:30 a.m. & picnic lunch at 11:30 a.m.

June 6th—Busy Bee's Summer Day Care Program begins.

June 13th - 17th - Vacation Bible School

August 15-22: Sumer time School Cleaning.

AREA HAPPENINGS

Mary's Place Summer Reading Program Needs Volunteers...

Sharing & Caring Hands, run by Mary Jo Copeland, is in need of volunteers to spend time reading with the children this summer. These children are homeless and often their education has suffered due to their unstable living situation. Summer can be a great time for these students to catch up on their reading and they love spending time with another caring adult.

Would you be willing to spend an afternoon each week reading with the children at Mary's Place? The program runs June 10 – August 20 and is offered Monday through Wednesday, 3:30-5:30 pm. Training will be provided. Volunteers must be 14 years or older. If you are interested, please contact **K a t h y K l e m e n t** at kklement@sharingandcaringhands.org or 612-328-0988.

“Worship and Bow Down” Tour 2011

YOU ARE INVITED! An opportunity to attend powerful evening of music, teaching and prayer with Catholic music's most popular recording artist and respected author/motivational speaker John Michael Talbot! He will be presenting a 3 day retreat at St. Joseph in Waconia, MN. On May 16, 17 18 from 7-8:30 pm each evening. John Michael's ministry has blessed millions over the past 35 years and Thousands of lives have been transformed in a deeper personal relationship with Jesus. Contact Genevieve at 612-767-2434 for details or go to ministry@johnmichaeltalbot.com

Day of Honor and Recognition for Birthmothers

The Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis, in conjunction with Catholic Charities, is offering its annual Day of Honor and Recognition for Birthmothers on Saturday, July 23, 2011. This day is set aside to recognize the sacrifices made by those who have relinquished a child to adoption. This day also offers an opportunity for healing, sharing and for learning about resources available for birth mothers.

Date/Times: July 23, 2011, 9:30 AM to 2:45 PM.

Location: Our Lady of Grace

5071 Eden Ave., Edina MN

Cost: \$15.00, to cover lunch and expenses. Scholarships available.

Registration: 651-291-4488, or online at www.archspm.org,

St. Bernard's Catholic United Financial is a dedicated and generous organization that works at many different fundraisers to benefit our church and school.

2010 Fundraising

Knights of Columbus (we prepared and served 2 meals)	\$600.00
Taco stand and bake sale	\$531.46
Rummage sale	\$873.79
Waffle Breakfast	\$1164.50
Ministree	\$415.00

2010 Donations

St. Bernards Church and School (matching grant)	\$2038.29 \$1000.00
(youth hours worked)	\$114.00
St. Bernards Faith Formation	\$75.00
Ascension Faith Formation	\$75.00
Youth Parish – St. Bernards	\$331.38
Youth Parish – Ascension	\$331.38
Gift to retiring school cook	\$25.00
Convention (school supplies)	\$49.00
Msgr. Schuler Trust	\$50.00
Common Hope	\$50.00
Food Shelf	\$95.00

Thanks to everyone for your participation – We could not have accomplished this without your support!

Richard and Mary Kelly, Ascension parishioners,
Cordially invite our Catholic Community to the
Priestly ordination of their son

Jonathan Kelly

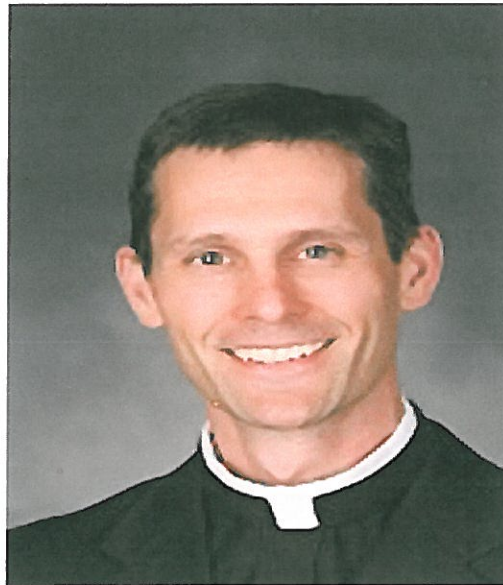
To the Holy Order of the Priesthood

On Saturday, May 28

At ten o'clock in the morning at

The Cathedral of St. Paul

Let us join with them in this very special celebration.



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**Jonathan and his family also invite the parish to
A Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, June 11 at 5 PM
and to be their guests at a supper to follow in the Social Hall.**

Ascension is providing free transportation to this event.

**Sign up sheet in the back of church or
call Frances Kramer at 467-2275**