

## **Sacraments**

### **Presentation of Candidates for First Eucharist and Confirmation and RCIA**

This weekend at the 9am & 11am Masses adults in the RCIA process, children preparing for First Eucharist, and young people preparing for Confirmation will be called forward and presented to the assembly. Father Ellis will instruct the candidates and offer a blessing as they move into their final step of preparations for these sacraments of Initiation. They request your prayers, support, and your witness to the Catholic Faith.

Some of you may want to become a prayer sponsor for one of those who are being presented. There will be baskets at each door with the names of all who are preparing for an initiation sacrament. You are invited to take a name and remember this candidate in your prayers during the next few months. We then ask that you let the person know you have been praying for them with a small card at the time of his/her First Communion, Confirmation, Baptism, or Profession of Faith.

Adult Baptisms and Profession of Faith into the Catholic Church - Easter Vigil - March 31<sup>st</sup>

First Eucharist - all Masses the weekend of May 5 & 6

Confirmation - May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Basilica of St. Mary

We are blessed as this year we have two adults preparing for Baptism, two adults making a Profession of Faith, 23 children preparing for First Eucharist, and 30 young people preparing for Confirmation.

## **Parish Life**

### **On Sale This Weekend!**

Disney Sing-along and Spaghetti: A Mardi Gras Dinner Event - Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm

Tickets are available after all Masses; adults & teens - \$10, children under 12 - \$7.

### **Leisure Club Fun with the Boulays**

Come experience the music within you as you enjoy entertainment by Pat and Carolyn Boulay! They will share their musical gifts at our OLP Leisure Club January gathering on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon in Pates Hall. Potluck is on the menu and we are blessed with great cooks to provide you with wonderful culinary surprises! If you do not cook, the cost is \$6.00 per person. All persons 55+ are welcome to join us. Please call Bernie Howell (612-724-4547) or Karlette Rizzi (612-729-1501) for information.

### **DeCuria Schola – January 26<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm**

Gopher announcer Dick Jonckowski's talk, "Laugh and Live Longer," will be an entertaining and inspiring exploration of how Dick has found that his faith and his gift to entertain has given him the strength to face any challenge that life throws at him. No reservations required.

## **Community News**

### **Lenten Morning of Reflection with Fr. Kevin Finnegan**

Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8:30 am to 12:30 pm - Annunciation Church

This event will include a light breakfast, a Lenten Reflection, Mass, opportunity for Reconciliation, and lunch. Registration information and further details to follow.

### **World Day of the Sick 2018**

Are you ill? Do you suffer from a chronic condition? Do you work in healthcare perhaps as a therapist, radiologist, physical therapist, nurse, etc? Or are you a caregiver for a family member or friend? You, and the general public, are most welcome to join Archbishop Bernard Hebda for Mass at 10 am at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in West St. Paul, for the 26<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Sick on Saturday, Feb 10, 2018. This Annual Mass reminds us to pray and honor those who are sick, those who work in health care and those who serve as caregivers. Special blessings with water from Lourdes will be available. Following Mass there will be a reception and a talk by Fr. Altier. Anyone who is ill, caregivers, health care workers and the general public are most welcome. Questions? Email [curatioevent@gmail.com](mailto:curatioevent@gmail.com) or call Teresa at 651-373-5369. If you are not able to join us in person, we will keep you and your family in our prayers on this special day. Co-sponsored by Curatio and Order of Malta.

### **It's All About Love**

From "They Say It's Wonderful" to "I Remember It Well," From the Heart will be performing at the Hastings Arts Center on Sunday afternoon, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. The Arts Center is located at 216 4<sup>th</sup> Street East, Hastings, MN. From the Heart is a quartet with Melissa O'Neill, soprano, Tom Witry, baritone, Martha Mathewson, pianist, and Dana Mathewson, woodwinds. They specialize in unique and fresh arrangements of beloved standards, jazz and Broadway tunes of the Great American Songbook.

This special concert event will celebrate Valentine's Day and honor you and your love with music and dessert! For more details and tickets go to [fthquartet.wix.com/fromtheheartartists](http://fthquartet.wix.com/fromtheheartartists).



The 2018 Catholic Services Appeal for the 18 Collective Ministries of our Archdiocese has officially begun! The Collective Ministries are the shared ministries of this Archdiocese that no one parish can support on its own. Those who have contributed to the Appeal in the past should shortly receive a mailing from the CSAF requesting your continued support. We ask that you once again open your generous hearts to hear the cry of the poor, the sick, the school children, and the many other people in need who are served by these ministries.

Please prayerfully consider making a pledge. You can visit our website at [www.csafpm.org](http://www.csafpm.org) for more information regarding the 18 Collective Ministries. Please send in your pledge using the postage prepaid envelope provided with the mailing or bring your completed pledge to Mass and drop it in the offering. Thank you for your generosity!

The 18 Collective Ministries served by the Catholic Services Appeal are:

- American Indian Ministry
- Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW)
- Campus Ministry - Newman Center
- Campus Ministry - Saint Paul's Outreach
- Catholic Charities
- Deaf Ministry
- Elementary School Subsidies and Scholarships
- Evangelization and Catechesis
- High School Scholarships
- Hospital Chaplains
- Latino Ministry
- Marriage, Family and Life
- Parishes
- Prison Chaplains
- Saint John Vianney College Seminary
- The Saint Paul Seminary
- Venezuelan Mission
- Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities