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December 27, 2009

The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that Jesus lived in a real family. That seems like stating the obvious and yet, our belief that Jesus is truly God, sometimes clouds our awareness of Jesus being truly human too. Of course the reality of our sins and the fact that Jesus did not know sin and that Mary was freed from sin through the gift of Jesus also causes us to think his family life was "other worldly." Yet he was a child and then a boy; a teenager and then a young man. He was like us in all things but sin.

One of the most touching scenes in the "Passion of the Christ" was the moment along the way of the cross when Jesus falls and we see the mind and heart of Mary reflecting back to her toddler son falling while outside playing. It was so poignant not just because of the brutality of the carrying of the cross as the film portrayed it and not even or only because we experience the powerlessness of Mary at that moment, but also because it allowed us an imaginative glimpse of the everyday relationship of the child Jesus and his mother.

I have an image of Jesus as a child with Joseph in my home. Jesus, beginning to walk, is playing beside Joseph's work bench. Jesus is stooped as a little child learning to walk, trying to pick up a nail. Joseph is glancing over his shoulder with a watchful eye. The reference to his impending crucifixion is obvious. However the image of Jesus waddling around Joseph's shop is very touching. We can imagine Jesus did that as our own children do in their first days of exploring the world of their own home.

I also have a small statue in my office, a copy of the life size statue in Our Lady Queen of the Universe Church in Orlando, Florida. In this scene, Jesus is a teenage boy, sitting on Joseph's work bench, obviously rattling on about something utterly important to him. His arm is flying and his face is turned upward. Joseph sits beside the bench on a stool, his head

supported by his arm resting on the bench. Joseph is in rapt attention, gazing with love, delight and pure joy at Jesus. Haven't we all done that as we witness the unfolding of a teenager's dreams and hopes.

Still another statue in the Catholic Church in Wenatchee, Washington shows an older teenage Jesus sitting bent over an unrolled scroll (the way books were made in those days) while Joseph leans over his shoulder pointing to a word on the scroll. Joseph is teaching Jesus about the scriptures as parents for generations upon generations have done.

Finally, the image of Mary and Jesus which graces our own Cathedral is truly human even as it expresses the truth of Jesus' divinity. The angels beside Mary hold the implements of Jesus' death. The story of the painting suggests that Jesus, seeing a vision of his future suffering runs to his mother. His sandal slips off his foot in his haste. Mary scoops him up and comforts him, offering a mother's assurance that all will be fine. Even so she looks at us who have the privilege of witnessing this tender moment with a gaze that calls us to share her sorrow and a plea to turn away from our sins. The theology is compelling but so is the humanness of a mother embracing her frightened little boy.

This is the Holy Family. A mother and a father raising their son, knowing his unique relationship to the God they and their ancestors have believed in for centuries but also journeying through his life from infant to toddler to child, teenager and beyond. The memories they held for each other, mostly lost to us, can be imagined and recaptured when we think of our own families. Certainly we are not perfect, but in the best of our human living and growing we imagine similar moments in the life of the Holy Family. In doing that we can pray for a deeper relationship with Jesus, Mary and Joseph so that our efforts to live as they lived, united in peace and love, can be realized.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2009 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Hermosa is at St. Michael's Church in Hermosa which is a mission parish for the Cathedral. Mass in the extraordinary form - Immaculate Conception Chapel Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM and Sunday at 10:00 AM.
+ **Indicates deceased**

Monday (12/28) The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7:00 AM Caroline Friedrich+
3:30 PM (The Victorian) Ann Langan+
5:30 PM Deceased Members of John Weber family

Tuesday (12/29) The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

7:00 AM Terri Gainey+
5:30 PM George Brandner+

Wednesday (12/30) The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

7:00 AM Peter William Overton+
5:30 PM For those involved in the parish & school formation programs

Thursday (12/31) The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

7:00 AM Dell Hellekson+

THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Main Cathedral (MC), Our Lady's Chapel (OLC), Adoration Chapel (AC), Choir Loft (CL), Cathedral Hall (CH), Cathedral Hall Classroom (CHC), Large Meeting Room (LMR), Lower Sacristy (LS), St. Thomas More High School (STM), St. Elizabeth Seton School (SES).

Sunday, December 27

Coffee and Rolls— 9:00 AM (CH)
Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary—3:00 PM (OLC)
No Life Night
No Newman Center Mass
No Youth Choir Rehearsal

Monday, December 28

Tuesday, December 29

Spiritus Rehearsal—7:00 PM (OLC)

Wednesday, December 30

Reconciliation—12:00-1:00 PM, 4:30-5:30 PM (MC)
No The EDGE
No Oremus Rehearsal
No Women of Faith

Thursday, December 31

KC Card Party—9:00 AM (LS)
Vigil Mass—5:30 PM (MC)
Hermosa Vigil Mass—5:30 PM

Friday, January 1 (Mary, Mother of God)

Holy Day of Obligation
Rectory Office is closed

Mass—8:00 AM (MC)
Mass—10:30 AM (MC)
No 5:30 PM Mass

Saturday, January 2

Mass/Adoration—8:00-9:30 AM (OLC)
Reconciliation—3:00-4:00 PM (MC)


Sunday, January 3

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast—9:00 AM (CH)
Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary—3:00 PM (OLC)
No Life Night
No Newman Center Mass

WEEKLY READINGS:

MONDAY	1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18
TUESDAY	1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35
WEDNESDAY	1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40
THURSDAY	1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18
FRIDAY	Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
SATURDAY	1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28
SUNDAY	Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday (12/31) Vigil
5:30 PM Genevieve La Roche+
5:30 PM (Hermosa)



Friday (1/1)
8:00 AM Peggy Oursland
10:30 AM Leonard Neary+
5:30 PM **No Mass**

Saturday (1/2) Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

7:00 AM First Saturday Mass of Reparation
5:30 PM Ron Mueller+

Sunday (1/3) The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM John W Moriarty
9:00 AM (Hermosa)
10:30 AM People of the Parish
5:30 PM Margaret Rokusek+
8:00 PM (Newman Center) **No Mass**



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK.

Names will remain on our list for *One Month*. Please contact the rectory to request continued prayers at 342-0507.

Please remember the sick of the Cathedral Parish, especially, Fr. Ed Murray, Lorraine Kammerer, Mitch Linster, Fr. Ed Vanorny, Clare Madden, Mary Lou Roberts, James Parker, Liz Rau, Anna Raue, Florence Williams, Ashley Waltman, Thelma Wagener, Bill Cordes, Josphe Verret, Steve Vedder, Sid Reyes, Delores Ackerman, Kyle Oberlander, Leona Oberlander, Ann Simpson, Stella DeLeon, Linda Keogh, Shannon McKeegan, Beth Bement-Stump, Brad Smith, Lois Bordeaux, Gabriel Bachmeier, Nevaeh Frank, Avaria Frank, Beverly Peil and Katharine Tsioulcas.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED ESPECIALLY VINCENT BAUMGARTNER AND PAT LANE.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Lt. Matt Walenta, Lt. Col. James White, Sgt.1C Christopher Goodart, SPC Rodney Schlechter, SPC Kevin Stone, Andy Martinmaas, Chief MSgt., Capt. Martin R. Yost, Angelo Schiraldi, PFC Tristin Murphy, Capt. Jason Wagner, Capt. Andrew Lucchesi, Sgt Cory Vander Molen, Maj. Richard Heidorn, Alexander Purcell, Capt. Cory Wallace, J.D. Parker, Lt. Adam Johnson, David Janklow, Shaun Kuharski, Derrick Bachman and TSgt Micah Wheatley.

If you have a family member who is currently serving overseas and you would like to have that person's name listed on the prayer list in the bulletin, please call Kaye at 342-0507.



Reasons for spending one hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament:

If the Pope himself would give you a special invitation to visit him in the Vatican, this honor would be nothing in comparison to the honor and dignity that Jesus Himself bestows upon you with the Invitation of spending one hour with Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

"The Divine Eucharist bestows upon the Christian people the incomparable dignity."

Pope John Paul VI, Mysterium Fidei

WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT

December 20, 2009

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 24,248.33
Regular Collection (E-Tithing)	\$ 1,896.00
Special Collection	\$ 565.50
	\$ <u>26,709.83</u>

Total Seminary Fund FY 2010: \$ 10,233.94

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH NEWS

PERPETUAL HELP COLLECTION

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

This January we are collecting for Catholic Social Services.

The items on their wish list include Art Therapy and Play Therapy Supplies such as Play-Doh modeling clay, moon sand, doll house furniture and dolls, construction paper, washable and colored permanent markers, poster board, stencils, stickers, squishy balls, puzzles (all

ages), polished rocks, colored pencils and Children's Items such as baby clothing, receiving blankets and towels, baby furniture, baby lotion, shampoo, diaper rash cream, diapers and wipes. Your support of Catholic Social Services is much appreciated.



CONSIDER ELECTRONIC GIVING

The Cathedral offers a convenient electronic giving option that allows donations to be made on a scheduled, automatic basis. We recommend this method of giving for parishioners and others who wish to support the church on an ongoing basis.

Authorization forms are available on the website, www.cathedralolph.org or from the Rectory office. If you have any questions or wish to request a form, please contact Beth Strain, Parish Administrator, beth@cathedralolph.org or phone 342-0507.

CATHEDRAL YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Saturday, December 26—7:00 PM Dinner Theater at Firehouse Brewing Company. Please purchase tickets on your own, in advance, and plan to sit as a group.

Monday, January 4—5:30 PM Mass and dinner at Ruby Tuesday's.

Monday, January 18—5:30 PM Mass and dinner at Arby's on 8th Street.

For more info:

cathedralyoungadultgroup@yahoo.com

INFORMATION

LIFENIGHT
CATHEDRALOLPHHSM

the edge
Cathedral middle school ministry

The Feast of the Holy Family is a time of *consecration*. All gifts come from God, so we need offer them back to Him.

Life Night (9-12 grade)

Dec 27 & Jan 3

No Life Night

The EDGE (6-8 grade)

December 30

No EDGE

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Life Teen & The Edge Question of the Week

The media and culture strive to destroy family holiness and prey on those families who are broken through divorce, addiction, illness and death. God does not give the impression that families must be perfect or easy to love because Mary and Joseph faced judgment from others, financial insecurity, moving from the comfort of friends and even the fear of losing their child. The difference is that they leaned on God.

How can I lean on God towards holiness in my family and bring Christ into our home by selflessly loving and forgiving each other?

Have yourself an Advent KISS

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/yayg9lo> for your kiss.

Safe Environment Training

Save the Date for Youth Safe Environment Training on January 24 and 27, keep your eyes peeled in the bulletin for specific details after January 10 and your home mailboxes for future correspondence.

TEC Retreat from January 16 – 18, 2010

Teens and Young adults, ages 16-22 are invited to TEC #41 at the Terra Sancta Retreat Center. Teens Encounter Christ is a 3-day retreat experience in a different atmosphere away from school where you can meet new people, reflect on your faith and encounter Christ, alive today. The cost is \$50.00 to attend and scholarships are available. Contact Tom for questions and an application at tom@cathedralolph.org.

St. Louis Mission Trip July 24 – Aug 1, 2010

Join 44 other teens and 10 adults for our Summer Mission Trip to the Catholic Heart Work Camp in St. Louis as we share the love of Jesus with the neglected and broken hearted. There will be amazing opportunities for service & justice projects, reflection, and community building! You can reserve your spot with a \$100 deposit. Contact Tom at tom@cathedralolph.org if you have any questions.

"Disorder in society is the result of disorder in the family."
- St. Angela Merici

Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Generations of Faith

GOF Jan 24/27, 2010

Option for the poor and vulnerable.

"At the end of our lives, we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made or how many great things we have done. We will be judged by 'I was hungry and you gave me to eat. I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless and you took me in.' Hungry not only for bread-but hungry for love. Naked not only for clothing-but naked of human dignity and respect. Homeless not only for want of a room of bricks-but homeless because of rejection. This is Christ in distressing disguise."

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

"...just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:40

The seventh commandment enjoins the practice of justice and charity in the administration of earthly good and the fruits of men's labor.

Catechism of the Catholic Church #2451

Safe Environment Training will be offered as a segment of GOF on January 24/27. Parents can **preview** all movies and/or families may attend training at preview time for children ages 4 to 18 on Sun, Jan 10, at 9:00 am (between 8:00 & 10:30 Masses) Youth will be **trained** on the following dates:
January 24, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
January 24, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
January 27, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Parents have two options, to bring their children to the scheduled trainings or to sign the opt out forms. Forms will be mailed to families & available at GOF.

For more information please call: Linda Baldwin 342-0507 ext 29
linda@cathedralolph.org

www.cathedralolph.org > Faith Formation > Generations of Faith



Rapid City Catholic Newman Center

Mass NO Mass Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10 **Merry Christmas**

For more information please call: Nancy 342-0507 nancy@cathedralolph.org

RCIA

RCIA meets weekly, Parish Hall, Thurs 7:00–8:30pm
Sunday, Dec. 20, 10:30 Mass - Break Open the Word
Thursday, Dec. 24 & 31 NO RCIA Merry Christmas

For more information please call: Nancy 342-0507 nancy@cathedralolph.org

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR VISITORS

During the holiday season, we extend a warm welcome to not only our parishioners, but also to their families and friends and to former parishioners who might be visiting over the holidays.

No matter where you live now or how infrequently you attend services, many of you have ties to the Cathedral and we rejoice to have you praying with those of us who come here each week. We appreciate your support and care for us by your presence, your prayer and your gifts. Have a wonderful holiday.

WOMEN OF FAITH

There will be no Women of Faith on December 30. Contact Carol at 716-4479 if you have any questions.

JOHN AND BETTY COLGAN'S BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE



Family and friends invite you to an open house celebrating the 90th birthday for John Colgan and the 92nd birthday for his wife Betty. The event will be held on Monday, December 28, from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM at the Surbeck Center on the campus of the South Dakota School of

Mines & Technology.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus Council 1489 cordially invites all to attend a pancake breakfast on January 3 after the 8:00 AM Mass. The Knights will be serving pancakes and sausage and biscuits and gravy with coffee and juice.. All proceeds will go to the Cathedral Kitchen to help pay for the new place settings.

BLUE ARMY (OUR LADY OF FATIMA) MASSES

First Friday Mass will be held on January 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Chapel in Rapid City. First Saturday Mass will be held in the chapel at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral at 8:00 a.m. on January 2. For more information, contact Ellen Robertson at 718-9909.

The Cathedral Rectory Office will be closed from Friday, January 1 until Monday, January 4 at 8:00 AM.

ADULT CATECHISM CLASS AT ICC

Father Hathaway has begun a series of installments on the life of Our Lady from the book *St. Mary the Virgin* by Rene-Marie DeLa Broise. This book was highly recommended by St. Kolbe and addresses the history, mind and role of Mary in the Incarnation and Redemption. The class is every Wednesday evening from 7 - 8 p.m. in the basement of ICC.

FOOD CERTIFICATES

For every \$100 you purchase in food certificates you receive \$100 worth of groceries **AND** our parish earns \$2 and Church Response earns \$3.

Food Certificates work just like cash at **Don's Valley Market, Safeway, Family Thrift Center and Prairie Market.** Food Certificates can be purchased after Masses on the weekend or at the Rectory Office during the week.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

MUSIC AND LITURGY NEWS



Dear Cathedral Musicians,
I would like to thank all of the Cathedral instrumentalists, accompanists, cantors, and choir members for sharing their time and talents this Christmas season and always! We are so blessed to have such talented individuals here!

In addition, I would like to thank all of the Cathedral musicians who helped at the Our Lady of Guadalupe mass at Blessed Sacrament! You helped to make it a truly beautiful celebration.

Sincerely,
Katie Severns, Cathedral Director of Music

YOUTH CHOIR JANUARY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

January 24th: 4:00PM – 5:00PM Rehearsal
January 31st: 4:00PM – 5:00PM Rehearsal,
Sing at 5:30 Mass

New members are welcome! Grade school – High school students are invited to come share their gifts!

Questions? Call Katie Severns at 342-0507 or katie@cathedralolph.org



DIOCESAN NEWS

FEBRUARY FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND LUNCH WITH BISHOP CUPICH

There will be **no** First Friday Mass and lunch with Bishop Cupich in January. Join Bishop Cupich on February 12, the second Friday in February, for the next First Friday Mass and lunch. Mass begins at 11:15 in the Cathedral and is followed by lunch in the church hall.

STEWARDSHIP

In our daily lives we manage our family and work responsibilities. But to become occupied with these important matters to the exclusion of the need of others outside our home or work is a mistake we could carry into eternity.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

An **Engaged Encounter Weekend** for engaged or newly married couples to honestly and openly examine their future life together will be held **March 12-14, 2010** at Terra Sancta, Rapid City. For registration, contact Greg & Connie Forstner at 605-341-6032 or westrivercee.com.

STEUBENVILLE ROCHESTER & WORLD YOUTH DAY REGISTRATION

Steubenville Rochester will be July 16-18, 2010. The cost is \$285. World Youth Day in Madrid with Pope Benedict XVI will be from Aug. 9-22, 2011. The cost is \$3,795. Registration for both events opens January 15. For more information and registration forms, go to the youth page of the diocesan Web site at www.rapidcitydiocese.org, or contact Provatia Potvin at 343-3541 or ppotvin@diorc.org.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY PLANNING SEMINAR offered by the Natural Family Planning Ministry is on **Saturday, January 9, 2010, 9:00 a.m.-Noon, St. Joseph's in Spearfish. This seminar is a requirement for engaged couples.** Married couples and those interested in Natural Family Planning are encouraged to attend. To register or for more information, call Jill or Kathy at 605-343-3541.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE® LEVEL 1 SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP, "ENCOUNTERING LIFE ALONE"

The next 9 week session starts at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2010** at St. Therese the Little Flower Church in Rapid City. Open to all Christian men and women who are hurting due to separation or divorce. Pre-registration is requested! \$25.00. To register, call Jill at 605-343-3541.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP

High school seniors are encouraged to apply for the scholarship to Catholic University of America available through the Diocese of Rapid City. The scholarship is funded through the generosity of a private donor and covers the costs of tuition, fees, room and board. Information packets and applications are available in the entrance racks at the Cathedral or from Bob Bickett, Director of Development, Diocese of Rapid City at 343-3541.

The application deadline is February 15, 2010.

"HEAL YOUR GRIEF" BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Is an eight week group open to all Christian adults who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The support group begins at **7:00 p.m., Monday, January 25, 2010**, at Blessed Sacrament Church. Please come early to register. For information or to pre-register, call Janece Rieman, 605-343-5547 or Jill at Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541.



Rachel's Corner

"He came to restore beauty and dignity to creation, to the universe: This is what began at Christmas and makes the angels rejoice. The earth is restored to good order by virtue of the fact that it is opened up to God . . . Thus Christmas is a feast of restored creation." - Pope Benedict XVI at Christmas Day Mass 2007.

There is restoration and beauty in Christ Jesus. If you are hurting from the pain of a past abortion, you can find healing at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™. **Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats: April 23-25, 2010 in Bismarck, ND and May 21-23, 2010 in Rapid City, SD.**

Contact Carol Kling for information about area retreats at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com or go to the diocesan website: www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/FamilyLife.htm. For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org

MARRIED SWEETHEARTS MASS & DINNER The 2010 Married Sweethearts Mass & Dinner-Dance, Saturday, February 6.

Join us for this year's event, *"Candle light, moon light, star light, the brightest glow is from love light"*. Mass will be held at 5:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church. The Italian-themed dinner and dance will follow at Stagestop Receptions, Piedmont. Registration fee: \$55/couple. Registration required! **Registration deadline: Friday, January 29. NO late registrations will be accepted after the deadline!** For more information, please call Kathy at Family Life Ministries at 343-3541 or kcordes@diorc.org.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Sunday, December 27th – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Faithful
Citizenship

As the Second Vatican Council recalled, "Since parents have conferred life on their children, they have a most solemn obligation to educate their offspring. Hence, parents must be acknowledged as the first and foremost educators of their children. Their role as educators is so decisive that scarcely anything can compensate for their failure in it. For it devolves on parents to create a family atmosphere so animated with love and reverence for God and others that a well-rounded personal and social development will be fostered among the children. Hence, the family is the first school of those social virtues which every society needs."

Pope John Paul II, *Familiaris Consortio*, 36, 1981,
www.vatican.va

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

January 10-16, 2010, is National Vocations Awareness Week. It begins with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord – “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power” (Acts 10:38). Each of us receives the gift of the Holy Spirit at our baptism, and we are called to live this out according to His plan for each of us. Let us remember to pray for consecrated men and women this week, for married couples and families, and, during this Year for Priests, let us especially remember to pray for our priests this week. Send a card to a priest or consecrated person this week, thanking them for the gift of themselves given to Christ and to His body, the Church, or invite them for dinner. Pray for more vocations to priesthood and consecrated life – and consider a vocation to priesthood or consecrated life! St. John Vianney, pray for us!
www.Gods-call.org

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMON SENSE PARENTING CLASS

Thursday, January 7, 2010 will be the first meeting for a new **Common Sense Parenting** six week class. The course offers parents practical ideas and techniques for raising happy, well-adjusted children. For care-givers (parents, grandparents, step-parents, significant others) of children ages five and up, it focuses on the parent/child relationship and stresses the important role care givers play as guides to their children. The classes will meet from 6:00-8:00 pm at 1st Presbyterian Church, 710 Kansas City St., Rapid City. Optional free meal provided at 5:30. Free child care from infant on up and adventure group for pre-teens/teens. An optional 7th class is available on faith formation in families. For more information, or to register, call Catholic Social Services **1-800-727-2401 or 348-6086** or email: css@rapidnet.com.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2010, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

A one day workshop on developing communication skills for a strong and loving Christian marriage, presented by Catholic Social Services. Whether you're newlywed or long-married, the workshop will focus on developing communication and conflict resolution skills that can make all the difference between a difficult marriage and a loving partnership. Lunch provided. \$50.00 per couple. Non-denominational. Preregistration required by December 31. Call 605-348-6086, 800-727-2401 or css@rapidnet.com.



PLANNING A TRIP? DON'T FORGET MASS!
Remember, it is easy to check Mass times for the places you are visiting. For nationwide Mass times and locations, look on the internet at www.masstimes.org.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION INFORMATION

Those who are contemplating marriage in the Catholic Church need to participate in the marriage preparation process. This consists of taking and reviewing the FOCCUS Inventory, attending the Christian Family Planning Seminar and attending an Engaged Encounter weekend.

Couples need to contact the parish at least four months prior to their marriage. Six months to a year before is preferable. Please contact Sue at the rectory at 342-0507 for more information.

VOCATIONS! CONSIDER IT!!!

PRAYER TO KNOW MY VOCATION

My Lord and my God, you are Love itself, the source of all love and goodness. Out of love you created me to know you, to love you, and to serve you in a unique way, as no one else can. I believe that you have a plan for my life, that you have a mission in your Kingdom reserved for me alone. Your plan and your mission are far better than any other I might choose: they will glorify you, fulfill the desires of my heart, and bring salvation to those souls who are depending on my generous response.

Lord grant me the light of grace I need to see the next step in your plan; grant me the generosity necessary to follow your call; and grant me the courage required to take up my cross and to follow you.

Show me your will, O gentle and eternal God, and help me to say with Mary, “I am the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word.” Let me say with Jesus, “Let not my will be done, but yours.” Amen.

Jesus was born into a Holy Family, not a storybook family. Today, pray for married couples and for parents, who strive to remain faithful to their commitments in a changing and challenging world. (Luke 2:41-52)