

# The Casimir Chronicle

A newsletter for parishioners,  
alumni and friends of St. Casimir Parish



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## Parish Events

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| June 27     | Parish Picnic at<br>Phalen Pavilion 12-3pm<br>Outdoor Mass at 12pm |
| July 4      | Independence Day<br>Masses at 8am & 10am                           |
| August 15   | Assumption of the BVM<br>Masses at 8am & 10am                      |
| September 6 | Labor Day<br>Mass at 9am<br>Office closed                          |
| October 3   | Fall Festival 11am-4pm<br>Polka Mass at 10am                       |
| October 31  | All Soul's Day<br>Masses at 8am & 10am                             |
| November 7  | Turkey Bingo<br>11am-2pm   |
| November 25 | Thanksgiving Day<br>Mass at 9am<br>Office closed                   |
| November 26 | Office closed  |

## Parish Picnic

Our Parish Picnic is Sunday, June 27 at Phalen Lake Pavilion from 12-3pm. The outdoor Mass is held at noon followed by a Potluck lunch. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share and a beverage.

## Fall Festival

Mark your calendars for this year's Fall Festival on Sunday, October 3 from 11am-4pm. Polka Mass at 10am. Dinner served from 11am-3:30pm. Start looking for donations of new and gently used items for all the booths, liters of pop for the pop toss and items for the teen, holiday and children's booths. Please start bringing your donations to the Parish Office.



## A Letter From Father Joe

In a letter that read at all Masses on Pentecost Sunday, Archbishop Nienstedt clearly stated to all Catholics of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, that change is coming. It is change that he, as the chief shepherd of the Archdiocese, sees as necessary in order to have a more vital and dynamic church. Diminishing personnel and financial resources and the duplication of pastoral services are the driving forces behind the Strategic Planning that was begun in our Archdiocese fifteen months ago. Information has been gathered, listening sessions have occurred, people's opinions have been articulated. Soon decisions will be made. The Strategic Task Force will present the fruit of its work in recommendations to the Archbishop next month. According to a time line also announced on Pentecost Sunday, the Archbishop will announce his decisions on October 17 with the implementation of the new plan beginning in January 2011. Naturally each parish and school are now wondering how this will affect us. Could all this result in some kind of a change for St. Casimir's Parish? The answer to that question is that it could. Will it result in some kind of a change for St. Casimir? The only answer I can give to that is, I don't know. The Archbishop has stated that the restructuring and reorganization will be a lengthy process. It's already been going on for over a year. He also stated that it won't be without challenges and difficulties.

On a Ministry Day held on April 29, the Archbishop called upon more than 300 lay ministry professionals to be a part of it, and to help build a "Holy Communion", one in which individuals understand and believe in the mission of the Church. He made reference to the closing of parishes and schools in his native Archdiocese of Detroit. He recalled that the changes the church made there brought anger, rancor, dissent, and disaffiliation, and the mission of the church was lost in a cloud of negativity. Certainly some upset is going to result from what will soon be proposed for our Archdiocese. The angriest will be those most affected by the decisions. But somehow, everyone must have a sense of the Church's mission, first and foremost, even before considering the particular mission of my home parish or school or agency. The summer will pass quickly. With July will come the time for Archbishop Nienstedt to prayerfully consider what is recommended to him. And as summer turns to Fall in October we will all know what direction we'll be moving in and how it will affect our place of worship and ministry. Trust in God that He too has a plan and generously open yourself to let the plan come into being. Please pray for our Archbishop who will be subject to criticism when this is all said and done, because it will be impossible to please everyone. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit of God in all these deliberations and then maintain a sense of openness, for this is not change for the sake of change, but change to bring about a more vital and dynamic local church.

God Bless,  
Father Joe

## The Blessings of Ordinary Time

The major holy days and holidays are over for awhile. In a few weeks, we will officially be in the summer season. Nature provides us with the calm summer breezes, blue skies, green grass, beautiful trees and flowers to delight in, and a slower pace to our activities. So too, does the Church provide us with an opportunity to relax and take inventory and it is called the season of ORDINARY TIME.



If you take a moment from your prayer, at church, you will notice that the whites and yellows of Easter season have been replaced by green. The priest's vestments, altar cloth and sanctuary lamp are all green.

As we prepare to plant our gardens, deciding what to include and where, so too do we make similar choices in our spiritual lives and in our parish community.

We already held a meeting with the music ministers, in preparation for our Liturgy planning meeting on the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Although we are in the beginning of the growing season, we must always look ahead to the next step in our journey in life.

What is your next step? Have you considered volunteering in some capacity in our faith community? Perhaps hosting a Sunday Hospitality during the summer, or a member of the Prayer Chain, or being the commentator at one of the weekend Masses. It's very easy to volunteer by just calling the parish office. Remember – many hands lighten the load. Something to think about as you relax this summer.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve all of you in the capacity of Liturgy Coordinator I hope you all enjoy a peaceful, fun and safe summer.

Cindy Pasiuk

## Youth Group Events



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| June 27    | Parish Picnic Phalen Pavilion 12-3pm                              |
| July 11-14 | Bike Trip   |
| July 19    | Feed Our Starving Children. Leaving at 9am. Returning at 12:15pm. |
| October 3  | Fall Festival 11am-4pm  |
| November 7 | Turkey Bingo 11am-2pm   |

Please sign up in the back of Church or contact Sue Vanyo, Youth Director, at 774.0365 x101. Youth must be in grades 6 and up in order to attend Youth Group Events.

## Religious Education & Confirmation News

September 13 Confirmation Parent/Candidate meeting & registration at 6:30pm in Community room.

September 22 Religious Education Parent/Student Night at 6:30pm in Old School Hall.

Pre-Registration forms in marked folders are located in the entrance of Church, fill out and place in silver box. Please contact Sue Vanyo, DRE, at 774.0365 x101 with questions or concerns.

## Turkey Bingo



Please mark your calendars for Turkey Bingo on Sunday, November 7 from 11am-2pm in the Old School Hall. Come and win your Thanksgiving turkey! This is a Youth Group Fundraiser.

## Host Hospitality

We need your help! If you can host Sunday Hospitality during the summer, please contact the Parish Office.



## Summer Maintenance Update

The contract with Asphalt Concrete Solutions has been approved by Catholic Mutual to repave the parking lot. The work will begin this June. Weber Electric has been upgrading the lighting for the parking lot. We are doing some electrical upgrades and installing new wash stations in the school building. Just a few of the maintenance updates that will be happening this summer around the property.

Enjoy your summer,  
Jim Thompson  
Maintenance Engineer



## Did You Know...

Kathryn Conroy, St. Casimir Alumni 1990, was named Woman of the Year by the Irish Business Association of New Jersey. Conroy has been with the Gateway Chamber for six years, starting with the organization as assistant to the president and being named vice president in 2006. The daughter of a small business owner, Conroy joined the Gateway Chamber to help businesses connect and grow. She also is an entrepreneur, having recently launched Quilts by Kate, an endeavor borne in a passion for quilting fostered by her grandmother. Conroy is a native of St. Paul, Minnesota.

## Mass Intentions

It has been a long standing custom in the Catholic Church to have Masses offered for our deceased loved ones or for other intentions of the living. The stipends for these Masses are considered ordinary income for the church. For many years now the stipend for a Mass here has been \$7.00. With the approval of the Parish Council we are raising the stipend to \$8.00 beginning in June. We have noticed fewer requests for Masses. We always publish the intention for each Mass in our bulletin but you have probably seen more and more Masses offered for "Oblate Intention". That means there is no stipend for that Mass and the priest can offer it for whatever intention he chooses. We'd like to encourage everyone to continue the practice of having Masses offered for deceased relatives and friends and for your own needs. Christina keeps track of all Masses in the church office and can let you know which dates are available. Please check with her and let's return to this long standing practice. The Mass is the greatest prayer we can offer and it is special to have one offered for our needs and for those we love. It is also a way to keep before all of us those who have gone before us. The doctrine of the Communion of Saints suggests that the dead pray for the living and we, the living pray for the dead. It is our belief that our prayers and offered Masses speed up one's entrance into the glory of Heaven. To this extent the deceased depend on our prayers. May we never forget them.



## Pray to End Abortion

Pray to end abortion on Fridays at 10:30 am at the abortion clinic, 1965 Ford Parkway, in St. Paul. For more info, call Jim Tschida at 774.0444.

## Prayer Chain

If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please call Virginia at 776.8839 or Vicky at 776.3247.

## Seeds for Families



If you have any garden vegetable seeds for planting you would be willing to share with families in need, please put them in a sealed plastic bag and write the name of seeds on each bag. You can drop them off in the back of Church or at the Parish Office.

If you have extra garden vegetables you would like to share, please contact Kathy Hochreiter, Coordinator, at 612.805.1269.