

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week the airways and internet are filled with news from the Democratic National Convention in Denver and with anticipation of the Republican Convention in Minneapolis-St. Paul the first week of September. As November 4th approaches, both local and national campaigns will fill the radio, television, internet and yards with information about candidates and issues. The bishops of the United States remind us again of our responsibilities as citizens of this nation to “participate in shaping the moral character of (our) society.” “ In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation.

In the bulletin this week is the first insert from the Catholic Bishops statement on “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship”. This statement continues a more than thirty-year tradition by the bishops of encouraging Catholics to use the values of their faith to shape their participation in political life. It focuses on helping Catholics form their consciences so they can make sound moral judgments about public choices. Faithful Citizenship highlights four areas of special concern: (1) defending human life, (2) promoting family life, (3) pursuing social justice, and (4) practicing global solidarity. We will share this statement in it’s entirety as we lead up to November 4th. It is also available online at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

Why Catholic? will begin again the week of October 1st. There will be an opportunity to sign up for a small group on the weekends of September 14th and 21st. Those facilitating *Why Catholic?* will be calling parishioners this month to invite more individuals to be small group leaders.

Remember, next Saturday September 6th at 5:30 PM we have our first Life Teen Mass. All parishioners are invited with a special invitation to our youth in grades 9-12. The information on the evening Life Nite (Senior High - Passport Party) is in Abbie’s Youth Ministry column.

Fr. Tony returns from India this week. He has been visiting his family and diocese during the month of August. I will be away this first week of September and you will have us both back ready for the new school year on the sixth. Know you are in our prayers.

Blessings,
Fr. Vincent

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Whoever wishes
to come after me
must deny himself
take up his
CROSS
and follow me
but whoever loses his life
for my sake will find it
For the SON of MAN will come
in his FATHER's GLORY
and he will repay everyone
according to his conduct.



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Twenty-second Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 31, 2008

Lord, in your shadow I shout for joy!

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, September 1:

Labor Day—Parish Offices Closed

9:00 AM Mass +Mary & Patrick
Cunningham by Patricia Upton

Tuesday, September 2:

First Day of School

12:10 PM Mass +Marty Gits by C.A.
Dondelinger

7:30 PM Marian Devotions/Chapel

9:00 PM Mass (Newman Center) +Phil
Huck by Rose Jahner

Wednesday, September 3:

8:40 AM First School Mass

+Wilbert Abeln by Al & Doris Swedmark

Thursday, September 4:

8:30 AM Mass

+John & Evelyn Schuiling by Walter &
Mardene Schuiling

5:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament/Chapel

Friday, September 5:

8:30 AM Mass +Fritz Mikkelson by the
Mikkelson Family

9:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament/Chapel

10:30 AM Mass (Havenwood)

+Brenda Dashnaw by Tony
Schussman

12:00 PM Prayer for Peace/Kateri

Saturday, September 6:

8:30 AM Mass +Jim Welle by Wayne &
Carolyn Dondelinger

4:00 AM Reconciliation

5:30 PM Mass Michele & Kerry Kenne by
Patt & Ernie Rall

Sunday, September 7:

7:30 AM Mass +Annette by Ardell

9:00 AM Mass +Helen Van Camp by

Jeanette Halcrow

10:15 AM Rosary for Peace/Chapel

11:00 AM Mass +Russell Keute by

Kathy Dryer & John Keute

7:00 PM Mass (Newman Center) For
the People

Fall Festival Happenings



Fall festival Committee

Thursday, September 4th at 7:00 PM
in the Kateri Room

Kids Carnival Committee

Tuesday, September 9th 6:30 PM in
the Kateri Room

Raffle Tickets are now on sale!

Readings for the week of:

September 1 to September 7:

Monday, September 1:

1 Cor 2:1-5 • Ps 119:97,98,99,100,101,102
• Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 2:

1 Cor 2:10b-16 • Ps 145:8-914
• Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 3:

1 Cor 3:1-9 • Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21
• Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 4:

1 Cor 3:18-23 • Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
• Lk 5:1-11

Friday, September 5:

1 Cor 4:1-5 • Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40
• Lk 5:33-39

Saturday, September 6:

1 Cor 4:6b-15 • Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21
• Lk 6:1-5

Sunday, September 7:

• E z 33:7-9 • Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 6/7

USHERS:

- 5:30 PM Mary Jo Christenson, Bill Howe, Dick Robinson,
Glen Aagard
7:30 AM Matt Dockendorf, Matt Murray, Jim Schneider,
Bob Cole
9:00 AM Wally Ethen, George Gardner, Jim Grimm, Dan Shea
11:00 AM Garry Anderly, Barb Fitzgerald, Craig Hougen,
Don Pohl

SACRISTANS:

- 5:30 PM Herb Bromenshenkel 7:30 AM Joyce Berg
9:00 AM Joann Gardner 11:00 AM Patt Rall

GREETERS:

- 5:30 PM Life Teen
7:30 AM Patricia Hadrava, Donna Okerman, Marian Qvern
9:00 AM June Aitken, Marian Evans, Darlene Weber
11:00 AM Cathey Hedstrom, Jerome Serbus, Pam Serbus

SERVERS:

- 5:30 PM Heather Marsh, Sam Sharpe, Lauren Weaver
7:30 AM Bruno Cheney, Nikolas Kavanagh, Cydney Huewe
9:00 AM Kayla Snell, Greta Steever, Henry Steever
11:00 AM Sarah Glen, Cody Hedstrom, Jana Hedstrom

READERS/INTERCESSIONS:

- 5:30 PM Life Teen
7:30 AM Audrey Wiechmann, Angel Krigbaum,
Darlene Kloepfner
9:00 AM Phil Hodapp, Mary Welter, Marilynne Hodapp
11:00 AM Ernie Rall, Cy Murphy, Colleen Falk

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

- 5:30 PM Life Teen
7:30 AM Len Branch, Joyce Berg, Bill Okerman, Julie Huewe,
Polly Huewe, Patti Van Camp, HELP
9:00 AM Ron Arel, Jane Senger, Bob Evans, Cathy Lalli,
Doug Gish, Louise Gish, John Ovsak, Steve Pflieger,
Joann Gardner, Sharon Zarrett
11:00 AM Carol Rettinger, Pat Kelly, Ashley Parker, Pat Welch,
Karen Williams, Mary Yerbich, Elaine DeRosier,
Connie Marken, HELP, HELP

MUSICIANS:

- 5:30 PM Life Teen Band
7:30 AM Margaret DeMers/Roleen Walgenbach
9:00 AM Linda Wolf/Hyram Price
11:00 AM Linda Wolf/Jennifer Leisenheimer/Leah Wolf

HOSPITALITY:

- 7:30 AM Marge & John Bloberger
9:00 AM Marie Kirkham, Cathy Lalli, Merle & Alice
LaCoursiere
11:00 AM Ellen Best, Laura Hansen, Ann & Craig Hougen

On the eve of the Pope's visit to the United States, it was reported that he had experienced the horror of the Holocaust first hand in the death at Nazi hands of a cousin with Downs Syndrome. A Holocaust expert has noted that the medical crimes of the Holocaust "started with the acceptance of the attitude basic to the euthanasia movement that there is such a thing as a life not worthy to be lived."

Dr. Leo Alexander, NEJM article, 1949

Stewardship of Financial Resources:

Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Contributions received the weekend of: 8/24/08 – Week #8

Envelopes	
Weekly	\$ 10,605.50
Loose Plate	\$ 926.46
Children's	\$ 62.39
Total	\$ 11,594.35

Fiscal Year to Date: 8/24/08 - Week #8

<u>Amount Contributed</u>	
Envelopes	\$ 119,224.89
Loose Plate	\$ 9,169.22
Children's	\$ 542.61
Total	\$ 128,936.72

Use what talents you possess: The woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.

Stewardship: A Habit of the Heart.

Life Teen Masses moving to Saturdays

once a month 2008-2009

Our Life Teen Band will be leading music at the 5:30PM Saturday night Mass once a month throughout the 2008-2009 school year. The dates for Life Teen Masses are set for Saturday...

September 6 th	October 4 th
November 1 st	December 13 th
January 3 rd	February 7 th
March 21 st	April 25 th
May 16 th *Baccalaureate	

9th-12th graders: A Life Teen social event will happen either before or after each monthly Life Teen Mass. Keep your eyes & ears open for more details...and if you have any good ideas for what you'd like to see happen at these events, let Abbie know!

INFORMATION & ACTIVITIES

Sacred Heart Church of Wilton 72nd Annual Chicken and Ham Dinner

Sunday, Sept 21, 2008
11:00 AM — 2:00 PM
Adults \$10.00 Children \$4.00
Come and enjoy the day with us.

ATTENTION: Engaged and Married Couples Natural Family Planning Fall 2008 Classes are now available.

Please call Cheryl Granger at 701-847-3093 for class dates and times or visit www.fargodiocese.org and click on the NFP link.

Classes will be held at the UND Newman Center in Grand Forks, and at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, in Crookston.

St. Philip's extends condolences to the families of **Ralph Hofmeister** and **Charles "Chuck"**

Conway. May they find rest and peace with our Lord, Jesus Christ and may their families find comfort in God's love.



DIOCESE OF CROOKSTON

Upcoming course offerings as part of Learning the Catholic Faith:
"Building up the Body of Christ"
courses include:

**Foundation Theology,
Spirituality,
Hebrew Scriptures**

"4 Saturday Mornings" Program offerings include:
**Marriage and The Family,
Bible Basics**

The Eucharist: "Source and Summit" of Our Faith
Please contact the Parish office for more information.



St. Philip's extends best wishes to **Sarah Merschman and William Haman** who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on August 23rd at St. Philip's.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

444-5849

Helping Our Children and Youth
Grow in Their Catholic Faith

Missed the Parent Information and Registration Session??

Religious Formation class registration will be held before and after Mass on September 13 and 14 or you can stop by the RF Office to register. Sorry we will not be mailing registration forms or taking registrations over the phone.

CONFIRMATION PARENT SESSION

A Confirmation Parent Session will be held on **Thursday, September 18, at 6:30 PM** in the Social Hall. This session is for parents of youth who are in 11th grade who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. One parent must attend the session. At the Parent Session we will discuss Confirmation, the parent's role, schedule, guidelines and concerns. This will be the only parent session for Confirmation offered this year. This is a parent only session. Questions, contact Kris.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT SESSION

First Reconciliation Parent Session will be held **Wednesday, September 24 at 6:30PM** in the Social Hall. This Parent Session is for parents who will be preparing their child for First Reconciliation this year. First Reconciliation is for children who are in at least 2nd grade. It is recommended that the child receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving First Eucharist. A parent must attend the session in order for the child to receive the sacrament. This is a parent only session. The Parent Session includes an overview of the sacrament and the preparation program. This will be the only parent sessions offered for First Reconciliation this year. Questions, contact Kris.

Liturgical Lessons

Liturgical Ministers: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day". John 6:54

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion assist the priests and deacons of the parish in reverently administering the Body and Blood of Christ to our fellow parishioners during Communion at Mass. There is great joy and satisfaction to participate in this wonderful gift to God's people. Those who serve as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion participate in the handing on of what has been given to them – namely the life and love of Christ, present and active in the Church's Eucharist. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are needed at all weekday, weekend, holy day, funeral, and wedding Masses held at the Church of St. Philip.

Guidelines for the ministry are provided, and an evening of spiritual formation along with practical training are required before a person can be commissioned to distribute Communion.

This ministry is open to parishioners who are practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church, who are in at least 11th grade or older, and who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you would like to share your love and care for the Eucharist by ministering Christ's body and blood to the assembled faithful as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, please contact Linda Wolf, Director of Music and Liturgy, in the parish office (444-4262) or sign up for these ministries when the ministry appeal takes place in early September.

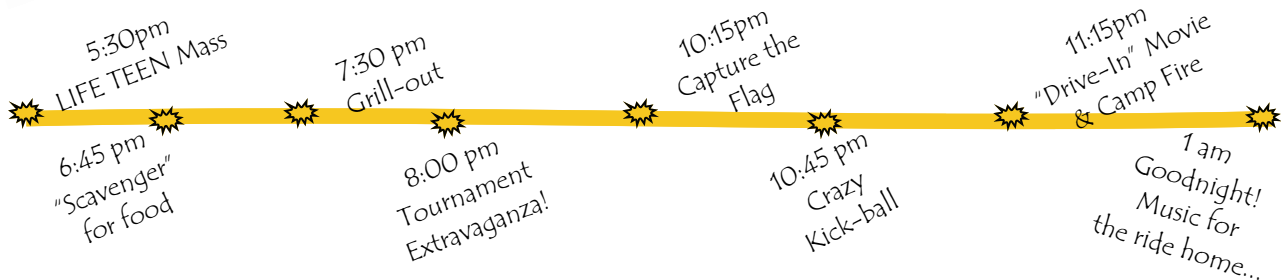
Jesus said to His disciples: "Take this bread and eat it: this is my body...

Drink this cup... for this is my blood of the covenant..."

Matthew 26: 26-28



Fall Passport Party **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH - 6:30 PM -1AM** **ALL 9TH-12TH GRADERS ARE INVITED!!!**



You must bring a signed release form (found in the parish office) in order to participate! Bring it to the youth office by Thursday, September 4th or BYOP (bring your own parent) with you to sign the forms Saturday night!



This Week

Part I. Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: The U.S. Bishops' Reflection on Catholic Teaching and Political Life.

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Introduction.

Does the Church Teach About Issues Affecting Public Policy? . . .

Next Week

Who in the Church Should Participate in Political Life? .

Weeks Following will include:

How Does the Church Help the Catholic Faithful to Speak About Political and Social Questions?

What Does the Church Say About Catholic Social Teaching in the Public Square?-Seven Key Themes. . . .

Conclusion.

Part II. Applying Catholic Teaching to Major Issues:

A Summary of Policy Positions of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Human Life.

Family Life.

Social Justice.

Global Solidarity.

Part III. Goals for Political Life: Challenges for Citizens, Candidates, and Public Officials.

Introduction

1. As a nation, we share many blessings and strengths, including a tradition of religious freedom and political participation. However, as a people, we face serious challenges that are clearly political and also profoundly moral.

2. We are a nation founded on "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," but the right to life itself is not fully protected, especially for unborn children, the most vulnerable members of the American family. We are called to be peacemakers in a nation at war. We are a country pledged to pursue "liberty and justice for all," but we are too often divided across lines of race, ethnicity, and economic inequality. We are a nation of immigrants, struggling to address the challenges of many new immigrants in our midst. We are a society built on the strength of our families, called to defend marriage and offer moral and economic supports for

family life. We are a powerful nation in a violent world, confronting terror and trying to build a safer, more just, more peaceful world. We are an affluent society where too many live in poverty and lack health care and other necessities of life. We are part of a global community facing urgent threats to the environment that must sustain us. These challenges are at the heart of public life and at the center of the pursuit of the common good.

3. For many years, we bishops of the United States have sought to share Catholic teaching on political life. We have done so in a series of statements issued every four years focused on "political responsibility" or "faithful citizenship." In this document we continue that practice, maintaining continuity with what we have said in the past in light of new challenges facing our nation and world. This is not new teaching, but affirms what is taught by our Bishops' Conference and the whole Church. As Catholics, we are part of a community with a rich heritage that helps us consider the challenges in public life and contribute to greater justice and peace for all people.

4. Part of that rich heritage on faithful citizenship is the teaching of Vatican Council II's *Declaration on Religious Liberty (Dignitatis Humanae)*. It says that "society itself may enjoy the benefits of justice and peace, which result from [people's] faithfulness to God and his holy will" (no. 6). The work for justice requires that the mind and the heart of Catholics be educated and formed to know and practice the whole faith.

5. This statement highlights the role of the Church in the formation of conscience, and the corresponding moral responsibility of each Catholic to hear, receive, and act upon the Church's teaching in the lifelong task of forming his or her own conscience. With this foundation, Catholics are better able to evaluate policy positions, party platforms, and candidates' promises and actions in light of the Gospel and the moral and social teaching of the Church in order to help build a better world.

6. We seek to do this by addressing four questions: (1) Why does the Church teach about issues affecting public policy? (2) Who in the Church should participate in political life? (3) How does the Church help the Catholic faithful to speak about political and social questions? (4) What does the Church say about Catholic social teaching in the public square?

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For more information please see
www.faithfulcitizenship.org



7. In this statement, we bishops do not intend to tell Catholics for whom or against whom to vote. Our purpose is to help Catholics form their consciences in accordance with God's truth. We recognize that the responsibility to make choices in political life rests with whole faith each individual in light of a properly formed conscience, and that participation goes well beyond casting a vote in a particular election.

8. During election years, there may be many handouts and voter guides that are produced and distributed. We encourage Catholics to seek those resources that are authorized by their own bishops, their state Catholic conferences, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This statement is intended to reflect and complement, not substitute for, the ongoing teaching of bishops in our own dioceses and states. In light of these reflections and those of local bishops, we encourage Catholics throughout the United States to be active in the political process, particularly in these challenging times.

Why Does the Church Teach About Issues Affecting Public Policy?

9. The Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith. It is a basic part of the mission we have received from Jesus Christ, who offers a vision of life revealed to us in Sacred Scripture and Tradition. To echo the teaching of the Second Vatican Council: Christ, the Word made flesh, in showing us the Father's love, also shows us what it truly means to be human (see *Gaudium et Spes*, no. 22). Christ's love for us lets us see our human dignity in full clarity and compels us to love our neighbors as he has loved us. Christ, the Teacher, shows us what is true and good, that is, what is in accord with our human nature as free, intelligent beings created in God's image and likeness and endowed by the Creator with dignity and rights.

10. What faith teaches about the dignity of the human person and about the sacredness of every human life helps us see more clearly the same truths that also come to us through the gift of human reason. At the center of these truths is respect for the dignity of every person. This is the core of Catholic moral and social teaching. Because we are people of both faith and reason, it is appropriate and necessary for us to bring this essential truth about human life and dignity to the public square. We are called to practice Christ's commandment to "love one another" (On 13;34). We are

also called to promote the well being of all, to share our blessings with those most in need, to defend marriage, and to protect the lives and dignity of all, especially the weak, the vulnerable, the voiceless. In his first encyclical letter, *Deus Caritas Est*, Pope Benedict XVI explained that "charity must animate the entire lives of the lay faithful and therefore also their political activity, lived as 'social charity'" (no. 29).

11. Some question whether it is appropriate for the Church to play a role in political life. However, the obligation to teach about moral values that should shape our lives, including our public lives, is central to the mission given to the Church by Jesus Christ. Moreover, the United States Constitution protects the right of individual believers and religious bodies to participate and speak out without government interference, favoritism, or discrimination. Civil law should fully recognize and protect the Church's right, obligation, and opportunities to participate in society without being forced to abandon or ignore its central moral convictions. Our nation's tradition of pluralism is enhanced, not threatened, when religious groups and people of faith bring their convictions and concerns into public life. Indeed, our Church's teaching is in accord with the foundational values that have shaped our nation's history: "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

12. The Catholic community brings important assets to the political dialogue about our nation's future. We bring a consistent moral framework-drawn from basic human reason that is illuminated by Scripture and the teaching of the Church - for assessing issues, political platforms, and campaigns. We also bring broad experience in serving those in need-educating the young, caring for the sick, sheltering the homeless, helping women who face difficult pregnancies, feeding the hungry, welcoming immigrants and refugees, reaching out in global solidarity, and pursuing peace.

Next week: Who in the church should participate in Political life?

Faithful Citizenship

*A Call to Political Responsibility
from the Catholic Bishops
of the United States*

