

COMMISSION OF WORSHIP

Liturgy Spotlight

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**We begin our preparation for the new Mass Texts as a parish...as a Diocese...
as the Church in all of the English-speaking countries of the world...**

**The official date for implementation of the new Mass texts is:
November 27, 2011 - The First Sunday of Advent next year.**

Between now and then, we hope to share information, background, explanation, and the very texts themselves with all of you. Check here often for ongoing, pertinent information.

“The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.”

We encourage everyone to attend one of the many presentations by the Office of Worship throughout our diocese over the next several months: “Navigating Change – Exploring the New Translation of the Roman Missal” These presentations are free and open to the public. *There is a poster listing the times, dates and locations on the bulletin board in the East Entrance. There will be several more presentations offered in January and February as well as those being advertised/ listed right now.)*

Secondly, as a means of providing further background on this topic, we would once again like to make you aware of three excellent resources/web sites available on the internet:

www.usccb.org/romanmissal

This is the site of the Bishops’ Committee on Divine Worship. It contains catechetical materials for the translation of the 3rd Edition of the Roman Missal. **This site also includes the new texts of the Order of Mass which can be downloaded and studied.**

www.liturgy.nd.edu/webcatechesis

This is a website created by the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy that contains several 15-minute videos which catechize about different aspects of the Liturgy and the new translation of the 3rd Edition of the Roman Missal.

www.romanmissal.org

This is a site by Liturgy Training Publications in Chicago.

Up to this point, we have been referring you to information that was previously released or which is available online. Next week, we’ll begin sharing some background information “in place” right here!

COMMISSION OF WORD

Health Care and Immigration Reform: In Search of the Common Good

Theology Day at Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary

We are all to work for the common good. Join us for a presentation by Bernard Evans, Ph. D., as we explore together the opportunities for such work through our nation's efforts to reform healthcare systems and immigration laws. Professor Evans teaches at Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary and the department of theology of the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University. Friday, **November 5, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm, Emmaus Hall, SJU, Collegeville**. Free event. Lunch provided. Registration is required: www.csbsju.edu/sot, 320-363-3570 or sot-sem@csbsju.edu

Why Catholic? Retreats

Please make plans to attend one of the final *Why Catholic?* retreats on prayer, "Meeting Christ in Prayer." We are privileged to have the executive director for Renew, Int., Sr. Terry Richard, come and facilitate these retreats. All are welcome to attend whether or not you have been in a small group. The event is free and there is no need to RSVP. Please call Dawn Carrillo in the Faith Formation Office (363-7505 x152) for more information.

- Tuesday, November 9 at St. Mary's in Alexandria from 6:30-8:30 pm
- Wednesday, November 10 at St. Joseph in Pierz from 6:30-8:30 pm
- Thursday, November 11 at Christ Our Light, North Campus in Princeton from 9:30-11:30 am
- Thursday, November 11 at St. Peter's in St. Cloud from 7:00-9:00 pm
- Friday, November 12 at Sacred Heart in Staples from 9:30-11:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There is an immediate need for people to sign up for one-half hour of Adoration the second Saturday morning of each month. Please call Peggy Boettcher at 320-363-0144 to volunteer.

Family Table Talk... Questions for your family discussion this week (Sunday Gospel: Luke 19:1-10): *What makes a person a friend? How has a good friend made a difference in your life? How does Zacchaeus change because Jesus becomes his friend and goes to his house? How have people who cheat in business touched your life or livelihood? How has the recession touched you? How do you contribute toward the common good?*

COMMISSION OF COMMUNITY

Meals on Wheels Coordinator Needed

Catholic Charities is looking for a volunteer to coordinate the Senior Dining Meals on Wheels program that delivers meals to the homebound in St. Joseph. Job responsibilities include record keeping and coordinating volunteers. If you are interested, please call the Senior Dining/Meals on Wheels office at 320-229-4585.

A big "thank you" to Peter and Dolores Giroux for building the beautiful hand-crafted CareNotes holder now in use in the East Entrance of the church for our CareNotes. These CareNotes are available to anyone who might find them helpful. Again, thank you Peter and Dolores for making this holder available.

Support Group Services

On Monday nights at 6:45 pm, Catholic Charities Life Transitions Services in Sauk Rapids offers support groups for families going through a separation or divorce. Adults meet upstairs, while the kids meet downstairs, outside, or wherever their adventures take them. Call Lois at 320-529-0427 or visit www.ccstcloud.org/lifetransitions for more information or for directions. While a small donation for these services is appreciated, the bulk of this service is funded by Catholic Charities Make God's Love Visible Annual Appeal.

Wednesday Morning Prayer

All are invited to join in prayer every **Wednesday morning at 9:00 am in the Youth Ministry Room of the Lab School**. This ongoing prayer group uses the style of prayer known as *lectio divina*. *Lectio divina* is Latin for divine reading or "holy reading," representing a traditional Christian practice of prayer and scriptural reading. Through reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation on the Sunday Gospel reading, participants reflect on God's Word in light of our own lives. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Respect Life

Every human being, at every stage and condition, is willed and loved by God. For this reason, every human life is sacred. To deprive someone of life is a grave wrong and a grave dishonor to God. Because we are created in the image of God, who is Love, our identity and our vocation is to love. Pope Benedict has called this "the key to [our] existence."

—*Respect Life Program 2010*