

Gatherings

Dear DREs and Youth Ministers:

Reflections

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From the Youth Ministry Office:

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I love to fish-anytime, anywhere. You go to a beautiful spot. You seek out adventure and relaxation. You cast and cast and watch your lure. But you also let your attention roam. You take in the beauty of the water and the sky and the wildlife.

Suddenly a fish strikes. Unless you have remained at least subliminally attentive you miss the fish. Oftentimes, a whole day goes by without a strike. You change your lures. Sometimes it makes the difference, sometimes it doesn't. But you stay at it because one thing's for sure: You can't catch a fish without having your line in the water.

The Rosary's a lot like this. The prayers themselves are beautiful. They are like casting a line out. You seek an adventuresome prize, namely a conversation with God.

Pope John Paul II calls the prayers the "warp" on which are woven the "the contemplation of the mysteries [of redemption]" *Rosarium Virginis Marie*, section 18. Just as casting your line into the water makes it possible to catch a fish, praying the Rosary creates a space to listen to God. But you can't reel God in. At the same time, a tug from God may just change your footing!

But the parallel goes deeper. It has to do with time. Your mind and heart can wander, but they're always drawn back and into the pattern of the mysteries. The Rosary lays down a regular pattern of prayer that extends over a week's worth of time. And it is within that passage of time that the whole prayer unfolds.

The week begins with the Glorious Mysteries on Sunday, then proceeds each following day to the Joyful,

the Sorrowful, the Glorious, the Luminous the Sorrowful, the Joyful and then the Glorious again. You can relate your own joys and sorrows to the glory of God.

In both the traditional and new formats, the Rosary combines a daily cycle of prayer with a temporal path that lasts a week. When you pray the cycle daily, you're carried to a different spot each day. You're at a different spot on the lake, on a different day of the week, but you're still fishing.

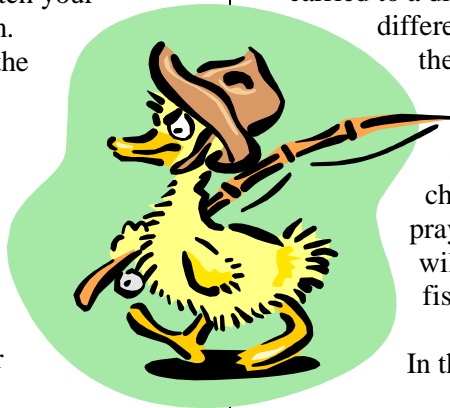
And the answer to your casting, your prayer, may not be a fish. It may be the change in you by spending the time in prayer-just like the way a week in the wilderness means more to you than any fish you may or may not have caught.

In the course of a week, by way of its

rhythmic prayers and the weaving of the mysteries of the redemption with your own joys, hopes and faith, the Rosary creates a space for God to work on you.

Just as the wilderness itself heightens your senses, helps you enjoy the sunny and the rainy days, so too, the Rosary suspends you on a web that only God can move and shake.

The Rosary provides for each of us a way to be shaped into a person who is eager and ready to hear God speak. What began as an angling for God, becomes a desire and a willingness to be caught.



cast out into the deep

Luke 5:4



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from an article in the May 2009 issue by James Rurak, "Rediscovering the Rosary."

Recipe for the Sweet Bread

This is the recipe for the sweet bread I shared with the DREs and Youth Ministers who attended the Curriculum Day here at the Pastoral Center in April. So many of you asked for the recipe, that I decided to include it in the newsletter.

Sugar Frosted Cardamon Braid



1 1/3 cup 2 % reduced fat milk
1/2 cup granulated sugar
2 Tablespoons butter
2 Tablespoons grated lemon rind
1/2 to 1 teaspoon ground cardamom
1/2 teaspoon salt
4 to 4 3/4 cups all-purpose flour

1 pkg dry yeast
1 large egg
Cooking spray
1 large egg white, lightly beaten
1 Tablespoon water
1 Tablespoon coarse-grain sugar

1. Combine first 6 ingredients in a heavy sauce pan over low heat. Cook 5 minutes or until sugar dissolves and a thermometer measures 115 degrees, stirring frequently. Remove saucepan from heat.
2. Lightly spoon flour into dry measuring cups; level with a knife. Combine 2 1/2 cups flour and yeast in a large bowl, stirring well with a whisk. Add milk mixture and egg; beat with a heavy-duty mixer at low speed; beat 2 or 3 minutes. Gradually add 2 cups of flour; beat at low speed until mixture forms a ball.
3. Turn dough out onto a floured surface. Knead until smooth and elastic (about 8 minutes); add enough of remaining flour, 1 Tablespoon at a time to prevent dough from sticking to hands (dough will feel sticky). Place dough in a large bowl coated with cooking spray, turning to coat top. Cover and let rise in a warm place (85 degrees), free from drafts, 1 hour or until doubled in size. (Press two fingers into dough. If indentation remains, dough has risen enough.) Punch dough down; cover and let rest 5 minutes.
4. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
5. Divide dough into 2 equal portions. With each half, divide into 3 smaller equal pieces, shaping each into a 10-inch rope. Pinch loose ends together at one end to seal. Braid ropes on a lightly floured surface. Pinch loose ends together at one end to seal. Place each braid on its own baking sheet coated with cooking spray. (The braids will be 8 to 10 inches long.) Cover and let rise 30 minutes or until doubled in size.
6. Combine egg white and water, brush over top of both braids. Sprinkle coarse grain sugar over loaf. Bake at 375 degrees for 25 minutes or until golden and loaf sounds hollow when tapped. Remove from oven and let cool.

DYC Applications

We are still accepting applications for the Diocesan Youth Council. High school sophomores, juniors, and seniors are also welcome to apply. If you know of a young man or woman who would make a good candidate, you can have them visit the diocesan web site at www.dnu.org and click on the Youth Ministry page. **Deadline for application is May 22, 2009. Selection Day(s) will be May 31, June 5, and June 6 from 1:00-4:00 at the Center for Youth Ministry. They need only attend one date.** Applicants will be contacted and given more specific information regarding times and places.

Results of the "Penny Investments" from the Junior High Festival

Those who attended the Junior High Festival in Sleepy Eye may have noticed that the "Play Stations" and "Pray Stations" at which your youth participated, earned them several pennies worth of change. Five big plastic banks were available for micro-investments toward charities benefiting the needy of the area. Here are the results of their donations:

Sponsor a child's schooling at San Lucas

\$7.99 children's pennies
\$37.95 with adults matching grants



Give a Sleepy Eye summer baseball scholarship

\$5.22 children's pennies
\$24.80 with adults matching grants

Help create Pregnancy Crisis Center for Redwood and Brown County

\$5.66 children's pennies
\$26.89 with adults matching grants

Give tuition assistance to St. Mary's student

\$3.80 children's pennies
\$18.05 with adults matching grants

Help Sleepy Eye Food Shelf

\$3.34 children's pennies
\$15.87 with adults matching grants

Many thanks to Rich and Shauna Moldan, Mary Gangelhoff, Jerry Neubauer, Sarah Jirak, Rich Gilliland, and all the St. Mary's staff and students for their help and organizational skills in hosting the 2009 Junior High Festival.

2009 Discipleship Camp

Flyers and forms are also posted on the Diocese of New Ulm web site. We are still accepting campers, but places are filling up fast!

Winsted Higher Ground Festival August 14-15, 2009

See more information on their website www.hgmusicfest.com

NET Team

We have heard from NET Ministries that they will arrive in our diocese on October 17 and depart on the 31st. They will be available for 11 retreat days October 18-30. Please see attached application to request your dates by June 15. For your information: They are booked for October 25 and they usually have Mondays off.

Three Marian Resources

The following are three relatively new Marian resources. All are small books that fit nicely in pocket or purse and serve as a prayer aid, refresher or resource. I have a copy of each in my Office if anyone would like to review or borrow one.

What You Should Know About Mary by Sr. Charlene Altemose, MSC, 1998, Liguori Press

This is a short and easy Marian reference that aims to create a clear understanding of Mary's role today, giving her the rightful place in the history of the world and in the history of salvation. The book is divided into four sections: Mary in Scripture and Other Sources, Mary Through the Ages, Mary in Liturgy and Personal Devotions, Mary in Prayers, Apparitions and Shrines.

Of Marmalade, Marbles & Melodies: A New Litany of Our Lady by Bernadette McCarver Snyder, 2003, Liguori Press

This lovingly lighthearted litany of reflections offers us an opportunity to take a fresh look at the Mary of the

Scriptures and see her as a real woman and the Mother of God.

Praying the Rosary with St. Paul by Paul Thigpen, 2008, **Our Sunday Visitor** - To read an excerpt of the short book visit:

<http://www.osv.com/LinkClick.aspx?link=7484&tabid=6133>

Riverbend TEC Schedule for 2009-2010

**Riverbend TEC, 112 W Van Dusen St.
Springfield, MN 56087 507-723-4141**

<http://www.riverbendtec.org/>

Attached below is the schedule of the TEC weekends, the planning meeting (usually 2 weeks before the TEC on Sunday from 1-5 pm) and the small reunion (usually 2 weeks after the TEC on Sunday from 1-4 pm).

TEC	Date of TEC Weekend	Place	Planning Meeting	Small Reunion
2009				
224	Jun 27-29	Bird Island	Jun 14, 1-5	Jul 12, 1-4
225	Aug 1-3	Winsted	Jul 19, 1-5	Aug 16, 1-4
226	Oct 24-26	Bird Island	Oct 11, 1-5	Nov 8, 1-4
227	Jan 16-18	New Ulm	Jan 3, 1-5	Jan 31, 1-4
2010				
228	Feb 13-15	Winsted	Jan 31, 1-5	Feb 28, 1-4
229	Mar 20-22	New Ulm	Mar 14, 1-5	Apr 11, 1-4 (3 wks)
230	Jun 26-28	Bird Island	Jun 13, 1-5	Jul 11, 1-4
231	Jul 31-Aug 2	Winsted	Jul 18, 1-5	Aug 15, 1-4

Rel Ed / Youth Ministry Calendar for 2008-09 * Note change

Mon, May 18	DRE/YM Spring Fling	Noon-4:00	St. Mary's, Willmar
May 31, June 5, or June 6 - Need only attend 1 date	BYC Selection Days	1:00-4:00 pm	Center for Youth Ministry
Thurs-Fri Jun 11-12	Young Women's Discipleship Camp	Thu 9:30 am-Fri 5:00 pm	Center for Youth Ministry
Thurs-Fri Jun 18-19	Young Men's Discipleship Camp	Thu 9:30 am-Fri 5:00 pm	Center for Youth Ministry

NEXT YEAR'S DATES - Rel Ed / Youth Ministry Calendar for 2009-10

2009			
Mon, Aug 31	Gather for DREs & Youth Ministers	10:00-3:00	Center for Youth Ministry
Sun, Sept 20	Catechetical Sunday		
Sat, Sept 26	Faith Formation Day	Track 1 9:00-5:00 / Track 2 9:00-2:35	Redwood Falls
Mon, Oct 5	Gather for DREs & Youth Ministers	10:00-3:00	Center for Youth Ministry
Sun, Oct 25	Sr High Rally	11:30-5:30	St Peter
Mon, Nov 2	Gather for DREs & Youth Ministers	10:00-3:00	Center for Youth Ministry
Nov 17-22	NCYC		Kansas City
Mon, Dec 7	Gather for DREs & Youth Ministers	10:00-3:00	Center for Youth Ministry
2010			
Mon, Jan 4	Gather for DREs & Youth Ministers	10:00-3:00	Center for Youth Ministry
Mon, Feb 1	Gather for DREs & Youth Ministers	10:00-3:00	Center for Youth Ministry
Mon, Mar 8	Gather for DREs & Youth Ministers	10:00-3:00	Center for Youth Ministry
Apr 6-8	NCEA Convention		Minneapolis
Mon, Apr 12	Gather for DREs & Youth Ministers - Curriculum Day	10:00-3:00	Catholic Pastoral Center, New Ulm
Sun, Apr 18	Jr high Festival	11:00-5:00	TBA
Mon, May 24	DRE/YM Spring Fling	Noon-4:00	TBA
Thurs-Fri Jun 17-18	Young Women's Discipleship Camp	Thu 9:30 am-Fri 5:00 pm	Center for Youth Ministry
Thurs-Fri Jun 24-25	Young Men's Discipleship Camp	Thu 9:30 am-Fri 5:00 pm	Center for Youth Ministry

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Spring Fling

May 18 * Noon-4:00
St. Mary's, Willmar

*Building the Kingdom of
God - Active &
Authentic Parent
Involvement*

Our annual Spring Fling will be in Willmar at St. Mary's parish on May 18, 2009 from noon to 4:00 pm. Harcourt Religion will sponsor the luncheon and Erin O'Leary, Director of Faith Formation at St. Patrick Parish in Inver Grove Heights, will be our presenter.

Please RSVP to Cindy Blickem 507-233-5325 or cblickem@dnu.org for lunch count.

VIRTUS Trainings

May 19, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Ortonville



Catechetical Sunday 2009 September 20, 2009

The theme is *Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word.*

This year, the resources customarily published in the English/Spanish Catechetical Sunday booklet will be available on a special Web site as a free download in the next couple of weeks. Again this year, we at the diocesan office are offering to order at a discount the English and Spanish Prayer Cards, certificates, Family Commitment prayer cards, and a promotional poster. See enclosed order form – deadline June 15.

Faith Formation Day - Save This Date!

Saturday, September 26, 2009

St. Catherine Church, Redwood Falls, MN

Keynote: Why Study Church History

with Steve Weidenkopf,

Lecturer of Church History at Christendom College
Church History Track (Epic Journey) 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
General Track 9:00 am – 2:30 pm



Summer Reading & Learning Opportunities

Living in Hope, Constant in Prayer:

Spirituality of Lay Ministry

May 27-30, 2009

**Crowne Plaza, St. Paul-Riverfront
St. Paul, MN**

Speakers include: Rev. Gerald M. Fagin, S.J.; Miguel H. Diaz, Ph.D.; Zeni Fox, Ph.D.; Drs. Maggie and Bob McCarty; Jeffrey Kaster; Charlotte McCorquodale; and others.

For further information and registration:

<http://www.nalm.org/mc/page.do?sitePageId=28522&orgId=naIm>

"Becoming a Marriage-Building Church:

June 25-28, 2009

University of St. Thomas,

Center for Catholic Studies - St. Paul, MN

The National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers in conjunction with the University of St. Thomas, and the Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth are sponsoring this conference in order to implement the U.S. Bishop's Pastoral Initiative on Marriage. This initiative is open to diocesan leaders, pastors, deacons, marriage ministry couples, parish ministers, and NFP Instructors, organizations and marriage movements, **DREs and Youth Ministers.**

For further information and to register, visit

<http://www.nacflm.org/displayconvention.cfmwww.nacflm.org> or call the national office at 937-431-5443.

Speakers include: John Grabowski, Christopher West, Helen Alvaré, Greg and Julie Alexander, Rick McCord, and several Bishops.

The Catholic Vision for Leading like Jesus

Introducing S3 Leadership: Servant

Steward, Shepherd

by Owen Phelps, Ph.D.

Our Sunday Visitor

Phelps from Rockford, Illinois explores actual leadership qualities of our Lord within a Catholic framework. This book can inspire you to a closer relationship with God as well as learning from the master so that we can lead as servant, a steward, and a shepherd.

Compass Points: Meeting God at Every

Turn by Margaret Silf, Loyola Press

Silf leads the reader on a journey to find God in the ordinary, everyday moments and occasions of life. It is easy to find God in the big moments of life, but with her stories and spirituality, she can inspire you to see God in the small moments of life.

Heroic Living

by Chris Lowney, Loyola Press

Imagine how your life would be different if you applied the wisdom of Chris Lowney. He combines his experience of banking with spirituality to provide a path to a meaningful and faith filled life, much more than fame and fortune can.

Living Your Strengths - The Catholic Edition by Albert Winseman, Donald Clifton, and Curt Liesveld, Gallup Press

This book is a must to determine the strengths of your parishioners so that they have very good experiences in volunteering in your parish. It includes a password and an online assessment to see where your strengths lie.

We used this book during the NCCL conference beginning with an introduction by Dr. Dobie Moser of Cleveland (a fellow participant at the Symposium for Adolescent Catechesis in Baltimore in November). His presentation opened up some great possibilities for adult faith formation and adult (and teen) involvement.

Parish Ministry for Maturing Adults: Principles, Plans, and Proposals

by Richard P. Johnson
Twenty-Third Publications

Johnson presents the future of our Church demographics as our adult population matures. In this book, he sees this emerging ministry as a possibility for all parishes and sees it more than just social functions. It is an opportunity to deepen the faith in parishioners.



Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation

Sign up for Cycle 4: May 24 - Jun 27
(Registration: Opens Apr 21; Closes May 20)

- [Advanced Catholic Social Teaching](#)
- [Catholic Beliefs](#)
- [Catholic Social Teaching 1](#)
- [Church History 1](#)
- [Conscience](#)
- [Ecclesiology: Beginnings of the Church](#)

- [Ecclesiology: Reframing Church \(In design\)](#)
- [Images of Jesus](#)
- [Introduction to Catechesis](#)
- [Introduction to Liturgy](#)
- [Introduction to Prayer](#)
- [Islam](#)
- [Marianist Studies: Founders](#)
- [Marianist Studies: Prayer](#)
- [Media, Faith, and Values](#)
- [National Directory for Catechesis](#)
- [Overview of GDC/NDC](#)
- [Praying With Children](#)
- [Sacraments](#)
- [Scripture: Introduction](#)
- [Scripture: Old Testament](#)
- [Scripture: New Testament](#)
- [Survey of Catholic Doctrine](#)

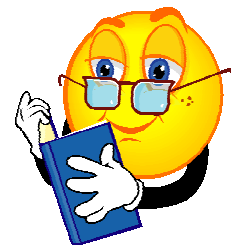
Cycle 5: Jul 12 - Aug 15

(Registration: Opens May 26; Closes Jul 8)

- [Catholic Beliefs](#)
- [Church History 2](#)
- [Conscience](#)
- [Ecclesiology: The Pilgrim Church](#)
- [Evangelization and Discipleship](#)
- [General Introduction to Syro-Malabar Qurbana](#)
- [History of Catholic Social Action](#)
- [Images of Jesus](#)
- [Introduction to Catechesis](#)
- [Marianist Studies: Charism](#)
- [Marianist Studies: Community](#)
- [Marianist Studies: Social Justice](#)
- [Media, Faith, and Values](#)
- [Our Hearts Were Burning \(Seminar\)](#)
- [Overview of the GDC & NDC \(Seminar\)](#)
- [Sacraments](#)
- [Scripture: Introduction](#)
- [Scripture: Old Testament](#)
- [Scripture: New Testament](#)
- [Survey of Catholic Doctrine](#)

For further information, contact Bryan Reising at 507-233-5324 and check out VLCFF's website:
<http://vlc.udayton.edu/>.

Media Resources from the Diocesan Media Library



For Elementary Grades

- [Close Encounters with Mary and the Rosary](#) by Videos With Values (for Middle School Grades as well)
- [The Day the Sun Danced](#) by Creative Communication Center

For Middle School Grades

- **Celebrating the Church Year: Days of Mary** by Paulist Press
- **Celebrating the Church Year for Children: Pentecost** by Paulist Press
- **Fatima** by EWTN (Middle School through Adult)
- **Fatima 1917** by CTNA (Middle School through Adult)
- **The Gifts of the Holy Spirit** by Cornerstone Media, Inc (Middle School through Adult)
- **Mary of Nazareth** by Questar, Inc. (Middle School through Adult)
- **Mary, Mother of Jesus** by Metropolitan Productions
- **Molokai: The Story of Fr. Damien** by ERA Films/CVBA Damien – Jos Stelling Films (for the whole family)
- **What Catholics Believe About Mary and the Saints** by Redemptorist Pastoral Communications (Middle School through Adult)

For High School Grades and Adults

- **Mary** by Hallel Communications
- **Mary, Mother of Jesus** by Shriver Family Film Company and Commodore Films

- **Mary, The Mother of God** by Ignatius Press
- **Remembering the Holy Spirit-Come Holy Spirit and Recreate the World** by St. Anthony Messenger Press
- **Remembering the Holy Spirit-Who Is This Holy Spirit?/Understanding the Spirit** by St. Anthony Messenger Press
- **The Fire of God Rekindled, 1-4** by BSC Media
- **The Visit** by CTNA
- **What Mary Taught Jesus** by Corpus Video

These and many other resources (DVDs, videos, and audio) can be used by member parishes, schools, and individuals. Check out the Media library catalogue at <http://dnu.kdsi.net/search/search.php>

Parish Catechesis Question

- ❖ What will you do this summer for you and your family? What will you do for your own formation? What opportunities will you bring to your catechists?

Catechetical Sunday September 20, 2009 - Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word

This year, the resources customarily published in the English/Spanish Catechetical Sunday booklet will be available on a special Web site as a free download in the next couple of weeks. <http://www.usccbpublishing.org/> The English and Spanish Prayer Cards, certificates, Family Commitment prayer cards, and a promotional poster will be available for sale. We can order them for you at a discount if you let Cindy Blickem know by June 15. See order form below.

Catechetical Sunday 2009 Order Form				
Title No	Publication Title	Quantity	Price	Total
	Celebrating the Catechetical Year 2009 (English/Spanish Booklet will be available for download from the USCCB website in the next couple of weeks (today's date: 5-7-09.))			
7-082	Poster		\$1.90 ea	
7-076	Prayer Cards (English package of 50)		\$3.80 pkg	
7-077	Prayer Cards (Spanish package of 50)		\$3.80 pkg	
7-078	Certificates - English		\$0.37 ea	
7-079	Certificates - Spanish		\$0.37 ea	
7-080	Family Commitment Prayer Cards (English package of 50)		\$4.60 pkg	
7-081	Family Commitment Prayer Cards (Spanish package of 50)		\$4.60 pkg	

Subtotal _____
 Shipping & Handling \$ 2.00 _____
 Total Amount Due _____

Name _____ Address _____
 Parish _____ City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____
 Amount Enclosed: _____ Please Bill Parish _____

Return by: June 15, 2009

Return to: Cindy Blickem, 1400 6th Street N, New Ulm, MN 56073
 Ph: 507-233-5325 Fax: 507-354-3667 cblickem@dnu.org

We will only order enough materials to fill the orders submitted by you to Cindy, so please get your orders in by June 15. After that date, you will need to order them from USCCB yourself and you would have to pay the full cost. USCCB Publishing, 3211 4th St NE, Washington DC Ph 800-235-8722 www.usccb.org/publishing