

Church of St. Richard

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July 25, 2010
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



From the Pastor

Fr. Thomas Krenik

Knock, Knock

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People knock on a door differently in various situations. Sometimes the knock is strong and steady with a sense of assurance. Sometimes the knock is soft and tenuous—either not wanting to startle the person on the other side or secretly hoping that no one will answer. At other times the knocking is really more like banging.

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Jesus uses this imagery in today's gospel: "Knock and the door will be opened to you." He uses this imagery to encourage petitionary prayer—asking God for assistance.

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Later in the gospel there is another scene of knocking on the door by the five foolish bridesmaids who came late to the wedding because they had no fuel for their lamps. The voice (of Christ) from inside says in effect: "Go away; I do not know you." It awakens in us the realization that our journey of faith includes letting Christ know us.

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In the book of Revelation 3:20 is still another scene. The Risen Christ says: "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come to you and eat with you, and you with me." Sometimes this scene is portrayed with no door knob on the outside. It can only be opened from within.

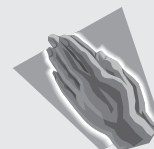
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Think about these three scenes and how they relate to your relationship with God. How is your prayer like knocking on the door? What is your sense of how well the Lord knows you? Are you ready to open the door for Christ to come in?

*"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For every one who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."
- Lk 11:9-10*

Remember those from the parish who are ill & their families: Margert McNeill, Dorothy Becker

If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please call the office at 612-869-2426. We have many caring people who minister to parishioners who are ill or hospitalized.



Readings for the Week of July 25, 2010

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/
Lk 12:13-21

Mass Intentions

Sat July 24 5:00pm.....Susan Stalter+
Sun July 25 9:00am.....James Ascher+
11:00am.....For the Parish
Wed July 28 12:15pm.....Rev. Fred Mertz+
Thur July 29 8:00am.....George & Tillie Wetsch+
Fri July 30 8:00am.....Special Intention
Sat July 31 5:00pm.....John Sweeney+
Sun Aug 1 9:00am.....Bill & Mary Ann Grob+
11:00am.....For the Parish

Stewardship — Time · Talent · Treasure

Faith, in order to be authentic, has to be generous and giving.

Love and faith go hand in hand. —Mother Theresa

Financial Stewardship

Sunday, July 18, 2010

239 envelopes + 80 auto deposit

Amt needed weekly	\$ 19,696		
Weekly actual	\$ 18,394	Last Yr Wk Act	\$ 18,101
	(\$ 1,302)		
YTD Budget	\$ 59,088		
YTD Actual	\$ 49,367	Last Yr YTD	\$ 51,059
	(\$ 9,721)		

Electronic Giving

If you are traveling this summer and want to make sure your contribution gets to St. Richard's parish, please consider electronic giving. It's easy to set up and you do not need to write a check each week. Instead you can have it automatically deposited to us. It also saves paper and helps the environment (less paper and postage). Please call the parish office if you are interested.

Parish Census

For the first time in more than 20 years, we are conducting a parish census. Please help us save mailing costs by picking up your census envelope in social hall after Mass today. Please return your completed forms by the end of August. A "census" box is in the gathering space, or forms can be mailed/brought to the parish office. Thank you in advance for your help.



**Saturday,
September
18th**

There will be something for everyone: craft booths, bake sale, Christmas booth, fun food, music, children's activities, silent auction, and MORE.

Special Invitation to Crafters: spaces are still available. Call the office, 612-869-2426, to request a registration form.

It is not too early to start dropping off donations of soda or Cherry Tree items. Just put them on or under the sign-up tables in the narthex. Questions, please contact Sr. Sue at the parish office, 612-869-2426.

Parish News



Vacation Bible School

Calling all heroes! Last call for youth age 4 through completion of grade 4 to participate in VBS. Meet at HeroHeadQuarters (St. Richard's Church) August 2-6 from 9:30am-12noon to join forces with God! Registration closes July 28!

VBS Needs

- for Area Shelters: NEW washcloths and bars of body soap. These will be wrapped, decorated and given to area shelters.
- For our troops: small, inexpensive children's toys no larger than 4-6 inches. These toys will be put into decorative bags with individual notes from the children. They will then be sent to our soldiers to give to children particularly in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- There is a box marked "VBS Supplies" in the narthex. Thank you for your support.

Faith Formation begins with YOU . . .

Do you like sharing your faith?

Do you enjoy spending time with youth?

If you answered yes, consider becoming a Catechist or Children's Liturgy Prayer Leader! Faith formation is looking for adults interested in various ministry roles. Commitment can be as little as once a month for prayer leaders.

Catechists for preschool teach 2 Sundays a month, and can be team-taught. Catechists for Middle School teach on a rotation schedule; (six classes per rotation, up to three rotations per year). If you would like to help nurture the future of our church, please contact Jan Fuchs at 612-869-2426 for more information.

Parents with Small Children

Child care is available each Sunday during the 9 and 11am Masses in the nursery room located in the educational wing of our building.

Changed Your Address, Phone Number or E-mail?

Please call the parish office at 612-869-2426 or email: secretary@strichards.com. Thank you for your help.

Parish & Community

For Sale—Motorized Scooter

We were fortunate enough to have a scooter donated at the June rummage sale. It has two new batteries and runs like a top! It is one of the top-of-the-line scooters and retails new for \$2300. We are asking \$695 or best offer. You can view it in the narthex on Saturday and Sunday. For more information or a test drive, please call Marge Donofrio, 952-808-8984.

VEAP Back to School Collection

Yes, it's already time to begin thinking about the coming school year! Every year, St. Richard's parishioners are invited to assist VEAP in helping area children-in-need gather their school supplies.

This year, we have been asked to collect the following:

- Backpacks—30
- Wide-lined spiral notebooks—140
- Packs of #2 pencils—250
- Markers, basic 8 count—75
- Scissors—100
- Rulers—150

Please bring only the items listed. A table labeled "VEAP Back-to-School Collection" is set up in the gathering space.

Household and Outside Maintenance for Elderly

Seniors, are you looking for some assistance with your household chores? H.O.M.E. is a program that helps older adults (age 60 plus) remain independent by providing services they are unable to do for themselves. Service costs are based on a sliding contribution scale. Our core staff, with a network of skilled workers and volunteers, will perform painting, minor repairs, raking, snow shoveling, lawn mowing, house cleaning, laundry, and grocery shopping. Call 952-888-5530 for more information.

Prayer Request

St. Richard's has a prayer network consisting of many parishioners who pray daily for the needs and concerns of our community. We also offer prayers of thanksgiving.

Drop your request in the collection basket or send it to the parish office. (Please Print). Copies of the Prayer Network are available in the wall rack in the Community Room.

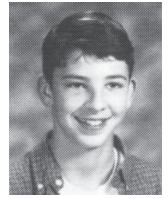
School



Welcome Back, Mr. Jeff Boyle!

Mr. Jeff Boyle, Blessed Trinity Catholic School alum, recently accepted a middle school position

and will be teaching eighth grade language arts and literature, along with sixth grade religion and math, on the Blessed Trinity Nicollet Campus this coming school year.



Jeff began his education at St. Richard's School, back when there were three separate parish schools in Richfield. By Jeff's second grade, the three schools had merged into one—Blessed Trinity Catholic School. He graduated from BTCS in the spring of 2001 and Academy of Holy Angels in 2005.

Four years later, Jeff received his BA from Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, where he majored in secondary education and history. He played baseball in college for four years as a pitcher, was a sports broadcaster for the college radio station and sports editor of the school newspaper. He currently coaches football and baseball at Academy of Holy Angels.

Mr. Boyle substituted at Blessed Trinity for several months last school year while Mrs. Larsen was on maternity leave. This is what he wrote about his time at Blessed Trinity: "The subbing experience at Blessed Trinity was phenomenal. I really enjoyed being back there and working side by side with some of the very same teachers who had taught me. Everyone was so supportive and welcoming; it was truly a blessing to see that I was still a part of the Blessed Trinity family. I taught language arts and literature to seventh and eighth grade and it was great, especially our Edgar Allan Poe unit which seemed to really pique the interest of the seventh graders. The kids were amazing and it is still true that Blessed Trinity produces some of the most well behaved, morally sound and academically motivated students one can find."



Blessed Trinity Catholic School Staff

Sue Kerr	Principal	
Penn Ave Campus	Preschool—Grade 3	612-866-6906
Lesa Backus	School Secretary	
Nicollet Ave Campus	Grades 4—8	612-869-5200



Parish Office

Phone: 612-869-2426

(including pastoral emergency calls)

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8am—4:30pm
Friday: 8am--noon
E-Mail: secretary@strichards.com
Fax: 612-869-0277
Bulletin Deadline: Monday at 9:00am

Parish Staff

Fr. Thomas Krenik Pastor
Mary Kay Amberg Bookkeeper, Secretary
Ann Amundson Coordinator, Pre-School
Isidro Cardoso Maintenance
Sr. Sue Ernster, FSPA Parish Administrator
Kathleen Conrad Eustice Director, Pastoral Care
Jan Fuchs Director, Faith Formation
Kristen Fuchs Coordinator, Youth/Young Adult
Donna Kavanaugh Director, Children's and Bell Choir
Ann Mullerleile Associate Director, Faith Formation
Jack Reher Director, Maintenance
Travis Salisbury Director, Liturgy
Bob Schnell Deacon
Betsy Sullivan Director, Music

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am
Wednesday 12:15pm
Thursday & Friday 8:00am

Morning Prayer with Communion

Monday & Tuesday 8:00am

Sacramental Information

- Sacrament of Reconciliation—Saturday 3:30pm-4:30pm or by appointment.
- Sacrament of Baptism—Preparation sessions held in January, March, July, and October. Expectant parents please contact the parish.
- Sacrament of Marriage—Engaged couples should contact the parish office six months in advance.
- Sacrament of Anointing—Contact the parish office.
- Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist for Adults (RCIA) - Contact the parish office.

Altar Server Training by Appointment

Please call the parish office.

Volunteer Opportunities

Please call the parish office.

Check Archdiocesan News On Line

You can access our archdiocesan Catholic newspaper at:
www.thecatholicspirit.com

Area Churches Mass and Prayer Schedule

Assumption

612-866-5019

Masses Saturday 4:00pm—English
Sunday 9:00am—English
11:00am—Spanish
1:00pm—Spanish
6:00pm—Spanish
Wed - Fri 8:00am

Morning Prayer with communion on Monday and Tuesday at 8:00am

St. Peter

612-866-5089

Masses Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am
Mon - Sat 8:00am

Coffee Shop after Sunday Masses!

The coffee shop is open most Sundays after the 9 and 11am Masses. Donuts, coffee, and juice are served. We invite parishioners and friends to join us. Free-will offering.



Weekly Schedule

Sunday, July 25

9:00am Mass

11:00am Mass, CLW

Monday, July 26

8:00am Prayer & Communion—chapel

8:30am Church Clean I

9:00am ZUMBA Seniors' Exercise—social hall

7:00pm FunFest Committee meeting—community room

Tuesday, July 27

8:00am Prayer and Communion—chapel

9:00am ZUMBA Seniors' Exercise—social hall

Wednesday, July 28

8:00am Summer Stretch—1/2 community room

9:00am Vacation Bible School Prep—1/2 community room

12:15pm Mass—church

6:30pm Women's Group—chapel

Thursday, July 29

8:00am Mass—chapel

9:00am ZUMBA Seniors' Exercise—social hall

5:30pm Handbells—church

7:00pm Sant' Egidio—chapel

Friday, July 30 Parish Office Closes at Noon

8:00am Mass—chapel

Saturday, July 31

3:30pm Confessions—chapel

5:00pm Mass—church

Sunday, August 1

9:00am Mass

11:00am Mass, CLW

1:00pm Vacation Bible School set-up

Mark Your Calendar

Vacation Bible School, August 2-6, 9:30am-12 nn
FunFest, Saturday, September 18, all day
Ministry Fair, October 2-3, after Masses