

A Lenten Prayer Breakfast at St. Paul's Lutheran in Hackensack will be on this Monday, February 22nd at 9 a.m. The guest speaker will be Teen Challenge from Brainerd, MN. Everyone is welcome.

ELECTION TEAM NEEDED—Anyone interested in serving on the team for election of new St. Agnes Pastoral Council Members please contact the office.

THERE IS AN ANNOUNCEMENT ERROR IN THE NORTHERN CROSS—It says that the National Collection for the Black and Indian Missions will be taken February 21, 2010. This is a mistake; the Diocese of Duluth takes up the collection the Second Weekend in August. So please disregard the announcement in the Northern Cross.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. **On Friday, March 5th, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hackensack, will have an open prayer time from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.** Come and offer prayer in unity with other women world-wide.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. AGNES

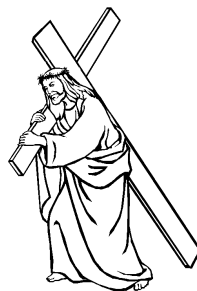
Adorers are needed for Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m. for February.

We really need your help during the Winter months, and you'll enjoy that special hour in the company of the Blessed Sacrament.

To sign up, call Beth Bohannon at 547-0481 or c: 218-330-4684. In case of inclement weather, the Adoration Chapel will close if the schools close.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join our parish community for the Stations of the Cross to be held at St Agnes every Wednesday during Lent at 5:30 p.m. with soup and sandwiches to follow.



Each evening will be conducted by a different parish group:

- February 24th Lamb of God Prayer Group
- March 3rd Youth of the parish
- March 10th Knights of Columbus
- March 17th St Agnes Parish Council
- March 24 St Agnes Men's Prayer Group

There will be no Living Stations this year due to the fact that we do not have a priest and many of the members of the cast will be gone.

ST. AGNES PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS SATURDAY APRIL 24TH & SUNDAY APRIL 25TH

Three council positions, each elected to a three year term, will be filled with the newly elected taking office at the regular May (2010) monthly meeting.

The council and election committee are currently actively seeking candidates to run for these positions.

To be eligible to serve as a council member one must meet the following qualifications:

- ◆ Be a registered member of St. Agnes Parish for one year or more.
- ◆ Be 18 years of age or older.

Persons wishing to run OR wishing to nominate someone to serve on the Council may contact the Church Office by phone or in person.

A list of persons running for Council shall appear in the Church Bulletin on April 10–11 and April 17–18. As stated above the election shall take place at Mass on April 24 & 25. Absentee ballots will be available in the Church Office for those scheduled to be out of town on election dates.

For further information please contact the Church Office or members of the Parish Council.

This Week's Schedule of Events

Saturday	LENTEN WEEKDAY	2/20
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Mary E. Smith</i>	
Walker	5:30 p.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Sadie Elsenpeter</i>	
Sunday	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	2/21
Hackensack	8:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Nina Burke</i>	
Hackensack	9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic	
Walker	10:00 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Sadie Elsenpeter</i>	
Walker	11:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic	
Walker	11:00 a.m. Coffee in Social Hall — <i>All are welcome!</i>	
Walker	11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class	
Monday	THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER, APOSTLE	2/22
Hackensack	2:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Rosary Prayer Group	
Walker	5:30 p.m. Board of Education	
Tuesday	LENTEN WEEKDAY	2/23
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration	
Wednesday	LENTEN WEEKDAY	2/24
Hackensack	10:00 a.m. Craft Wednesday	
Walker	3:30 p.m. Diving Deeper	
Walker	5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross	
Hackensack	6:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Union Congregational	
Thursday	LENTEN WEEKDAY	2/25
Walker	7:30 a.m. Men's Cursillo Meeting	
Friday	LENTEN WEEKDAY	2/26
Saturday	LENTEN WEEKDAY	2/27
Walker	2:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance	
Hackensack	3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance	
Hackensack	4:00 p.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Frank Terdan</i>	
Walker	5:30 p.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Jean Bellamy</i>	
Sunday	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	2/28
Hackensack	8:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Ralph E. Hackman</i>	
Walker	10:00 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Mickey Jones</i>	
Walker	11:00 a.m. Coffee in Social Hall — <i>All are welcome!</i>	

Upcoming Events

Key: S.A. = St. Agnes & S.H. = Sacred Heart

- March**
- 01 Rosary Prayer Group at 2 p.m. at S.H.
 - 01 Women's Prayer Group at 6:30 p.m. at S.A.
 - 03 Release Time (Grades 1st-3rd) at 8:30 a.m. at S.A.
 - 03 Craft Wednesday at 10 a.m. at S.H.
 - 03 55+ Driver Improvement 4 Hr. Refresher Course—Noon to 4 p.m.—at S.H.
 - 03 Release Time (Grades 4th-6th) at 1:30 p.m. at S.A.
 - 03 Stations of the Cross—Youth Night at 5:30 p.m. at S.A.
 - 03 Lenten Service at Sacred Heart at 6 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES can be attended at St. Edward's in Longville on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:30 a.m. or St. Paul's Church in Remer on Thursday night at 6:15 p.m. For more information call the St. Edward & St. Paul's parish office at 218-363-2799.

PLEASE HELP US TO KNOW WHO NEEDS PRAYER—To include someone in our bulletin prayer list please call the parish office by phone 547-1054 or e-mail (stagnes@arvig.net) with enough basic information to know what to pray for. It can be anything from an anniversary to a health problem. Please confirm with the person if their name can be published in the bulletin.

RESIDENTS AT GOLDEN LIVING CENTER IN WALKER APPRECIATE VISITS—A one to two hour commitment per month would include bringing the Eucharist. Call the parish office at 547-1054 if you desire to help with this ministry.

Lenten Regulations—The Church asks Catholics to observe the following acts of fast and abstinence during Lent. Abstinence (not eating meat) obliges Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Fasting (one full meal and two smaller ones with nothing in-between) obliges Catholics between 18 and 60 years of age. Good Friday is a day of FAST and ABSTINENCE. The Fridays of Lent are days of ABSTINENCE. Only grave inconvenience and sickness excuse from the laws of fast and abstinence.



Last Week's Collections

February 13th & 14th

	Walker	Hackensack
Plate:	\$858\$357
Envelope:	\$1,065\$898

St. Agnes Building
Balance Remaining: \$291,369.92



YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR**DIVING DEEPER**

Wednesday, February 24th 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Pre-school-3rd grade

YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHT

Wednesday, February 17th—All Grades 7-12 Welcome

Stations of the Cross 5:30 p.m.
St. Agnes Walker

Please try to arrive early so we can get organized.
For those of you in sports please arrive as promptly as possible.

ATTENTION YOUTH OF ALL AGES!

The youth are in charge of running **Stations of the Cross** on **Wednesday March 3rd at 5:30 p.m.** We need youth volunteers to help read the stations, perform the stations, and serve the meal. We will be addressing this in all our youth classes and activities.

Parents please mark your calendars now! Also, we need **five** parent volunteers to each make one Crockpot full of soup for the dinner after Stations. Please contact Jennifer or Anna if you are interested.

FIRST COMMUNION/FIRST RECONCILIATION

Attention Parents! Next weekend—February 27th and 28th—Anna will be available after all masses for any parent interested in signing-up their child for First Communion/First Reconciliation Classes. Classes will be held during Diving Deeper. The first class will be on March 10th. All students must be registered by March 3rd. A letter will be mailed out to all families with children in the second grade. Please mark your calendars now!

CONFIRMATION MASS

Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 4 p.m. at Sacred Heart in Hackensack. Confirmation is just around the corner. Please keep this year's confirmation class in your thoughts and prayers as they approach this Blessed Sacrament.

**FOR QUESTIONS, IDEAS, OR COMMENTS
ON YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Contact Anna Frost or Jennifer Arnold at the parish office 218-547-1054, or e-mail us at:

anna@walkercatholic.org or
jennifer@walkercatholic.org

**St. Agnes Pastoral Council
Minutes for February 8, 2010**

(Subject to review and correction until approved)

OLD BUSINESS:

Music Update—Music has been selected through April and a tentative schedule has been made with a few gaps to be filled.

Transition Period—

- ◆ Confirmation will take place at Sacred Heart on March 20th. Two of the students being confirmed are from Hackensack.
- ◆ The “2010” stickers have been ordered for the Easter Candle.
- ◆ Arrangements are being made to move the Baptismal Font back to where it was originally.
- ◆ It was decided that money will be collected for memorials for Easter flowers after Masses closer to Easter.
- ◆ Various groups will present the Stations of the Cross at St. Agnes on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. followed by a soup and sandwich supper during Lent. The parish council will present the Stations on March 17th. Guy LaFontaine, Katie Lowe, and Toni Morrison will present the Stations and Sandy Munson will supply the music.

NEW BUSINESS:

Parish Council Candidates—Mike Bergman, Lori Duchesneau, and Sandy Randall are on the election committee for parish council. We need names of parish council candidates by April.

Financial Report—To be put in the Bulletin.

Personnel Committee—Because of the lack of a priest, the personnel committee needs to be re-established to review job descriptions and salaries. The personnel committee consists of Toni Morrison, Jamie Richter, Clarence Rueter, Tim Henning, Roger Nistler, Anne Pavlik, Mike Smith, Paul Yaeger, and Pete Pederson.

OTHER BUSINESS—

- ◆ Discussion took place about the church getting an AED (automatic defibrillator) and oxygen and training the ushers in their use. Sandy Munson will research the cost.
- ◆ It was decided to fix the old furnace as this is used for a back up and not cost effective to convert it or replace it with a new furnace.
- ◆ Andrea Johnson will take over the scheduling for the ushers.

**ST. AGNES MUSIC MINISTRY
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**

Contact the parish office A.S.A.P. if you may be able to help with the music ministry program. For example: learn to run the Clavinova; be a song leader; and/or play a musical instrument such as a guitar or piano.

LIVING THE COVENANT OF MARRIAGE—Natural Family Planning of the Brainerd Lakes Area free introductory sessions are on Thursday, March 18th at 6 p.m. at St Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd and on Thursday, March 25th at 6 p.m. at the Cashen Enrichment Center in Crosby. Free introductory classes are also offered at St Alice Church in Pequot Lakes by appointment. Registration is required. Individual sessions may also be scheduled. For more information or to register please contact the NFP Office at 218-829-2861 Ext 6217 or www.brainerdnfp.org.

Living Well Workshop
Wednesdays 1-3:30 pm. March 31-May 5, 2010
Walker Area Community Center

FREE workshop that includes a manual and relaxation tape or CD. Open to all persons; you don't need to be a Merit Care patient. You must attend all sessions to get maximum benefits. Pre-registration is required to attend. Call : 1-877-234-4240.

A First Aid Refresher Class will be held March 8th, at the Senior Center in Hackensack, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. It is a refresher course on what to do in an emergency after you have dialed 911 and are waiting for help to arrive. The course is free, along with coffee, snacks and lunch, compliments of the Hackensack Lions.

Call Terry Bergstrom at 675-6105, Berna Miller at 675-6137 or Mike Bohannon at 675-5173, to pre-register for a great class. Space is limited so call early!

The Northwoods Arts Council's 2010 Dinner Show will be held Sunday, March 7th in the Social Hall at Union Congregational Church in Hackensack. The show is a Radio Classic "Our Miss Brooks in : Madison High is Cold". Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner is served before the show at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased in advance. They are available at Swanson's and Southside in Hackensack. For more information call 218-675-6619 or 218-682-2891.

HACKENSACK WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

THE SIGN OF JONAH—Jonah...for Lent? Sounds fishy, but it's a natural fit. When the Jews asked Jesus for a sign he said, "*I will give you only the sign of Jonah,*" After three days in the belly of the earth, Jesus rose with news of God's prodigal grace. This series of special ecumenical services for Lent explores the meaning of "*The Sign of Jonah*" as we follow Jonah on his journey...and Jesus on his way to the cross. All are encouraged to participate as we experience Lent and move toward Easter. The services will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by Soup 'n Sandwich at approximately 6:45 p.m. hosted by the local church.

February 24th, Union Congregational
"Saved in the Storm"—Jonah 1:4-16
 Preaching - Pastor Thea Monson

March 3rd, Sacred Heart Catholic
"Our Providing God"—Jonah 1:17
 Preaching - Pastor Michael Small

March 10th, St. Paul's Lutheran
"Praying in the belly of the great big fish"
Jonah 2:1-10
 Preaching - Pastor Michael Small

March 17th, Union Congregational
"The God of second chance"—Jonah 3: 1-4
 Preaching - Father Bruce Engen

March 24th, Sacred Heart Catholic
"About face"—Jonah 3:5-10
 Preaching - Pastor Thea Monson

SENIOR DRIVER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
AT SACRED HEART IN HACKENSACK

March 3rd 4 Hr Refresher Course Noon to 4 p.m.

This Driver Improvement course is open to the public; and pre-registration is required. Driver safety, confidence, and comfort are taught by a MN Highway Safety & Research Center "certified" instructor.

The 4 hour. Refresher course is \$20. Persons age 55 and older who complete the course qualify for a ten percent discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years. Repeat persons are required to take a four hour refresher course. For more information or to register call TOLL FREE 1-(888)-234-1294.