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As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord!

Joshua 24:15

Remember?



DeColores!!

Summer has bloomed and we have the opportunity to reflect on many gifts that have been showered upon us. How have you experienced the blessings of travel, gardens, recreation and time spent with family and friends? Ponder the blessings of children, teachers and mentors who have moved us from where we were, to where we are today. Consider the gifts of employment, those who labor around us. Let us never forget those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for others and our nation as we mark the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

**Twin Cities Cursillo
Vision Statement is:**

"As a community committed to spiritual growth through Christ we strive to transform our every day world"

**Twin Cities Cursillo
Mission Statement is:**

"We are a Catholic community committed to growing closer to Christ through prayer, study and service. By living the gospel we invite others daily to join us on our life long journey"

In July, we were blessed to attend the National Cursillo Encounter in San Antonio Texas, attended by 500 Cursillistas, including five different language groups and more than 25 priests and deacons from across the country. The zeal, energy, and passionate love were both uplifting and inspiring beyond words. The lasting friendships, heartfelt witnesses, and thought-provoking talks can only be attributed to the presence of the Holy Spirit throughout the weekend.

We were reminded that Christ is our ever-present companion and source of our transformation to be the person that Christ is counting on. We were challenged to examine our belief in God and our ability to surrender ourselves to His will.

Just as the unfolding of a flower is a process with a timeline of its own, so too is our deepening relationship with Christ. Then, given time, effort, and understanding, we are better able to encounter others with knowledge, patience and genuine love. Our friendships give meaning to our life, creating deeper, richer environments.

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Message from Our Spiritual Director

Is Fairness God's Game?

Equality – Fairness – Justice. Sometimes we use these terms interchangeably, but that is misleading. We may be intended for *equality*, but we are hardly created from it, nor do we enter into it at birth, not even in a democracy. *Fairness*, on the other hand, is sometimes defined as equal opportunity and at other times simply as equity. *Equity* is a concept arising from natural law. It means we are all entitled to what we need and deserve which is a far cry from saying we should all get the same treatment. Here's where *human justice* steps in. Our sense of justice is more about equity than equality. We feel confident that people should get what they deserve – what their actions have earned. We do not hold that all people should be treated the same or have rights to the same goods and opportunities.

This may seem like a theoretical discussion but what happens when human justice smacks up against divine justice? Divine justice is not based on equity at all. It is not a "tit-for-tat" business, a balancing of the scales between behavior and just desserts. Divine justice is mysterious, generous and free-wheeling. It won't be tied down with those paralleled bars of the equal sign erected between figures and their sum. God is delighted to add one and one and come up with one. God is not obliged to our idea of fairness at all. Sometimes God's justice doesn't add up. Maybe it's not supposed to. That's what happens when Jesus tries to explain this to his disciples (Mt. 20:1-16). He tells a story about people working. Some work a lot. Some work a little. All get paid the same wage. Do they get the message? No. They don't get it.

What they perceive is the same thing you and I do: How can that be fair? Well, God might point out that this world is not our world – it is God's world and any rules governing the created order ought to be determined by the Creator, not the creatures. If God wants to pay everybody the same wage at the end of the day, that's God's business. A lot of people may be very unhappy with that, but arguing for equity in the face of mercy is not always the wisest course of action.

"*Are you envious because I am generous?*" The story of the workers in the vineyard tells of an apparently arbitrary boss and his outraged employees who feel they have been treated unfairly by his manner of paying them. The point of the parable is not that God can act in capricious and incomprehensible ways that humans just have to accept. Rather, in the kingdom of God, "unworldly" values are at work. God deals with both the devout and the sinner in the same fashion – generously! God's grace pours out on all, whether they have earned it or not. All sorts of strange and surprising things happen that sometimes defy human expectations and ways of doing things. "*My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways,*" says the Lord. The last become first and the first become last. In response, are not God's people called to show generosity and forgiveness when it is not expected?

Fr. Al Backmann

Welcome New 4th Dayers

Bill and Judy Lewis	Divine Mercy, Faribault
Butch and Kathy Schwartz	Divine Mercy, Faribault
Brad and Barb Mayer	Risen Savior, Burnsville
Tim Murray	Cathedral of St Paul
Mike and Sherry Moening	St Nicholas, New Market
Darcy Fraenkel	St Michael's, Prior Lake
Maria Varnado	St Peter's, Richfield
Kurt Kelzenberg	St Michael's, Farmington
Caryn Coller	St Eliz Ann Seton, Hastings
Colleen O'Brien	St Patrick's, St Paul
Dorothy Bartel	St Patrick's, St Paul
Dan Mason	Cathedral of St Paul
Kristine Gilbertson	St John Vianney, Fairmont
Jean Weyandt	St Bernard's, St Paul

No greater love

2,000 years ago the son of God gave His life for our freedom. Making the ultimate sacrifice, He cleared for us a path to heaven with His final act of obedience, duty, and honor. Without His sacrifice, we would remain in bondage.

On July 12, 2011 Lance Cpl. Robert Greniger, a 2009 Rockford High School graduate, was killed in Afghanistan while serving our country. I didn't know Lance Cpl. Robert Greniger personally. He made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom from the bondage of fear in the face of terrorism – a fear largely due to the events of ten years ago on 9/11. Ten days after his death 1,000+ people lined County Road 92 in Rockford to honor this young man and his commitment to put his life on the line for something precious and valuable to all of us. While I stood with flag in hand as the motorcade drove by, I prayed to the One who fully understands this level of commitment to honor this young man by welcoming him into His kingdom. I prayed also for all that have served our country since its founding. They did so with the same sense of duty and honor and commitment to a higher good. They made a choice to face the worst that the world has to offer - to trade comfort for unbearable environments with ever present threats of the most brutal violence man, and sometimes nature, can dish out. It is a gift of selfless love for which all of us should be ever grateful.

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May each one of us become the Christ that Christ is counting on. Who we are every day is important. When we keep our eyes and our hearts open, we are able to identify and befriend others on the journey. As the hands and feet of Christ, we can help each other find fulfillment on the journey to Christ. As always, we are on God's time!

† Is Christ calling you to participate as a team member for the upcoming fall weekends at Holy Name of Jesus in Medina?

† How are you doing in your call to make a friend, be a friend and bring a friend to Christ?

† Are you willing to take that next step with your friend as a sponsor?

Please join us in welcoming the 35 Cursillistas from the June weekends and 17 Cursillistas from the August weekends at your parishes, Ultreyas and groups!

God Bless,

Sonia and Mark Lager

No Greater Love

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The 10th anniversary of 9/11 is an occasion to remember those that lost their lives that day, especially the men and women that charged into the face of fire and smoke and impending doom to save or comfort those trapped inside. I pray it is also an occasion to look at the bigger picture - to honor the countless others who, from the beginnings of our nation until today, have put their lives on the line without counting the cost. We need to honor those we have buried as well as those that, through the grace of God, survived. Jesus understands well the cup they chose to drink. We should take some time on 9/11 to thank the Father for sending His Son to free us and for the countless sons and daughters that have followed Jesus' model of self giving sacrifice and service to people seeking freedom.

Tim Weldon

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DATES AND NEWS

SCHOOL OF LEADERS

1st Tuesday, September 6th, at 6:30 pm

Location: St. Patrick's Church, Edina -St Martin's Hall
6820 St. Patrick's Lane

Speaker: Commissioning

The School of Leaders is open to all

Come join your Cursillo friends

Ultreya Dates and Meeting Times in September

ULTREYA	LOCATION	TIME	DATE
St Cloud	St Mary's Cathedral	7:00 PM	1
Northeast	St. Peter, No. St. Paul (Potluck)	6:30 PM	2
North Minneapolis	St Williams, Fridley	7:30 PM	2
Western/Midwest	St Hubert's , Chanhassen	7:00 PM	11
Spanish Community	Incarnation, Mpls.	7:00 PM	9
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Spanish Community	St Dominic, Northfield	6:00 PM	3
Restful Waters	St Nicholas, New Market	6:30 PM	10
St. Paul Midway	St. Mark's, St. Paul	8:00 AM	10
Northwest	St Henry, Monticello	7:30 PM	10
Deaf Community	Our Lady of Mt Carmel	11:00 AM	18
Korean	Korean Catholic Church St P	2:30 PM	18
Jacob's Well	Holy Name of Jesus, Medina	7:00 PM	17
MN Valley	Risen Savior, Burnsville	7:00 PM	17
Vietnamese Mpls	St. Joseph Hien	12:00 PM	25
Vietnamese St Paul	St. Columba	3:00 PM	25
Fairmont	St. John Vianney, Fairmont	6:30 PM	No Mtg

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

Weekends to be held at Holy Name of Jesus,
Medina

#321 Men's: Oct 20-23

Rector: Steve Williams

#322 Women's: Nov 3-6

Rectora: Cheri Olson

Formation for this set of weekends will be on
Mondays at St Patrick's beginning Sep 19th.

More details and information about weekends
are on the website www.tc-cursillo.org

**Please prayerfully consider sponsoring for these or
any future weekends. Contact your Ultreya rep for
apps and other sponsoring information.**

The new team applications are available at Ultreyas and on our web
site. After completing the form, email to cursillo-chair@tc-cursillo.org. Applications are kept on file for one year from date of
submission and approval. You must have made Weekends #317/318
or earlier to be eligible to work on the next Cursillo weekend.