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# The Evangelizer

St. John the Evangelist/Newman Parish  
Advent 2011

## Mission Statement

St. John the Evangelist of Wahpeton, a Catholic community of faithful stewards, uniquely gifted, is committed to living fully a spiritual life.

We accomplish this mission by;

- † Celebrating a sacramental life;
- † Being a hospitable, generous, faithful, and forgiving people;
- † Serving as a renewing community of life and love;
- † Supporting all people in their journey towards the Kingdom of God.

### PARISH GOAL ONE

To have functioning, inspiring and welcoming religious grounds that will meet the present and future needs of the parish and community by developing and implementing a plan for addressing the education facility needs.

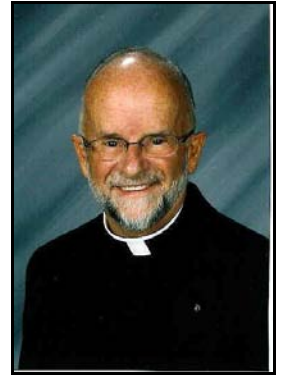
### PARISH GOAL TWO

To promote continual spiritual growth and fuller participation throughout the parish.

## AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT!

On the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011 all Catholics in the world who speak English will begin to proclaim the same words at Mass. In fact, we have already been slipping in some changes during these last months.

Why? Well, here is some of our history. The book priests used for Mass when I was a child was called the "Roman Missal." It was written in Latin, the language used by the Catholic Church all over the world for many centuries. However, in the early days of the Church, we used to celebrate the Mass in a language understood by those attending.



*Fr. Dale Lagodinski*

When the great renewal of the Sacred Liturgy began some forty years ago, one of the restorations was that we would again celebrate Mass in a language which the people attending could understand. I remember being assured, however, that the translation we were given then was "provisional" and more should be expected as this great renewal developed some history.

What these past forty years of using our provisional text has shown us in the English world is that we might need to express more clearly what we believe. Some of the early translations of the original Latin were done with the best of intent, but not always with the most accurate meaning.

Let me give you an example. For the past forty years the priest at Mass has proclaimed, "The Lord be with you." We have responded, "And also with you." But, what the original Latin actually says is, "And with your spirit." When the Latin was translated into English during the '70's, the translators used the very common and familiar "you" instead of "your spirit."

However, as theologians and biblical scholars have studied this simpler translation, they have reminded us that using the word "spirit" is not only a more accurate translation, but it also adds a very important meaning. That very greeting, "with your spirit," is used in the bible by Saint Paul in his letters to his flock. Paul is not just greeting his people personally, he is reminding them that he and they are brought together in the Spirit of God. Someone greater than each of us is present when we gather at Mass, the very Spirit of God is bringing us together. The new English translation, "And with your spirit," is now much richer for me and I hope it will be for you.

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"Consubstantial?????" One of our parishioners was grinning when he said it as he left church at the end of a recent Sunday Mass when we introduced the new translation of the Profession of Faith. I suspect he knew something of its meaning, but he also found humor in a word we will now use as we profess our Creed at Mass. " Consubstantial" is a word we will most probably never use in our everyday conversation.

However, the Profession of Faith which we make in response to the Liturgy of the Word at every Sunday Mass is not ordinary conversation. It is a commitment of Faith on our part. The Profession of Faith is our Creed. It is a statement of what we as Catholics believe. It needs to be as technically correct as can be.

"Consubstantial" is a literal translation of the original Latin word, *consubstantialis* This Latin word means *having the same substance*, which is even more accurate than "one in being." Jesus is one substance with the Father. Paul Turner in his booklet, Understanding the Revised Mass Texts, says, "'Consubstantial' is a very unusual word. We don't use it for anything else. But it is describing a very unusual thing-- the nature of Jesus Christ. He is not like anything or anyone else." (P22) .

The new translation of the Mass has many changes like these which will better express our faith. As we stumble our way for a while with these new expressions, I hope and pray that we will soon grasp an even deeper understanding of ourselves as disciples of the Lord celebrating the Most Holy Eucharist, the mystery of our salvation.

Your Pastor,

Father Dale Lagodinski

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### **THREE PARISHIONERS ACCEPT APPOINTMENT TO HEAD WRAP-UP FUND DRIVE**

With the completion of our new Church in 2002 and our Center for School and Religious Formation in 2010, Saint John's parish is now taking hold of the remaining challenges for the restoration and renewal our physical structures.

This last phase of our building project includes the following priorities:

1. Complete the parking lots. One is in the front of the new Center for School and Religious Formation and the other is to the east of St. John's where the old school is located.
2. Move priests' residence off the present parking lot into a new rectory.
3. Remove the old school and take care of it's "treasures".

We have been told that the estimated cost including the two parking lots, removal of structures and construction of the new Rectory is around \$1.4 million. We have \$300,000 on hand so far and will need to raise the remaining \$1.1 million in cash and pledges to complete our project.

After consultation with the Pastoral Council and Finance Council and after much prayer, three parishioners were recommended to head the fund raising effort for this phase. We are grateful to Almighty God for these three who have agreed to team this challenge. In alphabetical order, they are Mary Helland, Michael Jacklitch and Rod Koch.

The success of their hard work in the weeks ahead will depend on the Grace of God at work in each member of this parish. It is truly amazing to realize what God has accomplished through our willing and sacrificial hearts during these last fifteen years. This experience of stewardship in such challenging economic times has taught me what wonders God can do with people who believe. Looking back at our remarkable journey of faith gives me reason to hope for what lies ahead.

If we all pray for these three and give them our every support, cooperation and encouragement, God will not allow us to fail.

Your pastor,

Fr. Dale Lagodinski

# The Virtue of Joy

By Fr. Terry Dodge

As I write this article most of the leaves have fallen, there is a chill in the air, and the skies tend to look a bit bleak as the onset of winter approaches. Some people flee the area heading for warmer climates. Others even get depressed thinking that the cold weather will last for what will seem like forever. Still others will get overwhelmed with all the hustle and bustle of the coming Christmas season. While thinking about all this, let me suggest another way of combating the blues.

With Advent beginning a new liturgical year in the church, it denotes a special sign to us, one of expectation. Christ is coming and we need to prepare for His arrival. One of the best ways that I have seen to prepare is to have a joyful attitude. Just the act of putting a smile on one's face is especially rewarding. Many times when I am distributing Holy Communion I can get a little distressed when I see people receiving Jesus with a scowl on their face. I wonder if they realize Who it is that they are receiving. Then invariably, someone will come up to receive Jesus with a big smile on their face and I become joyful because of their smile. It is infectious because more people will smile because I am smiling. Just the idea of knowing that Jesus is inside of us is cause for celebration. What God would think so much of a lowly human being that He would want to be in one? And yet Jesus does and He delights in doing so. His joy becomes our own. His desire to move us into a joyful state is one of His greatest gifts. And we can receive it as such. Even hours later we can recall that encounter and marvel at the experience! God was in us!

When we think in such a fashion it is only natural that we become joyful. Yet that joy can reach even greater heights when it is spread to others. The apostles knew this and gave them the courage to want to spread this good news. It is why St. Paul was able to endure lashings, stoning, rejection, insults, shipwrecks, abuse and more. The joy of serving God was so deeply ingrained in his mind and heart that he couldn't do anything else but want to spread the good news. His joy impelled him forward. God had captured his soul and was moving him about via the Holy Spirit.

Now if God can move St. Paul like that through the virtue of joy, what can He do to us? Are we ready to receive this wonderful virtue at any moment? Are we willing to be used by God to bring His joyful news to others so that they too can be enjoying each moment of every day not in drudgery or depression but in actual joy? I invite you think carefully this Advent of how powerfully you can affect the lives of others in a beautiful way.



And just think – all it takes is a smile!

In the Hearts of Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

*Fr. Terry Dodge*

## Project Wrap- Up Update

Our Parish has been so fortunate to have been able to complete some amazing building projects. In 1998, we began the project of remodeling and expanding our Church. We spent \$2.5 million, and when the project was completed, we had \$700,000 remaining in our Building Fund. In 2004, we began our project to build St John's Center for School and Religious Formation. We spent \$3.8 million. All of our bills are paid, and we have \$300,000 remaining in our Building Fund.

Our main priority in this project is to increase the amount of parking spaces available to Parishioners. In order to have space for parking, the current Rectory will have to be moved (if possible) or demolished. Because the current Rectory is in disrepair and does not meet Diocesan criteria, it cannot be reused by our Parish. Our committee will work through the following steps to achieve our goal of more parking spaces for Parishioners:

1. Clear the property on the block north of the Church property. This work is already completed!
2. Build a new Rectory on the property north of our Church property
3. Remove the existing Rectory and finish that space for parking.
4. Remove the old school and finish that space for parking.
5. Study the use of our empty lot on the corner of Dakota Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

Our early estimates indicate that we will need approximately \$1.4 million to complete this last phase. We have \$300,000 in our Building Fund, so we will need to raise approximately \$1.1 million. Our Parishioners have been very generous in the past. We also have some very generous contractors in our parish. Together, they give us confidence that we can meet this goal. As in the past, we will only build what we can afford.

We have a wonderful Fundraising team in place. Our goal is to complete fund-raising within a few months, so that we can move forward with building the new Rectory in the spring of 2012.

One of the main jobs of the Project Wrap up committee has been to design the new Rectory space. We have worked through many possible designs. At our last meeting, which was held November 8<sup>th</sup>, we finalized a Rectory design that will be suitable for the current and future needs of our Parish. The Diocese requests that Parishes plan for the possibility of housing retired Priests in the future. Our design was prepared with handicap accessibility in mind. The Diocese recommends that each Priest have a private study/living space, and that we provide 3 of these "suites" on the main floor. Our Rectory design is not extravagant by any means, but we feel that it will meet all of our Parish's needs for many, many years to come.

This is a very exciting time in our Parish! We are nearing completion of the building project that we started almost 15 years ago. As we "Wrap-up" this phase of the project, our Parish campus will be complete. The campus will be enjoyed by generations to come, all because of the generosity of this generation!

## FROM THE LEADERS OF THE FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE

We are grateful.

That little phrase speaks volumes. When we reflect on how much we have to be grateful for, it can be overwhelming. We are grateful for many things in life, such as family and close friends, the simple laughter of children, good health, and countless daily blessings which we experience.

Our lives and our very beings are often shaped by those who are intertwined within our community. The friendly greetings or quiet conversations that we encounter every day by those who surround us, the familiar feeling of community spirit are things that we sometimes take for granted.

We are grateful to live in a Catholic community such as St. John's, where we experience a feeling of comfort and peace, surrounded by people who always seem to have a smile to share or a hug to give. We are blessed to be part of this loving family and caring community.

We are grateful to have the spiritual leaders, true shepherds of our flock, to lead, guide, and watch over us as we journey on our spiritual paths.

We are grateful for our beautiful church and our impressive new school and for all those who shape our children's lives with their time and talent.

We understand that all of the things that we are grateful for do not magically happen. They occur because of the selfless dedication by those who help create these things into reality. This includes those who envision, direct, and plan; it includes those who donate time and those who donate treasure. It occurs because we in this Catholic community each are willing to sacrifice something to be able to help create and sustain something that we all can be grateful for.

In the coming weeks we will be embarking on the final phase of the restoration and renewal of our physical structures. It continues to be impressive and inspiring to witness the response to the need for the first two phases of this project, that being the renovation of our church and the construction of our Center for School and Religious Formation. That dedication to the future of our Catholic Community of Wahpeton says much about the values and sense of responsibility developed in our past. It is indeed remarkable.

We ask for your prayers, your participation, and sacrifice, and your willingness to successfully make this final phase of restoration and renewal a reality.

We are grateful ... for you.

*Mike Jacklitch*  
*Mary Helland*  
*Rod Koch*



*To friendship.  
Some are formed in childhood  
and span a lifetime.  
Other friends walk through a  
short period of our lives,  
touching us, then moving on.  
All are heartfelt, and true Blessings.*

*Jim & Theresa Anderson*

In 2008, Deacon Jim Anderson returned to his hometown of Wahpeton with his lovely bride, Theresa, in order to care for his dying brother, Msgr. John Anderson. His decision to join our parish as a deacon has been a blessing. In such a short time, Deacon Jim and Theresa not only ministered to our spiritual needs, they also became our good friends. His sudden death on August 13<sup>th</sup> has left our parish with a great loss. Theresa has accepted the invitation of her children to return to her children and their families in Kentucky. We thank God for the treasured time which Jim and Theresa spent among us. May Deacon Jim rest in peace and may his dear wife, Theresa, find great comfort near her children.



### **Sharing your treasure this Advent!**

We understand families receive many requests to help others during the Advent season. We offer the following ways to help locally, regionally & internationally.

#### **Out of Africa**

The needs remain high at our sister Church and School in Tanzania. Again this year we are seeking donations so 60 children near Fr. Katanga's village can go to school. This year's cost is about \$75/student. Donations needed by Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. Last year we asked for donations towards a water well so they wouldn't have to walk to the lake for all water needs. The well was hand dug & completed early summer. Some monies were saved due to the manual labor so in October we sent monies for food. Due to the severe drought there, we sent rice, cornmeal, & soybeans to help them feed their families.



#### **Toys for Tots**

The Marine Corp has placed a box for unwrapped toy donations in our gathering space. These toys go to children in Wahpeton who otherwise wouldn't receive a gift. Donations need to be here by Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Circle of Nations Students**

It would be a real gift to these 4-8th graders in their home away from home if we could help provide: winter gloves, stocking hats, travel size personal hygiene products including lotions & small toys. The items can not be red, baby blue or include sports logos. Donations need to be here by 12/12.

#### **Pop can Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House**

Saving the tabs from your aluminum cans would help us help the families who stay at the Ronald McDonald House. This great place helps families whose children have long term illnesses. Please bag the tabs & leave them at our hospitality desk or in our office.

Sharing your treasure this Advent! (continued)

**Carmelite Sisters**

The Carmelite order are mendicants which means they must either beg or live only on what is donated to them. The monies you send into the parish will be split to buy food items for the 8 sisters as well as help cover their heating and electricity needs.

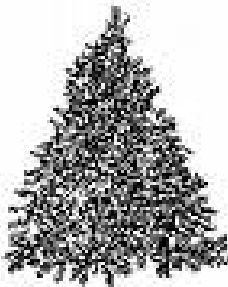
**Giving Tree**

Monetary donations are welcome as we try to fulfill the Christmas wishes of a couple of families who otherwise wouldn't receive any gifts. If you would be willing to help us do the shopping, please call the parish office.

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**PLEASE TAKE NAMES FROM OUR JESSE TREE!**



The great tree which greets us at the baptistry is covered with the names of Saint John's parishioners, some of whom we may know well and others we may not know at all. The Jesse Tree tradition is a celebration of the pathways through Salvation History - Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Isaiah on down to John the Baptist - through whom our God has announced the coming of the savior among us. Now the Savior is among us and seeks to dwell in our hearts. Each year during Advent we invite you to take a tag or two from our tree and do something kind for the person or family whose name you've picked...become the hopeful pathway of God's Good News to a fellow parishioner! You can simply send a card (some may be provided at the tree), make a telephone call, send a kind e-mail, drop off some goodies or a small Kris Kringle gift. You may even invite them for dinner or a cup of coffee. Remember, please be careful of each tag because it bears the name of someone loved by God. If that tag is lost, no "visit" will be made!

**EUCCHARISTIC SCHEDULE**

Call Mass Times at 672-0898  
(Watch bulletin for changes)

**ST. JOHN’S CHURCH**

2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue & 2<sup>nd</sup> Street North, Wahpeton.

**NEWMAN CENTER**

7<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 7<sup>th</sup> Street North, Wahpeton.

◆ Meeting space available. Call the parish office.

**SUNDAY EUCHARIST AT ST. JOHN’S**

Saturday 5:30 pm  
Sunday 7:30 am  
9:00 am  
11:00 am  
7:30 pm

**WEEKDAY EUCHARIST**

Monday St. John’s 7:30 am  
Tuesday St. John’s 5:30 pm  
Wednesday St. John’s 7:30 am  
Leach Home 10:00 am  
Thursday (School Mass) St. John’s 1:00 pm  
Friday St. John’s 7:30 am  
St. Catherine’s 9:45 am

**ROSARY AND MORNING PRAYER**

Monday St. John’s 7:00 am  
Tuesdays after 5:30 pm Mass (Rosary only)  
Wednesday St. John’s 7:00 am  
Cenacle of Life Prayer 8:00 am - 12 noon  
Friday St. John’s 7:00 am

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

At St. John’s every Friday 8:00 - 9:00 am  
First Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

At St. John’s every Saturday at 4:00 pm or by appointment. Please call 642-6982.  
Communal Penance Services during Advent:  
Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm  
Confessions will also be Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>  
at 7 pm until all are heard.  
For Priest or **EMERGENCY**, please call 642-6982.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Catholics are obligated to attend Mass on the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

**Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm

**Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 5:30 pm

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES**

In preparation for Christmas, St. John’s will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation at two services. Numerous priests will be available.

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 pm and 6:30 pm

**CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST**

**CHRISTMAS EVE - December 24<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 pm  
11:00 pm caroling  
Midnight Mass

**CHRISTMAS DAY - December 25<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am  
9:00 am  
11:00 am  
**NO 7:30 pm Mass**  
on Sunday, Dec 26<sup>th</sup>



**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

Remember your loved ones with a donation to St. John’s Christmas environment "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone. A special insert with your loved ones’ names will be in our Christmas bulletin. Please fill out the information below and return to the Parish Office or in the collection basket *by Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>*.

**PLEASE PRINT**

**"In Honor of"**

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**"In Memory of"**

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**GIVEN BY**

\_\_\_\_\_

## Advent 2011 - Make Room for Joy on our Peaceful Path

### 11/27 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent - Week 1 - Be Watchful

2-Nov. 28 - Light the 1<sup>st</sup> candle on your Advent wreath so you can see to be watchful this Advent.



3-Nov. 29 - Ask your parents

to help you watch for a neighbor, friend or new Mom to help today.

4-Nov. 30 - Start praying the Daily Offering\*\* each day to help you be more watchful for Jesus.

5-Dec. 1 - Sing, "Stay awake. Be ready, You do not know the hour when the Lord is coming..."

6-Dec. 2 - Be watchful for a time today that you can say, "Thank you God for...."

7-Dec. 3 - Say a prayer for all the world's hungry people & set out something to bring to Church for the Food Pantry.

**\*\*Daily Offering:** Dear Jesus, I offer you my thoughts, words, and actions of this day for your honor and glory and for the good of others. Amen.

### 12/4 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent - Week 2 - Make straight His path of Peace

9-Dec. 5 - Think before you speak and use kind words today to build peace.

10- Dec. 6 - St. Nicholas- How can your gifts this year be more from the heart & less from "gold"?

11- Dec. 7 - Remember Pearl Harbor. Think of places in the world that need peace & pray for them.

12- Dec. 8 -Immaculate Conception. Make a peaceful path to church with your family today.

13- Dec. 9 -Look up Matthew 5:9. How can you become one of these?

14- Dec. 10 -Make straight your path to Jesus. Prepare for Reconciliation by examining your conscience.



### 12/11 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent - Week 3 - Rejoice in the Lord



16- Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe - She is the patroness of the Americas. Pray to her to ask blessings for our country.

17- Dec. 13 - St. Lucy-patron of light. Plug in Christmas lights & plug into Jesus with a family prayer

18- Dec. 14 - Laughter is one of God's best gifts. Have everyone bring a joke to supper tonight.

19- Dec. 15 -At supper take turns offering God, "Thank you for....."

20- Dec. 16 - Rejoice - No whining or complaining today.

21- Dec. 17 - Make your parents rejoice-clean a room of your choice.

### 12/18 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent - Finding Joy in saying yes to God.

23 -Dec. 19 - Say Yes to God by making & mailing a Christmas card for an elderly neighbor

24- Dec. 20 - Say Yes to God by saying a prayer for all unborn babies today.

25- Dec. 21 - Say Yes to God by lighting the Advent wreath tonight & singing "O Come Emmanuel"

26 -Dec. 22 - Say Yes to God by Write "I love you" notes to your parents and hide them under their pillows.

27- Dec. 23 - Say Yes to God by being patient and offering to help today.

28- Dec. 24 - Say Yes to God by coming to Mass today or tomorrow. Read Luke 2:1-14.

### Dec. 25 - Christmas Day -

God of new life, all of creation is pregnant with your grace, in labor with your Spirit. Help us to welcome you with joy in all the wonderful ways that you are born into our world.



- Dec. 26 -- St. Stephen - Stephen was a prayerful man who was killed because of his faith. Take time today to pray & thank God for his greatest gift to you - faith in His son Jesus.

Christmas Day 2 - Dec. 27 - St. John- Look up the first letter of John.  
1 John 1:1-4.

Christmas Day 3 - Dec. 28 -Holy Innocents-draw a pair of angel wings & write on them a blessing received or a good thing that has happened.



Christmas Day 4 - Dec. 29 - Part of rejoicing is saying, "Thank you." Write thank you notes for the gifts you've received.

Christmas Day 5 - Dec. 30 - Feast of the Holy Family. Show your family you love them today.

Christmas Day 6 - Dec. 31 -As you get ready to celebrate this evening, give something to help those in need.

### **Christmas Day 7 - Sunday - Jan. 1 - Mary, Mother of God**

Mary was always focused on God. Remember to pray the Daily Offering today & start the new year with this daily habit.

Christmas Day 8 - Jan.2 -Mary's prayer magnified the Lord. Read Lk. 1:46-48.

Christmas Day 9 - Jan. 3 - Mary, you always lead us to Jesus. Help us to lead others to him too. Make the sign of the cross when you say Grace before Meals today.

Christmas Day 10 - Jan. 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton patroness of Catholic education. Look up 1 thing in the new "YouCat" (youth catechism).

Christmas Day 11 - Jan. 5 -St. John Neumann- patron of college students. Pray for all college students that they find a Church home away from home.



Christmas Day 12 - Jan. 6 - Sit still & quiet with the Lord for a little while today.

Christmas Day 12 - Jan. 7 - Give up TV or video games to spend the final day of Christmas in a family activity.

### **Christmas Day 12 - Jan. 8 - Sunday - Epiphany**

The Three Kings - strangers from far away-remind us to respect all others. Say nothing bad about anyone today.

Christmas Day 13 - Jan 9 - Baptism of the Lord - This Christmas Season is finished. In these ordinary days ahead, continue to watch for God and make a peaceful path for Him.





# St. John's *Noel Night*

A Dinner Event - December 3

## What is *Noel Night*?

Noel Night is a dinner event planned for the evening of December 3 by people dedicated to the success of St. John's. Noel Night events help raise money to continue the tradition of excellence in education and formation of our children.

We are very excited about the seventh year of St. John's Noel Night Dinner Event. Highlights of the evening include: a prime rib dinner with musical entertainment; raffles for a Harley-Davidson; beautiful jewelry; and, a wonderful variety of silent and live auction items.

The evening begins at 6:00 PM. If you are interested in purchasing dinner tickets or raffle tickets for the event, please call St. John's School, 642-6116. Dinner tickets are limited. However, all are welcome to join in the shopping during the live auction event beginning at approximately 9:00 PM the same evening.

*Noel Night* Event Tickets

\$30.00 each

(Must be 21 years of age to attend)

How will we pull it off?

Planning and preparation for the event has taken place during meetings over the last several months, but we need you - our faithful supporters - to help ensure the event's success. There are many ways you can help Noel Night to be a success.

If interested in making a sponsorship or becoming a Noel Night volunteer, please contact either the parish or school office. Thank you.

You may also be of great support by attending the Noel Night dinner and participating as an active bidder in the live auction. And finally, your greatest support is through continued prayers for St. John's and the children.

Thank you,

*Noel Night* Committee

*Sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses and families who would like to help defray the expenses of Noel Night.*

*Your name or business will be recognized in the program booklet in gratitude for your contributions.*

Levels of Giving:

*Diamond ~ \$1000*

*Platinum ~ \$500*

*Gold ~ \$300*

*Silver ~ \$200*

*Bronze ~ \$100*



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### Live Auction Items

(more items may be added before December 3<sup>rd</sup>)

- Framed Alphabet Spin Art - Mrs. Bogenreif's preschool*
- North Dakota seasons of trees - Mrs. Blaufuss' 2<sup>nd</sup> grade*
- Color Block lap quilt - Mrs. Devine's 4<sup>th</sup> grade*
- Garden Art Fingerprinted Adirondack Chair - Mrs. Kechn's kindergarten*
- Our Father Chalk Board hanging - Mrs. Madsen's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade*
- St. John's School memory book - Mrs. Matejcek's 6<sup>th</sup> grade*
- Framed student photography with bible verse - Mrs. Terfehr's 5<sup>th</sup> grade*
- 17 piece Precious Moments Nativity set and stable - Mrs. Woodruff's 1<sup>st</sup> grade*
- Family pass for the Blikere Activity Center - NDSCS*
- 80 acres of aerial application - 3 Rivers Aviation - Kirby Hahn*
- 80 Acres of aerial application - Wilbur - Ellis*
- American Girl Doll - American Girl*
- AstroStart including installation - Interstate Tire*
- Half a processed beef - Jim and Tammy Miller*
- 1/4 processed beef - Vicky and Rick Kiell*
- Cab cam - RDO Equipment*
- John Deere café table and four chairs - Jay Miller and Emily Kubela*
- 6 Gold car washes - Breck Tesoro*
- Home made caramel rolls each month - Betty Goroski*
- Toy Caterpillar truck, tractor and loader - Ziegler Ag Equipment*
- 7 shares British Petroleum stock, 4 shares Coach stock, 5 shares MDU stock,*
- 2 shares Pepsi stock - Randy & Trudi Smith|Edward Jones Investments*
- "Community" Purse filled with gift cards from local businesses*
- Couple's Spa package for Cragun's Resort on Gull Lake - Red River Grain*
- Digital TV and Wine Cooler - Dr. Bill Mayo and Hinsverk's Appliance*
- Dog training - Ivy League Dog Training - Karl Bednarchick*
- Evolution Chair - Woody and Connie caspers*

4 Federal DOT truck inspections - Todd and Marcy Dohman  
Supper for 6 - Bishop Samuel J. Aquila  
\$150 gas card - Breck Tesoro  
Training sessions at Twin Town Training Facility - Adam Niechcaj, Joe and Lisa Keaveny  
\$500 gift certificate for labor - Allied Beet  
Girls Spa package for Cragun's Resort on Gull Lake - Red River Grain  
Golf package at Madden's Resort on Gull Lake - Red River Grain  
10 yards crushed asphalt - Mike and Amy Ahlfs  
Kenmore 4 burner gas and steam grill - Larry and Jeanette Miller  
Apple iPad plus a mystery gift - State Bank and Trust  
John Deere Cordless Drill - Dale and Jacki Rubish  
John Deere Gator - Dan and Lori Miller  
Kitchen Aid mixer - Brent and Nancy Muehlberg  
Lia Sophia Jewelry - Tammy Goerger  
Photo of Minn-Dak at Night - Brad Waldera, All Means Photography  
2 suite tickets for the Miranda Lambert Concert - Bank of the West  
4 Minnesota Twins tickets - Giant Seeds  
4 MN Wild tickets plus parking pass - Steve and Kayla Thimjon  
Motorized bike - Brent and Nancy Muehlberg  
Nintendo 3 DS - Craig and Sue Caspers  
Barnes and Noble NOOK Tablet - Cody and Heather Miller  
Android phone - Fred and Wanda Strege  
Android phone - Jim and Fran Cook  
½ processed pig - Matt Miller  
Baby quilt - Mark and Geralyn Matejcek  
Seaplane ride for one at Otter Tail Lake - Allen Yaggie  
SJS MaxBat - Jim Anderson  
2 complete soil sampling - Centrol, Mike VanEps  
Soup a month for one year - Nancy Muehlberg  
Tuition at St. John's School - Anonymous  
Tuition at St. John's School - Mike and Mary Yaggie  
Android Tablet - Mike and Mary Jacklitch  
Texas Crossing \$50 gift certificate - Mike Matejcek  
4 Twins Tickets - Bremer Bank  
UND Hockey tickets - Gate City Bank  
Waterpark party - Thumper Pond Resort  
X-Box Live - Vision Ford  
Kindle Fire - Anonymous  
VIP table for 8 for the 2012 Dreams Auction - NDSCS Alumni Foundation  
VIP Table for 8 for the 2012 Noel Night - Noel Night Committee

# LIFE NOTES

Planned Parenthood

**And I Quote...**

**By J.C. Willke, M.D.**

Where does Planned Parenthood stand on the abortion issue? They're the largest baby-killing conglomerate in America, having directly killed over 330,000 unborn babies last year, and that number keeps rising every year. It is interesting to look back to the '90s when it already had that dubious distinction back then.

Let's first look at how they view teen sexual activities. Rocky Mountain Planned Parenthood said, "There are only two basic kinds of sex—sex with victims and sex without. Sex with victims is always wrong. Sex without victims is always right." Let's go to Planned Parenthood in Canada in the summer of 1996. "The solution to negative early sexual experience is to teach young people how to experience sexual pleasure instead of teaching them not to have sex." Planned Parenthood Federation of America in 1993 said, "The only question is, what's right for you."

On abstinence education, Planned Parenthood's former president, Fay Waddleton, said, "We are not going to be an organization promoting celibacy or chastity. Our concern is not to convey 'should's' and 'should not's,' but to help young people make responsible decisions about their sexual relationships."

Their National Bulletin took a shot at Dr. James Dobson saying that his "insidious message of sexual safety, exclusively through abstinence, is not only annoying, it's dangerous." Gloria Feldt, president of Planned Parenthood in 1997 stated, "Teaching abstinence alone is a great disservice to young people."

Planned Parenthood took this position in 1994: "Exclusively urging abstinence, while condemning all non-marital sex, is unrealistic and irresponsible." I guess, in that case, the Ten Commandments are wrong?

Their 1992 annual report offered a kit that provided information for any person who "wants to implement comprehensive programs, or prevent the implementation of abstinence-only programs."

What does Planned Parenthood think of parental rights, as contrasted with teenage rights? Well, here's their mission statement from the early '90s: "Planned Parenthood opposes any limitation or restriction on the access of adolescents to confidential reproductive health services, including contraception and abortion." Their president, Gloria Feldt, said, "We have taken unequivocal stands on many hard issues." She has "worked for minors' access to abortion and contraception and has led the way for abortion."

What about unborn babies? They put out a pamphlet in 1995, called How to Talk to Your Teen. In it they say, "The fetus becomes a baby at birth." Rocky Mountain Planned Parenthood stated, "Babies are NOT sweet little things. They wet and dirty themselves. They get sick. They're very expensive to take care of." And from the Minnesota/South Dakota newsletter of Planned Parenthood, "Babies are loud, smelly and expensive, unless you want one."

In a published statement in October of 1990: "We see abortion as a necessary, desirable service and as an integral part of comprehensive reproductive health care service." Alexander Sanger, grandson of Margaret Sanger, was quoted saying this: "It's a breach of the public trust when you've graduated from medical school and are licensed in Obstetrics and Gynecology and do not do abortions."

Once again, here's Gloria Feldt, this time on abortion: "Reproductive choices, including abortion, are not just legal rights but are recognized as moral necessities without which there can be no liberty."

How about the link between abortion and breast cancer? Well, here's one of their pamphlets: "Does abortion cause breast cancer?" Their single word answer was "No."

And here's one from Pamela Miraldo, also a president of Planned Parenthood. This was on Dateline NBC in 1994: "Even if it's solid, good science, to warn women about a breast cancer link, to upset them is clearly irresponsible."

And finally, do they have an opinion on assisted suicide? Pamela Miraldo does, and here's what she said in US News & World Report in 1997: "What do you think of assisted suicide?" She answered: "Choice is choice."

Since the '90s Planned Parent-hood's agenda has gotten worse, so we must renew our efforts to stop tax funding of Planned Parenthood, a kingpin of the abortion industry.

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## Upcoming events at St. Johns

- ★ National Night of Prayer for Life - Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Adorations, prayers and Benediction 6:30 - 9:00 pm following the 5:30 pm Mass.
- ★ Pro-Life Team Meeting - Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 3:15 pm in the East Room.
- ★ Roe vs Wade Anniversary observance - Monday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012, 8:00 am to 2:30 pm
- ★ Please join us in prayer here at the church every Wednesday during the hours of 8 am to 12 noon for an end to abortion and all crimes against life.
- ★ Be a part of the One Call Now phone tree alert to pray and fast on dates that abortions are being performed in Fargo. To be added to this phone tree contact Connie at 642-4312

THANK YOU AND MAY GOD REWARD YOU.

Cenacle of Life Prayer Group

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