

# OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

930 31st Ave N, St. Cloud, MN 56303

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## St. Peter's Mission Statement

We, the Christian community of St. Peter's Parish, nourished and strengthened by the Word and Eucharist, dedicate ourselves to making the presence of God alive in our time.

## St. Paul's Mission Statement

We are a believing community called together by the Word of God, proclaiming Jesus as Lord. God's Word calls us to be welcoming, serving, compassionate, and open to diversity. Our purpose as a Christian people is to facilitate the reign of God through worship, service to others, companionship and education.

### Father Alan Wielinski, Pastor

St. Peter—(320)252-2113 Ext 2 or St. Paul—(320)251-4831 Ext 213

### Combined Staff Positions

#### Deacons

Bill Ritchie ..... 252-0211  
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#### Director of Faith Formation

Geralyn Nathe-Evans ..... 251-4831 Ext 212

#### Faith Formation (Preschool—Primary)

Laurie Mullin ..... 252-8043

#### Youth Minister/Confirmation

Beth Neville ..... 253-8650 or 251-4831 Ext 202

**Human Resource**, Terry Sakry ..... 251-4831 Ext 211

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**Assistant Principal**, Mary Cheryl Opatz ..... 251-5295 (Middle School)

#### Trustees

St. Peter—Mike Woods & Diane Hageman  
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St. Peter—Paul Radkowski ..... 252-2113 Ext 3  
St. Paul—Laurie Kremer ..... 251-4831 Ext 207

#### Parish Administrator—St. Paul

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St. Peter—Colleen Henderson ..... 252-2113 Ext 8  
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#### Parish Secretaries

St. Peter—Marge Laudenbach ..... 252-2113 Ext 0  
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#### Maintenance

St. Peter—Carl Zabinski, Dan Weirens ..... 252-2113  
St. Paul—Gredo Goldenstein, Pat Applegate,  
Neil Goldenstein ..... 251-4831

#### Office Hours

St. Peter, Monday—Thursday ..... 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
St. Paul, Tuesday—Friday ..... 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

#### Parish Nurse Ministry

St. Peter—Connie Moline, Bea Gazett,  
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St. Paul—Claire Stock ..... 252-4597

#### BeFrienders

St. Peter—Bill & Linda Ritchie ..... 252-0211  
St. Paul—Dorothy Randall ..... 654-8485  
St. Paul—Mary Spoden ..... 252-3921

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St. Paul—Dianne Janorschke ..... 252-4911

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St. Cloud Diocese ..... www.stclouddiocese.org

September 13, 2009 • Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

**Liturgy Intentions**

Mon, Sept 14	8:15 am SPE	Word/Communion
Tues, Sept 15	8:15 am SPE	Jerry Williams (Ann) & Marvin Schmitz
	5:30 pm SPE	Adoration
Wed, Sept 16	8:15 am SPA	Michael Leither
Thurs. Sept 17	8:15 am SPE	Urban Schleper
Fri, Sept 18	8:15 am SPA	Jill Schleper
Sat, Sept 19	8:15 am SPE	Word/Communion
	2:00 pm SPA	Wedding: Sara Wegler & Anthony Wojciechowski
	4:30 pm SPE	Kathryn & Ray Krebsbach (Ann)
Sun, Sept 20	7:30 am SPA	Arthur Kollmann
	9:00 am SPA	Jerry Theisen
	10:30 am SPE	For the People

**From Fr. Alan...**

THANKS to GERALYN Nathe-Evans for speaking to the Vision of Sts. Peter and Paul Faith Formation at all of the Masses this weekend.

Geralyn, Laurie Mullin, and Beth Neville are leading us forward in building upon the good programs of the past, and expanding/fine tuning them so that they can be even more effective in total, two parish faith formation. An important goal is the participation and commitment of all parishioners to ongoing growth and development of faith. Please respond to this invitation in whatever ways possible as we all share and grow in faith together!

Please check for information elsewhere in this bulletin for more information regarding **FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN**, September 23 through November 1.

Finally, we join in prayerful gratitude with the **CROSIER COMMUNITY OF PRIESTS AND BROTHERS** this weekend as they celebrate a very special jubilee of their order, marking both their existence as a religious community and their presence and ministry in the United States!



**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**

In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, parishioners and visitors made a return to the Lord of the following gifts in the Sunday offering:

**St. Peter (9/06/09)**

Adult Regular .....	\$9,655.00
Children .....	\$5.28
Plate .....	\$191.70
Electronic .....	\$1,710.00

**Total Contributions .....** \$11,561.98

Amount needed per Sunday to meet budget...	\$10,800.00
September Food Shelf Collection.....	\$1301.51

**St. Paul**

Adult (9/06/09) .....	\$7,637.00
Adult (8/30/09) .....	\$1,613.00
Youth .....	\$4.40
Children .....	\$15.50
Electronic .....	\$3,483.07

**Total Regular Contributions .....** \$12,752.97

Amount needed per Sunday to meet budget .....	\$14,300.00
Maintenance.....	\$301.00
Education Endowment.....	\$116.00
Second Collection .....	\$591.00

**The Parish Directories Have Arrived!**

Directories will be distributed after this weekend's masses on September 12/13th in the Dining Room at St. Paul's and the south hallway (East Entrance—Door #4) at St. Peter's. Parishioners who had a photo taken or submitted will receive a complimentary copy. **Your directory will be available only at the church where you are a registered member. Please do not call the parish offices to pick up your directory. Directories are only available after mass at this time.** There are a limited number of directories available for purchase at \$10 per directory.

Thank you to all who participated in making this first twinned parish directory possible.

Mary Dee Sandey and Barb Kunze,  
Parish Directory Co-chairs

**Announcements**

**Wedding Banns**

St. Paul—Banns III: Sara Wegler & Anthony Wojciechowski  
 St. Paul—Banns II: Julie Kremer & Rick Reisdorf  
 St. Peter—Banns: I Melanie Kahlhamer & Jason Brown

**Important Meeting for St. Paul's BeFrienders**

We have some required criteria for the next upcoming year. Please plan to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, September 22 at 4:00 PM in the Community Room.



**Sunday,  
September 20  
Serving from  
8:30-11 AM**

Prepared and served by  
the men from St. Paul's Parish.

**Menu:** Pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, hash browns, rolls, muffins and beverages.

**Cost:** Adults \$7.00  
 Ages 13-18 \$5.00  
 Ages 6-12 \$4.00  
 Ages 5 & Under FREE

**Everyone is invited! Bring a friend!**

**Extra! Extra! Read All About It . . .** in your *St. Cloud Visitor*!!! In the next two issues in the *My Thoughts* section, some of our Saints Peter/Paul youth will be featured. Be sure to check out what our youth have to share with us!

**CHS/SJP/SPPM GIRLS SWIM & DIVE  
Fundraiser Breakfast**

Sunday, September 27 from 8:00 AM—Noon  
 St. Anthony's Church  
 2405 1st Street North—St. Cloud

**Menu:** Scrambled Egg Cheese Bake, Wild Rice Sausage, Hash Browns and Pancakes, Assorted Muffins and Coffee Cakes, Coffee, Milk & Juice.

13 to 100 y/o: \$6.50  
 Children 4-12: \$4.00  
 3 y/o & Under: FREE

**"CASH DONATIONS ARE WELCOME!!!!"**

**Stewardship & Social Justice**

**Stewardship Message:  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St. James asks what our love for Jesus Christ can possibly mean if it does not result in action on behalf of our neighbors. He suggests that faith is demonstrated most acutely in care for the needy, the suffering, and the underprivileged. Stewardship includes proclaiming the Good News by putting our faith into action on behalf of others. In what ways have we been willing to make sacrifices and renunciations for the sake of Jesus Christ and our neighbor?

Have you remembered to leave a bequest to your parish? If you haven't, please consider doing so. Your gift of faith will help preserve our Catholic heritage. Please contact Father Alan or Terry Sakry at either parish for more information.

**Choose Life**—The logic of the modern age dictates, "Let us declare that God is dead, then we ourselves will be God. At last we no longer belong to anyone else; rather we are simply the owners of our selves and the world. At last we can do what we please." These words of Pope Benedict XVI clearly highlight the thinking behind acceptance of abortion, euthanasia, and embryonic stem cell research. Pope Benedict XVI, *Jesus of Nazareth*, 257.

*That the Lord may stir the hearts of His people to provide for troubled women and their unborn children, we pray.*



**Christians** throughout the St. Cloud Diocese are invited to take part in the national **40 Days for Life** effort from Sept. 23 through Nov. 1. In addition to 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, please consider volunteering to pray outside of the Planned Parenthood facility in St. Cloud during the 40 days, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. To get more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact Jan Hoelscher 253-1779 or Sue Rice 656-0909 or Carole Thibault at 656-9759. Sign-up for prayer vigils at Planned Parenthood will be after masses on September 19/20. All are welcome!!

**YOU CAN PICK UP YOUR NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY THIS WEEKEND!!** They are **BEAUTIFUL** and something we can really be very proud of; best of all they have been done completely by members of our community! The ministry pages are beautiful, of course the pictures of our parishioners are beautiful, and so many, many hours of "love" labor have gone into them by a team of volunteers that is nothing short of phenomenal!

Special thanks to Mary Dee Sandey and Barb Kunze for the many, many hours as leaders of this group. A very heartfelt thanks on behalf of both staffs and all parishioners to ALL who have helped to make this directory possible....it is truly a **SUCCESS!!**

Faith Formation

Our parish faith formation team of GERALYN, Beth and Laurie will be available this weekend following each Mass to provide you with a handbook and registration materials that will provide you information for our combined process of faith formation for the community of St. Peter and St. Paul this year. **Our goal is to support a process that supports life long faith formation with a central focus of liturgy and scripture.** We appreciate your support in this transition as we honor the Liturgical Year and readings to grow in faith together. **“Why Catholic” fall discussion groups for adults will begin in October. To sign up you can use the faith formation registration form available with the handbooks, in the gathering places or at the parish offices. This one form will be used for all of faith formation annually. Please complete the form and return it to either parish office as soon as possible.**

We embrace the gifts and challenges of merging all generations of our community, public and Catholic schooled children and youth. These changes are part of a growing vision of catechesis that is generating great excitement within our community as well as across the country. Because of this effort, we look for a renewal and revitalization among our community of learners. Creating a new process of life long faith formation is a continually evolving process. GERALYN, Beth, Laurie and Fr. Alan in conversation with our Liturgists, Paul and Laurie continue to meet and explore how to best serve the faith formation community of St. Peter’s and St. Paul’s as one united community of learners. At this time, we continue to work to finalize the calendars with a vision of faith formation that can engage everyone. Your insights and choices are important as we seek to follow the call of our faith tradition to create a model that will provide us the opportunities to honor the stories and gifts of all within the content of our Tradition and the Gospel call. We are now working to prepare leadership to serve our community of learners. In September and October we will begin gatherings of leadership adults and youth with the focus of understanding our call to community and prayer. Our Whole Parish Process of Formation will begin gatherings for all in November-All Saints will be our focus as we learn about the Saints as well as come to understand that we are all called to be saints and work towards building the kingdom of God. If you are interested in becoming involved in the planning process or leadership for faith formation, please contact GERALYN at 251-4831 extension 212, Beth at 251-4831 extension 202 or Laurie at 252-8043.

**Dates to note:**

- ◇ September 14-KidSpirit Leadership Training, Contact Laurie for details
- ◇ September 21-Confirmation Team Leadership, contact Beth for details
- ◇ September 28- 6:30pm Leadership meeting
- ◇ September 30-6:30pm Parents and children in grades 2 and up for First Reconciliation and First Communion preparation

**2009-2010 Confirmands**—Please return completed Confirmation registration forms for the upcoming year to the Parish Offices of St. Peter & St. Paul.



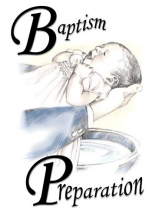
**Adult Bible Study** — Join us as we discover the complete storyline of the Holy Bible. Jeff Cavin's Bible Timeline is 24 week bible study starting Tuesday, September 8 from 6:30-8:30 PM or Wednesday mornings 9:00-11:00 AM. For more information call Beverly or Michael Schmitt 230-4520...Paula or David Tholl 255-0021.

Join us for **Bible Study—Book of Mathew** on Tuesdays from 1—3:00 PM (24 weeks) in the St. Paul’s Community Room, starting September 22. For more information, Contact Steve or Trese Mareck at 743-4188.

**Hey all you 6th-12th Graders!** Come and join other youth from the St. Cloud Metro Parishes as we kick off the school year with a night of community, liturgy, food and fun at St. Augustine’s Church on Saturday, September 19th at 6:00 PM! D.J Bill will be joining us for a dance and games! Check out the flyers available at both parishes or call Beth Neville in the Youth Office at 253-8650.

**St. Paul’s & St. Peter’s**

**Baptism Prep Session** is now being offered by both parishes together, for parents preparing for the Baptism of their first child. Our next class will be on Tuesday, September 29, 6:30 PM at St. Peter’s in the church. Please call St. Peter’s Parish Office to register.



**The Options Group**

You may contact any members of the Options Group to respectfully share any concerns or ideas you may have regarding specific areas of Faith Formation.

- Pre-Kindergarten: Laurie Mullin (252-8043)  
Mary Cheryl Opatz (252-5275)  
Sharon Bichler (251-4737)
- Elementary:
- Junior High:
- Senior High & Youth: Beth Neville (253-8650)  
Sean Zadoo (259-6765)
- Adult: Mary Ellen Keymer (253-2576)  
Cathy Sauer (252-9236)
- Evangelization: Father Alan Wielinski (252-2113)
- Social Justice: Kevin LaNave (259-5480)  
Kris Boyle (259-4719)

**Is something missing in your life?** Is that restlessness one that can find its rest only in the living God? Do you find the search for material things, for recognition or prestige, for romance, for adventure all leading to dead ends or at least less satisfying than advertised? If so, you may want to learn more about the One who made you in his image and likeness. You may learn that the creator knows your true needs -- needs which cannot be satisfied with lesser things, with things that keep changing from one illusion to another. Inquire about RCIA. The St. Peter’s and St. Paul’s RCIA Team

## Pastoral Ministry

### HEALTH News: Get the Flu Shot not the Flu

Almost every day we hear about the H1N1 Influenza. We also need to be concerned about the seasonal influenza that recurs every year. Because children are back in school and college kids are living in dorms, they especially need to practice good health habits to prevent as much illness as possible.

- GET ENOUGH SLEEP! Talk to your children of all ages about the importance of sleep.
- Eat a healthy diet
- Clean your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water or alcohol-based hand cleaner
- Always clean your hands before eating or preparing food, or touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- If you are sick, stay home out of respect for others and to care for yourself
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze
- If you develop possible flu symptoms, call your health care provider before going into the clinic. You may not need to be seen. Follow their advice. Limit your contact with those who may be ill.

Getting a flu shot is another way to protect yourself and your loved ones from becoming seriously ill. We have contacted most of the local clinics and have posted the dates when the shots will be available on St. Peter's web site and under Health News in each parish.

**Healthcare Directives Tuesday September 15<sup>th</sup>, Whitney Senior Center, 11:00 AM.**

St. Paul's - Dee Hanisch, Claire Stock  
St. Peter's - Connie Moline, Bea Gazett, Marva Jorgensen

## School News

**October 10th—Marathon—**With the onset of autumn comes our annual fall fundraiser, the MARATHON. Kick-off is just a few weeks away, so please get ready to give your much appreciated support!

**Parent meetings** continue this week. All classes will have these grade level meetings again this fall so parents can meet the teachers and get their questions answered. Our meetings this week will be for parents of 6/7/8th grade on Monday at 7:00 PM at the MS, for 3rd/4th grade parents Tuesday at 6:30 and 7:15 PM at the PS. Thanks for your interest and involvement in your child's education.

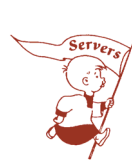
**Please join us** this Friday at St. Paul's 8:15 AM Mass as our 7/8th grade Campus Ministers are commissioned for service for this new school year. After mass, they will be serving coffee and rolls to any interested parents and parishioners. We hope to see you there!

## Parish Events & News

### St. Paul's Choir begins a new season!

Calling all singers HS – adult, to come and join us for a new year in song and worship at St. Paul's. We have room for you! **First rehearsal – Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM.**

We sing 3 – 4 liturgies a month with rehearsal every Monday. COME JOIN US FOR THE EXCITING FALL SEASON! Questions, call Laurie Kremer at 251-4831 x 207. We have additional seating space and will be learning some exciting music including the following... *Christ Has No Hands But Ours, Weave Us, Lord, The Lord is Near...* New members are welcome!



**Altar Servers — St. Peter's** is in need of new altar servers (grades 4 and up). If you are interested in becoming a server, please call Paul at 252-2113 x3 for more info. Then, plan to attend the training session in the church on Saturday, September 19, 11:00 AM-12:15 PM.

### Attention ALL St. Peter's Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (new and returning):

Please plan to attend one of the two upcoming training sessions: EITHER Thursday, September 17, 7:00-8:30 PM OR Saturday, September 19, 9:00-10:30 AM. Both sessions will be in the church.

**Are you interested in serving** as a St. Peter's lector, sacristan, usher, gift bearer, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or slide advancer? Please contact Paul at 252-2113 x3 for more information.

**Daughters of Isabella** Mass & Dinner on Saturday, September 19, 2009 at Saint Peters Church and Parish Center. Mass is at 4:30PM & the dinner is at 6:00PM. You need to buy your tickets in advance by September 14, 2009. Tickets are available at: Her Berger's Lower Level (gift wrap), The Liquor Shoppe, 532 - 25th. Ave No., Parish offices of Holy Spirit & St. Peters or you can contact Joan Roda at 251-5539 or Darlene Koenig at 252-6708.

**Catholic Charities Emergency Services** sends a thank you to St. Peter's for your recent donation of 41 pounds of groceries. Your kindness touches the lives of others.

**St. Paul's Holiday Bazaar** will be held on November 14 from 9 AM to 1 PM. We are in need of raffle donations, crafters and gift baskets. If you are able to help in any way contact:

Robyn Gerding at 654-8046 (raffle donations)  
Mary Croat at 252-7861 (crafters)  
Sue Sovada at 654-8424 (gift baskets)

**Parish Events & News**

**Sincere Thanks** to the people of St. Paul's for their recent donation of \$305.00 to the Diocese of Agats.

**St. Barbara's Mission Group** will be having their Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 17th in St. Peter's Parish Center. Please watch future bulletins for details.

**Whitney Center Monthly Widows & Widowers Luncheon** will be held on Wednesday, September 16. Please contact Florence Wamert at 251-7152 for further information.



**Prayer to St. Joseph, Model for Workers**

Silent and well-known carpenter in Nazareth,  
 Model of workers, by the work of your hands,  
 You gave your contribution to the  
     work of the Creator,  
 You earned your living,  
 And you provided for the needs of the Holy Family.  
 Intercede for all workers,  
     In the difficulties of their daily lives,  
 Especially for the unemployed,  
     In their anxieties for tomorrow,  
 So that, through the guidance of God,  
 The Great Architect and Builder,  
 They all may use their strength and their talents  
     To make visible his Kingdom,  
     His new creation,  
     To offer a concrete service to society,  
     And to earn wages worthy of their efforts.

*From Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers Revised Edition.*

**Prayer Corner**

**Please Pray For...**all who have received a prayer blanket, that they may receive healing of body, mind and spirit.

**Family Members in the Armed Forces**

All Powerful God, you always show mercy toward those who love you and are never far from those who see you. Be with our men and women as they serve our nation in war. Shelter them with your protection by day, give them the light of your grace by night and bring them home in safety. We ask this in Your Holy Name. Amen.

If you have a family member in the armed service, your parish family would like to know. Please call the Parish Offices of St. Paul's (251-4831) or St. Peter's (252-2113).

**Electronic Contribution** may be one way to keep your giving consistent. When you are away for a weekend your gift will be there. It is a way that at year end you meet the goals you set at the beginning of the year for what you plan to give to your Parish. We want to thank all the families who already participate in electronic contribution, it truly helps us meet our monthly obligations. Please consider this as a way your family might help our parishes receive regular and consistent offerings from you. If your family is interested, please clip the form below and return it to the Parish Office.

**St. Paul's or St. Peter's  
Electronic Contribution**

Envelope Number # \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Date \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly

**St. Paul's Contribution** to be taken out on the  
**1st or 15th** of the month or you may **Split** the  
 amount given between the 1st and the 15th  
**(CIRCLE ONE)**

**St. Peter's Contribution** are taken out on the  
**10th** of each month.

Name on account \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please accept my ongoing contribution from my:  
**(Please check one)**

\_\_\_\_ Checking Account-**Attach a voided check**

\_\_\_\_ Savings Account-**Attach a savings deposit slip**

I authorize the **Church of St. Paul Church of St. Peter (circle one)** to process debit entries to my account. I have attached a voided check or savings deposit slip. This authority will remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate this authorization.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Authorized signature on my account                      Date

**ATTACH VOIDED CHECK OR SAVINGS DEPOSIT SLIP**

**Weekday Liturgies**

St. Peter—Monday & Saturday—Word/Communion Service  
 Tuesday & Thursday—Liturgy 8:15 AM  
 St. Paul—Wednesday & Friday—Liturgy 8:15 AM

**Weekend Liturgies—Effective May 2 through September 30**

St. Peter—Saturday 4:30 PM & Sunday 10:30 AM  
 St. Paul—Sunday 7:30 & 9:00 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

St. Peter—Saturday 3:30 PM or by appointment  
 St. Paul—By appointment

**Interpreted Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

St. Paul—Third Sunday of the month at the 9:00 AM Liturgy

**Baptism**

Required sessions to prepare parents for baptism. All sessions begin at 6:30 PM. Call the Parish Office to register for a session or for scheduling a date. Prefer preparation before child is born.

**Marriage**

Please call either Parish Office to have the guidelines sent to you. You will need at least six months to complete the necessary marriage and wedding preparation. The marriage course must be completed three months prior to the wedding date.

**New Parishioners**

Being registered is part of Parish Life. Call the Parish Office for more information.

**Hospital Visits**

If you are a patient in the hospital desiring a visit from Fr. Alan or the parish nurses, please call either Parish Office.

**Prayer Line**

St. Peter—Kim Walz 251-2252  
 St. Paul—Dianne Janorschke 252-4911 or 492-8748

**Community News**

**Central MN Adult Basic Education**—Do you know someone who left high school prior to graduation? Central MN Adult Basic Education can help. We have classes that will help you prepare for the GED test. The GED test is a nationally recognized high-school equivalency test and is accepted by employers and post-secondary schools across the state. Classes are available mornings, afternoons and evenings. Call 529-6500 ext 6202 or you may register in person at McKinley Education Center, 216 8th Ave N, Waite Park or visit our web site at [www.isd742.org/~abe](http://www.isd742.org/~abe).

**Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls** invite the public to a series of eight talks from September—December focused on “**Defending the Divinity of Christ.**” The next session, presented by Sister Maristell Schanen, will be held at St. Francis Convent on Wednesday, September 23, 6-7:00 PM in St. Francis Hall. The question—**WHO IS THIS MAN?**—is not new. For more information, please call 320-632-0668 or email [franciscanlife@fslf.org](mailto:franciscanlife@fslf.org); [www.fslf.org](http://www.fslf.org).

**Third Annual Crossroads Center St. Cloud Head-to-Toe Health Fair** will be held at the mall on Friday, September 18 from 10:00 AM—9:00 PM and Saturday, September 19 from 10:00 AM—6:00 PM.

**Celebrating St. Cloud's 20th Annual Take Back The Night!** Friday, September 25 at 6:30 PM in Barden Park, corner of 5th Avenue South & 7th Street. Speak out against violence against women. Rally and march to follow. Live music from Cannery Row.

**Central Minnesota TEC (Together Encountering Christ)** invites Youth (age 16+) and adults to participate in a TEC retreat this Fall. TEC weekend dates are Sept 26-28, Oct 16-18, Nov 7-9 and Nov 27-29. The CM TEC center is located 5 miles north of Little Falls. Visit [www.cmtec.org](http://www.cmtec.org) for more information and an application.

**Have you ever questioned** whether Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist? The Church of Saint Henry's, in Monticello, MN, is very proud and honored to host The Vatican International Exhibition, “The Eucharistic Miracles of the World.” This exhibition is presented by the Real Presence Eucharistic Education and Adoration Association. Please do not miss this once in a lifetime opportunity. This public event is being held at Saint Henry's Catholic Church in Monticello, MN on September 26 from 1pm until 8:30pm and September 27 from 8am until 2pm. See the event flyer posted at your location for details. Free.

**All you can eat breakfast** at Church of the Holy Spirit, St. Cloud, MN on Sunday September 13, 2009 from 8:30 am to Noon. Sunday Mass is at 9:30 a.m. (only Mass on Sunday). Serving Ham and Sausage, Pancakes with Fruit Toppings, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Cinnamon and Carmel Rolls, Fruit and Beverages. Adults—\$7.00; Children 4-12—\$ 3.00; Under 4—Free.

**Hearts of Kindness Community Auction** will be held on Saturday, September 26 at 9 AM at the Central MN Youth for Christ Building, 203 Cooper Ave N, St. Cloud, Minnesota. Hearts of Kindness Community Auction is a joint fundraising effort for Central MN Youth for Christ and Habitat for Humanity. This community auction celebrates our mission to reach those in need...one person, one family at a time. You may donate items at The Central MN Youth for Christ Building (formerly Anderson Trucking Building) 203 Cooper Ave N, St. Cloud, MN from now until September 18. Some of the new or next to new items needed: construction tools, equipment and materials; lawn and garden; household furnishings (good condition); sporting goods (excluding firearms); home electronics & appliances (less than three years old—TV's, lamps, audio equipment). Please plan to attend and support two wonderful causes.