

# Our Lady of the Family Herald



## REGNUM CHRISTI OF ST. PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS

Our Lady of the Family, Pray for Us!

### Kick-off Celebration for Regnum Christi Families and Friends

**Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30pm, Hamel Lions Park Shelter**

Regnum Christi "Kick-off Celebration" with a fun, family ice cream social. There will be games, door prizes, a short program, testimonials, and of course, ice cream. Come to reconnect with friends and learn about the upcoming program year. Contact Joy O'Brien with questions (763-582-9448 michaelandjoyann@msn.com). Watch for your invitation and invite friends!



### Masses of Thanksgiving with Fr. Matthew Schmitz LC

Father Matthew Schmitz, LC celebrates Masses of Thanksgiving for the Gift of his Priestly Vocation.

**Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 pm** at Sacred Heart Church, 2875 10th Ave NE, Sauk Rapids, MN.

**Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 pm** at Church of St. Peter, 2600 N. Margaret St, North St. Paul, MN.

Refreshments will be served after the Masses.



Fr. Matthew was ordained December 14th, 2013 at the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome. He is currently serving as Chaplain at Dublin Oak Academy in Ireland. We look forward to seeing you and sharing in our joy as Fr. Matthew visits Minnesota.

(Joe and Jean Schmitz)

"Without the priest, the passion and death of our Lord would be of no avail. It is the priest who continues the work of redemption here on earth...What use would be a house filled with gold, were there no one to open its door? The priest holds the key to the treasures of heaven: it is he who opens the door: he is the steward of the good Lord; the administrator of His goods...Leave a parish for twenty years without a priest and they will end by worshipping the beasts there..The priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you."

~ St. John Vianney

These ladies raised \$600 at their brat stand **and** had fun doing it. Woot woot!



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**Summer Section-Wide  
Encounter with Christ for Women  
Wednesday July 16th, 7-9 pm at the Center**

Join with women from Encounter teams across the Twin Cities for prayer, a resolution, and great conversation.

### Travel Opportunities

**"Cana in Cancun" Marriage "Check-up" (5<sup>th</sup> Annual)  
February 26-March 2, 2015**

Directed by Fr. Simon Devereux, LC and Fr John Williams (pastor of Epiphany Parish, Cheshire CT)

Includes retreat, mission to City of Joy, daily Mass, conferences, spiritual direction, and plenty of time for rest and relaxation.

Fr. Simon Devereux, LC gives wonderful attention to all the travel details, great preaching and spiritual depth, and ability to connect with all the people on the trip. He has a personal mission to accompany people right where they are and help them to know the great love of Our Lord. Fr. Simon has a profound impact upon each person.

\$600 per couple, not including hotel reservation or airfare. Contact Minerva at Elite Travel  
[Minerva@EliteTravelCT.com](mailto:Minerva@EliteTravelCT.com) (203) 271-0623 before February 4th.



**Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr. Simon Devereux, LC  
March 12-24, 2015 (6th annual)**

Contact Phil at [phil.liquori@legionofchrist.org](mailto:phil.liquori@legionofchrist.org) for more information.

**2014 Rediscover: Catholic Celebration  
Minneapolis Convention Center, October 3-4, 2014**

Last year's Rediscover: Catholic Celebration sold out early, so if you are thinking about registering, don't wait! You can register separately for the Friday evening and Saturday sessions.

Details and registration: [http://rediscover.archspm.org/rediscover\\_events/2014-rediscover-catholic-celebration/](http://rediscover.archspm.org/rediscover_events/2014-rediscover-catholic-celebration/)



**St. John Paul II Champions for Life**

Do you know of someone who loves, respects and promotes life by:

- Working tirelessly to help the poor or elderly
- Devoting time working with people with disabilities
- Helping a woman or family through a difficult pregnancy
- Or praying tirelessly for Respect Life issues?

Nominate that person for the Champions for Life Award by August 15th. For more information, click here:

[http://www.archspm.org/archspm\\_news/nominations-now-open-st-john-paul-ii-champions-life/](http://www.archspm.org/archspm_news/nominations-now-open-st-john-paul-ii-champions-life/)



**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions  
July 2014**

**General Intention**

**Sports.** That sports may always be occasions of human fraternity and growth.

**Mission**

**Lay Missionaries.** That the Holy Spirit may support the work of the laity who proclaim the Gospel in the poorest countries.

## A Recap of the Year of Faith & Friendship

We often don't realize just how much activity takes place among our Regnum Christi family here in the Twin Cities. 2013-14 truly was a Year of **Faith & Friendship**.

Thank you for your support, efforts, and hard work to make all this happen locally. These events would not happen without your time, talent, and treasures. Thank you! A brief recap of the year's events:

- **Summer Camps 2013**. Many local boys attended the ECYD and Conquest summer camps, and summer 2014 is looking great for participation as well.
- **February Ski retreat weekend** in Edgerton, WI. Eighteen boys and some fathers attended.
- **ECYD summer co-worker program**. Two local girls participated in this summer-long adventure helping with missionary activities in Chicago.
- **August Opening Night Retreat**. Kerrie Rivard from Atlanta kicked off the year with an RC Charism overview and a great Mass and Meditation offered by Fr. John Paul Erickson.
- **Regnum Christi Spirituality Series** with Jennifer Ristine throughout the year focused on the Year of Faith, Old and New Testament concepts of the Kingdom, Joy of the Gospel. This series of inspired talks was informative, insightful and hope-filled.
- **Vigil of Christ the King Eucharistic Holy Hour** at Mary Queen of Peace in Rogers for families and friends, presided by Fr. Andrew Stueve, with Gospel Meditation offered by Jennifer Ristine. Local girls participated in Chicago **Challenge retreats**.
- **National Spiritual Guide conventions** this year in Bethesda, Maryland, as part of the ongoing Spiritual Guide Certification course. Four women spiritual guides attended the various modules, and more are expected to attend in this upcoming year.
- **Priestly ordination** of Fr. Matthew Schmitz, LC on December 14, 2013 at St. John Lateran in Rome, attended by 23 family members and friends from Minnesota.
- **Epiphany Party** held at the Marriott Inn, Brooklyn Park, for members and friends. This was a chance to celebrate, socialize, and be inspired for the new year with a patron saint and virtue.
- **Monthly meetings** of Team Leaders, Spiritual Guides, and interested members and friends discussing the "Practical Principles" of the apostolic methods of Regnum Christi and the Church.
- **Holy Land Pilgrimage**. Nine area people including members and their friends traveled with Fr. Simon Devereux, LC and Fr. James Perez, LC on an eight-day trip to the Holy Land in March 2014. An encounter with our suffering and risen Lord to last a lifetime!
- 12 men attended **Spiritual Exercises** in Marathon, WI.
- 46 women attended **Triduum of Renewal** in Marathon, WI and Marytown, IL on various retreat weekends.
- **Marriage Retreat** on June 19, 2014 with Fr. Corey Belden, Deacon Michael Nevin, and Jean Stolpestad.
- Numerous **Monthly Retreats, Study Circles, and book discussions**, sponsored by Encounter teams.
- **Discernment Series** for women who are interested in learning more about Regnum Christi, offered twice this past year.

Again, a huge thank you to each and every person who planned, drove, participated, served, contributed, and prayed! May God continue to bless us in our humble efforts to bring his light and love to the world.

### PLEDGE DRIVE 2014-15 THANK YOU!

A successful pledge drive for our new program year is wrapping up in July 2014. An individual confirmation will be emailed to each person who responded. If you have not yet responded, it's not too late. Please go to [www.missionnetworkmsp.org](http://www.missionnetworkmsp.org) and click on the "My Family Pledge" button. No amount is too small and every dollar counts in our very lean budget. We especially are counting on contributions to pay for Consecrated travel expenses. Thank you very much for your generous hearts.

