

St. Mary's Bulletin

June 15, 2014

Every summer the Diocese of Fargo hosts the **Militia of the Immaculate (MI) Youth Camp**. The camp promotes the spirituality & teachings of St. Maximilian Kolbe & has four characteristics: Catholic, Eucharistic, Marian & Apostolic. This year the theme will center around Mary, our spiritual Mother. The camp is for youth ages 13-17, & run July 13-18 at Franciscan Sisters of Dillingen Convent, Hankinson, & the cost is \$275 (scholarships are available), registration deadline is June 24th. To obtain registration forms: www.fargodiocese.org/micamp.

When I stepped on the scale at my doctor's office, I was surprised to see that I weighed 144 pounds. "Why don't you just take off that last four?" I joked to the nurse's aide as she made a notation on my chart. A few moments later, my doctor came & flipped through the chart. "I see you've lost weight," he said. "You're down to 14 pounds."



Women's Retreat at Maryvale, Valley City entitled "*The Woman at the Well*", July 18-20. We will meditate on the experience of the Samaritan woman who comes upon the man, Jesus, at Jacob's well.



As we pray the gospel of John 4: 4-42, we will, along with this woman, declare Jesus as the Messiah and savior of the world. Sister Anne Germaine Picard and Sister Dorothy Bunce are co-presenters. It begins Friday, July 18 at 7:00 PM and concludes Sunday, July 20 at 12:00 PM. The suggested donation is \$85.00. Registration deadline is Friday, July 11. You may register by contacting Sr. Dorothy @ 701-845-2864 or e-mail: dorothy.bunce@fargodiocese.org.

*....."no man has so little that he cannot give thanks nor
no man has so much that he should forget to give thanks".....*

(From: Rt. Rev. Msgr. M.J. Fletcher in the book: St. Mary's & St. Timothy's & their Ecumenical Pioneer Pastor)

The Bethesda Society Ice Cream Social on Sunday, June 29th from 2 – 4 PM at Valley Memorial Homes –



4000 Valley Square, 4000 24th Ave. S. Free will offering will be supplemented with funds from Thrivent Financial. Please plan to come and enjoy an afternoon of cake and ice cream with your family, friends and neighbors in support of Valley memorial Homes.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Join the Roman Catholic Diocese of Crookston in celebrating NFP Awareness Week (July 20 – July 26th) within the Diocesan 2014 Year of Marriage!

** July 24th @ 7 PM "Married Love & the Gift of Life" at Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church, Detroit Lakes, MN. (Reflects on God's design for marriage & will include a brief reflection upon the methods of NFP.)

** July 25th @ 10 AM "Natural Family Planning & God's Design for Married Love @ Crookston Inn & Convention Center, Crookston, MN. (Reflects on Catholic teaching regarding marriage, conjugal love &

responsible parenthood & will provide information about the methods of NFP.)

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This year marks the 15th year Anniversary of **Manitoba's Passion Play** in LaRiviere! Come & experience the life of Christ unfold in a beautiful outdoor setting. Make it a summer pilgrimage for your family & church community. The performances will be held two weekends, July 5 & 6 @ 6:30 PM & July 11,12, 13 @ 7:30 PM. Food concessions available or pack a picnic. Bring your lawn chair. Come early to hike the Outdoor Meditation trail & Way of the Cross. Attend the outdoor Mass with Archbishop Albert LeGatt as the celebrant, Sunday, July 13 @ 4 PM. Priests are most welcome to bring vestments & concelebrate. The organizers of the Manitoba's Outdoor Passion Play would like to offer a free pass to all priests interested in attending one of the presentations of the Passion Play. To arrange for your free pass call 1-888-264-2038. For more information visit: www.passionplay.ca.

HISTORY OF ST. MARY'S (Celebrating One hundred years.....1915 to 2015)

(You can find this book at the GF Library. "SAINT MARY'S AND SAINT TIMOTHY'S AND THEIR ECUMENICAL PIONEER PASTOR" (by Rt. Rev. Msgr. M.J. Fletcher)

(Found in Chapter 3 – Page #17)

"Father (M.J. Fletcher) was a warm hearted, sympathetic, sentimental and extremely sensitive man. Little words and deeds could cause big hurts. His true heart and personality weren't apparent to everyone—only to those who through years of association had penetrated the shell of extreme reserve he automatically drew about himself. "

(Found in Chapter 7 – Page #39)

There was one thing he (Father Fletcher) forbade his assistants to do—and was most adamant about. They could not hear confessions while Mass was being said. He explained this to the assistant, as well as to the congregation in these words, "You can't whistle and chew oatmeal at the same time—neither can you hear Mass properly and also prepare to make a good confession. You can do one or the other, but it is impossible to do both and do either RIGHT!! Besides it disturbs and distracts the people trying to hear Mass."

Another rule he was most firm about was starting Mass on time. If the priest who was to say the Mass was also hearing confessions before Mass, he was told he must leave the confessional and allow himself plenty of time to vest for Mass, no matter how many penitents were standing in line to go to confessions!