



## ~ From the Deacon's Desk ~

Dear Sisters & Brothers

Since there are surely twelve days of Christmas I wish to extend my wishes that you have had and continue to have the blessings and contentment in this holy time of year. Now that January has come, I wish you all a Happy New Year full of promise and good things. This is in a way the season of our patron here at Spirit of Hope. It is a season where we look back and reflect upon our last year and all the events that we have experienced. But even more so it is a season of hope for good days, better days, and each one of us has our own hopes and dreams. Yes our patron is the Spirit of Hope.

As we look ahead to 2012, some of you may be hoping for jobs, diplomas, affluence, success, harmony, peace, or good health. Hope is a wonderful and life sustaining thing and it is extremely personal. Having spent many years at the bedside in hospice care, I realize that sometimes it is as simple as hoping for a good day or a night of sleep.

Whatever the year will bring is yet unknown to us but we carry our hope into each day. Whether it is a personal hope or our collective hope as a faith community, I pray that we can share that hope and support each other in our quests. As we do so, the voice of the church can be heard so beautifully in the Psalms. In reading the Psalms we can find a voice for almost every occasion that we may encounter. Whether we cry out in a lament or in gratitude or celebration there is a Psalm for that. When we are happy or lonely or confused or furious, there is a Psalm for that. So as we step into this new month and year, let us go there together in confidence and hope for a year of goodness and fellowship where the Spirit of Hope prevails and carries us through.

Finally I want to share a part of 5<sup>th</sup> Psalm with you;

I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,  
will enter your house...in awe of you.  
Let all who take refuge in you rejoice;  
Let them ever sing for joy.  
Spread your protection over them...  
Bless them O Lord, you cover them  
with favor as with a shield.

Faithfully,  
Deacon Colleen Woodley

# Spirit of Hope Catholic Community

To our Eucharistic table – All are invited

Co-located at St. Anne's Episcopal Church  
2035 Charlton Road Sunfish Lake, MN 55118 651-328-7723



## January 2012

### Fall/Winter Mass Schedule Saturday evening 5:00 p.m.

#### Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Marty Shanahan  
**Deacons:** Rev. Colleen Woodley  
Rev. Corein Brown  
**Youth Minister:** Nancy Hochschild

**Our Mission: Inviting and inspiring all to live in faith.**

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### **Saturday, January 7**

**Presiding:** Rev. Marty Shanahan  
**Lector:** Tom King  
**Prayers of the Faithful:** Laurie Fitzer  
**Eucharist Ministers:** Nancy Davis, Joyce Rother  
**Cantor:** Gary Davis  
**Pianist:** Betty Kok

### **Saturday, January 14**

**Presiding:** Rev. Marty Shanahan  
**Lector:** Ingrid Mattsson  
**Prayers of the Faithful:** Art Stoeberl  
**Eucharist Ministers:** Glen Olson, Amy Sweeney  
**Cantor:** Kristen Fuchs  
**Pianist:** Marcea King

### **Saturday, January 21**

**Presiding:** Rev. Marty Shanahan  
**Lector:** Glen Olson  
**Prayers of the Faithful:** Joan Flood  
**Eucharist Ministers:** Joan Flood, Kristen Fuchs  
**Cantor:** Jim Cosgrove  
**Pianist:** Mary Lou Larson Fine

### **Saturday, January 28**

**Presiding:** Rev. Marty Shanahan  
**Lector:** Amy Sweeney  
**Prayers of the Faithful:** Bob Pirro  
**Eucharist Ministers:** Glen Olson, Sharon Masloski  
**Cantor:** Kristen Fuchs  
**Pianist:** Mary Lou Larson Fine

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### **Neighbors Food Shelf**

Please bring non-perishable food items to the church entryway.

### **Winter Clothing Needed for Joseph's Coat**

Each month we support Joseph's Coat, a free-standing store for St. Paul neighborhoods. This Dec. members of Spirit of Hope donated 16 men's large jackets and sweatshirts, 4 boys jackets, 3 adult coats, 1 bag of personal care items and 2 large bags of clothing. **Thank you for your generosity to this ministry.** This month we are collecting paper products: pocket and boxes of tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, mysteries and novels and brown paper grocery bags.



## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Thursday, Jan 5**  
**7:00 pm**

**First gathering of SOH women** to form a women's group. Fireside room at St Anne's. Refreshments will be served. Discussion to assess people's wishes for the group. Questions see Cynthia, Marcea or Colleen.

**Saturday, Jan 14**  
**6:15 pm**

**Coffee, Cards/Games night** Bring your favorite game and join in the fun. Pizza will be available.

**Thursday, Jan. 19**  
**7:00 pm**

**3rd Thursday Discussions** resume. Our topic: Who are We? Presenters will explain the background of the Old Catholic Church, similarities and differences from the Roman Catholic Church and why we are called "Old Catholic" Info: stoeberl@bitstream.net 651.278.6630

**Saturday, Jan. 28**  
**6:15 pm**

**Monthly core team meeting.**  
All are welcome to attend. The meeting follows Mass and is held in St Anne's room

## **Looking Ahead**

**Thursday, Feb 7**  
**7:00 pm**

**Spirit of Hope Women's Group** gathers to pack meals for *Feed My Starving Children* in Eagan.

**Thursday, Feb. 16**  
**6:30 pm**

**3rd Thursday Discussion**

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**Cookie/Bar treats wanted** to serve at the shelter for homeless men in North Minneapolis. If you bake and bring to any mass this winter, I'll transport them to the shelter. There are 40 shelter guests every night, but any amount of treats in disposable containers would be great.

FFI: Art [stoeberl@bitstream.net](mailto:stoeberl@bitstream.net) 651-278-6630

***The Spirit of Hope Core Team wishes all a Blessed New Year!***