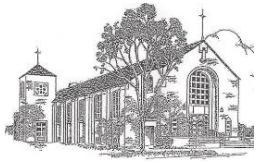


From the Pastor's Desk:



Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and He asked His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

- St. Matthew

A few souls from the parish have recently asked me if I will continue writing these pastoral comments in the weeks or months ahead. A couple of you were wondering if I am only writing them in these first weeks as the "new" pastor and maybe just trying to leave a "good impression". I told these souls that I have written a column in the parish bulletin (and oftentimes many of the articles in the bulletin) virtually every week that I have served as a pastor for 24 years. So.... 24 times 52, (give or take) I have written some 1,250 of these columns. (*As crazy as it sounds, I have saved all of that writing as well.)

Why write a column every week? Well, there are several reasons for writing a weekly column. Writing an article in the bulletin has a pastoral quality and I believe, began in the protestant tradition. Secondly, writing something in the bulletin allows the pastor another avenue for proclaiming the Good News and for teaching the faith. Thirdly, it is often difficult to speak to every person in the parish on a regular basis. Finally, by writing a weekly commentary, the sheep get to know who their shepherd is as a person and as a priest.

I have been listening with rap attention how you are identifying me. Some of you have told me that my homilies are "down to earth", while one person has told me that "the sermons are to long". (No surprise there.) Some have told me that I am "energetic" and others say "reverent". But these are all comments from what you have observed as I stand and offer Mass at the altar. If you want to really know who I am, it might be best to talk to my parents or perhaps one of my closest priest friends.

Today's gospel is so believable, because we see this weekend such a "human" side to Christ. He is wondering what the people are saying about Him? It is equally something that we all would like to know at our work, place of business or even in our family life at home. The Lord is no doubt wondering if He is

being effective in His public ministry, which is a very normal and human quality.

The answers that they apostles give, comparing Christ to a prophet of the past or perhaps having similarities to His cousin John, are all really good answers. But the answers they give are not "spot on", for they do not hit the center mark.

Leave it to good, old St. Peter, (who normally gets things wrong with his hot-headedness), who comes up with the right answer through the power of the Holy Spirit. For St. Peter says to the Lord, "*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*"

TO KNOW WHO CHRIST IS, IS TO KNOW WHO WE ARE. FOR WHEN ST. PETER IDENTIFIED JESUS AS THE CHRIST, ST. PETER ALSO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF ABOVE ALL OF THE OTHERS, AS A PERSON OF FAITH, INSPIRED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WHO WOULD BE DESTINED TO BE THE FIRST POPE AND LEADER OF THE CHURCH."

Recall the words of our Divine Lord to St. Peter; "*For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.*" What the Lord is saying to Simon Peter, Christ is saying to all of us. When we truly recognize Jesus of Nazareth as the Christ, the Son of the Living God, we also must recognize the Good News that we have the FAITH and are TRUE follower of Jesus Christ.

As you go about your week, see if you can recognize Christ in those around you. If you see Christ in them, they may see the Holy Spirit in you. Have a great week. Thank you for coming to Mass at Holy Rosary!

- Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor

<u>Stewardship:</u>		
August 17	Sunday	Year to Date
Adult (125)	\$10,907.54	
Electronic Trn.	\$ 2,471.00	
Total	\$13,378.54	\$ 78,936.04
Junior	\$ 31.75	\$ 143.28
Plate	\$ 315.75	\$ 2,235.66
Peter's Pence	\$ 5.00	\$ 479.00
Assumption	\$ 948.50	\$ 948.50
<u>GRAND TOTAL: \$14,674.54</u>		
<i>*(Our weekly budget is set at \$12,253.00)</i>		

Stewardship:

“Who do the people say that the Son of Man is?” The apostles come up with a cadre of possible descriptions that range from being prophetic to coming across like His cousin John the Baptist.

“Who do people say that you are?” Do people see you as a person of “generosity” with your time, talent and treasure? Are you deep down inside stingy?

Sound stewardship is more than giving to the local church in order to pay its bills. Sound stewardship is giving sacrificially with joy, in order that the presence of Christ’s bride, might shine more visibly in our local community. Thank you for your gifts and a “great” week of stewardship for summer.

Pastoral Installation - A Final Thank You:

One more time, I want to thank each and every one of you that had any part to play last weekend at my installation Mass as your 9th pastor. From the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus to the musicians, lector, ushers, servers, kitchen workers, those who set up on Saturday morning, caterers, and anyone else who assisted in any way, my sincere thanks.

I was touched by the capacity crowd at Mass that even required the use of the choir loft. When I stood at the pulpit to read the gospel, I felt it was like Easter morning!!! Thank you for sacrificing your time and your weekend to be at that 10:00 A.M. Mass.

You deserve a lot of credit for making me feel so welcome these past weeks by your many kind words, cards, food and gestures of kindness. I hope I can return your kindness through my pastoral service to you in the years ahead. May God bless you all!!!

-Fr. Paul van de Crommert

Vacation:

I will be leaving for some R. and R. beginning this Sunday after the morning Masses. My plan is to be back in time to celebrate “Mass in the Park” on Sunday morning, September 7th, at Wheeler Park. I will be heading out of state for two weeks..

While I am away there will be some volunteer work still taking place in the rectory that will include painting and woodwork restoration. Fr. Peter Nosbush will be offering the Masses on the weekend of August 30th and 31st. I ask for your prayers that my travels will be safe.

Holy Day –Thank You:

We returned to the three-Mass schedule for the Holy Day of Obligation last weekend and I was not disappointed. Several of the folks who attended felt that the attendance at the Masses was about the same. If that is true, then we saw an increase by one third as all three Masses were (about) equally attended. (*Next time we have a Holy Day of Obligation I will put the Mass at 5:15, as it will be a bit more convenient for those that are coming from work.) Your devotion to the Blessed Mother will be richly blessed in this world and the world that is to come. Thank you!

Stewardship – Thank You

We are grateful for receiving a gift this week in the amount of \$1,906.54 from a Knight of Columbus death benefit on behalf of +William R. Laven. Our gratitude goes out to William and his family for remembering the parish in their estate planning. These monies will go towards the parish’s general fund. May God bless William and all who have died with the great gift of everlasting life. Blessed be his memory!

Altar Servers – Pastoral Notes:

On Friday afternoon of last week, I sent out as pastor a two-page letter via e-mail, to our servers and their families with my background involving serving and some points that I would ask you to take into consideration at this time of transition. This weekend, I already asked some of the servers if they had read the directives. Some had and some had heard from their parents that the e-mail had arrived. Do take a few minutes to read it.

Please do your level best (for starters) servers, to be in the sacristy 15 minutes before the start of the Mass that you are scheduled to serve. By the time that you are dressed, lit the candles and received any instruction, it is time to start.

We will begin our training sessions in October along with an appreciation pizza party and a small personal gift from me as pastor. You are doing fine and I enjoy meeting you. (*Note: Do your level best to find your replacement if you are going to be away. We have had many Masses in which we are short one or two servers.) Thanks so much.

Faith Formation:

By now you should have all received copies of the registration form for Pre-School (ages 3, 4, & 5) and Grades 1 through Grade 11 (Confirmation). It is very important to return the completed form to us as soon as possible! Remember, too, that if you teach a regular weekly class, all of your children will receive free tuition. We will train you and give you as much help and support as you need or want throughout the year. If you are in need of another registration form or would like more information about teaching, please call Maggie at 345-6765 during the day or 345-7781 in the evening. Thanks!

Prayers and Support for Isaac Kolstad and All of our Sick and Injured: We pray that all of our sick and injured will experience the “resurrection joy” of healing. We continue to pray for Isaac Kolstad and his family and his recovery.

Worship Committee:

We are nearly set with a newly formed Worship Committee consisting of men and women from various age groups of our parish. We are grateful to Cathy Klaseus-Neve for continuing to chair this committee. Our first meeting is being scheduled for Wednesday, September 17th at 7:30 P.M. Please call Cathy or the Parish Office if you would like to have something liturgical discussed at our upcoming meeting. I am looking forward to this meeting as we have much to discuss and address.

Annual Mass in the Park – September 7th:

The countdown is on the way for Holy Rosary’s annual “Mass in the Park” that will be held the Sunday after Labor Day weekend on September 7th at 10:00 A.M. at Wheeler Park. We are only TWO WEEKS AWAY from this “fun” and “faith-filled” gathering. (I, as your pastor am so looking forward to this outdoor liturgy! It should be great fun!). A flyer is being sent out as a reminder. Please mark your calendars and pray for nice weather. (If we have inclement weather, the Mass will be at Holy Rosary Church. We have the makings of another great Mass and fellowship time with a delicious meal. Let’s make this another great and memorable event for Holy Rosary! See you there!

Loyola Catholic School:

High School Students begin classes on August 25. Conferences for Grades K-8: August 25 and 26 with the first day of classes August 27. Pre-School ‘Hello’ Days: September 2 & 3 with the first day of classes September 4 & 5. Our all-school ‘Back-to-School Mass and rededication of our renovated School Chapel, September 3, 10:30 am. Loyola Homecoming/Crusader Bowl – September 26. Please support our efforts with your prayers.

Knights of Columbus News:

August 28 – General Meeting
September 11 – Planning Meeting
September 20 – Highway Clean-Up

Council of Catholic Women News:

September 2 – 7:00 pm – 1st Meeting of the Year!
Rummage Sale – October 10 – 8 am – 2 pm; set up will be October 9, 9 am (please – no Computers, TVs, Microwaves; Car Seats can be donated to Again Thrift and More). Thanks for all your help and items!
Salad Luncheon – October 16 – mark your calendar!

Money Counters – October, November, December:

*Bob Manwarren, Laverne Reichel
Vi Suedbeck, Margaret Ayers, Renee Amundson*

Pre-Baptism Class – October 9 – 7:30 pm.

Please call the Parish Office, 387-6501, if you would like to be included in our Pre-Baptism class that is coming up.

Prayer Chain:

If you, or someone you know, would like to be included, please call Karen Etzell, 387-7877.

ECHO Food Shelf.

We set aside the 2nd weekend of each month to help support our local Food Shelf for those among us who are in need. You are welcome to bring donations, cash or items, and put them in the containers. Your help is greatly appreciated and all gifts are tax deductible. Thanks for all that you do to reach out to others in need!

Liturgical and Events Schedule August 24 – August 31



Parish Office Hours: June – August 9 am – 2 pm

Sunday, August 24: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:00 am – +Leone Haefner
- 9:30 am – Rosary in Church
- 10:00 am – +Leonard Blaschko

Monday, August 25: Weekday

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – Liturgy of the Word/Communion Service

Tuesday, August 26: Weekday

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – Liturgy of the Word/Comm. Service

Wednesday, August 27: St. Monica

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – Liturgy of the Word/Comm. Service
- 9:30 am – Liturgy of the Word/Communion Service (Hillcrest)

6:30 pm – Confirmation Parent Meeting - Church

Thursday, August 28: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – Liturgy of the Word/Comm. Service
- 10:00 am – Liturgy of the Word/Communion Service (Monarch Meadows)
- 6:00 – 9:00 pm – *Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament – ‘Come anytime, He is there for you substantially’ – All are welcome!
- 7:30 pm – Knights of Columbus

Friday, August 29: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – Liturgy of the Word

Saturday, August 30: Weekday

- 5:00 pm – Rosary in Church
- 5:30 pm – +Jim Yokiell

Sunday, August 31: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:00 am – People of the Parish
- 9:30 am – Rosary in Church
- 10:00 am – +Zachary Abdo



LITURGICAL ROLES

August 30-31

Lectors

- 5:30 pm: Steve Caron, Eileen Wadekamper
- 8:00 am: Gene Brandt, Cathy Neve
- 10:00 am: Chris Cain, Mark Traxler

Eucharistic Ministers

- 5:30 pm: Brian Eggersdorfer, Karen Winters
Marsha Murphy, Nicole Hull
Patrick & Wanda Hull
- 8:00 am: Michelle Ellingworth, Terri Compton
Arlyce Anderson, Mary Beth Nygaard
Kurt & Liz Schroeder
- 10:00 am: Darlene Schorn, Bob Wegscheid
Kevin Mettler, Dennis Haga
Deb Stachon, Jim Theuninck

Altar Servers

- 5:30 pm: Zachary Eggersdorfer, Kahlan Benning
Tyler Cromwell
- 8:00 am: Josh Calsbeek, Rebecca Mueller
Carson Fischer
- 10:00 am: Micah & Isaiah Rentschler
John Fink

Ushers

- 5:30 pm: Tim Benning, Bob Meyer
Paul Stevens, Anne Richardson
- 8:00 am: Gary Zellmer, Bill Fasnacht
Craig Amundson, Kurt Schroeder
- 10:00 am: Shawn Reynolds, Steve Kaiser
Doug Helget, Brent Friedrichs

Presentation of Gifts

- 5:30 pm: Dennis Eggersdorfer Family
- 8:00 am: Chuck Kodet Family
- 10:00 am: Mark Traxler Family

Music Ministry

- 5:30 pm: Tom Bachmann/Vicki Galli
- 8:00 am: Kathy Jo Johns, Nancy Evans/
Jeanne Makela
- 10:00 am: Linda Rentschler/Jeanne Makela

Holy Rosary Pastoral Council Minutes:
July 28, 2014

The Holy Rosary Pastoral Council met on Monday, July 28th at 7:00 P.M. Nearly all of the members were present. Following a prayer that was led by Father, the minutes of the past combined Pastoral/Finance Council meeting that was held on April 28, 2014 was reviewed.

Father Crommert shared with the Pastoral Council his happiness at being the new pastor at Holy Rosary. Bishop LeVoir has indicated his desire to maintain the Pastoral Council at Holy Rosary, as it is one parish alone. In the pastoral situations where there are multiple parishes, having two separate Finance and Pastoral Councils is no longer feasible due to time and smaller parish sizes.

Father stressed that the primary role of the Pastoral Council is not a decision making body but a “consultative” body that supports the work of the pastor, various organizations and committees, working to build up the parish in harmony and unity. The Pastoral Council has changed over the years from being a committee of “brick and mortar” to more that involves “planning and visioning”. He also mentioned that the consultative role of the council is a powerful tool to assist the pastor in making sound decisions, as the people have lived in the parish for many years while the priest is a “new arrival”.

Father opened the meeting for discussing asking the members what has gone well with the Pastoral Council, and where it needs to be strengthened. Several expressed that the council had turned into a gathering of “informing” but not “consulting”. Others expressed that the council needed to be re-activated due to the limited number of meetings.

Father recommended beginning with six meetings a year and meeting every other month. The members supported this move. The meeting closed with prayer. (* The next scheduled meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held September 22nd at 7:00 P.M. in the Conference Room in the school – not the lower level of the church as previously discussed.)

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS ...

For Those Who Are Ill:

Mary Jane Ledwein, Tom Grausam, Don Haley, Jan Schmidt, Doris Lorentz, Bill Goettlicher, Lenore Sweers, Dolores Spreter, Jay Brown, Ann Vetter, Richard Flynn, Jr., Krystal Portz, Lydia Meehling, Jan Brumm, Steve Fitterer, Chad Broviak, Kathy Eggersdorfer, Jean Weber, Isaac Kolstad, Nancy Marquardt, Gabriel Speckel, Barb Wegscheid, Shannon Murphy, Harriet Senesac, Mike Cashman, Lisa LaPoint Leland, Monica Haack, David Bruender, Marilyn Bastian

For Those in the Military:

Nick Blace	Matt McGraw
Jared Hiniker	Christopher Schmidt
Ann Winkler	Jonathan Heintz
Dana Schiller	William Backes
Mark Hansen	Ben Barsness
Alex Ek	Sean O’Dea
Timothy Eick	Daniel Fitterer
Anna Drummer	



For Our Families:

Monday	NO MASS
Tuesday	NO MASS
Wednesday	NO MASS
Thursday	NO MASS
Friday	NO MASS
Saturday	Rosal Molski Family
Sunday	Elmer & Patricia Heirigs Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 8/24/14

Mon: 2 Thess 1:1-5, 11-12; Matthew 23:13-22
 Tues: 2 Thess. 2:1-3a, 14-17; Matt 23:23-26
 Wed: 2 Thess. 3:6-10, 16-18; Matthew 23:27-32
 Thurs: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51
 Fri: 1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Mark 6:17-29
 Sat: 1 Cor. 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30
 Sun: Jer. 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matt. 16:21-27