



From the Pastor's Desk:

"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 will find it."

-St. Matthew

Isn't it unsettling when someone comes up to you in the middle of a conversation and asks; "So, what were you all just talking about?", and then you have to catch them up? I recall arriving in one of my pastoral assignments and a retired man who was serving on the Finance Council spent a good portion of the winter down south to avoid the harsh Minnesota winters. Missing out on 2-3 Finance Council meetings during the winter, upon returning in the spring, would keep saying for the next two or three meetings, "What are you talking about?"

Today's gospel from St. Matthew is somewhat in the same vein. For we are coming in the middle of St. Matthew's story. The only difference is, I don't find it "unsettling" but rather spiritually "settling".

Recall, that our Blessed Lord earlier in this gospel has asked His followers who the crowds and the apostles think He is. It is Simon Peter who tells the Lord, "You are the Christ!" What is fascinating theologically is that when the apostles see Christ only as a "man", Christ speaks nothing about His death. But when they recognize Him as the "Christ", the anointed of God, (as St. Peter does) Jesus starts talking about the "Cross". And as Christ talks about His death on the Cross and His call to suffer, Christ equally calls His followers to imitate Him on the same path.

Peter's response to the Lord that He would be spared of suffering seems very charitable. Yet, Christ responds with such strong words, referring to Simon Peter as "Satan"! Why? Simply, because suffering and sacrifice go hand in hand with holiness. Sin is always looking for the easy way out. Holiness is always looking for the rugged road that is less travelled.

I often told the students I taught that if you are ever wondering "W.W.J.D." "What Would Jesus Do"; when deciding between two choices, pick the

toughest of the two and most likely that is what Christ would do.

Tell me, is there anything in life that is worth having that does not require sacrifice and at times suffering? Learning in school? Playing a sport? Serving at the altar? Holding down a full-time job? Marrying and raising a family? Being a priest? Taking care of an elderly family member? Learning to play a musical instrument?

To live life well is to pick up the cross of suffering and sacrifice and to trudge forward. The spiritual life is no different. Coming to Mass and praying is not always "enjoyable", "entertaining" or even "fun". Yet, developing a strong spiritual life has the potential of getting us through the many crosses of our life and the cross of Christ can get us through death and into everlasting life. Thank you for coming to Mass. Have a great week!

- Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor

Stewardship:

August 24	Sunday	Year to Date
Adult (133)	\$ 8,043.00	
Electronic Trn.	\$ 3,271.00	
Total	\$11,314.00	\$ 90,250.04
Junior	\$ 21.77	\$ 165.05
Plate	\$ 295.00	\$ 2,530.66

GRAND TOTAL: \$11,630.77

*(Our weekly budget is set at \$12,253.00)

Stewardship:

Stewardship, at first glance, might seem like a very "horizontal" thing; as the money that is given is to maintain facilities, pay for salaries and utilities as well as the needed items for the various parish programs. But stewardship is a strong "vertical" dimension, also. For we give not only for earthly needs but also heavenly needs as we know that there are great graces for us when we give with generosity and joy. You are a generous people. Thank you for your gifts!

Welcome:

We welcome Father Peter Nosbush this weekend as he is covering in my absence. Thank you Father for your presence this weekend. Welcome home!

Hello and Good-bye!

Beginning this Monday, we welcome Mary Homan as our new Administrative Secretary here at Holy Rosary. Our sincere thanks and appreciation go out to Lorraine Klaseus and Helen Dehen for their decades of service to the parish. May you both enjoy many years ahead of a holy and healthy retirement! May God bless you all!

Finance Council:

Please note that our next Finance Council meeting has been scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on September 15th in the Conference Room. Please call the parish office if you are not able to be in attendance.

Loyola Catholic School:

Loyola High School students started classes August 25th; Intermediate and Primary started August 27th. Pre-School 'Hello' Days: September 2 & 3 with the first day of classes September 4 & 5. Loyola Homecoming/Crusader Bowl – September 26. Please support our efforts with your prayers.

Worship Committee:

We are nearly set with a newly formed Worship Committee consisting of men and women from various age groups in our parish. We are grateful to Cathy Klaseus-Neve for continuing to chair this committee. Our first meeting is being tentatively 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.

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.

Faith Formation News:

Are you new to Holy Rosary? Do you have a 2nd grader, an 11th grader, or older child/ren who have not yet received their 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist, and/or Confirmation? If you were not on our list to get the information for these sacrament years, and want that for your child/ren, please contact Maggie at 345-6765 or bennettm@hickorytech.net.

All-Teacher In-Service – September 10th, 5:30 pm in the Parish Center Cafeteria.

Virtus Training (1st time teachers only) - September 17th, 6:00 pm in the Parish Center.

1st Class for Grades 1-11 – September 24th (4:00 pm; 6:00 pm; or 7:15 pm. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM BE SUBMITTED VERY SOON! WE NEED TO FORM CLASSES, SECURE TEACHERS, AND BE READY FOR YOUR CHILDREN WHEN THEY COME TO US. PLEASE GIVE US SOME TIME TO DO THAT AND PLEASE CALL US IF YOU NEED ANOTHER FORM!

Youth Choir:

We will be starting up again on Wednesday, September 24th, to coincide with the Faith Formation program. Practice will be on Wednesdays from 5:15 – 6:00 in the Parish Center Choir Room. Any questions contact Kathy Jo Johns, 387-4934 or kjowall@chartermi.net.

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, his family and his recovery.

Knights of Columbus News:

September 11 – Planning Meeting

September 20 – Highway Clean-Up

Money Counters – October, November, December:

Bob Manwarren, Laverne Reichel

Vi Suedbeck, Margaret Ayers, Renee Amundson

Mass at Calvary Cemetery:

Mass at 9:00 am in the Chapel at Calvary Cemetery on Monday, September 1st; Father Don Rauscher will be the celebrant. All are invited!

Council of Catholic Women News:

September 2 – 6:30 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!

Ministry of the Rosary:

9/6 Paul Stevens
9/13-14 Eileen Wadekamper, Sharon Lenz,
Donna Wolf
9/20-21 Karen Etzell, Arlyce Anderson,
Jeanette Barsness
9/27-28 Mary Helen Kennedy, Dennis McCabe
Darlene Schorn

Banns of Marriage:

I Charles Paul Lyons and Jeanette Theresa Komer –
September 19, 2014 – Holy Rosary Catholic Church,
North Mankato, Minnesota

Where will our next priest come from?

Prayer is our most powerful tool to assure a priest will always be at our altar. An hour of vocation focused prayer will be held in front of the exposed Eucharist, Friday, September 5th, beginning at 5:00 pm in SS. Peter & Paul’s Chapel. Please come and pray. Leading the prayer will be the Mankato Serrans. Vocations start and end with prayer.

“Healing Takes Time”

Fall Retreat – September 19-21 – Franciscan Retreat and Spirituality Center, Prior Lake. The retreat is for those who have lost a loved one; for information, contact Marlene Hunt, 507-931-2320 or Mary Kelly, 507-357-6930.

Latin Tridentine Mass – September 6 – 9 am – SS. Peter & Paul’s Church; question & answer period with coffee & rolls will follow.

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 Gary & Yvonne Lager Family
Sunday Tim & Kathy Eggersdorfer Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 8/31/14

Mon: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Luke 4:16-30
Tues: 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37
Wed: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44
Thurs: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11
Fri: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39
Sat: 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15; Luke 6:1-5
Sun: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10;
Matthew 18:15-20

Liturgical Events Schedule August 31-September 1



Parish Office Hours: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

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

Monday, September 1: Weekday

NO MASS/NO SERVICE

Tuesday, September 2: Weekday

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – Liturgy of the Word/Comm. Service
- 6:30 pm – Council of Catholic Women –
Conference Room #1
- 7:00 pm – River of Life – Conf. Rm. #2

Wednesday, September 3: St. Gregory the Great,
Pope and Doctor of the Church

- 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 – Mass in the Park Practice –
Choir Room

Thursday, September 4: Weekday

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – Liturgy of the Word/Comm. Service
- 10:15 am – Liturgy of the Word/Communion
Service (Pathstone)
- 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, September 5: Weekday

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

Saturday, September 6: Weekday

- 5:00 pm – Rosary in Church
- 5:30 pm – +Henry Nowacki

Sunday, September 7: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- NO 8:00 am Mass
- 10:00 am – People of the Parish -
MASS IN WHEELER PARK



LITURGICAL ROLES

September 6th - 7th

Lectors

- 5:30 pm: Dan Gowanlock, JoAnn Borchert
- 10:00 am: Tom Koch, Cathy Neve

Eucharistic Ministers

- 5:30 pm Steve & Mary Caron
Brian Eggersdorfer, Nicole Hull
Patrick & Wanda Hull
- 10:00 am: Darlene Schorn, Bob Wegscheid
Karen Etzell, Gene Brandt
Deb Stachon, Jim Theuninck
Curt Stanke, Mark Traxler

Altar Servers

- 5:30 pm: Jackson & Grace Dehen
Larkin Hansen
- 10:00 am: John Fink

Ushers

- 5:30 pm: Scott & Brady Smith
Tom Rheaume, Anne Richardson
- 10:00 am: Chuck Schoettler, John Jagerson
Steve Enderle, Bill Fasnacht
Doug Helget
(Please come at 9:15 – there will be
Programs to pass out)

Presentation of Gifts

- 5:30 pm: Tim Braulich Family
- 10:00 am: Al Tolzman Family

Music Ministry

- 5:30 pm: Julie Gruber/Janelle Campeau
- 10:00 am: Kathy Jo Johns, Nancy Evans,
Myra Learn, Tom Bachmann,
Corinne Ort, Kurt Schroeder,
Jeanne Makela

Prayer Chain:

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