

From the Pastor’s Desk:

“Let us go on to the nearby villages, that I may preach there also.” -St. Mark

“You can never go home again.” There is no doubt we have all heard that expression, but after all of these years, I am still trying to figure out what that expression exactly means. I think it means that when you go back to your former home, things have changed and it is not the place you left years earlier.



Truthfully, I enjoy returning home to the farm and equally to the places that I have served. For example, when you return to a former parish, it is no longer as the spiritual leader, with all of the authority and responsibility. Now, you return more as a spiritual friend, sharing a common faith. When I left my first assignment after ten years, we were instructed during the time of Bishop Raymond Lucker, that we were to keep a polite distance, in order for the new pastor to establish himself. I was faithful to that directive, but I did miss seeing parishioners that I had worked so closely with for so many years.

Meanwhile, I saw other pastors continually returning to celebrate weddings and funerals in their former parishes. After a while, I felt that I was the only one observing the practice of keeping that “polite distance”. So, I have been returning now and again to my former assignments in recent years. It has been affirming when people say that they miss some quality of leadership that I had exhibited in one form or another.

Recently, one of my former parishioners called me and said that he had been wondering why it was necessary to move priests when things are going well in a particular parish. I told this former parishioner what Bishop LeVoir had told me after some 13 years in Olivia and Renville. In effect the Bishop said, *“Taking a new assignment will spiritually stretch you and it will also spiritually stretch the people you are serving.”*

Having moved twice in two years, I am war-weary of the “spiritual stretching”. And if you stretch a rubber-band too much, doesn’t it break? Yet, after more than seven months, the newness is wearing off. And even though the former parishes are still somewhat fresh in my mind, I know that the present work and challenges are spiritually good for me.

In the Gospels, we do see that the Lord spends His time with the Holy Family in one stable place of Nazareth for some three decades. But then, when it comes to Christ’s public ministry, he moves from town to town. This weekend’s gospel is certainly in keeping with the movement of Christ. For when the apostles are looking for Christ, who

has taken a respite from the work, the apostles seek Him out with the words; *“Everyone is looking for you!”* Perhaps Christ feels the people’s possessiveness and tells His followers that it is time to move on.

I remember one priest who moved quite frequently. When I asked him why he moved so much, he said, *“I move so that I can get some rest.”* For he indicated that the longer he was in a parish and the more people that he knew, the more he was in pastoral demand. It made good sense!

From a spiritual perspective, what old habits or old ways do we need to move away from? Sometimes people complain that their life is in a rut, yet they seem to like to be in that rut with all of its routine and grayness.

We stand on the threshold of the Lenten season. For on Wednesday February 18th, we have the chance to move our heart and soul from the dark abode of sin and self-absorption into the brightness of new life and holiness. In the spirit of Christ, may we have the faith and confidence to move on spiritually (and sometimes even physically) so that our souls might be stretched in this world and into the world to come. Have a great week!

Rev. Paul van de Crommert, Pastor

Stewardship of Treasure	
Adult (151)	\$ 7,158.00
Electronic Giving	1,135.25
Junior	50.98
Plate	330.00
Second Collection (Catholic School Subsidy)	1,386.61
Votive Candles	68.00
Building Rent	985.00
Wine & Food Pairing Dinner	405.00
Fuel	400.00
Grand Total	\$ 11,918.84
* (Our weekly budget is set at \$12,750.00)	

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your gifts. May God reward you in your generosity to Holy Rosary!

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

World Day for Consecrated Life was celebrated in the Church on Monday, February 2, 2015 and will be celebrated in parishes on the weekend of February 7-8, 2015. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, **and be sure to thank them on their special day.** May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God’s gift of their vocation.

**SAVE THE DATE -
Wine & Food Pairing Event**

Friday, February 13th, 2015 at 6:30 PM
Loose Moose Convention Center



This is a great Hospitality Fundraising event you just do not want to miss!! 5 Course Meal - provided by Loose Moose (Mike Maes) and wine provided by NaKato Bar & Grill.

Please call the Parish Office to make a reservation. Seating is limited!

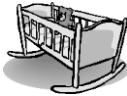
LENTEN RETREAT

During the season of Lent, Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Mankato, MN will offer the **Retreat in Everyday Life**, an eight week prayer experience based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. It is an opportunity to pause, reflect, listen and respond to the voice of God as God speaks to your heart. During the Retreat, each participant commits to spend some time each day in prayer and to meet weekly to share the past week's grace.

The retreat begins on Tuesday, February 17th, 6:30PM Xavier Hall, the Upper Room – SSPP Parish and ends Tuesday, April 7th. If you would like to register or would like more information, please call SSPP Parish Office 388-2995 or Frank Cesario at 625-2395.

BABY ITEMS NEEDED

The Council of Catholic Women will again reach out to newborn babies in the local area by collecting items. A gift is sometimes just what is needed to support someone in a difficult situation. Items can be left in the pac-n-play at the main entry of the Church or in the bassinets at the side entrances. **NEW ITEMS ONLY!** Most needed: newborn-9-24 months outfits, diapers, baby wipes, diaper rash cream, baby bath towels & wash cloths, receiving blankets, bibs, infant socks (0-12 months), baby layettes, long sleeve onesies, baby books, small toys. Checks or cash will be used to purchase needed items - please put any monetary gifts in an envelope marked "Baby Shower" and place them in the collection basket, and we will do the shopping for you. February 15th will be the last day for collection. Thanks for your help!



BENEFIT FOR BIRTHRIGHT RAFFLE



Tickets are again available for the annual Benefit for Birthright raffle. They may be picked up and dropped off at the parish office. For more information contact David Mutch at 687-5406.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The 2015 Bishop Lucker Lecture and Diocesan Distinguished Service Award Ceremony will take place Monday, March 9, 2015, 7 p.m. at the Church of St. Catherine in Redwood Falls. Our featured speaker will be Fr. Raymond de Souza. His talk will be on "The Future of Religious Liberty in America." Fr. de Souza was ordained a Catholic priest on July 20, 2002, for the Archdiocese of Kingston, Ontario. He currently serves as chaplain at Newman House, the Roman Catholic chaplaincy at Queen's University. He is the pastor of Sacred Heart of Mary Parish on Wolfe Island where he currently lives. Fr. de Souza teaches at Queen's in the Faculty of Education and the Economics Department. He is a longstanding weekly columnist for the *National Post*, and contributes a weekly column to *The Catholic Register*, Canada's largest Catholic newspaper. He is the editor-in-chief of *Convivium*, a magazine examining the role of faith in our common life. All adult parishioners are invited free of charge. A social time will follow the ceremony and the presentation.

THE DEDICATION MASS

St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 15, 2015** as Most Reverend Bishop John Quinn will be celebrating a special dedication Mass for the NEW St. Thomas More Catholic Newman Center. **Mass will begin at 3:00 pm** and refreshments will follow. Please join the Newman Center for this historic event.

PEDAL PAST POVERTY

Partners for Affordable Housing's Pedal Past Poverty event is a one-day, one-of-a-kind stationary bike race incorporating 60 teams of ten riders each.



The 3rd Annual Pedal Past Poverty event is coming up on February 28th from 9am - 2pm and will be held at the YMCA in Mankato. This year, we would love to invite everyone in the parish to participate and create a "Holy Rosary" team.

If you would like to register for the Holy Rosary team, please call 507-387-6501 or stop by the parish office. **DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH!**

The Holy Rosary team is also in need of your support through donations! All checks to be made payable to "Partners for Affordable Housing." Donations can be dropped off at the parish office or placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Pedal Past Poverty" (you *must* include your full name, phone number and address).

The Week Ahead

Monday, February 9: Weekday

9:15 am – Bible Study
7:00 pm – Finance Council Meeting
in Conference Room #1 (*Audit Review)

Tuesday, February 10: Saint Scholastica, Virgin

8:05 am – Rosary
8:30 am – Holy Communion Service

Wednesday, February 11: Weekday

9:52 am – Mass at Loyola High School -
Sarah (Max) O'Hara†
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm – Sewing Group - Parish Center
4 pm, 6 pm, 7:15 pm – Faith Formation
6-7 pm – Holy Rosary Choir Practice - Choir Room
7:00pm – Finance Council Meeting at Loyola School
Cafeteria (Fr. Paul Attending)

Thursday, February 12: Weekday

8:05 am – Rosary
8:30 am – Mass – Marvin Wanzek†
1:30 pm – Priest Meeting at Holy Redeemer, Marshall
(Fr. Paul Attending)
6:30 pm – Loyola Finance Meeting at SSPP, Room 302
(*Fr. Paul and 2 members of the parish attending)

Friday, February 13: Weekday

8:05 am – Rosary
8:30 am – Mass – Willard & Edna Arndt†
6:00 pm – Wine & Food Pairing Dinner at Loose
Moose Convention Center! (BUY YOUR TICKETS!!!)

Saturday, February 14: Happy Valentine's Day!!!

Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

11:30 am – Wedding Service
(Tim Flynn & Marya Flynn)
4:30 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm – Rosary
5:00 pm – Mass – Ken & Pat Thiele Family
(Rite of Welcome for 1st Holy Communion)
6:15 pm – Baptism

Sunday, February 15: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am – Rosary
8:00 am – Mass – People of the Parish
9:30 am – Rosary
10:00 am – Mass – Living & Deceased Members of the
Peter and Jelaine Schreiner Family
(Rite of Welcome for 1st Holy Communion)
Morning Pre-School and Nursery
1:00 - 2:30 pm – Convert Instruction (Conf. Rm #1)
2:00 pm – Music on the Hill - Good Counsel Chapel
3:00 pm – Dedication of the New Neumann Center
Chapel – Bishop Quinn presiding (Fr. Paul Attending)

Liturgical Roles – February 14-15

Lectors

5:00 pm: Eileen Wadekamper & JoAnn Borchert
8:00 am: Cathy Neve & Dolores Portz
10:00 am: David Lamm & Caroline McGowan

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm: Jim Theuninck & Karen Ezzell
8:00 am: Michelle Ellingworth & Terri Compton
10:00 am: Dawn Matz & John Kuchinka

Altar Servers

5:00 pm: Reid Gruenes, Riley Gruenes,
Mitchell Bigaouette
8:00 am: Grace Ellingworth, Ben Ellingworth,
Carson Fischer
10:00 am: Jacob Reynolds, Matthew Helget,
Isaiah Rentcheler

Presentation of Gifts

5:00 pm: Jackson Dehen Family
(Confirmation Candidate)
8:00 am: Kaylie Rauchman Family
(Confirmation Candidate)
10:00 am: Cole Hunstad Family
(Confirmation Candidate)

Ushers

5:00 pm: Bob Meyer, Anne Richardson,
Larry & Maggie Bennett
8:00 am: Ben Levandowski, Bill Fasnacht,
Craig Amundson, Chris Sturm
10:00 am: John Jagerson, Steve Fink,
Shawn Reynolds, Brent Friedrichs

Music Ministry

5:00 pm: Joe Kunkel/Jeanne Makela
8:00 am: Corinne Ort & Kurt Schroeder/
Jeanne Makela
10:00 am: Holy Rosary Choir/Sr. M. Adelyn

Rosary Leaders

5:00 pm: Mary Helen Kennedy
8:00 am: Arlyce Anderson
10:00 am: Darlene Schorn

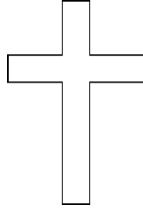
Money Counter for January, February and March 2015

Marilyn Rieff, Shirleen Gulden, Jan Nelson & Jan Brumm

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS...

PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR ALL OF OUR SICK AND INJURED OF HOLY ROSARY PARISH

Our prayers go out to all of the sick and injured in our parish who are at home, in the hospital, nursing homes or assisted-living residences. May God bless them and keep them under His guidance and protection!



FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Herbert Karpinsky, Rose Wilson, Jane Keltgen, Isaac Kolstad, Rachel Tobin, Mary Jane Ledwein, Tom Grausam, Don Haley, Jan Schmidt, Doris Lorentz, Bill Goettlicher, Lenore Sweers, Dolores Spreter, Richard Flynn, Jr., Krystal Portz, Jan Brumm, Steve Fitterer, Kathy Eggersdorfer, Nancy Marquardt, Gabriel Speckel, Shannon Murphy, Harriet Senesac, Lisa LaPoint Leland, David Bruender, Marilyn Bastian, Betty Kotthoff, Nancy Wesely, Susan Zenk, Catherine Atchley

FOR OUR FAMILIES

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	Leora Steinbach
Thursday	Lucas & Kristi Downs
Friday	Mark Atchley
Saturday	Nancy Schwamberger
Sunday	Lisa Whitehead

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

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

PRAYER CHAIN



If you, or someone you know, would like to be included in our prayer chain, please call Karen Etzell, 387-7877

Readings for the Week

Mon:	Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
Tues:	Gn 1:20—2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
Wed:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23
Thurs:	Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30
Fri:	Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37
Sat:	Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10
Sun:	Lv 13:1-2. 44-46/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Timothy Flynn and Marya Flynn –
Holy Rosary Church (2-14-15)

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS

Finance Council – February 9th at 7:00 P.M. in Conference Room #1 in our former school building. (Review Diocesan Audit) **THIS MONDAY!**



K of C Council #5551 News

February 12 – Planning Meeting
February 26 – General Meeting



UPCOMING CCW EVENTS

March 2nd General Meeting at 6:30pm

March 19th Region I Spring Gathering (at Holy Rosary) - 5:30pm registration, 6:00pm mass, followed by a meal and meeting.

CAPS OF LOVE PROJECT

Our parish Council of Catholic Women is now accepting caps from laundry detergents, beverages, toothpaste, shampoo, spray paint, tennis ball can lids, cream cheese and ice cream lids, medicines, etc. There can be no paper or metal in the caps. These can be sent to a Florida “Caps of Love” where they can be sold for recycling for funds to refurbish wheel chairs for American children.



These caps are not recyclable in our garbage pick up. Please drop off at the parish office and Elaine will see that I get them.

Here is a write up about the organization from their web site: CapsofLove.com

The goal of our non-profit organization is to help the disabled.

"Caps Of Love" is *the only US affiliate* with the international charity "Bouchons D'Amour".

By recycling plastic caps, we raise money to buy wheelchairs for disabled children. This also has an environmental benefit as discarded caps are put in our landfills or incinerated which harms the earth if not recycled. Plastic caps are a different grade of plastic from the bottles and are valuable in bulk. They can be sold to companies using recycled "post-consumer" plastic to create new products such as plastic shipping pallets, plastic park benches, plastic paint cans and many other items.

Thanks, Dolores Portz (388-3554)



LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Shadow Days at Loyola~ Are you interested in sending your child to Loyola? Come tour our school, and see what Loyola is all about! Shadow dates are: Tuesday, March 10th, April 14th, or May 12th. Please call to set up an appointment 507-388-0615.

10 DAYS WEEKS UNTIL ASH WEDNESDAY!

Do you know what we will be celebrating in 10 days? Would you believe that we will be starting the Lenten season with the celebration of Ash Wednesday on February 18th? In consultation with our music ministry team and religious education program, I will be offering THREE Masses that day beginning at 8:30 A.M., 4:30 P.M. and then a final evening Mass at 7:30 P.M. We will be holding regular religion classes that evening and concluding class with an Ash Wednesday Mass. Faith is not always taught but also caught. How wonderful if our parents would also be in attendance at these Masses and not simply to expect our students to be in attendance.



Secondly, what active, positive spiritual work could you take on this Lent? Certainly for our young people it might be abstaining from candy or Coke, cell phones and seeing hours of television. But what about us as adults? How about coming to Mass during the weekday, everyday, if we are no longer in the workforce? For those involved in our various liturgical ministries to come to a refresher course on how to distribute Holy Communion or to usher? Perhaps it will be to attend our evenings of enrichment on a Tuesday evening? Maybe you will simply be working harder at simply, praying, fasting and giving!

Lent is coming! Let us all be spiritually pro-active so that Holy Week and Easter will take on a new spiritual significance for us! Blessings!!!

FR. ED ARDOLF ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund is now at \$130,852.00. 85% of the earnings of this fund go to pay tuition at Loyola Catholic School for Holy Rosary families. Contributions to this fund may be dropped off at the parish office or sent to Amy at Loyola.

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank all the generous parishioners who donated supplies for the people at San Lucas Mission in Guatemala. I took two suitcases filled with school supplies and two bags full of over-the-counter medicines, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Thank you also from the Guatemalans, who were most appreciative of your generosity. It was a very rewarding experience for me!

Arlyce Anderson

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

1. Diocesan United Fund (D.U.F.) Diocesan Priest Pension Fund/ Medical Care and Diocesan Audit::	
DUE:	\$ 78,103.92
Pd. to Date	\$ 46,769.43
2. Annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal (D.M.A.)	
DUE:	\$ 27,708.85
Rec'd. to Date:	\$ 43,921.00
(*We are 158.5% our goal!)	
3. Loyola Catholic School Assessment:	
DUE:	\$ 238,000.00
Pd. this week:	\$ 3,000.00
Pd. to Date:	\$ 117,135.93
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Total Assessments 2014-2015:	\$ 343,812.77
Total Paid to Date 2014-2015:	\$ 207,796.36
Total Assessments Due 2014-2015:	\$ 136,016.41
(* Total includes D.M.A. overrun)	

MISSION OF LOVE VALENTINES

The "Mission of Love Valentines" project will be happening again this year for the San Lucas Mission. You can either make or buy a simple valentine and give them, along with a \$2.00 donation, to Maggie Bennett at our parish. The Religious Education children also participate in this as a project. The Valentines and money go to San Lucas Mission, which they will use to purchase corn, rice, & beans, as well as school supplies for the children. This is a simple way to bring a smile to many little faces as well as fill their tummies. Thank you! If you have any questions, please contact Marsha Murphy at 507-388-7961.



MISSION TRIP DONATIONS

On February 27th - March 6th Marsha Murphy will be going on her 6th trip to San Lucas Mission. Also going along with her are Gary & Mary Zellmer and Tom & Mary Clare Wyrowski. This will be their 1st experience to learn about the special life of the Mayan people & how they live. It is an experience of a life time. Please keep all of them in your prayers as they go on this journey. Also if anyone would like to donate any small school supplies or small over the counter medicines, they will have a suitcase to fill with donations. Thank you in advance and the people of San Lucas say "Gracias". If you have any questions, please contact Marsha Murphy at 507-388-7961.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us." -St. Paul to the Romans

**HOLY ROSARY
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2015**

The Pastoral Council of Holy Rosary was called to order on January 19th in Conference Room 1. Nine members were in attendance and eight members were absent. Following prayer and a review of the November 24th, minutes, committee reports were given. C.C.W.- January is "Reverence for Life" month. Options for Women Concert will be held on Friday, January 23rd. The next C.C.W. meeting will be held on February 2nd. March 19th will be the Region I C.C.W. gathering at Holy Rosary. Religious Education: Half of the school year is past. There was no Christmas pageant held this year but instead an Advent workshop for students that went well. January there will be safe-environment make-up sessions. Stewardship envelopes have been handed out. Confirmation had a "Spirit Luncheon". Confirmation is February 28th. Knights of Columbus: No report. Youth Group: A retreat is being planned at Jack McGowan's farm. Planning for the mission trip is beginning for Holy Week. Finance Council: Audit will be reviewed on February 9th with Diocesan and auditor representatives. Father has been implementing a number of the requests of internal controls from the auditing firm. A new part-time bookkeeper has been hired. Worship Committee: Christmas decorations were well received, although it was much work setting up and taking down. There were many volunteers year. Father is working on scheduling workshops for the Eucharistic Ministers and for the ushers during the season of Lent. The next Worship Meeting is on January 26th to make plans for Lent/Easter.

Father reported that the work that the Pastoral Council has been doing will be formatted into a report that will be presented along with an extensive Finance Council report at the close of the fiscal year, most likely distributed in early fall. All the work that is being done and discussed will help to formulate a long-term plan for the facilities, stewardship and spiritual life of the parish for years to come. Father also shared the great response at Christmas both in attendance and stewardship.

The council discussed what it has done and what it can do for continuing education and spiritual formation of our adults. A Lenten series is again being planned along with a soup supper and the possibility of the Stations of the Cross.

The Pastoral Council did a walk-through of much of the former school including the office of religious education, gymnasium and the boiler area. Religious education numbers have fallen sharply over the years but have remained more stable in the last 3-4 years. There are about

225 students in all of our religious education program at this time.

A discussion was held regarding the cooling system of the church that was inadequate when it was installed and has not worked properly because of its design since day one. Concerns about humidity, extreme heat from the south side, etc. was discussed. Suggestions were made but no recommendations at this time. The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held at 6:30 P.M. in Conference Room 1 on Monday, March 23rd. The meeting adjourned.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER FEB 14-15



Give each other the best Valentine's gift possible! Register for the February 14-15 Marriage Encounter held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for a listing of additional retreats or call 651.454.3238.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE
ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS**

Show your spouse how much you appreciate them with some quality time together. **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** make a great gift and the next weekends are February 13-15 in Windom & Marvin, SD, February 20-22 in Fargo, March 20-22 in Baxter, March 27-28 in Minot & May 1-3 in Buffalo. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact John & Mary Beth at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-838-8178.



SAVE THE DATE!

The Good Counsel Learning Center is bringing **Late Nite Catechism** to Mankato April 18th at Fitzgerald Auditorium. Mark your calendars now for this fun-filled, interactive experience to take you back to your Baltimore Catechism Days! For more information, call Director, Sr. Dorothy Zeller at 507-389-4229, or Sr. Virginia Bieren at 507-389-4499.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Holy Rosary Vacation Bible School will be June 8-12, 2015 from 8:00 A.M. until 11:30 A.M. for Preschool (must be 4 years old) - 5th grade. The cost this year will be \$30.00. For more information, contact Sue Cashman at 345-6765.

