

From the Pastor's Desk

*The disciples approached Him and said, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” He said to them in reply, “Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted.”*  
*-St. Matthew*

A few weeks before I arrived, I had asked Fr. Peter permission to put in a garden somewhere near the rectory. Having been raised on the farm, the adage still holds that you can take the boy off of the farm but you cannot take the farm out of the boy. Like Bishop Lucker who had a garden for many years, I too, enjoy seeing things grow even if it is here in an urban setting. While I have no degree in agriculture (like two of my other brothers), I do know that if I was going to have a garden, I needed to get it in well before my arrival date here in North Mankato, on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Although belated, I wish to extend a word of thanks to the men that came (I believe who were largely Knights of Columbus) who helped strip the sod and till the soil. It saved me many hours of back breaking work, even though my back has been acting up these past weeks from too much packing, lifting and cleaning. As we were working in the “soil”, one of the men told me that my success in the parish at Holy Rosary would be on my ability to preach.

Preaching is a very “personal thing” from both sides of the ambo or the pulpit. For every time a priest preaches (consciously or unconsciously), he bears his soul”. From the perspective of the faithful, preaching is also very personal. Bishop LeVoir has told this story as well as myself and many other priests regarding preaching. For as a priest, you offer a Mass, and as you are greeting the people, one person will say, “*Father, that was the best sermon I have heard in a long time.*” On the other hand, the next soul might say, “*It was the worst sermon that you have given to date.*”

Just as I began these pastoral reflections around the “tilling of soil”, so too the readings center around the “tilling of soil”. As a preacher of the Good News, it does not require an advanced degree in scripture studies or in homiletics to know that the Good News message of this 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time is centered around soil ... and dare I say preaching, or sowing the seeds of faith.

**I counted up in this week's readings more than 20 times that some form of the word “soil” is addressed from the words “land”, “meadows”, “hills”, “fields”, “valleys”, “ground”, etc.** And just as there are many soil types, so too there are many types of faith belief. Some of us have such a deep, rich, soil of faith that we come to Mass nearly every day, while others are a bit more shallow, when it comes to spiritual soil and might seldom enter the church doors.

**The Good News is that I was unduly impressed with our Mass attendance last weekend. Even though it was the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend, I was pleasantly surprised that the attendance was so strong. Equally, our daily Mass (of about a half an hour) has seen nice attendance. So, there is a lot of GOOD SOIL AT HOLY ROSARY!** (*I knew that before I accepted this parish as pastor.*) Yet, there are still many more in our midst that we need to tell the Good News of Jesus Christ and our parish so that one day we might all meet up in the Kingdom of Heaven, that Christ again speaks about in this week's gospel. I am so glad to be with you and to serve you. See you at Mass! Have a GREAT WEEK!!!

Fr. Paul van de Crommert

### Were You Away?

It has been recently reported that the average Roman Catholic is away from their parish 17 weekends a year because we are today such a mobile society. In addition to seeing the bulletin on line (for several weeks), we will also be making available the parish bulletin in hard copy for the present week and the previous week in the Parish Office and at all entrances to the Church. A well informed parishioner is a happy parishioner???

### Welcome

We welcome this weekend all of our visitors that are with us on the occasion of North Mankato Fun Days! Thank you for worshipping with us this weekend! May God bless you on your travels as you return home! Thank you for your presence!

### Temporary Rectory

You may or may not have noticed that I am not residing as pastor in the parish rectory. Presently, we have removed some of the carpets that were nearing their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday and were installed prior to Father Peter coming as pastor more than 14 years ago. The wood floors are being cleaned and varnished and will make for easier cleaning and more allergy friendly ... and also makes the guitar sound better! Ha! I am residing in Mankato with some friends but in case of an emergency, I can be reached on my cell phone at any time.

-Father Paul



### **Job Opportunity – Holy Rosary**

I am pleased to report that we have a nice number of applications for the position of Administrative Secretary at Holy Rosary. This position requires an individual that is highly organized, can multi-task, is a self-starter, people oriented, and professional. Computer proficiency is required. Basic accounting and bookkeeping knowledge is helpful. A competitive salary with benefits is being offered. Inquiries, letters of interest, and resumes may be sent on or before August 4<sup>th</sup> to:

**Rev. Paul van de Crommert,  
Holy Rosary Church  
525 Grant Avenue, North Mankato, MN 56003**

### Prayers and Support for Isaac Kolstad

As a parish family of Holy Rosary, we continue to offer our ongoing prayers and support for Isaac and his family during this challenging time. The following is a direct link for Isaac and his family:

<http://www.youcaring.com/other/-22strong-for-the-isaac-molly-kolstad-family/177076>. Thank you for all the support and prayers – it is greatly appreciated.



### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

July 6	Sunday	Year/Date
Adult (132)	\$ 7,110.00	
Elec. Trn	3,259.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,369.00</b>	<b>\$10,369.00</b>
Junior	14.00	14.00
Plate	298.00	298.00
Mission	30.00	1,973.90
Peter's Pence	5.00	454.00

**Grand Total \$10,681.00**

**The Parish has budgeted \$12,015 each week.**

### Stewardship:

Having served most of my priesthood in the rural areas of Minnesota, I have had to settle several disputes regarding farmland when it was being passed from one generation to the next. The land has dramatically increased in value in the recent decades and many today are seeing the 'soil' and its value as far more important than family or keeping the farm as a family farm. While all of this is human nature, we should have as much passion and zeal for our 'spiritual life' as we would for who will be getting the soil to till in the next generation. Stewardship is a way to till the soil of our soul. When we give sacrificially, it is a reminder that my faith and my church is as important and perhaps even more important than my wants and needs. Thank you for your gifts!!!

**To meet budget expenses, we need \$12,015.00 each week in our Adult Envelopes – please help as you can!**

### Father Ed Ardolf Endowment Fund

Father Ed Ardolf Endowment Fund: 85% of earnings from this fund are given in grants to assist Holy Rosary families to pay tuition at Loyola Catholic Schools; our current fund balance is now at \$136,775. Thank you!

### The Parish Website –

There is a new look to our website: [www.holyrosarynorthmankato.com](http://www.holyrosarynorthmankato.com) and some new items. In some comments to the KC's last week, Bishop LeVoir shared that he regularly reads comments from Pope Francis. You can do this too by opening our parish website and looking at the right column. Here you will read the headings, Vatican News, and Catholic News Service. Each one lists different items of interest.

## Liturgical and Events Schedule July 13-20



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

### **Sunday, July 13: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 am – Rosary in Church  
10:00 am - +Leonard Blaschko  
11:30 am - *Livia Mae Dickinson Baptism*

### **Monday, July 14: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin**

8:10 am – Rosary in Church  
8:30 am – +Colleen Bianchi

### **Tuesday, July 15: St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor** NO MASS/NO COMMUNION SERVICE

### **Wednesday, July 16: Weekday**

8:10 am – Rosary in Church  
8:30 am – Pearl Skelley & Lydia Valdez

### **Thursday, July 17: Weekday**

8:10 am – Rosary in Church  
8:30 am – +Lyle & Katherine Pearson  
9:30 am- +Chuck & Iola Orcutt (Oak Terrace)  
6:00 – 9:00 pm – \**Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament – ‘Come anytime, He is there for you substantially’ – All are welcome!*

### **Friday, July 18: Weekday**

8:10 am – Rosary in Church  
8:30 am – +Helen Hadbavny

### **Saturday, July 19: Weekday**

3:00 pm – *Jacob Cotew & Rene Zitzmann Wedding*  
5:00 pm – Rosary in Church  
5:30 pm – +Dale Sieberg

### **Sunday, July 20: 16<sup>th</sup> 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 – +Albin Hartung



### **Baptismal Blessings**

Our prayers and best wishes go out to Andrew and Kayla Dickinson on the occasion of the Baptism of their first child, their daughter, “Livia Mae”. The couple has only recently moved to the North Mankato area and the baptism will be celebrated this weekend. “Livia” will be our newest member of Holy Rosary. May God’s blessings and the intercession of the Holy Family be with this young family.



## **Liturgical Roles**

**July 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**

### **Lectors**

5:30 pm: Eileen Wadekamper, Dan Gowanlock  
8:00 am: Mark Traxler, Gene Brandt  
10:00 am: Chris Cain, Tom Koch

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

5:30 pm: Gretchen Etzell, Mary Beth Nygaard  
Kathy Frederickson, Rick Gruber  
Steve & Mary Caron  
8:00 am: Terri Compton, Bernie Bastian  
Margaret Ayers, Arlyce Anderson  
Craig Amundson, Cathy Neve  
10:00 am: Curt Stanke, Sherry Henrickson  
Kevin Mettler, JoAnn Borchert  
Mike & Diane O’Dea

### **Altar Servers**

5:30 pm: Reid Gruenes, Jolee Slechta  
Larkin Hansen  
8:00 am: Austin, Grace, Ben Ellingworth  
10:00 am: Elias & Sheamus Westermann  
Jack Roering

### **Ushers**

5:30 pm: Tom Rheaume, David Kreuzer  
Scott & Brady Smith  
8:00 am: Jim Levandowski, Bill Fasnacht  
Kurt Schroeder, Gary Zellmer  
10:00 am: John Jagerson, Bob Stachon  
Glenn Vershelde, TomKohls

### **Presentation of Gifts**

5:30 pm: Tom Wyrowski Family  
8:00 am: Tom Stierlen Family  
10:00 am: John Daley Family

### **Music Ministry**

5:30 pm: Kathy Jo Johns/Jeanne Makela  
8:00 am: Corinne Ort/Jeanne Makela  
10:00 am: Tom Bachmann/Vicki Galli



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



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**Discover the Difference at  
LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
Loyola never stands still even during  
the summer months!

We are working on a new strategic  
plan. In dialogue with families, staff, parishes, SSND,  
boards, and community members, we are analyzing our  
strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities, and proposing  
goals and objectives that will carry us into the future.  
Please support our efforts with your prayers.

Loyola Night at the Moondogs Game, August 7, 7:05  
pm; tailgating at Madison East Mall back parking lot  
at 5:30; call 388-0617 for tickets.

Save the dates and plan to participate in these events  
sponsored by our Booster Club Activities:

July 25 – Golf Tournament

August 2 – Hoopin' on the Hill

August 16 – Mud Run

September 26 – Crusader Bowl (Homecoming)

September 27 – Alumni Golf Tournament/North Links

Needed: Substitute Teachers and Information  
Technology Coordinator for PS-Grade 12; 388-2997.

The SCRIP Program benefits individual families as  
well as the entire Loyola Family; contact JoAnn  
Schlosser for information, 388-0601.

Our main office on the Good Counsel Campus will be  
open from 9 am – 1 pm throughout the summer  
months. For questions, admissions, to schedule a tour,  
please call 388-2997 or Sr. Mary Beth,  
[mbschraml@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:mbschraml@loyolacatholicschool.org)

We are proud to be your parish school and grateful for  
your support. May God continue to bless you all!



**Dear Members of Holy Rosary Parish  
Community,**

Thank you for your prayer, presence, cards and  
gifts on the occasion of my 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee! Your relationships  
are truly treasured. Thank you for being a blessing on my  
life's journey. God bless you.

Gratefully,

Sister Monica Wagner, SSND

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

July 24 – General Meeting

July 26 – Moon Dogs Cancer Benefit

July 30 – Blood Drive



**SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME** - Ice Cream Social  
and Open House – today – July 13 – 1 – 4 pm – Good Counsel  
Campus

**COFFEE FROM GUATEMALA** is available at the Parish  
Office – Regular Ground, Dark Whole Bean,  
Dark Roast Whole Bean - \$10.00/Bag. Stop in!

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS...

**For those who are ill:**

Mary Jane Ledwein, Tom Grausam, Don Haley, Betty  
Kotthoff, , 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, Chuck Grausam,  
Kathy Eggersdorfer, Isaac Kolstad, Nancy Marquardt,  
Gabriel Speckel, Barb Wegscheid, Shannon Murphy,  
Jean Weber

**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	Lavonne Rauchman Family
Tuesday	NO MASS
Wednesday	Rita Townsend Family
Thursday	Shawn & LuAnn Reynolds Family
Friday	Mark & Nicole Meyer Family
Saturday	Tony & Jon Stadtherr Family
Sunday	Bob & Mary McVicker Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 7/6/14

Mon: Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1  
Tues: Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24  
Wed: Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27  
Thurs: Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30  
Fri: Isaiah 38:1-8, 21-22; Matthew 12:1-8  
Sat: Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21  
Sun: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:226-27;  
Matthew 13:24-43

**MEALS ON WHEELS – Drive for a Cause** – every day in  
the Mankato Area 100 older folks miss a meal due to  
immobility or lack of financial or family support – you can  
help; it only takes 1 hour; call 387-5586 for information.