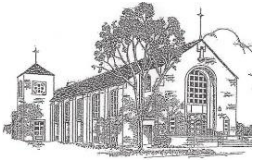


From the Pastor's Desk



*“Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, “First collect the weeds and tie them into bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.”*

*-St. Matthew*

“Weed” is a four letter word when I was growing up. By the middle of July when I was still at home on the farm, we would only be about a third of the way, walking through the soybean fields. It was a veritable cornucopia of weeds that we pulled and hoed.

Before the invention of “Round-up-Ready” soybeans, there was a tremendous abundance of wild mustard that made the soybeans look bright and yellow. There was an equal abundance of thistles, lambs quarter, cockleburs, buffalo burr, milkweeds, creeping jenny, quack grass, volunteer corn, morning glory, and the list goes on and on. Weeds, weeds and more weeds!!!

I always claimed that the birth of my vocation to the priesthood was born in those endless rows of soybeans, filled with weeds. My Dad kept us in the fields from sun-up to sun down until, about August 15<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Assumption of Mary (the Holy Day of Obligation). By that time, the beans were waist or even close to shoulder high and my Dad concluded that we were doing more harm than good. So, like this week’s gospel from St. Matthew, he decided to let those last acres remain with both the beans and the weeds living together until harvest.

It has taken me years to recover from wanting to get rid of every weed I see. I can recall going on my first real summer vacation to Colorado after ordination, and wondering what all of the fuss was about with all of this poor farm land, brush and weeds that tourists were so absorbed in taking pictures. But as the years go by, I have grown more tolerant of weeds. I am discouraging people from pulling milkweeds as that is the natural habitat for

the monarch butterflies that are quickly disappearing.

Believe it or not, last fall I was down in Iowa and saw the neatest blooming plant outside a shop window. The woman told me it was a weed but I still asked if I could get some seeds. I now have two of these unique plants growing in my garden behind the rectory. I pray that I won’t live to regret that decision to plant those weed/seeds.

The parable of the weeds among the wheat is found only in St. Matthew’s gospel. Scholars refer to this passage as an “eschatological parable”. More simply put, it is a parable about the “end of times”. At this point, the world has not yet come to an end, but we are living and existing in the present world. How many times do we see people and situations that we want to “pull out” and eradicate from our lives because they do not hold our values or political views or simply act or dress differently than we do? The Good News is not only that God will deal out justice at the end of time. The Good News is that in our time Christ is both patient and tolerant of the weeds in the world, which includes you and me who are sinners.

Allow me to close with the words of the scripture scholar John Martens who wrote this: *“It seems that in this parable the Church is being cautioned to patience and tolerance with those whom we are just aching to condemn. All of us are in fact a “corpus mixtum”, created good but with proclivities to our own peculiar sins. None of us are wheat without God’s help, and the improper rush to create a pure church, excluding those who do not sin the same way we do, or not think like us, is bound to fail. We must patiently allow God to work in us as we prepare the end of the age.”*

Have a great week of Minnesota summer! Thank you for showing your “Minnesota Nice” to me these past two weeks. I feel very welcomed! See you at Mass!!!

*Rev. Paul van de Crommert*

Prayers and Support for Isaac Kolstad:

I recently spoke to Isaac Kolstad’s mother on the phone to express pastorally our concern and prayers for Isaac and the family. Teresa informed me that Isaac continues to make progress and he is responding more and more, which is wonderful. Let us continue to hold Isaac and his family up during this difficult cross that they are presently bearing. We pray that they will experience resurrection joy of healing. The direct link is:

<http://www.youcaring.com/other/-22strong-for-the-isaac-molly-kolstad-family/177076>.

Annual Mass in the Park – September 7th

Plans are underway for Holy Rosary’s annual “Mass in the Park” that will be held the Sunday after Labor Day weekend on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. Please mark your calendars and pray for nice weather. (I might as pastor even play a song or two!?) A special word of thanks to Jim Theuninck and all who are serving in leadership positions for this event. A planning meeting will be held this Wednesday, July 23rd, at 6:00 P.M. in the Church Lower Hall. We welcome new volunteers to assist. Let’s make this another great and memorable event for Holy Rosary!!!

Knights of Columbus:

Thursday - July 24<sup>th</sup> – THIS WEEK – 7:00 P.M. Rosary  
7:30 PM Meeting  
Saturday – July 26<sup>th</sup> – MoonDog – Cancer Benefit  
Wednesday - July 30<sup>th</sup> – Blood Drive

Discipleship Camps:

Schoenstatt on the Lake will be hosting two camps for young men (Jr./Sr. High) July 20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>, and for young women (Jr./Sr. High) July 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. For more information please call 507-359-2966 or cblickem@dnu.org.

**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	Jack & Jane Kolars Family
Tuesday	NO MASS
Wednesday	Betty Kotthoff Family
Thursday	Fay Fallenstein Family
Friday	Thomas & Judy Simonsen Family
Saturday	Ruth Fitterer Family
Sunday	John & Faye Geurs Family

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 7/20/14**

Mon: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42  
 Tues: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; John 20:1-2, 11-18  
 Wed: Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Matthew 13:1-9  
 Thurs: Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matt. 13:10-17  
 Fri: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28  
 Sat: Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30  
 Sun: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30;  
 Matthew 13:44-52

Liturgical and Events Schedule July 20-27



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

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 – +Leonard Blaschko

Monday, July 21: Weekday

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – +John Wittrock

Tuesday, July 22: St. Magdalene

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

Wednesday, July 23: Weekday

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – +Martin Meidl
- 9:30 am – +Chuck & Iola Orcutt (Hillcrest)
- 6:00 pm – Mass in the Park Planning Meeting  
Church Lower Hall – Anyone  
Interested is welcome to join us!

Thursday, July 24: Weekday

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – +Pearl Skelley & Lydia Valdez
- 10:00 am – +Colleen Bianchi (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, July 25: St. James, Apostle

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – +Lyle & Katherine Pearson

Saturday, July 26: SS. Joachim & Anne, Parents of The Blessed Virgin Mary

- 5:00 pm – Rosary in Church
- 5:30 pm – +Jim Yokiel  
+Bob Frederick

Sunday, July 27: 17<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 – +Leonard Blaschko
- 11:30 am – *Adeline Mae Bauder Baptism*



**LITURGICAL ROLES**

July 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

Lectors

- 5:30 pm: Steve Caron, Dan Gowanlock
- 8:00 am: Dolores Portz, Mike Brumm
- 10:00 am: Marsha Murphy, Tom Koch

Eucharistic Ministers

- 5:30 pm Eileen Wadekamper, Rick Gruber  
Kathy Frederickson, Nicole Hull  
Patrick & Wanda Hull
- 8:00 am: Jim Portz, Michelle Ellingworth  
Gene Brandt, Bernie Bastian  
Kurt & Liz Schroeder
- 10:00 am: Rebecca Gruenes, Kevin Mettler  
Dennis Haga, Deb Stachon  
Mike & Diane O’Dea

Altar Servers

- 5:30 pm: Zachary Eggersdorfer,  
Kahlan Benning, Rolando Flores
- 8:00 am: Josh Calsbeek, Rebecca Mueller  
Carson Fischer
- 10:00 am: Rachel Kohlmeyer, Elaine Adams  
Emma Niederegger

Ushers

- 5:30 pm: Tim Benning, David Kreuzer  
Anne Richardson, Tom Rheaume
- 8:00 am: Craig Amundson, Bill Fasnacht  
Kurt Schroeder, Carl Steffenmeier
- 10:00 am: John Jagerson, Brandon Bernard  
Steve Kaiser, Doug Helget

Presentation of Gifts

- 5:30 pm: Dan Wingert Family
- 8:00 am: Elmer Heirigs Family
- 10:00 am: Mike Warlop Family

Music Ministry

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

Baptismal Blessings:

Our prayers and best wishes go out to Matthew and Julie Merritt on the occasion of Baptism of their daughter “Sienna Marie” who was baptized into the faith at Holy Rosary last weekend. May the Sacrament of Baptism be the beginning of a deep and profound relationship with Christ, His Mother Mary, and Christ’s bride, the Church. Congratulations!!!

Rest in Peace:

Please remember in your prayers the soul of + Margery Ulman who passed away on Monday of this week at Oak Terrace. At the family’s request I offered a private Funeral Mass for the immediate family at Holy Rosary on Thursday morning, with burial at Calvary Cemetery. Margery had been a resident for some time at Oak Terrace. Our sympathy goes out to her husband Charles as well as their two children Linda and Michael. Blessed be her memory.

Installation Mass – August 17th:

On Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, at the 10:00 A.M. Mass, I will be ritually installed as the pastor of Holy Rosary with Bishop LeVoir presiding at that morning Mass. Although my letter of appointment named me pastor at 12:00 P.M. on June 30<sup>th</sup>, (and I have been a pastor for more than 20 years, with never once being installed by a Bishop); Bishop LeVoir is correct in following the Church’s directives in celebrating this Mass and giving his spiritual support to both me as the new pastor and also to you as parishioners by his presence. We are planning to have a social in the social hall after that morning Mass. If you can see it in your heart to come, that would be nice. (*\*I think there is a warranty on pastors that you can return a pastor after 90 days, if he has no scratches and you still have the receipt! Ha!*) Mark your calendars! We would love to see you there!

You Are Invited:

The new Pastoral Center in New Ulm will be holding an “Open House” on August 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M, located at 1421 6<sup>th</sup> Street North (next to the old Pastoral Center). Everyone is invited to attend.

Final Days to Apply – Administrative Position:

In a couple of short weeks we will close the application process for the full-time position to replace Lorraine and Helen. (\* I still would like them to stay but “retirement” is their final answer!) We have received a good number of applications (about 25). I am starting the process of interviews. Our plans are to have the new Administrative Secretary in place by September 1<sup>st</sup>. August 4<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to apply, so it is not too late. Send your application in c/o Fr. Paul van de Crommert, 525 Grant Avenue, N. Mankato, MN. 56003.

Wedding Wishes:

Our prayers and best wishes go out to Jacob Cotew and Rene Zitzmann on the occasion of their wedding which was held this Saturday at Holy Rosary. May their lives together always be always a reflection of Christ’s eternal. May God bless you with an abundance of faith, hope and love!

Stewardship:

July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Year to Date
Adult (143)	\$ 9,907.00	
Electronic Trn.	\$ 3,627.25	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,534.25</b>	<b>\$23,903.25</b>
Junior	\$ 13.75	\$ 27.75
Plate	\$ 391.25	\$ 689.25
Mission	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,993.90
Peter’s Pence	\$ 10.00	\$ 464.00
Catholic Com,	\$ 10.00	\$ 451.00
Good Friday	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,656.35

GRAND TOTAL: \$13,534.25

**\*\*\*\* Four Stewardship Stars!!!**

We surpassed our budget needs of \$12,015.00 this week! This weekend we will return to passing the stewardship baskets to encourage everyone to give some offering to the Lord.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**