



From the Pastor's Desk

“And just as Moses lifted up the serpent, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.”

-St. John

This weekend we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Of all of the relics of the Church, perhaps the most revered is of course the remnants of wood of the “True Cross”. I have had the privilege of seeing a relic of the true cross many times in the sacristy while attending seminary. It was a great meditation to think that this small splinter of wood would have had a share in the great moment of redemption on that “first” Good Friday. Likewise, what a meditation the Holy Eucharist is too, for we come to Mass to receive in our hand and on our lips the very one who we claim to be the Son of God, the Savior of the world!

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is a special feast for me personally. Having spent time at the seminary that was run by the Crosier Fathers and Brothers, this feast was for the Crosier Order, their primary feast day. Regardless of what day it was, the Feast of the Holy Cross was a free day for the students. We had a Mass with the choir singing (of which I was a member), a brunch, some fun sport activities in the afternoon and some type of pizza or ice-cream party in the evening.

But the day was not about “freedom”, it was about “faith”. If there was any prayer that we all learned from the Crosiers it was this: *“We adore you oh Christ and we praise you, because by your Holy and glorious Cross you have redeemed our world.”* (*If you attend the Stations of the Cross, these words might sound very familiar to you as well.) The Crosiers had on their habit, and over their heart, the Crosier cross that was a simple red and white cross on a black background. That cross was proclaiming to themselves and to the world that Christ’s cross is the most important symbol and sign of our salvation.

Today’s First Reading from the Book of Numbers as well as today’s Gospel account from St. John go together like the horizontal and vertical bars of the cross of Christ. For in the First Reading, the people have betrayed God and are brought back to healing when they look at the bronze serpent that is fashioned by Moses under the direction of Almighty God. Then, in today’s Gospel account, our Blessed Lord recalls this very passage of scripture from the Old Testament as He is speaking to His friend Nicodemus.

In a good way, the Blessed Lord tells Nicodemus that He is a “snake”. Now, normally, if someone tells you that “You are a snake!” this is not complimentary. But in keeping with the spirit of the cross and its contradiction, the words of Christ are very complimentary when it comes to Good News! *For the Lord is stating that just as Moses, the Father of the Israelite people, lifted up the serpent in the desert to heal the people physically; so too must God the Father, lift up the Savior in the desert of sin to heal the people spiritually.* What a beautiful analogy as how something so contradictory could be so complimentary and so Christ-like!

The Church has recently instructed the Universal Church that the Cross in the sanctuary and in the procession should not be of a risen Christ or a bare cross but of the ONE, who was crucified for the sake of us sinners. How blessed we are at Holy Rosary, that we have both of these beautiful crosses the procession and the sanctuary for our meditation and edification at the weekend Masses. May we take a moment this week to reflect and meditate on the “scandal” of the cross as well as its “sacredness”. Have a wonderful week! Thank you for coming to our liturgy!!!

-Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor

Stewardship of Treasure	
Adult (143)	\$ 13,505.00
Electronic Giving	3,259.00
Junior	24.05
Plate	273.45
School Rent	1,137.00
Mission	60.00
Mass in Park Lunch Free Will Donation	323.00
Target “Take Charge of Education”	176.70
Religious Education Tuition	355.00
Grand Total	\$ 19,113.20
<i>*(Our weekly budget is set at \$12,253.00)</i>	

STEWARDSHIP

We had another “GREAT” week of stewardship! We knocked out our budgeted goal by several thousand dollars in just one week’s time. The credit goes to you for your great generosity these past weeks since the start of the fiscal year. But stewardship is not just the work of the parishioners, but also of the priests and of our councils to insure that the monies that are given are being properly spent. Thank you for your great spirit of giving through your time, talent and treasure! God bless you!

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY – THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we recognize the women and men of our parish who give so generously of both their time and talent through their willingness to teach religious education classes to our young people. Having taught for decades the Confirmation program as well as other religion classes as a seminarian and as an associate priest and pastor, I can tell you first-hand, it involves a lot of preparation and a great time commitment. Yet, I have missed teaching in those years that I did not have my own class.

I want to publicly thank Maggie Bennett for her unwavering sacrifice as our Faith Formation Director for these past 27 years as well as Sue Cashman, (Maggie’s secretary) for all of her support in the program as well.

Most of all, on behalf of Holy Rosary parish I extend to our catechists, Catholic School teachers and those involved in our youth program (on this Catechetical Sunday) a word of thanks and praise for saying “Yes!” and stepping forward in faith. May you teach with “zeal”, may your students learn with “joy” and may this year of study draw us all closer to Christ, His Holy Eucharist and His bride, the Church! Thank you one and all!!!

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



(II) Kevin Fritz and Molly Robinson – September 27, 2014, Wedding Mass - Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

(III) Charles P. Lyons and Jeanette T. Komer – September 19, 2014, Wedding Service – Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

WELCOME!!

Our parish family of Holy Rosary continues to grow at a wonderful rate!!!! In the past few weeks we registered another NINE households or another 20 NEW MEMBERS!!! This is GREAT! If you see someone at Mass, that you do not recognize, please make sure to go up and say “Hi” after Mass and as you are leaving our worship space! People will come back to Mass if they feel welcome, even more than for the style of worship!!! The new families are as follows:

- 1.) Luke and Mandy McCann from North Mankato.
- 2.) Margaret Mueller from Mankato.
- 3.) Frank and Stacy Rutt and “Cooper”, from North Mankato.
- 4.) Mrs. Brittany (Keith) Rogers and “Keagan” from St. Peter.

- 5.) Marc and Kaitlin Weber and “Andrea” from North Mankato.
 - 6.) Tim and Chastity Senesac and “Logan” from N. Mankato.
 - 7.) Bernard and Jenny Jandera and “Natalie” and “Allison” from North Mankato.
 - 8.) Mercedes Esteban –Kvamme from North Mankato.
 - 9.) JoNell Ruth-Kvamme from North Mankato.
- We are so happy that you have joined Holy Rosary!
Welcome home!!!

OUTDOOR MASS – THANK YOU!

What a crowd we had last Sunday out at Wheeler Park! What a wonderful liturgy to return to after being gone on vacation out west! It was wonderful to see so many of our young people. The day was nearly perfect, except perhaps for the wind!!! Wow! As I said at Mass, it felt a bit like Pentecost Sunday!

But in spite of the wind, we had a wonderful day and it was so nice that the majority of you stayed to have fellowship and share a picnic in these final moments of summer. We served more than 400 people for the picnic! (*But let us be honest, it already feels like fall, doesn’t it?)

Thank you to all of you that worked behind the scenes and helped both in setting up and taking down, assisted with the liturgy and the luncheon, or helped in any other way.

It was nice to hear so many favorable comments about the liturgy and the gathering. There is no doubt that we will plan for this liturgy again next year! Thanks again!

FINANCE COUNCIL AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

Please note in our events column that we will be meeting this week on Monday and Wednesday. Monday, the Finance Council meets at 7:00 P.M. and Worship Committee meets Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. We will be meeting in the conference room in the school and not in the parish social hall in the church as previously discussed. Agendas and materials will be handed out at the time of the meeting. We hope to see you all there.



Holy Rosary is now on Facebook. Please check out the site and “Like us” – follow the link from our website.



If you lost a set of keys on Wednesday, Sept 10, please stop by the parish office to pick up.



This weekend we welcome 3 children into the waters of Baptism. Our prayers and best wishes go out to these three newest members of our ever-growing parish family of Holy Rosary! These three special families include ...

- 1.) Shay Marie, daughter of Chris & Sara Schweiss
- 2.) Keagen Lee, son of Keith & Brittany Rogers
- 3.) Cooper William, son of Frank & Stacy Rutt

May the waters of Baptism be the beginning of a life-time relationship with Jesus Christ and His bride, the Church! God bless you all on this sacred and important spiritual day!

PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR ISAAC KOLSTAD AND ALL OF OUR SICK AND INJURED

We pray for all that are sick and injured either physically, emotionally or spiritually that they will experience the Good News of Christ's healing love. We continue to pray in a special way for Isaac Kolstad and his family and his recovery. The direct link for Isaac Kolstad is: <http://www.youcaring.com/other/-22strong-for-the-isaac-molly-kolstad-family/177076>.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN RUMMAGE SALE

Holy Rosary Annual Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, October 10th from 8:00 am. to 2:00 pm. The time of set-up will be on Thursday, October 9th beginning at 9:00 am. You are welcome to drop off items at the entrances of the church and if you are able to take them downstairs to the lower social hall. You are also welcome to stop by the office during the week and we will allow you to get into the church. (*The women ask that you would not donate any computers, televisions, microwaves or car seats. These can be donated to Again Thrift and More.) *Also, due to insurance purposes, no electrical appliances of any sort can be accepted from toasters to blenders to hairdryers.

As pastor, I have been cleaning out things from my personal items as well as an abundance of parish items. I already have eight large boxes ready for C.C.W. Giving is a great feeling! How about some fall clean up in your home and garage! You don't need bigger closets! We just need fewer items!

The C.C.W. Annual Salad Luncheon will be held on October 16th. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!



LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

I am constantly amazed at all the good things going on in our parish school. The children are actively engaged in learning in an environment that grounds them in the faith. As you may know we are in the process of developing a strategic plan to chart Loyola's future. All are welcome to come to the Good Counsel Campus on Monday October 6th at 7:00 pm. Stop and see the newly renovated chapel. Proceed to the Cafeteria to see the new look and to learn about the first draft of the strategic plan. Stop in the gym to give your input and thoughts on each goal and strategy. We believe that the widest possible consultation will tap the wisdom of the community. *Father Schneider - President-Chaplin - Loyola Catholic School*. Also, Save the Date: Crusader Bowl - Friday, September 26th Starting at 5:00. Wired To The Heart - Friday, November 14th MSU Ballroom. Loyola Barnes & Noble Book Fair - Saturday, December 6th. Primary Christmas Program - December 18th.

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. 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 pm in the Parish Center Choir Room. Any questions contact Kathy Jo Johns, 387-4934 or kjowall@chartermi.net.



Bible Study will resume on Monday, September 15, at 9:15 am (after Mass). Anyone is welcome. We are studying the Gospel of Mark and using a book by Mary Healy from the Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture series. Books can be ordered for new participants. We will continue to meet in Conference Room 1. Questions? Call Sr. Mary Anne at the Parish Office.

SACRED SPACE MINISTRY

Autumn Weekend of Prayer – Friday 7:00 pm, October 3 to Saturday 4:00 pm October 4, 2014. Presented by Sisters Mary Kay Gosch and Mary Jo Welter. “There is a time for everything and a season for everything.” This Weekend includes time for reflection, sharing, input, space and time. Begin this season by pausing – *fall* into the living, loving God! Allow peace and quiet to restore, refresh and reinvigorate you. **Sacred Space Ministry, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato.** Fee: \$80, includes meals and accommodations. Adjustment made for commuters. Please register by September 29, 2014.

mjwelter@ssndcp.org or 507-389-4266.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE



40 Days for Life Prayer outside Planned Parenthood: The fight for recognition of the humanity of the unborn is primarily a spiritual battle. Holy Rosary has been asked to help provide a constant prayer presence outside the clinic on 201 N. Victory Drive on Thursday, September 25 and Sunday, October 26. We are in need of volunteers who will commit to praying for 1 hour on either or both of those days on the sidewalk across from the clinic. We will be praying between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm. This is a prayer vigil not a demonstration or protest. You may sign up at 40daysforlife.com/mankato or call Nancy Fasnacht at 507-317-2095, the Vigil Coordinator. To keep the vigil going without a break in hours, you can sign up on other days if that works better in your schedule. If you can't volunteer, please pray during these days September 24-November 4.

K OF C COUNCIL #5551 NEWS

September 20 – Highway Clean-Up
September 25 – General Meeting
September 27 – Tent Crew Party



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, Lisa LaPoint Leland, Monica Haack, David Bruender, Marilyn Bastian, Isaac Kolstad

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 Ron Schimek Family
Tuesday NO MASS
Wednesday Michael & Alicia Kunkel Family
Thursday Wallace & Kathy Johns Family
Friday Robert Curran Family
Saturday Adele Jacobs Family
Sunday Daron & Ann Fromm Family

Readings for the Week

Mon: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; John 19:25-27
Tues: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; Luke 7:11-17
Wed: 1 Corinthians 12:31, 13:13; Luke 7:31-35
Thurs: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 7:36-50
Fri: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3
Sat: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15
Sun: Isaiah 55:6-9; Philipp 1:20c-24, 27a; Matt 20:1-16a

The Week Ahead

Sunday, September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30 am – Rosary in Church
8:00 am – +Mary Depuydt
9:30 am – Rosary in Church
10:00 am – +Sebastian & Gloria Lena
 +Emmanuel Anthonisamy

10:00 am – Baptisms following Mass

Monday, September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows

8:10 am – Rosary in Church
8:30 am – +John Wittrock
9:15 am – Bible Study – Conference Room 1
7:00 pm – Finance Council Meeting – Conf Rm 1

Tuesday, September 16: Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:10 am – Rosary in Church
8:30 am – Liturgy of the Word/Comm. Service
4:50 pm – Serra Club Mass – Ahearn Residence – Fr. Paul attends

6:00 pm – Hospitality Mtg – Church Social Hall

Wednesday, September 17: Weekday

8:10 am – Rosary in Church
8:30 am – +Lyle & Katherine Pearson
6:00 pm – Virtus Training – Parish Center
7:00 pm – Worship Committee – Conference Room 1

Thursday, September 18: Weekday

8:10 am – Rosary in Church
8:30 am – +Norbert Gag
6:00 – 9:00 pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, September 19: Weekday

8:10 am – Rosary in Church
8:30 am – +Helen Wanzek
5:30 pm – Wedding Service – Charles Lyons & Jeanette Komer

Saturday, September 20: Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

9:30 am – 2014 Loyola Scholarship Breakfast (Fr. Paul attends)

5:00 pm – Rosary in Church
5:30 pm – +Louis & Barbara Wieseler

Sunday, September 21: 25th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

7:30 am – Rosary in Church
8:00 am – +Alvin, Babe, Jack Gosch
9:30 am – Rosary in Church
10:00 am – +People of the Parish
10:00 am Mass – 4:30 pm – Confirmation Retreat

Liturgical Roles – September 20-21

Lectors

5:30 pm: Carolyn McGowan & Marsha Murphy
8:00 am: Dolores Portz & Michelle Fischer
10:00 am: Tom Koch & David Lamm

Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 pm Maggie Bennett, Dan Gowanlock
Eileen Wadekamper, Steve Caron
Mary Caron, Mary Beth Nygaard
8:00 am: Craig Amundson, Michelle Ellingworth
Cathy Neve, Gene Brandt
Kurt & Liz Schroeder
10:00 am: Kathy Ulman, Rebecca Gruenes
Jackie Cesario, Mark Traxler
Paul Stevens, JoAnn Borchert

Altar Servers

5:30 pm: Jonathan Hull, Tyler Cromwell
Rolando Flores
8:00 am: Danny Dollins, Carson Fischer
Ben Calahan
10:00 am: Rachael Kohlmeyer, Elaine Adams
Emma Niederegger

Ushers

5:30 pm: Ann Richardson, David Kreuzer
Bob Meyer, Tom Rheume
8:00 am: Jim Levandowski, Bill Fasnacht
Gary Zellmer, Kurt Schroeder
10:00 am: Jim Barker, Brandon Bernard
Bill & Pat Fetter

Presentation of Gifts

5:30 pm: Ray & Nora Bruce Family
8:00 am: Linda Olson Family
10:00 am: Tim Adams Family

Music Ministry

5:30 pm: Julie Gruber/Janelle Campeau
8:00 am: Corinne Ort/Jeanne Makela
10:00 am: Kathy Jo Johns, Nancy Evans/Jeanne

Prayer Chain:

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