



*“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come.”*

*-St. Matthew*

All of us have known the first-hand, heart-wrenching disappointment when we have prepared for a great event and the people cannot come. Personally, I can remember many of those frustrating times.

I can recall being a young pastor and having everything ready for the Christmas Eve Mass, from the decorations, to the choir, to the servers being trained for Mass. Then, the prairie wind picked up and it started to snow and I struggled to get to the evening Mass myself. Only a handful of brave choir members showed up and a couple of servers, but the people largely were not able to come due to the weather.

I recall years ago starting a tradition of having some of the family over for New Year’s Day dinner. The table was set, the food was ready, and one by one family called and decided against attending as the weather simply would not cooperate as they did not dare to drive on icy roads.

My youngest sister was married on December 28<sup>th</sup>, years ago. December is never a good time to get married in Minnesota, and this statement proved to be true; especially for my sibling’s wedding. I performed the ceremony, which was quite small. It became so cold with sub-zero temperatures that cars would not start and the band decided not to even come to the dance.

***Foul weather is one thing, foul attitudes is another. For in today’s Gospel from St. Matthew, the reason why the people do not come to the prince’s wedding feast is not because they “cannot”; rather it is because they “will not”. This is a huge spiritual difference.***

This parable is of course highly symbolic. The “King” in this parable is “God”. The “Son” is of course “Jesus Christ”. The “wedding feast” is the “Kingdom of Heaven” on earth, through the proclamation of the Good News as well as heavenly glory. The “people who refuse” the wedding invitation are those in our midst who are baptized and have been invited to the Feast of the Holy Eucharist as well as sharing in the Kingdom of God, but “refuse to come as a result of sin and selfishness”. In the end, the King punishes those that do not come to the wedding. Similarly, Christ will come to judge the living and the dead and punish those who have refused to share in the celebration of salvation.

Do I refuse Christ the King’s invitation to share in the feast of the Holy Eucharist every week? Do you think that Christ is pleased with our spiritual decisions in 2014? Do I refuse the opportunities to proclaim the Kingdom of God in the smallest of ways by daily prayer or simply smiling or greeting someone I see on the street? ***The Kingdom of God***

*is already here and we are invited to share in its spiritual joy. If we do not respond to the invitation of Christ’s love now, can we be certain that we will share in that same love for all eternity? May the Kingdom of God be in you and your hearts more and more in the week ahead. May God bless you!*

**Rev. Paul van de Crommert**  
**Pastor**

<b>Stewardship of Treasure</b>	
Adult (164)	\$ 8,553.33
Electronic Giving	1,017.25
Junior	34.01
Plate	318.00
Building Rent	300.00
<u>Religious Education Donation</u>	<u>130.00</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,352.59</b>
<b>*(Our weekly budget is set at \$12,750.00)</b>	

**STEWARDSHIP**

Although our collection last weekend did not make budget, there is still cause for celebrating your generous stewardship. For when comparing, this past week’s collection on 10/5/14 to last year’s offering on 10/6/13, this year’s total was more than \$3,300.00 higher in just one week than last year! That’s just GREAT! Thank you so much for your increased giving!



**MASS TIME CHANGE?**

There have been some questions raised regarding changing the Saturday evening Mass time from 5:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Therefore, we will be putting the question to the vote of the congregation to see what the general consensus of the parish is. This weekend, October 11-12 and next weekend, October 18-19, there will be voting slips that can be filled out with your opinion. You can either put them in the collection basket or mail them to the parish office. Thank you for your input!

**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN SALAD LUNCHEON AND BAKE SALE**

The C.C.W. Annual Salad Luncheon will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The women will be hosting a bake sale and raffle as well. The cost of the luncheon will be \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Volunteers are also needed to make the luncheon a success. Please call Sharon Lenz to volunteer your time and talent at 625-4566! Thank you!

**COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS / MEAL**



The tradition at Holy Rosary is to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick in the fall along with a Mass and a potluck supper that will follow. The date has been set for Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning with a 4:00 pm Mass. Communal anointing will take place during the Mass. Food can be

delivered to the church kitchen before Mass. You may also choose to come to the Mass but not stay for supper. \*You are strongly encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to receiving the grace of this sacrament. I will be in the confessional on the 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 3:30 pm. Please mark your calendars.

**GREEN WITH GRATITUDE**

There is no doubt that if you have been coming to Mass you may have noticed that much of our shrubs, rose bushes, etc. are being pulled and removed. Many of them have suffered from harsh winters and equally age. We are most grateful to Thomas Rieff and his crew from "Green Care" for all their volunteer efforts and also for the donation of new plants that will be planted later this fall. They will be also working on the lawns and adding more black dirt. It will look beautiful when it is done and we are most grateful for this tremendous act of stewardship for our parish of Holy Rosary! Thank You SO MUCH!



**THANK YOU WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

We recently had a wonderful two hour meeting of our newly formed Worship Committee. (\*The minutes will be published in the near future in this bulletin.) One of the points we decided on is to expand our decorations for the



fall season. Many thanks to the three women that helped from the committee getting things decorated last Sunday afternoon. Thank you too, to the many favorable comments from you who have been attending the Masses during the week. (\*We are proud at how well it turned out and even prouder that most of the items were donated and we spent less than \$50.00!) Enjoy!

**VACATION RAFFLE – SAVE THE DATE**



The Vacation Raffle will be held on Thursday, November 20, 2014. Tickets are \$50 (just a tank of gas!). The evening includes a delicious turkey dinner for two, beer, wine & popcorn as well as a silent auction. Tickets are available from the Pastoral & Finance Council members. Lots of Vacation Cash could be yours – plan to attend!!

**PRIVATE RETREAT**

Each year, the Church requires a priest to make a retreat at some time for about a week. The year is quickly spinning by and we will soon be entering the busy holiday season. So, I will be leaving after Mass on Monday morning for a few days away by myself, meet up with my spiritual director/confessor and return by Saturday, in time for the weekend liturgies. I ask for your prayers that my travels will be safe.

**THANK YOU – ALTAR SERVERS!**

Thank you to nearly 40 servers that attended our server meeting and party last Wednesday evening along with Deacon Russ, Sister Adelyn and myself as pastor. It was wonderful to see such a nice group of young people. It is so important for us to meet, to note some of the liturgical changes that we are making at this time, and also to celebrate with food and a faith gift, your generous sharing of your time and talent at Christ's altar. Thank you too, to the parents for allowing your son/daughter to be at this gathering and for your support in them serving at the weekend liturgies. God bless!



**THANK YOU!**

"I was hungry and you gave me to eat." Thank you to all of you that have been so generous these past weeks regarding my physical sustenance. Thank you for the sweet breads, deserts, jellies, fresh garden produce, fruit, etc., that I have been receiving these past weeks. I really appreciate the food, but even more the thoughtfulness that is behind it. Thank you so much for thinking of me.



*Fr. Paul van de Crommert*

**The Week Ahead**

**Sunday, October 12: 28<sup>th</sup> 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
- 8:00 am - noon – KC Pancake Breakfast – Church Social Hall**
- 10:00 am – Confirmation Commitment Sunday**

**Monday, October 13: Weekday**

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – Mass - +Janet Nelson
- 9:15 am – Bible Study – Conference Room 1**
- 9:30 am – Father Leaves for Retreat**
- 6:30 pm – “The 13<sup>th</sup> Day” DVD – Church**

**Tuesday, October 14: Weekday**

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – Holy Communion Service

**Wednesday, October 15: Saint Teresa of Jesus,**

**Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – Holy Communion Service
- 4 pm, 6 pm, 7:15 pm – NO Faith Formation**

**Thursday, October 16: Weekday**

- 9:30 am – Holy Communion Service – Oak Terrace**
- 10:30 am – 1:00 pm – CCW Bake Sale/Salad Luncheon – Church/Social Hall**
- 6:00 – 9:00 pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Friday, October 17: Saint Ignatius of Antioch,**

**Bishop and Martyr**

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – Holy Communion Service

**Saturday, October 18: Saint Luke, Evangelist**

- 5:00 pm – Rosary in Church
- 5:30 pm – Mass – +Edwin Goettlicher

**Sunday, October 19: 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time**

- 7:30 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:00 am – Mass – People of the Parish
- 9:30 am – Rosary in Church
- 10:00 am – Mass – +Francis Weingartz
- 10:00 am – Bob & Deb Stachon 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

**PRAYER CHAIN**

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



**Liturgical Roles – October 18-19**

**Lectors**

- 5:30 pm:** Dan Gowanlock & Marsha Murphy
- 8:00 am:** Caroline McGowan & Linda Olson
- 10:00 am:** Tim McGowan & Chris Cain

**Eucharistic Ministers**

- 5:30 pm** Maggie Bennett, Gretchen Etzell  
Brian Eggersdorfer, Rick Gruber  
Mary Beth Nygaard, Steve Caron
- 8:00 am:** Terri Compton, Arlyce Anderson  
Cathy Neve, Michelle Ellingworth  
Paul Stevens, Jim Theuninck
- 10:00 am:** Jackie Cesario, Mark Traxler  
Mike & Diane O’Dea  
Dennis Haga, Sherry Henrickson

**Altar Servers**

- 5:30 pm:** Jonathan Hull, Jolee Slechta
- 8:00 am:** Danny Collins, Carson Fischer  
Tony Weber
- 10:00 am:** Haily Barker, Elaine Adams, Abi Lang

**Ushers**

- 5:30 pm:** Tom Rheaume, Anne Richardson  
Bob Meyer, David Kreuzer
- 8:00 am:** Carl Steffensmeier, Chris Sturm  
Bill Fasnacht, Craig Amundson
- 10:00 am:** Bob Wegscheid, Chuck Schoettler  
Kevin Mettler, Steve Fink

**Presentation of Gifts**

- 5:30 pm:** Ryan & Jennifer Spaude Family
- 8:00 am:** Jess & Brenda Kelly Family
- 10:00 am:** Francis Weingartz Family

**Music Ministry**

- 5:30 pm:** Tom Bachmann/Jeanne Makela
- 8:00 am:** Lori Christiansen/Vicki Galli
- 10:00 am:** Kathy Jo Johns, Nancy Evans/Jeanne Makela



**SPECIAL FILM EVENT – “THE 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY”**

There will be a showing of the 90 minute DVD video “The 13<sup>th</sup> Day”, a film by Ian & Dominic Higgins. It is a beautifully made rendition of the apparitions of our Lady at Fatima. The DVD will be shown on Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Holy Rosary Church. All are welcome!

**RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

The theme for the 2014 Respect Life Month is “Each of Us is a Masterpiece of God’s Creation”. When God created each of us, He did so with precision and purpose, and He looks on each of us with love that cannot be outdone in intensity or tenderness. *“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”* Pope Francis’ Day for Life Greeting. No matter how the world might view us or others, let us treat each person as the “masterpiece” that he or she is.



**K OF C COUNCIL #5551 NEWS**

- October 23 – General Meeting
- October 29 – Living Rosary
- October 31-November 1 – Retreat – Sleepy Eye



Fellow Knights – Please join other fellow Knights from our council to pray for an end to abortion as part of the **40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil**. Every Tuesday evening from 6-7 pm at 201 North Victory Drive, Mankato.

**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 at 201 N. Victory Drive, Mankato on Sunday,

October 26. We are in need of volunteers who will commit to praying for 1 hour 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](http://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 from now until November 4 when the official vigil concludes.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

(II) Nathan Armstrong and Christine Lothert – October 25, 2014, Wedding Service - Holy Rosary Catholic Church.



**R.C.I.A. (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)**

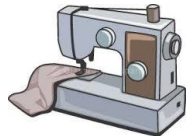
Again this year, Holy Rosary is providing the opportunity for people who might be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and exploring the option of becoming a Roman Catholic. The role of R.C.I.A. is to answer your questions about the Catholic Church and also the possibility of becoming a Roman Catholic at the Easter Vigil in the spring of 2015.

By expressing interest, you assume no obligation or commitment. You may be married to a Roman Catholic or simply have had a desire to learn more about the Catholic Church. Many times grown children have left the Church and are no longer practicing the faith. Some people who have drifted from the Church find that R.C.I.A. is a wonderful way to come back into the Church and into full communion!

Feel free to call Holy Rosary Parish Office at 387-6501 if you have interest. If there is sufficient interest, we will begin a class later this fall. Spread the word!

**CCW THANK YOU**

The Council of Catholic Women is grateful to the family of **Mary Depuydt** for donating money to purchase new sewing machines for the sewing room. As a faithful member of the CCW sewing group for many years, Mary spent countless Wednesday afternoons during the school year sharing her time and talent with the sewing ladies. The sewing room, located in the basement of the parish center, now has two new sewing machines purchased in Mary’s memory. Thank you to her family for remembering Mary in this very special way!



**RECTORY REPAIR – THANK YOU!**

Again, I wish to thank all those that helped with my move into the rectory this past summer, especially the Knights of Columbus. At the same time I want to say a special word of thanks to Charlie Shamp who spent many hours painting as well as to Bill Fasnacht who has spent so many days repairing and restoring so many things throughout the rectory. There is still some work to do, but we are nearing the end for now. Thank you for what you have done ...and for what we still need to do! Thanks again!



**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS...**

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

Our prayers continue to go out to Isaac Kolstad as well as 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 IN THE MILITARY**

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| 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**

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| <b>Monday</b>    | Dan & Tracy Makela Family          |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | No Mass                            |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | No Mass                            |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | No Mass                            |
| <b>Friday</b>    | No Mass                            |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Gregory & Laurie Cottingham Family |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | James & Carrie Schill Family       |

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

Mary Jane Ledwein, Tom Grausam, Don Haley, Jan Schmidt, Doris Lorentz, Bill Goettlicher, Lenore Sweers, Dolores Spreter, Ann Vetter, Richard Flynn, Jr., Krystal Portz, Lydia Meehling, Jan Brumm, Steve Fitterer, Kathy Eggersdorfer, Jean Weber, Nancy Marquardt, Gabriel Speckel, Shannon Murphy, Harriet Senesac, Lisa LaPoint Leland, Monica Haack, David Bruender, Marilyn Bastian, Betty Kotthoff, Isaac Kolstad

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

- Diocesan United Fund (D.U.F.), Diocesan Priest Pension Fund/ Medical Care and Diocesan Audit:  
DUE: \$78,103.92  
Pd. To Date \$19,525.98
- Annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal (D.M.A.)  
(\*This is taken up this fall)  
DUE: \$27,708.85  
Pd. to Date: \$0.00
- Loyola Catholic School Assessment:  
DUE: \$238,000.00  
Pd. to Date: \$20,500.00

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Total Assessments 2014-2015: \$ 343,812.77  
Total Paid to Date 2014-2015: \$ 40,025.98

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**Readings for the Week**

- Mon:** Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31; 5:1; Luke 11:29-32  
**Tues:** Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41  
**Wed:** Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46  
**Thurs:** Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54  
**Fri:** Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7  
**Sat:** 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9  
**Sun:** Isiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21



**LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

Loyola is a member of the *Minnesota Independent School Fund*. Did you know that over 68,000 students in Minnesota attend private schools? Imagine how much taxes would go up if all those students were in the public schools! At the last "head of school" gathering, we were reminded that we offer something the public schools do not.

As one speaker at the conference pointed out: "Do you want your children to be educated so they can get into Harvard or to get into Heaven?" Loyola offers both.

You can be proud that your parish has a Catholic school for those who want their children to have an education that includes the spiritual dimension. All our teachers are certified and committed to the education of the whole person which includes the spiritual dimension. Our children are grateful for parish support for Loyola

**HOLY ROSARY FINANCE COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2014**

The Holy Rosary Finance Council met on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014, with nearly all of the members in attendance. Following prayer, Father gave a brief "Pastor's Report". The new Administrative Secretary, Mary Homan has been hired and has been on the job for several weeks. She is doing an excellent job in spite of the newness of the position. Father hopes to meet every other month and have regular meetings as required by the Bishop and the Diocese of New Ulm. (\*A minimum of four meetings are required by Diocesan policy.) Father stressed the need to increase revenue and also to decrease expenses now and in the future in order to stay ahead.

The administrative secretary reviewed financial figures. A month and a half into the new fiscal year, revenue is up from a year ago and expenses are somewhat down. Mary will be making adjustments to the accounting system. Some internal controls are being worked on at this time with Father and with the staff in the future.

Father discussed with the Finance Council specifically their consultative role. The council also plays an important advisory role that Father will utilize in the years ahead.

The auditors spent a full day reviewing the past fiscal year of 2013-2014. The audit is a recent requirement from the Diocese of New Ulm (established several years ago by the Priest's Council) when a pastor leaves a parish and a new pastor arrives. The firm that audited the books was CliftonLarsonAllen LLP out of New Ulm. A complete report will be sent to the Bishop, the head of the Diocesan Finance Office and to Father van de Crommert to be reviewed with the Finance Council and the trustees. A member of the firm and the Diocese will present the report to the council upon its completion and to answer questions and address procedures.

Father will be issuing letters of appointment to the Finance Council with staggered terms as required by the Bishop and the policies of the Diocese. E-mail addresses were also obtained.

Concerns were addressed about the electronic giving and that no electric contributions are given on the fifth weekends of the month when they occur. Mary informed the council that only estimates had been presented in the bulletin for four weeks, but no actual figures. The parish will now be going to on-line banking and will report each week what was exactly received and not an estimated amount as was done in the past.

Father proposed the hiring of a part-time choir director. The council unanimously supported this hire. Salary was discussed. Father reviewed the Diocesan directives regarding "stole fees" at the time of a wedding, a baptism,

and a funeral. The amounts were adjusted and the council felt they were equitable. These monies largely go to the parish and not to the priest. The council also supported starting a children's collection to get the young children more involved at Mass.

Father reviewed the basic repairs being done on the rectory: including a new washer/dryer, electrical updates, necessary plumbing as plumbing did not work in upstairs bathrooms, painting, etc. Father expressed gratitude for the many hours of volunteer help he has already received.

Issues regarding expenditures were addressed in keeping with the auditors and the policies of the Diocese of New Ulm. More will be discussed on this matter following the audit report.

Report on investments was also discussed.

The next scheduled meeting has been set for October 20, 2014. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer.

**HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA**

**RAKE THE TOWN 2014  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

Experience the satisfaction of helping others. Organize a volunteer group and rake for homeowners who are unable to accomplish the task on their own. Great food, door prizes and the opportunity to have fun with some very positive people. The event starts at 9 am and concludes with VINE's famous chili lunch.



Sign up online at [www.vinevolunteers.com](http://www.vinevolunteers.com) to volunteer! Please contact VINE if you have any questions at 507-387-1666.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



When: October 19<sup>th</sup>, 9am-Noon. Where: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church (632 South Broad St. Mankato). All are welcome for a free will offering pancake breakfast to support the Options for WomenMankato pregnancy resource center that will be opening early in 2015. For more information on Options for Women go to [OptionsMankato.org](http://OptionsMankato.org)