

**From the Pastor’s Desk:**

*“And a voice came from the heavens, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’” -St. Mark*

When the sun sets on Sunday evening of this week, January 11<sup>th</sup>, the Christmas season will end as well. Some years back when I was in Rome in late January, the Christmas decorations that largely consisted of elaborate nativity scenes remained up, according to the pre-council rite, until February 2<sup>nd</sup>. In my own home, I too leave the decorations up until sometime in February, as these dreary days of winter need some brightness and cheer.



As we close out the Christmas season with the “fifth” and “final” feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we again witness something as spiritually spectacular as Christ coming to earth, the wise men visiting the young Jesus, or Mary receiving the lofty title of the Mother of God.

For in today’s gospel from St. Mark, when the Lord is baptized in the Jordan River by his cousin John the Baptist, the skies open up, and a voice from the heavens is heard identifying Jesus as the Son of God.

I can remember when I was first ordained, that there was still a pastoral discussion under way about whether a child should be baptized if the parents were not practicing the faith. Likewise, there were still numerous pastors that were holding off on the Sacrament of Marriage until a couple who were cohabitating would separate.

Today, cohabitation has become the cultural norm and parents bringing their children for Baptism and returning weekly to attend Mass appear in the minority and not the majority. How wonderful, if every time there was a Baptism, the sky would open up and God would say of the newly baptized; *“You are my beloved”*. (It is nice to dream, isn’t it!)

Closing the Christmas season with the “christening of Christ” is spiritually important because as we began this great season with the birth of Christ in bodily form as a baby in Bethlehem, and we conclude the season with the baptism of Christ and the first appearance of the Holy Spirit in the Jordan. Christ is revealed in bodily form at the beginning of Christmas and Christ is revealed in the spirit through the Holy Spirit descending upon him like a dove.

As we conclude the Christmas season, hopefully we can take away more from Christmas than the physical gifts, but rather the spiritual gifts that we need to give ourselves (like Christ) both body and spirit in service to the Church and the proclamation of Good News. May this Christmas season that we say “farewell” to, be a “welcoming” of a deeper faith and belief in the incarnation of the Christ and His Holy Spirit working in our daily lives! One more time, Merry Christmas! Have a great week!

*Rev. Paul van de Crommert, Pastor*

**Stewardship of Treasure**

Adult (126)	\$ 16,362.53
Electronic Giving	1,202.25
Junior	24.27
Plate	247.00
School Rent	635.00
Christmas	110.00
Mary, The Holy Mother of God	1,577.00
Immaculate Conception	4.00
Dividends Received	17.98
Votive Candles	74.71
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 20,254.74</b>

**Stewardship**

Thank you for another week of generous stewardship. With these colder winter months comes higher fuel bills. Thank you for your gifts.

**Steward of Stewardship**

In consultation with the trustees of our parish, as well as upholding the expectations of the Diocese of New Ulm and the audit/review that was recently completed by the auditing firm of CliftonLarsonAllen, as pastor, I have hired Jim Theuninck as our new part-time parish bookkeeper. Jim is well-known in our parish and serves in several volunteer capacities at Holy Rosary. Jim also has a background in finance and parish work, so he has the skill-set that is needed for this position. Finally, Jim is just a nice and friendly guy! As pastor, I tend to generate a great deal of work, and the parish is too large to expect the parish secretary to also cover all of the parish bookkeeping as well. You, the faithful, have given these past months (and again this week) with such a “humbling generosity”. I want to insure you as pastor that your gifts of stewardship are safe-guarded and spent wisely. Welcome Jim to our parish staff.

-Fr. Paul van de Crommert, Pastor

**Outreach Ministry**

In addition to our parish responsibilities, the pastors of the greater Mankato area are also responsible for covering the multiple care facilities that are in this urban area. Each week, many of us are celebrating multiple Masses. In solidarity with one another as pastors, the insert in this week’s bulletin was sent to all of the care facilities in the Mankato area. We believe as priests that having the same, regular priest at these facilities will do more to foster a pastoral relationship with the people that we serve as opposed to coming once every month or so. This letter was sent out at the beginning of 2015, to all of the directors of the various facilities. We felt as pastors that it was important to have the faithful know what we decided and are doing pastorally in this regard.



**The Week Ahead**

**Monday, January 12: Weekday**

8:10 am – Rosary  
 8:30 am – Mass - Ricky Gish†  
 9:15 am – Bible Study  
**11:00 am – Mass (at Good Counsel Campus) -  
 Lyle & Katherine Pearson†**  
**6:30 pm – Church decoration take down**

**Tuesday, January 13: Weekday**

8:10 am – Rosary  
 8:30 am – Holy Communion Service

**Wednesday, January 14: Weekday**

8:10 am – Rosary  
 8:30 am – Mass - Janice Person†  
**1:00 pm - 4:00 pm – Sewing Group -  
 Lower Level Parish Center**  
**4 pm, 6 pm, 7:15 pm – Faith Formation**  
**6-7 pm – Holy Rosary Choir Practice - Choir Room**

**Thursday, January 15: Weekday**

8:10 am – Rosary  
 8:30 am – Mass - Intentions of Elmer & Pat  
 Heirigs Family  
**10:15 – Mass (at Pathstone) - Colleen Bianchi†**  
**6:00 pm - 9:00 pm – Eucharistic Adoration**

**Friday, January 16: Weekday**

8:10 am – Rosary  
 8:30 am – Mass - David Zenk

**Saturday, January 17: St. Anthony, Abbot**

4:30 pm – Sacrament of Confession  
 4:30 pm – Rosary  
 5:00 pm – Mass - Eleanor Tarasovitch†

**Sunday, January 18: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am – Rosary in Church  
 8:00 am – Mass - Joel Dauffenbach†  
 9:30 am – Rosary  
 10:00 am – Mass - People of the Parish  
*Morning Pre-School and Nursery*

**Readings for the Week**

**Mon:** Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20  
**Tues:** Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28  
**Wed:** Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39  
**Thurs:** Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45  
**Fri:** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12  
**Sat:** Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17  
**Sun:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/  
 Jn 1:35-42

**Liturgical Roles – January 17-18**

**Lectors**

**5:00 pm:** Marsha Murphy & Steve Caron  
**8:00 am:** Cathy Neve & Linda Olson  
**10:00 am:** Tim McGowan & Laura Guetter

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**5:00 pm:** Karen Etzell, Brian Eggersdorfer,  
 JoAnn Borchert, Bob Wegscheid,  
 Maggie Bennett, Paul Stevens  
**8:00 am:** Terri Compton, Gene Brandt,  
 Craig Amundson, Mark Traxler,  
 Kurt & Elizabeth Schroeder  
**10:00 am:** Curt Stanke, Dawn Matz, Tom Koch,  
 Sherry Henrickson, Kathy Ulman,  
 John Kuchinka

**Altar Servers**

**5:00 pm:** Jonathan Hull, Larkin Hansen,  
 Emma Niederegger  
**8:00 am:** Dan Collins, Ben Cahalan,  
 Lauren Cahalan  
**10:00 am:** Robbie Miedl, Elizabeth Miedl,  
 Jack Roering

**Presentation of Gifts**

**Confirmation Candidates & Family**

**5:00 pm:** Emmalee Matter Family  
**8:00 am:** Trevor Pengilly Family  
**10:00 am:** Jordan Moore Family

**Ushers**

**5:00 pm:** Tom Rheaume, Anne Richardson,  
 Bob Meyer, Scott Smith  
**8:00 am:** Kurt Schroeder, Chris Sturm,  
 Carl Steffensmeier, Ben Levandowski  
**10:00 am:** Bill & Pat Fetter, Bob Stachon, Steve Fink

**Music Ministry**

**5:00 pm:** Julie Gruber/Jeanne Makela  
**8:00 am:** Lori Christiansen/Vicki Galli  
**10:00 am:** Parish Choir/Elaine Wolf/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 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**

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	

**FOR OUR FAMILIES**

<b>Monday</b>	Jerome & Sherry Thul
<b>Tuesday</b>	No Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dennis & Sue Schmitz
<b>Thursday</b>	Lester & Leola Kopp
<b>Friday</b>	James & Nicole Kachelmeier
<b>Saturday</b>	Richard & Sue Cashman
<b>Sunday</b>	Mark & Pamela Weingartz

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

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



**PRAYER CHAIN**

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



**SINCERE SYMPATHY**

To **Carol Boruff** and **Roy Haefner** on the death of their brother, Wayne "Lefty" Haefner.

To the **family of George Holzerland**.

To the **family of Sarah (Max) O'Hara**.

To **Doris Just**, mother, and **Mark Weingartz**, brother, of Alan Weingartz.

*— May they rest in peace.*

**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!

Stayed tuned for further updates with menu & pricing.

**Bands of Marriage**

Mary Nieman and Lucas Ezarski (1-24-15)

**Welcome to Holy Rosary**

We are blessed to welcome, as the parish family of Holy Rosary, Anthony and Edith Kimathi of North Mankato. Anthony is employed at Oak Terrace and Edith is a stay-at-home mom of their beautiful daughter, Elsie. We are glad that you are with us! Please welcome someone you do not know when you leave Mass each Sunday!

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

- Diocesan United Fund (D.U.F.) Diocesan Priest Pension Fund/ Medical Care and Diocesan Audit::  
DUE: \$78,103.92  
Pd. To Date \$33,682.18
- Annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal (D.M.A.)  
DUE: \$27,708.85  
Pd. to Date: \$42,891.00  
(\*We are currently at 155% of our goal! 55% of these monies [that are already part of our grand stewardship total] will be used to pay off Catholic school and Pastoral Center assessments by June 30, 2015)
- Loyola Catholic School Assessment:  
DUE: \$238,000.00  
Pd. to Date: \$94,333.20

Total Assessments 2014-2015:	\$ 343,812.77
Total Paid to Date 2014-2015:	\$ 171,906.38

**FR. ED ARDOLF ENDOWMENT FUND**

This fund is now at \$129,052.00. 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.

**European Pilgrimage**

Come along on a pilgrimage to Spain, Fatima & Lourdes. The pilgrimage is November 9-19, 2015, and will visit some of the most sacred of all sites in Europe including Barcelona, Montserrat Monastery, Lourdes, Madrid, Avila, Fatima, Lisbon and so much more. Mass will be offered each day in Churches and Cathedrals along the way. The cost of the pilgrimage is \$3,279 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, Immaculate Conception Parish, P.O. Box 658, Cherokee, Iowa, 51012 or call 712-225-4606 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com.

**Children's Program of Northern Ireland**

Open your heart to 10 and 11 year old children from Northern Ireland this summer. Children's Program of Northern Ireland is looking for Host Families for the Summer of 2015. Children will arrive at the end of June for 5 weeks. If your family are someone you know is interested in hosting please contact Karol Baumesiter for more information at (651) 405-1108 or cpni@cpni.org.

**Wanted!**

The Church kitchen is in need of large containers such as ice cream buckets or similar sized containers. Thank you!

**Christmas Clean-up!**

A reminder to our Worship Committee and any others who wish to volunteer, that we will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Monday evening beginning at 6:30 P.M. Many hands make work light. While it is sad to take down the decorations, the Good News is that it is far quicker and easier to take things down rather than set them up. Equally, we will be leaving as many good flowers in the sanctuary (for as long as they last) so that we will not go into "liturgical shock" as we return to Ordinary Time.



**LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

After a very warm Christmas, Loyola students started the new year this chilly Monday morning. End of second quarter date of January 23 is quickly approaching. As a reminder, the first week of our second semester (Jan 26 - Jan 30) is Catholic Schools Week.

Join us as we celebrate the 40th year of National Catholic Schools Week! Our all-school Mass will be on Tuesday, January 27, at 9:30 at St. Joseph the Worker parish. Throughout the week, Loyola will be celebrating with special activities and efforts to reach out to others through Project Community Connect.

**Upcoming Parish Meetings**

The next meetings of our major councils/committees in the New Year and topics will be as follows:



**Pastoral Council** – January 19th at 6:30 P.M.  
(Continue Pastoral Planning) (\*Please note the change in the date!)

**Worship Committee** – January 26th at 6:30 P.M.  
(Review Christmas – Lent Planning)

**Finance Council** – February 9th at 7:00 P.M.  
(Review Diocesan Audit)

All of our meetings will be held in Conference Room I in our former school building.

**K of C Council #5551 News**

January 22 – General Meeting  
February 1 – Pancake Breakfast



**Parking Please!**

One of the physical challenges that several people have been recently expressing to me as pastor has been the issue of parking. Unfortunately, Holy Rosary does not have very much off-street parking and most likely this will be a continuing problem in the near future. Recently, some of our neighbors are expressing concerns that parishioners are blocking sidewalks and driveways, making it difficult for the local residents to get out of their driveways with their vehicles while Mass is underway. Please be sensitive when parking your vehicle before Mass. We will try to address the problem at Worship Committee and the Pastoral Council as to how we can better handle the parking situation in the future.



**Thought for the Week**

*"Let us bring to the world, through our witness, with love, the hope given by faith."*

*-Pope Francis*

**Coffee**

There is coffee in the parish office from our diocesan San Lucas Toliman Mission. We have three kinds: ground, whole bean, and dark roast whole bean. It is \$10 for a 17oz bag. All money from sale goes directly to the mission.

