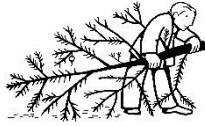


From the Pastor's Desk:

He said to them, "Come and you will see."

-St. John

This week, we return to Ordinary Time after celebrating five major liturgical feasts. So, if you are tired of celebrating liturgically these great feasts, maybe you are looking forward to the green vestments, Ordinary Time and an "ordinary" Mass.



"Ordinary" is not a bad thing. Having moved twice in these past two years, I cannot begin to tell you how much I miss the "ordinary" and the "routine" in my life. It is certainly a nice feeling that after nearly seven months in the assignment the house and office are now in some small semblance of order and familiarity. No doubt, when we were kids, we thought "ordinary" was boring and dull. But as we have matured, we find the "ordinary" things of life both comforting and soothing.

In this weekend's readings I see the pattern of those "ordinary" but also "important" relationships in our daily life come through under the spectrum of friendships. For, upon reflecting on the three readings, there appears to be three levels of "friendships". The first reading addresses the "deep" friendships of our lives, such as between Samuel and Eli. In the second reading from St. Paul, we read of the "dark" friendships created by sin and immorality. Finally, we have the gospel from St. Mark that deals with the "Divine" relationship between Christ and His followers.

Our "ordinary" and everyday relationships and friendships say a lot about us spiritually and how we live out this "ordinary" earthly existence of ours. No doubt, our good parents warned us about not "hanging out" with those who would influence us in a sinful or negative way. Yet, as our parents age and leave the earth, we are required (on our own) to decide if our relationships are spiritually life-giving or life-taking?

Maybe, as we start another year in our Catholic faith experience, we need to re-examine our "extra-ordinary" relationship with Jesus Christ. Do we see our friendship with Christ as just something "ordinary" and "religious" or something that is truly "relational"? Is coming to Mass on Sunday just an act of "faith", or through our prayers and attention on a Sunday morning, are we really trying to develop more and more a personal and special "friendship" with Jesus Christ.

Maybe a good spiritual exercise we can do is through the help of the three readings for this Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Ask yourself this simple but spiritually

challenging question: "Are my relationships deep, dark or divine?" In this year ahead may we strive to be "deeper friends" with the Divine One, Jesus Christ! Have an above average and above ordinary week!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. Paul van de Crommert".

Rev. Paul van de Crommert, Pastor

Stewardship of Treasure

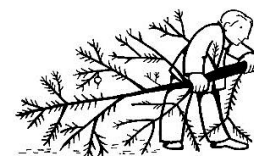
Adult (157)	\$ 10,966.00
Electronic Giving	4,218.00
Junior	39.14
Plate	290.33
Christmas	105.00
Faith Formation Tuition	130.00

Grand Total **\$ 15,748.47**

**(Our weekly budget is set at \$12,750.00)*

Stewardship

Although the Christmas season has passed and we have returned to "Ordinary Time", your offerings are anything but "ordinary". When compared to the same week last year in 2014, your offerings are up in one week's time by more than \$3,500.00. There has been consistent increases each week (excluding 3-4 weeks). This week I paid a heavy Diocesan bill (see other stewardship box). I am pleased to report that we are on target for our Diocesan assessments at this point. I have noticed that, in the past, the parish collected monies for fuel. We will need to take up this collection in the near future as with the cold temperatures, we have had some heavy fuel bills. You are doing great! Thank you for your excellent stewardship!!! God bless!



Christmas Clean-Up Thank You

Last Monday evening, nearly a dozen volunteer men and women (and myself) took down the Christmas decorations in church. We had a great group of workers from the Worship Committee (and beyond) who helped in the take down. In a good two hours we had nearly everything put away. It was decided to keep some of the decorations out to offset the winter blahs. Of course, nearly all of it will be gone when we arrive at Ash Wednesday. Thank you folks for all of your great help last Monday!

**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!

Lenten Retreat

During the season of Lent, SS Peter and Paul Parish in Mankato, MN will offer the **Retreat in Everyday Life**, an eight week prayer experience based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. It is an opportunity to pause, reflect, listen and respond to the voice of God as God speaks to your heart.



During the Retreat, each participant commits to spend some time each day in prayer and to meet weekly to share the past week's grace.

The retreat begins on Tuesday, February 17th, 6:30PM Xavier Hall, the Upper Room – SSPP Parish and ends Tuesday, April 7th.

If you would like to register or would like more information, please call SSPP Parish Office 388-2995 or Frank Cesario at 625-2395.

New Evangelization

Faith and Farming with Deacon Tim Dolan is a 5 to 10 minute weekly internet program with timely farm program tips from a 25-year-veteran Extension agent, life-time farmer, and Catholic deacon. Programs include a video with news tips (federal and state programs or meetings), Psalms, quotes from the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, and intercessory prayers. Visit nikacatholic.com and click the 'Rural Life' tab to watch the programs.

The Fullness of Purpose with Ken Yasinski

All are invited to this three-part presentation series featuring Catholic speaker and author Ken Yasinski, which will take place January 21, 22, and 23 at 6:00 pm at St. Joseph the Worker Church, Mankato. Each talk ends with Musical Eucharistic Adoration. Learn more about this dynamic speaker and his mission at www.catholicsspeaker.com.

Bingo Events - Sunday, January 25th

Super Bingo: All Saints Catholic Church in Madison Lake at 12:30pm with Early Bird Bingo starting at 11:30am. For tickets, call 507-243-3819.

Bingo Blitz: St. Mary's School Hall in Madelia at 12:30pm with Early Bird Bingo starting at 11:30am. For tickets, call 507-342-3324.

Natural Family Planning Classes

Invest in your marriage and see big payoffs. Couples who have learned to embrace their shared fertility as a blessing have discovered their communication, relationship, and love life are better with Natural Family Planning.



The next course starts at Ss Peter and Paul, Mankato, on Friday January 30th. More details and registration at www.ccli.org. For questions, please call Dan and Brenda Voracek at (507) 625-5008 or visit www.ccli.org.



National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It will be held January 26 - 30. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2015 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." Loyola will observe this annual celebration week with an all school Mass on Tuesday, January 27, at 9:30 A.M. at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, as well as activities for students and families. We are truly blessed to be able to celebrate Catholic education in the Mankato area.

Have you ever thought about Loyola Catholic School? If you are interested in talking with someone at Loyola or having your student shadow a Loyola student, please contact Sr. Mary Beth Schraml at 388-0618 to explore what Loyola is all about.

Thought for the Week

"The Church is to be called the house of the Father, with doors always wide open. One concrete sign of such openness is that our church doors should always be open, so that if someone, moved by the Spirit, comes there looking for God, he or she will not find a closed door!"
-Pope Francis

The Week Ahead

Monday, January 19: Weekday

8:05 am – Rosary
 8:30 am – Mass – Lawrence & Gertrude Karpinsky†
 9:15 am – Bible Study
6:30 pm-7:00pm – Pastoral Council Meeting
 (Conference Room #1)

Tuesday, January 20: Weekday

8:05 am – Rosary
 8:30 am – Holy Communion Service
 7:30 pm – *River of Life (Conference Room #2)*

**Wednesday, January 21: Saint Agnes,
 Virgin and Martyr**

9:00 am – Mass (at Loyola Grade School)
 - Henry Nowacki†
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 22: Day of Prayer for the
 Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

8:05 am – Rosary
 8:30 am – Mass - Living & Deceased Members of the
 Peter & Jelaine Schreiner Family
4:30 pm – Loyola Board of Trustees Meeting
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm – Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, January 23: Weekday

10:15 am – Mass (at Monarch Meadows)
 - John Klaseus†
4:00 pm – Wedding Rehearsal (Niemann & Ezarski)

**Saturday, January 24: Saint Francis de Sales,
 Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

2:30 pm – Wedding Service
 (Mary Niemann & Lucas Ezarski)
 4:30 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation
 4:30 pm – Rosary
 5:00 pm – Mass – Nick Hadbavny†

Sunday, January 25: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am – Rosary
 8:00 am – Mass – Wally Zellmer†
 9:30 am – Rosary
 10:00 am – Mass - People of the Parish
Morning Pre-School and Nursery

Liturgical Roles – January 24-25

Lectors

5:00 pm: Maggie Bennett & Dan Gowanlock
8:00 am: JoAnn Borchert & Dolores Portz
10:00 am: Jennifer Spaude & Caroline McGowan

Eucharistic Ministers*

5:00 pm: Rick Gruber & Eileen Wadepammer
8:00 am: Michelle Ellingworth & Cathy Neve
10:00 am: Darlene Schorn & Tom Koch
 (*Please note: *Holy Communion will be under one form*
in the coming weeks due to the cold and flu season.)

Altar Servers

5:00 pm: Mitchell Bigaouette, Riley Gruenes
8:00 am: Grace Ellingworth, Ben Ellingworth,
 Carson Fischer
10:00 am: John Fink, Hailey Barker,
 Emma Niederegger

Presentation of Gifts

Confirmation Candidates & Family

5:00 pm: Jackson Dehen Family
8:00 am: Kirby Fette Family
10:00 am: Joelle Anderson Family

Ushers

5:00 pm: Bob Meyer, Blaine Kolstad,
 Tom Rheaume, Paul Stevens
8:00 am: Doug & Jake Homan, Chris Sturmm
 Gary Zellmer
10:00 am: Doug Helget, Chuck Schoettler,
 Tom Kohls, Steve Kaiser

Music Ministry

5:00 pm: Myra Schroepfer/Jeanne Makela
8:00 am: Corinne Ort & Kurt Schroeder/
 Jeanne Makela
10:00 am: Kathy Jo Johns & Nancy Evans/
 Vicki Galli

Rosary Leaders

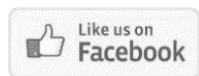
5:00 pm: Paul Stevens
8:00 am: Margaret Ayers
10:00 am: Curt & Donna Stanke

Money Counter for January, February and March 2015

Marilyn Rieff, Shirleen Gulden, Jan Nelson & Jan Brumm

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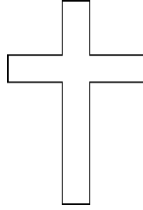
Holy Rosary is now on Facebook.
 Please check out the site & “Like” us - follow the link
 from our website – www.holyrosarynorthmankato.com



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS...

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

Our prayers go out to 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 WHO ARE ILL

Isaac Kolstad, Rachel Tobin, Mary Jane Ledwein, Tom Grausam, Don Haley, Jan Schmidt, Doris Lorentz, Bill Goettlicher, Lenore Sweers, 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, Nancy Wesely, Susan Zenk, Catherine Atchley

FOR OUR FAMILIES

- Monday** Rick & Kim Moore
- Tuesday** No Mass
- Wednesday** Steven & LouAnn Herbeck
- Thursday** Thomas & Sandy Betlach
- Friday** Susan Roemer
- Saturday** Jay Bauder & Andrea Biele
- Sunday** Arnold & Eileen Wadekamper

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

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| 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 | |



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 the family of Gladys Koppit†
To the family of Bernice Schutte†
– May they rest in peace.

Readings for the Week

- Mon:** Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
- Tues:** Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
- Wed:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6
- Thurs:** Heb 7:25—8:6/Mk 3:7-12
- Fri:** Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19
- Sat:** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21
- Sun:** Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Bands of Marriage

(III.) Mary Niemann and Lucas Ezarski (1-24-15)

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) This MONDAY!!!

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



Blood Drive Report:

The Holy Rosary Red Cross blood drive on January 8 collected 40 units in spite of the blizzard. The previous blood drive collected 76 units. The KCs want to thank all the blood donors and especially the volunteer workers from CCW: Diane Telshaw, Pat Thiele, Corrine Wesely, Rose Wilson and the KC workers: Bob Bohnert, Charlie Buley, Bob Fitterer, Jim Grabianowski, Jerry Gulden, John Jagerson, Bob Meyer, Bob Oshel, Lyle Pearson, Bob Wegscheid.

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

1. Diocesan United Fund (D.U.F.) Diocesan Priest Pension Fund/ Medical Care and Diocesan Audit:
 - DUE: \$78,103.92
 - Pd. this Week \$13,087.25**
 - Pd. to Date \$46,769.43

2. Annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal (D.M.A.)
 - DUE: \$27,708.85
 - Pd. to Date: \$43,921.00

(*Our D.M.A. amount increased this week by another \$1,030.00! This is great! We went up another 3.5%, putting us at 158.5% our goal! EXCELLENT!)

3. 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:	\$ 184,993.63

(* Total includes D.M.A. overrun)

*This week we paid a “hefty” Diocesan bill of more than \$13,000.00. This bill covers the D.U.F. as well as the Priest Pension Plan. This was for 2 months of assessments. Now we are current with the Diocese, but are still behind for Loyola at this time in the calendar year. I was trying to pay more to Loyola and thus held back on the Diocese. Now, in the next weeks I will see how much more I can pay on the Catholic School assessments. Catholic Schools week is coming up, beginning on January 25th. The D.M.A. over-run for the Catholic School/Diocesan assessments is \$16,212.14 and half will go to each assessment. To be “spot on” with the calendar, we should have paid \$119,000.00 to the Catholic School. Presently, we have paid/committed to the Catholic school, \$102,439.27. So, presently, we are off by (\$16,560.73) to Loyola that we should have paid. We are doing well, but we are a little behind in the race. Thank you for your support!

FR. ED ARDOLF ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund is now at \$130,852.00. 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Holy Rosary Vacation Bible School will be June 8-12, 2015 from 8:00 A.M. until 11:30 A.M. for Preschool (must be 4 years old) - 5th grade. The cost this year will be \$30.00. For more information, contact Sue Cashman at 345-6765.



Celebration of Life - Benefit Concert

January 23, 2015 at 7:30pm



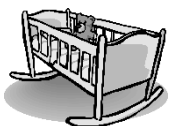
Options for Women: Mankato will be hosting a benefit concert/fundraiser on Friday evening, January 23rd at 7:30 pm. The concert will feature musical groups **Men in Black** (Rev. Tim Biren, Rev. Mark McNea, Rev. Will Thompson, Rev. Andrew Beerman, and Rev. Jeffery Dobbs), as well as **FourEver Young** (Ann Krause, Patti Nowak, Annette Jenkins and Judy Ness). This benefit concert will be held at Hosanna Lutheran Church, 105 Hosanna Dr., Mankato, MN. Admission is free, but there will be a free will offering. For more information visit the website at www.optionsmankato.org, or contact Darlene Schorn at 507-779-6751.

Annual Prayer Service for Life & MCCL March for Life

On Jan. 22, 2015, we will commemorate the 42nd anniversary of Roe v. Wade which legalized abortion in the United States. Millions of babies have lost their lives in these past 42 years, with over 9,900 babies being killed in Minnesota alone every year. Once again this anniversary will be marked by prayer and witness to the sanctity of life. **The Annual Prayer Service for Life will take place at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul** with Bishop Lee Piche presiding. Following the prayer service, the **MCCL March for Life will take place at the State Capitol starting at 12 Noon**. Please refer to the Family Life page of the diocesan website, dnu.org, for possible transportation opportunities in your area.

Baby Items Needed

The Council of Catholic Women will again reach out to newborn babies in the local area by collecting items. A gift is sometimes just what is needed to support someone in a difficult situation. Items can be left in the pac-n-play at the main entry of the Church or in the bassinets at the side entrances. **NEW ITEMS ONLY!** Most needed: newborn-9-24 months outfits, diapers, baby wipes, diaper rash cream, baby bath towels & wash cloths, receiving blankets, bibs, infant socks (0-12 months), baby layettes, long sleeve onesies, baby books, small toys. Checks or cash will be used to purchase needed items - please put any monetary gifts in an envelope marked "Baby Shower" and place them in the collection basket, and we will do the shopping for you. February 15th will be the last day for collection. Thanks for your help!



Bulletin Buzz!

Since my announcement at the close of Mass a couple of weeks ago, indicating the additional cost of some \$400.00 a month to print the bulletin; we are experimenting with reducing the bulletins being printed by 50 to 400 a week. As I write this, there is a small amount of the present week's bulletin remaining. (*I can see that certain weeks e.g. Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, etc. we will need to up the amount.) We are also looking into the possibility of printing the insert on our own. This should then eliminate the need for the additional charge. I will keep you "posted". (Pun intended!)

Marriage Encounter Feb 14-15

Give each other the best Valentine's gift possible! Register for the February 14-15 Marriage Encounter held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for a listing of additional retreats or call 651.454.3238.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends

"I tell you brothers and sisters, the time is running out." Time passes so swiftly. Soon there will be no more time to enrich our marriage. Now is the time to act. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are February 6-8 in Buffalo, February 13-15 in Windom, February 20-22 in Fargo, March 20-22 in Baxter, March 27-29 in Minot. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at southmnwwme.org or contact John & Mary Beth at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-838-8178.



The World Meeting of Families

The Office of Family Life directed by Sister Candace Fier is busy planning for the World Meeting of Families to be held September 22-27, 2015 in Philadelphia. The six dioceses of Minnesota have decided to make this event a pilgrimage. It is hoped that the Diocese of New Ulm could send 60 people to this seven-day event. Those attending from the diocese will serve as ambassadors, bringing the experience back to the diocese to those who could not attend.



To reserve a spot or sponsor a partial or entire trip for an attendee who can't afford the trip, please contact Sister Candace at 507-359-2966.

Wanted!

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

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 has a background in finance and parish work, so he has the skill-set that is needed for this position. Welcome Jim to our parish staff.

Serra Club

Padre Serra says:

How will you work out your life response to God?

The National Coalition for Church Vocations has distributed a pamphlet containing general information on some of the many ways to continue God's work. The following are some excerpts from that pamphlet.



"Community" describes the life religious brothers and sisters choose.

Community enables the individual to reach out to others with the strength and courage that comes from knowing, "I don't have to do it alone. Others stand with me in this. My abilities are complemented by their gifts, confidence, wisdom and vision." In community, sisters and brothers live out their vowed commitments, knowing that, though each member is unique, the binding force in life is each one's personal and communal relationship with Jesus.

Today, the three vows (celibacy, poverty and obedience), which most religious make in a public way, may seem to be out of step with an age of sexual revolution. They are considered inconsistent with the popular demand for more and better "things," and with the ultimatums for the individual's "personal rights."

Celibacy is a gift and a promise to love very deeply and to express that love for others without using those physical expressions proper to marriage. The lives of many men and women religious are rich and loving within the context of celibate love as are the lives of happily married couples.

In a world waging war on poverty, men and women religious choose to live as Jesus did – simply. Because they share expenses and try to keep their personal and communal needs simple, they can get along very well on very little.

Then, there's obedience. The obedience of sisters and brothers is to the God they love, and the ways to this love are not obscure. God's voice is heard in the many voices of community.

Everyone has a vocation; pray for yours.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations