

**From the Pastor's Desk:**

*"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." -St. John*

It has been particularly noticeable in the daily Mass readings that the Lord is constantly summarizing some major piece of theology through a simple sentence or a word or two. For example, Christ summarizes the law into just a handful of words; "LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR." This was a sign in ancient Jewish scholarship that a man was learned when he could summarize things so beautifully.



Pope Francis, early on in his pontificate gave a public address, summarizing the task of those of us that stand at the pulpit and preach, that we should "BE SHORT, BE RELEVANT and BRING TH SCRIPTURES TO LIFE." (\*I know, I am still working on those three points! Be patient!)

While teaching our soon to be "NEW" Catholics last Sunday afternoon, I am forced through time constraints to teach "short and sweet". As I am teaching the sacraments, we talk about what is essential in a sacrament. For Baptism, all that is necessary is only water and the words: "I BAPTIZE YOU IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT." That is all! The pictures and the pretty out fit and the party are all extras!

In summary, Lent is about prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Even more briefly, it is PENITENTIAL. To truly embrace the spirit of the Lenten season would be to take time this weekend to come and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The heart and soul of Lent really boils down to the words of the penitent as he prays the prayer of absolution: "...I ABSOLVE YOU FROM YOUR SINS IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."

I know, you don't do anything wrong and so why go to confession? Well, for one, a Catholic in good standing is required to follow the precepts or laws of the Church. The second precept reads really simply: "YOU SHALL CONFESS YOUR SINS AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR." I don't think it can get more simple or straightforward than that. The explanation below this "precept" or "Law of the Church" reads; "We must prepare for the Eucharist by means of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession). This sacrament "continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness."

If you are still reading this article that is obviously challenging you once again to take up the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent of 2015; can I ask you to DIG DEEPER SPIRITUALLY? Ask yourself the following three

simple and straightforward questions:

LOOK: What is the deepest hurt you have forgiven – or need to forgive at this time in your life?

JUDGE: How difficult is it for you to forgive? Why is forgiveness so hard?

ACT: How will you enlist God's help to forgive in the final days of this Lenten season? Will the Lent of 2015 be just another 40 days of our life or 40 genuine days of true spiritual conversion?

When we choose to not forgive or choose to continue to hurt spiritually ourselves or others, we cheat ourselves of that gift of God of being "fully alive". Pray, like the Lord in the Gospel, that grace will touch your heart and you might take the right step to the Church and use that HOUR this Sunday afternoon to be reconciled with Christ and His Mystical Body, the Church. Happy Lent!

*Rev. Paul van de Crommert, Pastor*

**Stewardship of Treasure**

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Adult (148)            | \$ 8,235.00 |
| Electronic Giving      | 2,407.25    |
| Junior                 | 87.43       |
| Plate                  | 423.57      |
| Catholic Relief        | 468.50      |
| Fuel                   | 1,332.00    |
| Easter Flower Donation | 120.00      |
| Stole Fees             | 150.00      |

**Grand Total** \$ 13,223.75  
**+\$2,785.00 Memorial Money = \$ 16,008.75**  
*\*(Our weekly budget is set at \$12,750.00)*

**STEWARDSHIP**

We had another great week of stewardship. I am pleased to tell you that we are current on our bills, excluding the assessments that we are still paying to the Diocese and the Catholic School. Yet, this week, we took again, a noticeable decrease in our assessments and will soon be dipping under the \$100,000.00 benchmark. That will be a great stewardship feeling.

We are still looking for support for both the Fuel Fund and the Flower Fund as we are heading into Easter and the Spring. Your stewardship efforts have been great. Thank you for your gifts!

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

*"... Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on the right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise..."*

*- St. Patrick*

**PENANCE SERVICES**

The Lenten season is about praying, fasting and almsgiving. However, it is also all about the confession of our sins. I have been pastorally encouraged as I have been hearing more and more confessions at Holy Rosary. It is a true mark of faith! There are two penance services that are being held TODAY (Sunday) at both St. Joseph the Worker and Holy Rosary parishes. The Sacrament of Penance is a beautiful, spiritual way to prepare for the great celebration of Holy Week that is almost upon us!



**Mankato Area Penance Services**

**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 3:00 P.M. St. Joseph the Worker**

**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 5:00 P.M. Holy Rosary**

**Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 P.M. Ss. Peter and Paul**

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 P.M. St. John the Baptist**

Maybe this will be the Lent that you will return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR – HOLY WEEK**

Traditionally, this weekend during Lent (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent) was called “Passion Sunday.” The statues and crucifix are draped in purple and the church takes on a mysterious and mournful appearance. Hopfully, it is also a reminder to prepare for the MOST IMPORTANT WEEK OF OUR LIVES AS ROMAN CATHOLICS!

So many times when we prepare our schedules, the spiritual life comes in second to the secular life. How many times the activities of our family and our work come before Christ and His bride the Church.

Maybe this year, as part of your Lenten resolve, will be to attend all three days of the Holy Triduum. Please note the slight changes that will be occurring this year as opposed to past years.

Palm Sunday Weekend: 5:00 P.M. and 10:00 A.M. (\*We will gather in the grade school gym and process into church for all those that are ambulatory.)

**Holy Thursday:**

**7:00 P.M. Mass**

**Good Friday:**

**12:00 P.M. Main Service**

(\*Passion/Veneration/Communion)

**7:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross and Benediction**

(\*There will be no veneration of the cross or communion.)

**Easter Vigil:**

**7:00 P.M. Mass (\*Note earlier time.)**

**Easter Day:**

**8:00 A.M. Mass and 10:00 A.M. Mass**



**STEWARDSHIP - FLOWER FUND**

Attached to last week’s bulletin, and also in your contribution packets that are mailed out to you, there is an “Easter Flower” envelope to help us defray the expenses of decorating with a variety of flowers for Easter. The Worship Committee has something beautifully planned for Easter, but it will require a few dollars. Yet, it will be far less expensive than it was at Christmas time, as beautiful as it was. However, if you can help, this would be great.



We will again publish all of our benefactors as well as all those our contributors wish to remember in a separate bulletin insert at Easter. **The deadline for returning the Easter Flower envelopes so we can publish the memorials will be Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.**

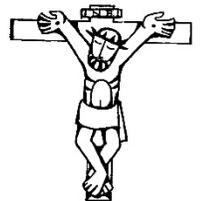
**FUEL FUND**

Thank you to all of you that have contributed to the Fuel Fund at this time. The Good Lord is certainly helping out this cause with the favorable weather. I have turned off the furnace days ago, and the church furnaces have also been turned off. I am hoping that we will not have to turn them back on this season. We can at least hope?!?

**Last year the parish collected \$4,549.00 for the Fuel Fund. To date, we have collected \$4,207.00, or \$342.00 less than last year.** If you could see it in your heart to make an offering in this month of March, it would certainly be appreciated. Thank you for your gifts.

**WHY DID WE COVER THE STATUES IN CHURCH?**

The veiling of statues and images of Christ is an ancient practice that is still being fostered in the Church. It is believed to be based on the passage from St. John’s gospel that reads: “Jesus therefore no longer walked about openly among the people”, (because they were planning to put Him to death after He had raised Lazarus from the dead). The veiling is also a reminder that the divinity of Christ was hidden during His suffering and death.



In general, the covering of the statues and the cross is a sorrowful reminder of the GREAT WEEK ALL Catholics are required to participate in to celebrate their central beliefs. There is also a very sorrowful atmosphere that is created when the statues are covered. The veiling also reminding us that we too need to be sorrowful for our sins and that it was our sinfulness that lead Christ to Golgotha, the “Place of the Skull” and to die in agony on the CROSS.

**The Week Ahead**

**Sunday, March 22: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

- 1:30 pm – Convert Instruction** (Conf. Rm #1)
- \*3:00 pm - Penance Service** (St. Joseph the Worker)
- 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm – St. Patrick’s Day Dinner*  
*at Holy Family (Lake Crystal)*
- \*5:00 pm - Penance Service** (Holy Rosary)

**Monday, March 23: Lenten Weekday**

- 8:05 am – Rosary
- 8:30 am – Mass – Albin Hartung†
- 9:15 am – Bible Study
- 11:00 am – Memorial Mass for Molly Galli†**
- 6:30 pm – Pastoral Council Meeting** (Conf. Rm. #1)

**Tuesday, March 24: Lenten Weekday**

- 8:05 am – Rosary
- 8:30 am – Holy Communion Service
- 5:30 pm – Soup Supper with Enrichment to Follow**

**Wednesday, March 25: Annunciation of the Lord**

- 8:15 am – Fitzgerald Middle School Mass**  
- Leon Wanzek† (Fr. Paul)
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm – Sewing Group - Parish Center*
- 4 pm, 6 pm, 7:15 pm – Faith Formation**
- \*4:30 pm – Grades 1-6 Mass** (Church) – Stanley Lyons†
- 6-8 pm – Holy Rosary Choir Practice** (in Church)
- 7:30pm - 8:30 pm – Server Practice for Holy Week**  
(in Church)

**Thursday, March 26: Lenten Weekday**

- 8:05 am – Rosary
- 8:30 am – Mass – Charles & Iola Orcutt†
- 10:15 am – Mass at Pathstone** (Fr. Paul)  
- Lyle & Katherine Pearson†
- 4:30 pm – Loyola Board of Trustees Meeting**  
(Fr. Paul attends)
- \*6:30 pm – Penance Service**  
(Ss. Peter & Paul - Fr. Paul attends)
- 7:00 pm – Chrism Mass** (Church of St. Mary, Willmar)
- 7:30 pm – KC’s General Meeting** (Holy Rosary)

**Friday, March 27: Lenten Weekday**

- 10:15 am – Mass at Monarch Meadows** (Fr. Paul)  
- Janice Person†
- 5:30 pm – Stations of the Cross**
- 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm – KC’s Fish Fry at Holy Rosary*  
*(Lower Social Hall)*
- 7:00 pm – Decorating of Church for Palm Sunday**

**Saturday, March 28: Lenten Weekday**

- 4:30 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 4:30 pm – Rosary
- 5:00 pm – Mass - John Drummer†  
*\*(Gather in Parish Center Gym for Procession)*
- 6:00 pm – CCW Bake Sale** (Lower Social Hall)

**The Week Ahead Continued**

**Sunday, March 29: Palm Sunday**

- 7:30 am – Rosary
- 8:00 am – Mass - People of the Parish
- 8:30 am-12:30 pm – Dad’s Belgian Waffles Fundraiser**  
*(St. Joseph the Worker)*
- 9:00 am – **CCW Bake Sale** (Lower Social Hall)
- 9:30 am – Rosary
- 10:00 am – Mass - Sebastian, Gloria Lena &  
Emmanuel Anthonisamy†  
*\*(Gather in Parish Center Gym for Procession)*  
**\* Morning Pre-School and Nursery**
- 11:00 am – CCW Bake Sale** (Lower Social Hall)
- 1:30 pm – Convert Instruction** (Conf. Rm. #1)
- 4:00 pm – Penance Service** (St. John the Baptist)
- 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm – Server Practice for Holy Week**

**Liturgical Roles March 28-29**

**Lectors**

- 5:00 pm:** Marsha Murphy & JoAnn Borchert
- 8:00 am:** Linda Hiniker & Gerry Hiniker
- 10:00 am:** Jim Theuninck & Tim McGowan

**Eucharistic Ministers**

- 5:00 pm:** Brent Friedrichs, Karen Etzell,  
Kathy Frederickson, Wanda Hull,  
Rebecca Gruenes, Rick Gruber
- 8:00 am:** Michelle Ellingworth, Peter Backes,  
Kurt Schroeder, Margaret Ayers,  
Jackie Cesario, Arlyce Anderson
- 10:00 am:** Tim McGowan, Curt Stanke, Marsha Murphy  
Darlene Schorn, Dawn Matz, John Kuchinka

**Altar Servers**

- 5:00 pm:** Jonathan Hull, Reid & Riley Gruenes
- 8:00 am:** Danny Collins, Grace & Ben Ellingworth
- 10:00 am:** Elaine Adams, Haley & Andrew Kohrs

**Presentation of Gifts**

- 5:00 pm:** Colette Chelstrom Family  
*(First Communicant Family)*
- 8:00 am:** Bob & Bev Nickels
- 10:00 am:** Gabriel Filter Family  
*(First Communicant Family)*

**Ushers**

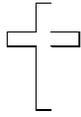
- 5:00 pm:** Larry & Maggie Bennett, Tom Rheume,  
Paul Stevens
- 8:00 am:** Bill Cahalan, Carl Steffensmeier,  
Gary Zellmer, Craig Amundson
- 10:00 am:** Shawn Reynolds, Steve Enderle,  
Steve Fink, Steve Hlavac

**Music Ministry**

- 5:00 pm:** Youth Choir/Kathy Jo Johns/Jeanne Makela
- 8:00 am:** Corinne Ort/Kurt Schroeder/Vicki Galli
- 10:00 am:** Holy Rosary Choir/Elaine Wolf  
/Sr. M. Adelyn

**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**

Shawn Reynolds, Kris Bachmann, Herbert Karpinsky, Rose Wilson, Jane Keltgen, Isaac Kolstad, Rachel Tobin, Mary Jane Ledwein, Tom Grausam, Don Haley, Doris Lorentz, Bill Goettlicher, Lenore Sweers, Krystal Portz, Jan Brumm, Steve Fitterer, Nancy Marquardt, Gabriel Speckel, Shannon Murphy, Harriet Senesac, Lisa LaPoint Leland, David Bruender, Marilyn Bastian, Nancy Wesely, Susan Zenk, Catherine Atchley

**FOR OUR FAMILIES**

- Monday** Frank & Jackie Cesario
- Tuesday** No Mass
- Wednesday** Patrick & Amy Radunz
- Thursday** Jay & Cathy Reasner
- Friday** Martie Kaus
- Saturday** Shirley O'Conner
- Sunday** Carol Reedsrom

**FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY**

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|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Nick Blace    | Timothy Eick        | Alex Ek         |
| Jared Hiniker | Matt McGraw         | Ben Barsness    |
| Ann Winkler   | Christopher Schmidt | Sean O'Dea      |
| Dana Schiller | Jonathan Heintz     | Daniel Fitterer |
| Mark Hansen   | William Backes      | Anna Drummer    |



**PRAYER CHAIN**

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

**Readings for the Week**

- Mon:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62  
or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11
- Tues:** Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
- Wed:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Thurs:** Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
- Fri:** Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
- Sat:** Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
- Sun:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (37)/Is 50:4-7  
/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

**Rosary Leaders**

- 5:00 pm:** Karen Etzell
- 8:00 am:** Dennis McCabe
- 10:00 am:** Jeanette Barsness

**Money Counters - Jan, Feb & March 2015**

Marilyn Rieff, Shirleen Gulden, Jan Nelson, Jan Brumm, Carl Steffensmeier & Bill Fasnacht

**Bulletin Folders for March 2015**

Ruth Fitterer, Rosal Molski, Bob & Renee Amundson

**IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE**

We are grateful for receiving from Larry Schmidt and the family a gift of \$2,785.00, in loving memory of Jan Schmidt† whose Memorial Mass was recently celebrated here at Holy Rosary. The money is requested to be given for work in the church and particular for improvements in the sanctuary. May God bless the Schmidt family for this most generous donation. We plan to put this money to good use in the near future. Blessed be her memory!



**SINCERE SYMPATHY**

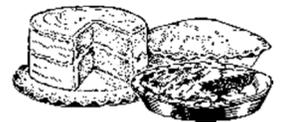
To the family of **Molly Galli†**

*-May she rest in peace.*

Please remember in your prayers Molly Galli† (95).  
Blessed be her memory.

**PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE**

The Council of Catholic Women will be sponsoring the Palm Sunday Bake Sale next weekend after all the masses. All ladies of the parish are asked to bring items for the bake sale if they are able. All parishioners are invited to stop down to the church basement after mass to make a purchase from the selection of delicious baked goods and candies created by the ladies of our parish. The proceeds from this Bake Sale will help CCW fulfill our mission of serving others who are less fortunate. Our annual budget includes a commitment to help in our local community and in the greater church.



**K of C Council #5551 News**

- March 24 - Soup Supper
- March 26 - General Meeting
- March 27 - Fish Fry
- April 9 - Planning Meeting



**Lenten Fish Feed** on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at Holy Rosary in the Lower Hall from 4:30pm to 7:00pm. (Also serving Mac & Cheese.)



**LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Marie Rajtar (LCS '77), wife of Geno and mother of Adam (LCS '07) and Noah (a junior at Loyola).

Within the past two weeks Loyola has hosted Kindergarten Round Up and Re-enrollment Night for current families and students. Both events were well attended and full of Loyola spirit!

We are proud of our sixth graders who participated in Math Masters, hosted last week by Bethany College: Jacob Reynolds, Grayson Billett, Brennan Houlihan, and Grayson Bolstad.

During the season of Lent, Loyola students are contributing to causes that support those who are in need. Primary students are collecting money for Food for the Poor, a Christian outreach to families in the Caribbean and Latin America; Intermediate students are contributing to the Rice Bowl project; High School students are collecting donations to purchase computers for the parish and school in San Lucas in Guatemala.

Loyola 8<sup>th</sup> graders will make retreat at the Good Counsel campus on March 25, and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will make their Eucharist retreat on April 8. Loyola PS has been hosting parent-teacher conferences for the past two weeks, K-12 conferences will be held the week of March 30.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES**

NFP is easy to learn, inexpensive to practice, and completely in accord with Catholic teaching. Three classes held one month apart beginning March 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Anastasia in Hutchinson. To register for classes or for more information contact Steven and Kathleen Jacobs at 320-327-2702 or NFamilyP@gmail.com

**DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLES FUNDRAISER**

Dad's Belgian Waffles Fundraiser is being held on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-12:30pm at St. Joseph the Worker Church, Mankato. All you can eat waffles, sausage, 9 syrup flavors, whipped topping, and beverage. The cost is \$7. Kids 5 and under eat free. Fundraiser for the St. Joseph the Worker & Holy Family Youth Group.

**BENEFIT FOR BIRTHRIGHT RAFFLE**



Tickets are again available for the annual Benefit for Birthright raffle. They may be picked up and dropped off at the parish office. For more information contact David Mutch at 387-5406.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

1. Diocesan United Fund (D.U.F.) Diocesan Priest Pension Fund/ Medical, Care Comp Ins, Priest Care Fund, and Diocesan Audit:

DUE: \$ 78,103.92  
Pd. to Date \$ 58,442.94

2. Annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal (D.M.A.)

DUE: \$ 27,708.85  
Rec'd. to Date: \$ 44,021.00  
**(\*We are 159 % our goal!)**

3. Loyola Catholic School Assessment:

DUE: \$ 238,000.00  
**Pd. this week: \$ 3,000.00**  
Pd. to Date: \$ 135,135.93

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Total Assessments 2014-2015: \$ 343,812.77

Total Paid to Date 2014-2015: \$ 237,599.87

**Total Assessments Due 2014-2015: \$ 106,212.90**

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

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If you are watching this stewardship box carefully, you will notice that we are being very diligent in paying down our Diocese and Loyola assessments for this fiscal year. This week we took in a sizable overall drop by almost \$21,000.00 In order to verify these numbers going forward, our bookkeeper called to verify these numbers with Diocese, showing a small discrepancy in our present amount Paid to Date s/b \$58,442.94, a difference of \$1480.81, from last week's Stewardship Corner, but our Loyola's Paid to Date amount is correct. The Annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal (D.M.A.) Rec'd to date increased \$100.00. Total Assessments Due 2014-2015: \$106,212.90. It is with great pride that I share the Stewardship Corner each week. I am anticipating on Easter that we will break below the \$100,000 mark that is due! Yea! Thank you!

**FR. ED ARDOLF ENDOWMENT FUND**

This fund is now at \$131,552. 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.

**MISSION SCHOOL COLLECTION**

This weekend, March 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be a second collection for the St. Bernard Mission School. St. Bernard is a part of the Catholic Indian Mission located in Fort Yates, ND. This is the school that the Holy Rosary youth group will be working at on their annual mission trip.

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES  
HOLY ROSARY - MARCH 2, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by chairman Cathy Neve at 6:30 P.M. Nearly all of the members were in attendance. The meeting opened with Father leading the committee with prayer. Past minutes from the January 26<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.

Father spoke that the meeting would be largely gearing up for Holy Week and Easter. Father acknowledged that there will be some slight changes to Holy Week as every priest has a bit of a different style and also he wishes to follow the Roman ritual as closely as possible. Father expressed his gratitude for all of the wonderful work that the Worship Committee has done this year.

The choir was discussed. Preparations are underway for Lent and Holy Week. The choir will be singing at the 8:00 A.M. Mass one Sunday during Lent as well as for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.

Several more servers will be starting (5-6) with Father training them on a Monday afternoon. Two adults will be present to assist Father. The servers will be serving soon for the Saturday night Mass or the 8:00 A.M. Mass as this is where the servers are most needed.

There has been a great response for new and returning Eucharistic ministers and a great openness to be "renewed" in their sacred role. The names will be turned over to the Diocese for certification for the next five years. E.M.E. are only commissioned to serve at Holy Rosary parish in the Diocese of New Ulm. (The parish now has some 75 E.M.E.'s.)

The two new altar cloths were returned as the company had measured them incorrectly. The main altar is being adjusted and a new altar cloth (at no charge) is coming for the high altar for Easter. The altars will be stripped or simply dressed simply during Lent.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin to occur on First Fridays. If the response is significant, we will try to have the Blessed Sacrament exposed during the summer months as well. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on Good Friday, with Benediction in the evening after the Stations of the Cross.

Palm Sunday environment was discussed as well as Holy Week and Easter. Several people wanted to donate the Easter candle which is a nice problem. Plans are underway for more flowers and decorations for Lent and Easter this year. Details were discussed at length.

Several new Catholics will be joining the parish at this year's Easter Vigil. A small reception is being planned after the Saturday night Mass. The exact time for the Easter Vigil will be at 7:00 P.M. The earlier time should foster a greater attendance.

The church is in need of cleaning prior to the start of Holy Week. One of the members would address this with our cleaning service.

Palm Sunday weekend will be begin in the gym with a brief procession. All abled bodied souls will be encouraged to gather in the school gym, weather permitting. The Church encourages a procession on Palm Sunday.

This year we have the makings of another wonderful Holy week along with the addition of the parish choir and more instruments. Father will also be working on the encouraging of more youth in the liturgy, especially Holy Thursday.

The meeting closed with prayer at around 9:00 P.M.

**LATE NITE CATECHISM**

This fun-filled interactive experience will be held at Fitzgerald Auditorium Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm. Tickets for this professional show are available through the Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, either in the office at 523 S 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Mankato, or online at [twinriversarts.org](http://twinriversarts.org) (507-387-1008). General admission tickets are \$50 with VIP at \$100. Proceeds will benefit the Good Counsel Learning Center which provides tutoring for area school children and adult English Language Learners.

**LUCK OF THE IRISH**

John Ireland School would like to invite you to "Luck of the Irish", a fundraiser for John Ireland School on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Nicollet Co. Fairgrounds in St. Peter which includes a dinner, silent auction, raffle drawing, live auction, games and more. Come join the fun! MUST be at least 21 years old to attend. We are also hosting a Luck of the Irish Fun Run (7K) the morning of March 28<sup>th</sup>. Please go to [churchofstpeter.org/ji](http://churchofstpeter.org/ji) to register or call 507-931-2810 ext. 147 for more information.



**LOVED THE WEDDING. INVITE ME TO THE MARRIAGE. LOVE, GOD**

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can help you do that! Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones — and focus just on each other. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are March 27-29 in Minot, April 17-19 in Frontenac, May 1-3 & July 17-19 in Buffalo & September 11-13 in Irene, SD. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [southmnwwme.org](http://southmnwwme.org) or contact John & Mary Beth at [applications@southmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@southmnwwme.org) or 507-838-8178.

