

**FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK**

*“Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the lightning of His glory, let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.”*

*-The Easter Proclamation - (Exsultet)*

Happy Easter! The 40 days of the Lenten season are now past and we bask in the joy of this great Easter season in the weeks ahead. I pray that this will be a day of true joy and happiness as you gather in Church around a common altar to celebrate the Crucified and Living One as well as you gather as family and friends this day around a common table and share a meal and meaningful fellowship.



This past Lent has been both “hectic” as well as “holy”. Many days I was offering multiple Masses as well as meeting with our candidates that were preparing to be received in the Church. There were of course the numerous penance services, practices, sermons to be written and the list goes on. But all of that hectic pace leaves one in a “holy place” as it is all worth it in order to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

For me, this Holy Week started out in a special way. Changing our pattern of the procession of Palm Sunday from the school gym to the church proper worked out quite well. I was touched at the 8:00 A.M. Mass that the entire church wanted to be part of the procession when we had hoped for about 20-30 people to walk in the procession. Your enthusiasm was special as I understand from Worship Committee members that getting people to process was not always an easy task – just as it was a challenge in my former parish! Your enthusiastic procession was great.

Maybe the best “little liturgical miracle” occurred at the time of the 10:00 A.M. Palm Sunday Mass. It had rained during the night. The forecast was uncertain in the morning and more “weather” was in the forecast. Yet, when we processed from the gym to the church, the sun was shining and it was still and calm. (Even the server’s candles did not go out by the wind.) Then, when we were reading the passion at the 10:00 A.M. Mass, the sky was darkened and after Mass it started to rain! (That was all coincidence, right?)

At the risk of forgetting anyone, I would like to say a public word of thanks to each and every one that helped to make this Holy Week and these three sacred days of the Triduum so special. 1.) **Worship Committee:** Thank you to the Worship Committee which is such a diverse group of people and yet all come with a special talent and gift that makes everything happen so beautifully. 2.) **Staff:** Many thanks to the parish staff who has so much extra work to do behind the scenes and that this pastor throws at them to do in these final days. A special word of thanks to Elaine Wolf and Sue Cashman for all of their hard efforts with the

bulletins, Easter Flower bulletin and most of all the worship aids! 3.) **Servers and Altar Ministers:** Thank you to my servers, some of who came to practice for more than two hours for some of these services as well as those young people that had their feet washed this year. It was nice to have 12 individuals as the Church requests. Equally a special thanks to the readers of the Passion, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, song leaders, organists and musicians. A word of thanks goes to Deacon Russ for his presence at all of the liturgies of Holy Week. 4.) **Choir:** Certainly credit goes to our newly formed choir under the direction of Elaine Wolf. The choir adds so much to these high holy days. Many thanks to Sister Adelyn for accompanying the choir these past days.

**Finally, thanks to you!** While I am writing these words on Monday of Holy Week, I have confidence that we will have had several great days of prayer and praise. If Palm Sunday was any indication of the Triduum, it will be great as we had such strong participation!

Blessings and best wishes to each and every one of you as we celebrate Easter. Thank you too for the kind notes and thoughtful gifts I have been receiving. You are a great parish. May the resurrection of Christ fill you all with the hope and the assurance of everlasting life! Happy Easter!

*Rev. Paul van de Crommert, Pastor*

**WELCOME INTO FULL COMMUNION**

We are blessed this Easter that we are able to welcome **SEVEN more souls into the Catholics** **✠**  
**faith and SIX individuals into full communion.**

These members include: Mandy McCann (wife of Luke McCann), Anthony and Edith Kimathi and their daughter Elsie, Marya and Tim Flynn, and Andrew Bear, (the husband of Nicole Bear). At this Easter Vigil, six individuals made their public profession of faith, three individuals were baptized, four were confirmed in the faith and four individuals made their First Holy Communion.

I have been told by a number of the long-time members of Holy Rosary, that it has been some time since the parish had such a response of new members coming into the Church. The Holy Spirit is hovering over Holy Rosary and we pray that will continue. May God bless these new members with a great zeal for the faith both today and throughout their earthly life. May God bless them all! Happy Easter!

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

*“Proclaiming Christ means showing that to believe in and follow Him is not only something right and true, but also something beautiful, capable of filling life with new splendor and profound joy, even in the midst of difficulties.”* - Pope Francis

**Stewardship of Treasure**

Adult (150)	\$ 6,032.00
Electronic Giving	2,153.25
Junior	54.98
Plate	388.11
Easter	435.00
Home Mission	40.00
Fuel	20.00
Easter Flowers	326.00
Good Friday Holy Land Collection	20.00
Rice Bowl	50.00
Faith Formation Tuition	210.00
School Rent	590.00
Rectory Furnace	1,000.00
Votive Candles	57.12

**Total** \$ 11,376.46  
**+ \$1,975.00 Memorial Money (G.T.) = \$ 13,351.46**

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

**STEWARDSHIP**

Again, this week our stewardship exceeded our budgeted needs. The “Great News” is that the amount is more than \$2,500.00 higher than a year ago at this time. So, “thank you” for your gifts.

At this point, we are considering installing a new furnace in the rectory that is several decades old and has low fuel efficiency. A preliminary bid estimated the cost at @ \$7,000.00. We are presently seeking other bids. \$5,000.00 has been already given to the project by two households, including the \$1,000.00 that we received this week. Thank you to those families for their generosity.

We reached another stewardship benchmark this week as we are ready to break six-digits in the subsidy that we owe to the Diocese and Loyola. **As we go to press, are still in need of \$100,000.00 to complete our 2014-2015 subsidy goal.** All that we have taken in through the Easter second collection will go to reduce this hefty, but shrinking bill. Thank you so much for your great stewardship this year! Happy Easter.

**THANK YOU**

Many thanks to all of you that extended such generosity for our Easter decorations this year. To date we have received a total of stewardship equally \$2,839.00. This will go a long way, not only to decorate for Easter, but the additional monies that we do not use will be set aside for future liturgical “decorating” needs. Please make sure to review the special flier included in this week’s bulletin listing all of our generous benefactors and the living and deceased loved one that we are to remember in special prayer this week. Thank you and Happy Easter!



**TRANSITIONS**

**1.) New Trustees:**

Effective April 1, 2015, I have appointed as pastor, two new trustees that make up the corporate board of Holy Rosary parish. The two new trustees that I have chosen are Lorraine Klaseus and Dan Wingert. My choice for these two individuals is based on the fact that Lorraine knows the members of the Holy Rosary parish community so well having worked for 35 years at the parish and under the direction of 11 priests. My selection of Dan is that he knows the Mankato community so well having been born and raised in the area and knows the business community well through his work in real estate. On behalf of the parish I am grateful for their saying “Yes” to this leadership role for the betterment of Holy Rosary in the years to come.

At this time I also want to thank Sherry Hendrickson as well as Larry Bennett who have both served for many years in the role of trustee during the pastorate of Fr. Peter Nosbush. They have both been most helpful during this transition of a new pastor. Both Larry and Sherry will continue to serve as members of the parish Finance Council.

**2.) Youth Ministry:**

As pastor I have accepted the resignation of Paul Ahearn and Kevin Mettler as our part-time Youth Ministers of Holy Rosary parish. These two men have served in this capacity for several years for the betterment of our youth and the young people’s faith. Fr. Tim and I had been in a casual conversation about eventually joining parish forces to share a youth ministry program. Father Tim’s departure for sabbatical for several months appeared to put an end to that idea of a joint program.

However, days after our youth ministry submitted their resignation (effective mid-April) I received a call from St. John’s asking if their parish could join the discussion with an area youth ministry program. With that call, the idea of a City-wide Youth Ministry Program was re-born.

Recently, on March 16<sup>th</sup>, at St. John’s, representatives from all four Catholic parishes from the Mankato area gathered to discuss the possibility of forming a “city-wide” program. This meeting was most profitable and it appears at least three of the four parishes are committed to establishing a program that will begin in the fall of 2015, with a full-time paid youth minister from three of the parishes. We will have a full-time director for our youth, youth activities and there will be a cost savings for Holy Rosary for next year’s budget.

I have asked Kevin and Paul who have worked with our youth to possibly attend future planning meetings and/or their input with our emerging youth program.

I am excited that we will be able to expand our youth program and to work in unity with our sister parishes of the Mankato area in the years ahead. – Fr. Paul

**The Week Ahead**

**Monday, April 6:**

**Monday within the Octave of Easter**

**Parish Office Closed**  
**NO MASS**

7:00 pm – Holy Rosary CCW Meeting (Conf. Rm. #1)

**Tuesday, April 7:**

**Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**

8:05 am – Rosary  
8:30 am – Holy Communion Service  
**7:00 pm – Rosary at Mankato Mortuary**  
**- Doris (Weingartz) Just†**

7:00 pm – *River of Life* (Conf. Rm. #2)

**Wednesday, April 8:**

**Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

**11:00 am – Funeral Mass - Doris (Weingartz) Just†**  
*1:00 pm - 4:00 pm – Sewing Group - Parish Center*  
4 pm, 6 pm, 7:15 pm – Faith Formation  
No Holy Rosary Choir Practice  
**7:45 pm – Final Jr/Sr High School Rel. Ed. Mass**  
**- Janice Person†**

**Thursday, April 9:**

**Thursday within the Octave of Easter**

8:05 am – Rosary  
8:30 am – Mass - Living & Deceased Members of the  
Peter & Jelaine Schreiner Family  
**10:15 am – Mass at Pathstone (Fr. Paul) - Mary Cline†**  
**7:30 pm – Baptism Class** (Conf. Rm. #1)  
7:30 pm – K of C Planning Meeting

**Friday, April 10:**

**Friday within the Octave of Easter**

**10:15 am – Mass at Monarch Meadows (Fr. Paul)**  
**- Lyle & Katherine Pearson†**

**Saturday, April 11:**

**Saturday within the Octave of Easter**

4:30 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:30 pm – Rosary  
5:00 pm – Mass - Chuck Grausam†

**Sunday, April 12: Sunday of Divine Mercy**

7:30 am – Rosary  
8:00 am – Mass – People of the Parish  
9:30 am – Rosary  
10:00 am – Mass - Alvin, Babe, Jack Gosch†  
**\* Morning Pre-School & Nursery**  
**1:30 pm – Convert Instruction** (Conf. Rm. #1)  
**2:00 pm – Music on the Hill**

**UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS**

Finance Council Meeting – April 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 P.M.  
\*Worship Committee – May 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30 P.M.  
\*Pastoral Council – May 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 P.M.  
*\*These two meetings will be the final meetings until next September.*

**Liturgical Roles April 11-12**

**Lectors**

**5:00 pm:** Steve Caron  
**8:00 am:** Mike Brumm    **10:00 am:** David Lamm

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**5:00 pm:** Rebecca Gruenes, Nicole Hull, Paul Stevens, Patrick & Wanda Hull, Mary Beth Nygaard  
**8:00 am:** Gene Brandt, Mary Homan, Michelle Ellingworth, Peter Backes, JoAnn Borchert, Terri Compton  
**10:00 am:** Marie Worrell, Dennis Haga, Sherry Henrickson, Marsha Murphy, Darlene Schorn, Dawn Matz

**Altar Servers**

**5:00 pm:** Connor McGraw, Larkin Hansen, Jonathan Hull  
**8:00 am:** Jake Homan, David & Tony Weber  
**10:00 am:** Rachel Kohlmeyer, Haley Barker, Ali Lang

**Presentation of Gifts**

**5:00 pm:** Annabelle & Logan Zernechel Family  
*(First Communicant)*  
**8:00 am:** Arlyce Anderson & Margaret Ayers  
**10:00 am:** Mason Tauer Family *(First Communicant)*

**Ushers**

**5:00 pm:** Tom Rheaume, Steve Enderle, Ken & Pat Thiele  
**8:00 am:** Doug & Jake Homan, Gary Zellmer, Kurt Schroeder  
**10:00 am:** Scott & Brady Smith, Glenn Vershelde, Blaine Kolstad

**Music Ministry**

**5:00 pm:** Julie Gruber/Janelle Campeau  
**8:00 am:** Joe Kunkel/Jeanne Makela  
**10:00 am:** Lori Christiansen/Vicki Galli

**Rosary Leaders**

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

**Money Counters - April, May & June 2015:** Mary Haley, Lee Sontag Kopp, Les Kopp, Arlyce Anderson

**Bulletin Folders for April 2015:**

Anne Frederick, Betty Rykhus & Dolores Portz

**K of C Council #5551 News**

April 9 - Planning Meeting  
April 23 - General Meeting



**CCW UPCOMING EVENTS**

**April 6** - Regular meeting in Conference Room #1 at 7 PM. Arlyce Anderson will give a presentation on her trip to Guatemala. Business meeting will follow.

**April 12** - Annual bus trip to Cities to see Dirty Rotten Scoundrels at Old Log Theater. Sign up in parish office.

**April 25** - NDUCCW convention at St. Aloysius, Olivia. Registration forms in parish office.

**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**

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** No Mass  
**Tuesday** No Mass  
**Wednesday** Michael & Ann Ryan  
**Thursday** Monica Ahern  
**Friday** Joseph Molski  
**Saturday** Mitch & Tara Hansen  
**Sunday** Timothy & Lynn Hill

**FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY**

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:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15  
**Tues:** Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18  
**Wed:** Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35  
**Thurs:** Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48  
**Fri:** Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14  
**Sat:** Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15  
**Sun:** Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31



**SINCERE SYMPATHY**

To the families of **Doris (Weingartz) Just†**  
*-May she rest in peace.*

**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES**

**April 22, 2015 Registration Deadline for the Diocese of New Ulm pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families.** Come and join us Sept. 22-28, 2015, in Philadelphia. Go to [www.canterburypilgrimages.com](http://www.canterburypilgrimages.com) to complete your registration. The cost of the pilgrimage package is \$1,875 per person, double occupancy. The package includes roundtrip coach transfer from New Ulm to the airport, roundtrip airfare from Minneapolis to Philadelphia, hotel accommodations for six nights with breakfast, coach transportation while in Philadelphia and for associated pilgrimage trips, and two dinners. Information on additional costs for children can be obtained directly from Canterbury Pilgrimage and Tours. The pilgrimage package does not include the registration for the World Meeting of Families, which must be completed through the official World Meeting of Families Web site. This site can be accessed from the diocesan Web site, [dnu.org](http://dnu.org), Office of Family Life page. There are various registration packets available. If you have questions, please contact Sr. Candace Fier at [cfier@dnu.org](mailto:cfier@dnu.org) or 507-233-5328.

**WELCOME A NEW FAMILY!**

We welcome another new family to Holy Rosary parish. We are blessed to welcome Bill and Carol Merritt to Holy Rosary. The Merritts have three children, Matt, Merissa and Quinn. Welcome to our ever growing parish family of Holy Rosary! Welcome!

**CCW BUS TRIP**

Last chance to sign up for The CCW Bus trip. *Those wishing to join us must sign up in the parish office by Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.* CCW ladies will take a bus trip to the Old Log Theater next Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> to see the comedy, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels. As in the past, we will leave from Holy Rosary at 12:00 pm noon, see the play at 2:00 pm and then stop at Perkins in Chaska on the way home. We plan to return to Holy Rosary around 7:15 pm. The price is \$30.00. **We would love to have you join us!** If you have questions, please contact Mary Zellmer at 345-4435.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Have you ever wondered what 40 Days For Life Campaigns are all about? Come to a seven week Monday video series starting Monday April 6, 7:35 a.m. Room 302 at Ss. Peter and Paul’s Parish Hall, 105 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Mankato. Enter the East door from the parking lot and take the elevator to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Discover how you, your committee or church can change hearts and minds, save lives and impact souls. Any questions call Nancy at 317-2095.

**BAPTISM CLASS**

Prepare to celebrate the sacrament of baptism with your child. Contact the parish office to make arrangements for the baptism ceremony. Register for baptism class, next class to be held April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the conference room of the Parish Center.



**LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

Loyola first graders led the Primary School students in praying “The Way of the Cross” on Wednesday, April 1. Through readings, songs, and reverent gestures, this simple prayer tells the story of Jesus’ Good Friday journey, and ends with His resurrection. The first graders repeated the prayer service for the Sisters in their chapel.

Our second graders will make their traditional “Bread of Life” retreat on Thursday, April 9. Their day will include prayer, songs, activities, and a journey to several sites on the Hill to learn about the Eucharist, make bread, study examples of religious art, and explore places of prayer.

Our sympathy to the family of Loyola parent, Shawn Reynolds, who passed away on March 22. Shawn and his wife, LuAnn, are the parents of Emily (LCS ‘13), Mackenzie (LCS grade 8) and Jacob (LCS grade 6). Shawn supported Loyola in many ways, among them were coaching elementary sports and serving on the LCS Advisory Council.



The Lucky 20 Raffle is back and changed to include MORE WINNERS than ever before. Winners announced at MACS NITE on Saturday May 2, 2015. You can’t win if you don’t play. Please contact: Carol Brady 381-1381

**“Lucky 20”  
RAFFLE**

**NEW ULM DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN CONVENTION**

Join us at St. Aloysius for the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual New Ulm Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention as we welcome Elizabeth Ficocello as our speaker. Elizabeth is a best-selling, award winning author who writes on family, sacraments, vocations, Marian topics, and her great love for the Catholic faith. Elizabeth currently hosts the program “Answering the Call” on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820, in which she interviews priests, deacons and religious about their spiritual journeys. Elizabeth has been a frequent guest on EWTN radio and television. Confessions, Mass, Woman of the Year, lunch, silent auction, Q & A with Monsignor Lozinski and various exhibits and booth displays will be part of the day. All who attend will receive an 11 x 14 picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, along with Family Consecration materials. Don’t miss this opportunity to gather with women from throughout the diocese for a day of friendship. Please stop by the parish office for a registration form. All women 18 years and older are welcome and encouraged to attend! Meet new friends! Connect with other faith filled women from the diocese! Grow in your faith!

**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
<b>(*We are 159 % our goal!)</b>	
  
3. Loyola Catholic School Assessment:
 

DUE:	\$ 238,000.00
<b>Pd. this week:</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>
Pd. to Date:	\$ 141,348.73

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Total Assessments 2014-2015:	\$ 343,812.77
Total Paid to Date 2014-2015:	\$ 243,812.77
<b>Total Assessments Due 2014-2015:</b>	<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>
(* Total includes D.M.A. overrun)	

This week we received from the Diocese of New Ulm an over-run check from the Diocesan Ministries Appeal that we had last fall. (*\*I requested the amount as pastor recently. Otherwise the amount is sent to us later in the calendar year.*) The amount of the Diocesan check came to \$11,717.15. This money had already been counted in our final subsidy total payment; so therefore, it does not shrink that \$100,000.00 number. But, I am certain that Loyola is pleased to receive this additional money from Holy Rosary at this time.

We did pay another \$3,000.00 to Loyola this week and having taken care of the payroll this week, as well as all of our outstanding bills, we are current in our “expense” department, excluding the assessments. Thank you for helping us keep on top of our expenses! Happy Easter.

**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.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Find out how much on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones—and focus only on each other.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are April 17-19 in Frontenac, MN May 1-3 & July 17-19 in Buffalo, MN, September 11-13 in International Falls, MN & Irene, SD, October 9-11 in Buffalo, MN & November 20-22 in Prior Lake, MN & Medora, ND. 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.

**HOLY ROSARY FINANCE COUNCIL**

**MARCH 9, 2015**

The Finance Council meeting was called to order on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Many other community and personal events prevented seven members from being in attendance. As a result, Father informed those present that the meeting would be largely “informative” and decisions requiring consultation would be held off until the April meeting when more members would be in attendance.

The past minutes of the February 9, 2015, meeting were reviewed and approved.

Bookkeeper report: Jim Theuninck had a written report indicating that 27 of the 32 administrative/bookkeeping findings by CliftonLarsonAllen have been addressed. The remainder of the reforms are still in progress. An accounting/payroll module is being installed on the computer in the coming days. Parish Data System has been in place in the parish but not fully utilized. This is now being done. John Daly is volunteering to help Jim with accounting procedures, setting up a chart of accounts on the computer. Checkbooks were all reconciled as of 3-1-15. Father is now signing off on these reconciliations as required with standard accounting practices. Checks are being reviewed by several people. Monitoring of accounts payable is presently in a good condition. The assessment as of 3-9-15 for the Diocese and the Catholic School is standing at \$127,000.00.

**Pastor’s Comments:** The office is still working on implementing the reforms of the audit/review. Some of the remaining requirements are going to take more time and patience. There will be another full review in five years. The cost of the review was anticipated to be \$1,200.00. The amount is nearly triple due to the additional work of the firm. Father is addressing this with the Diocese.

Father is grateful to Jim Theuninck for coming on the staff with his banking and bookkeeping background. Jim has found a number of cost-saving items that we are implementing at this time.

Father expressed his gratitude to Sherry Hendrickson and Larry Bennett that have served under the last pastorate as trustees. Father has reached the decision of appointing two new trustees from the parish, Dan Wingert and Lorraine Klaseus. Father is grateful that they are willing to take on this new leadership role as members of the parish corporation.

The overall collections have increased since the start of the fiscal year when compared to a year ago at this time. Of the first 25 weeks of the fiscal year, 19 weeks are up in revenue. Father expressed credit to the faithful for their generous stewardship. The first steps are being taken as we begin to prepare for the budget of 2015-2016.

**Old Business:** The Diocese is encouraging parishes with monies in reserve, to secure an attorney to protect their assets as the Diocese has several lawsuits against them. Father is presently working on this.

**New Business:** The parish is in need of reviewing its rental property/former school building. The parish is underselling their space and rental is becoming more of an “expense” than an “income”. Contracts and a paper trail needs to be in place as opposed to a verbal or “handshake” agreement. This will be further discussed at the April meeting. A review board of parishioners is being formed to review the staff needs of the parish for the coming fiscal year.

Upon further discussion, it was decided to give families that have experienced tragedy or loss a monetary gift from a special parish fund rather than have a special parish fund-raiser. Members reached consensus that it would be a difficult precedent to have parish fund-raisers every time a family crisis occurs of a parish member, especially in a larger community such as the greater Mankato area.

The next Finance Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. **(PLEASE NOTE: Due to the attorney coming from the Twin Cities, the Finance Council meeting has been changed (to one week later) to April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.)**

The meeting closed with prayer.

**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.

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