

the Quill and the Cloth

“So they went off and preached repentance. The twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.”

-St. Mark

Recently, at a family gathering, my brother was telling me that people from some of my former parishes, whom he has encountered, are wondering how his “little brother” (that’s me) is doing in Mankato. My brother made a rather astute observation. He said, *“He really likes the parish, but it is very challenging.”* That is pretty spot on.

One of the spiritual “challenges” that I am facing, and perhaps have never experienced to such a degree in previous assignments, is the parish size. In short, many of the things that I took care of largely on my own as pastor in the past, can no longer be done by one individual. With a growing parish (*we registered another three households this week and baptized two more children*), delegation becomes the operative word.

I am certainly blessed by our present parish staff that are always more than willing to take on some of the administrative and even some of the pastoral overload that occurs, even now in the midst of a busy summer. I do feel a bit guilty when I cannot see every sick person regularly, preach every homily or attend every gathering or meeting. My Mother reminds me in Dutch that I am a “good commander” and encourages me to let others do more things. So, recently, I had a professional crew clean the rectory basement (*that included washing off coal dust on some of the walls from many years ago*) and allow more volunteer E.M.E’s to take Holy Communion when my day is too filled with appointments and administration.

Why all this talk about work and worry about getting the job done? As a priest said at my First Mass rather strongly; *“Priests have to remember that they are not the Messiah. We already have one.”* Yet, isn’t it curious that in today’s gospel, the Messiah also has a tremendous spiritual workload. For St. Mark records that there is a need for preaching, driving out demons, anointing the sick and curing people.

The Good News rests in that the Lord is 100% human (as well as divine) and realizes that He cannot do the work alone. He needs to solicit the help of others. The Lord’s call and sending forth of the 12 apostles, two-by-two, is Good News in that ministry is not a “solo” or a “single-Savior-act”, but a community effort. The Lord established His bride, the Church, because He knew that the Good News would not spread by just One, but by the many. *“Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst.”*

So the 12 apostles (*who represent the lost 12 tribes of Israel and ultimately the people of God*), do not simply tag along with the Lord. Instead, the Lord tells them

specifically what they are to do in ministry down to great detail, from not taking a second tunic to taking care of the sick.

The spiritual challenge for us is that parish life is not a single person affair. ***The success of parish life is built not on one trying to do everything for the many, but rather the many doing everything for the “One”, namely Jesus Christ.***

In the week ahead may we ALL be proclaimers of Good News, not bad news, by our words and our actions. Don’t forget to enjoy our beautiful Minnesota summer! Have a great week. Thank you for being present at the weekend liturgies.



Rev. Paul van de Crommert,
Pastor

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“We must fear God out of love, not love Him out of fear.”

-St. Francis de Sales

A GROWING FAMILY

This week we welcome three more households to our ever growing parish family of Holy Rosary. Please welcome with me **Joel and Marla Endres** who have recently returned to our area and are residing in their new residence in North Mankato.



Secondly, we are pleased to welcome **Paul and Karen Harguth** who also recently joined our parish family. The couple resides here in Mankato.

Thirdly and finally, we welcome **Roberta Molitor** of Nicollet and now residing in Mankato. (This past week we celebrated the Memorial Mass for her late husband, Wally.) Our sympathies to her and her family. We welcome our new members and are so glad that you have come to worship with us.

NEW TO HOLY ROSARY?

As you noted in the previous article, we are blessed to welcome again three new families or households to our parish. Last Sunday after the morning Masses, I had two more families who wanted to know how they could become a part of our parish family.



All you need to do to register is to stop or call the parish office during office hours. Elaine, our Office Administrator, will be happy to help you. The registration takes only a couple of minutes to fill out.

For those of you who are registered and know of someone who is looking for a parish family, be an evangelizer and tell them how easy it was to join!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Adult	\$ 6,928.00
Electronic Giving	1,497.25
Junior	38.50
Plate	409.66
Peter's Pence Collection	20.00
School Building Rent	560.00
Votive Lights	29.85
Grand Total	\$ 9,483.26

STEWARDSHIP

In the coming days, all of you will be receiving your 2nd quarter statements for the close of the fiscal year as well as a letter of stewardship that I have written. As I state in the letter, we have had an extremely good year in terms of stewardship. We will end in the fiscal "black" in spite of the numerous repairs and maintenance projects in and around the parish. We also are current in all our billing.

At this point, we have not been able to complete our budget as we patiently wait for the final figure from Loyola that will be forthcoming when our area priests can sit down and meet with the Bishop of Winona. Patience is a virtue. Right?

Even though we had the 4th of July holiday last Saturday, and many people were on "holiday" and away from the parish, both the attendance and the collection was very fine! Thank you for your gifts!

BAPTISMAL BLESSINGS

We are blessed this weekend to welcome two more of the very youngest members to our parish family of Holy Rosary. Please welcome with me and pray for Jaxon Fisher, the new born son of James and Amanda as well as for Brielle, the daughter of Mark and Nicole Meyer. God is richly blessing our parish this past year with many baptisms. The birth of a child is a holy sign from God that He wants the world to continue. May the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism not only enrich these children, but also their parents and their families to be faithful to Christ's bride, the Church, her sacraments and in the spreading of the Good News of salvation! Congratulations!!!!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MRCI (Mankato Rehabilitation Center, Inc.) Thrift Shop at 111 Sioux Road is in need of more volunteer workers. All proceeds are used to enhance the lives of people with disabilities in Mankato and North Mankato. If you would like to volunteer or receive more information, please call Laura Butzer, store manager, at 388-3867 or Arlyce Anderson, board member and volunteer, at 317-0617.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

FIRST MEETING

Holy Rosary had their first Education Committee meeting (as encouraged and required by the Diocese) after some 13 years. We had a very heavy schedule and many things to discuss as plans are being made for a new academic year with religious education. New ideas and planning was proposed and will now involve follow-up with letters to our families of religious education in the coming days. I will also be sending out a letter of introduction of myself along with a proposed explanation of some of the plans and procedures we hope to implement this fall. As always, if you have any questions or maybe some good ideas of how we might better spiritually form our youth please call, stop by or drop me an e-mail. My e-mail address at Holy Rosary is nevec@hickorytech.net.

-Cathy Neve, *Director of Religious Education*

CATECHISTS NEEDED!

The teaching ministry is an important function of the church. We would be grateful if you would prayerfully consider becoming a catechist. Catechists usually teach in teams of two. All lesson plans and materials are provided for you and tuition is waived for your children. Please stop by the Religious Education Office or call 507-345-6765 to see what opportunities are available. We can help you choose the grade level that is best for you.

STARTING UP THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

I am pleased to announce that we are again returning to having a Social Concerns Committee. JoAnn Borchert, who has a passion for social concerns, has agreed to be the chairman for this committee. We will be meeting 3-4 times a year. We already have a couple of members for this committee, but we still can use several more. This week we gained some membership again, but we still need several more members with our first meeting scheduled early this fall. This committee will be dealing with various issues from visiting the homebound to reaching out to those that are in need. Call JoAnn or the parish office if you think that you might like to be a part of this parish committee.

THANK YOU

Cross Catholic Outreach wishes to thank you for the welcome that you extended to Father James Quinlan recently at the Sunday Masses at Holy Rosary parish. On behalf of the poorest of the poor, we thank you for having shared in their lives. May our Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support.

James Cavnar - *President*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, July 12: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 am – Baptisms

Monday, July 13: Weekday

8:05 am – Rosary
8:30 am – Mass - Jerome “Jerry” Gagnier†

Tuesday, July 14: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

7:00 am – Mass at Ss. Peter & Paul
8:15 am – Mass at St. John the Baptist

Wednesday, July 15: Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:05 am – Rosary
8:30 am – Mass - Gladys Koppi†

Thursday, July 16: Weekday

10:15 am – Mass at Pathstone (Fr. Paul)
- Joe & Martha Phillips

Friday, July 17: Weekday

8:05 am – Rosary
8:30 am – Mass - Living & Deceased Members of the Peter & Jelaine Schreiner Family

Saturday, July 18: Weekday

4:30 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm – Rosary
5:00 pm – Mass - Dale Sieberg†

Sunday, July 19: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am – Rosary
8:00 am – Mass - Helen Hadbavny†
9:30 am – Rosary
10:00 am – Mass - People of the Parish

K OF C COUNCIL #5551 NEWS

July 23 - General Meeting
August 13 - Planning Meeting
August 22-23 - KC Softball Tournament



CCW FALL SALE

CCW Fall Rummage Sale set up is September 10th after the 8:30 am Mass. The end time depends on amount of items. Sale will be Friday, September 11th, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please start saving **paper grocery bags** for the sale. Again Thrift and More will again be coming on Friday after the sale to pick up everything that was not sold. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 507-382-8341.

COME CELEBRATE

**MARK AND PAMELA WEINGARTZ'S
"25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY"**

Saturday, August 1st from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Loose Moose Saloon
119 South Front Street, Mankato, MN. 56001

JULY 18-19 LITURGICAL ROLES

Lectors

5:00 pm: Brian Eggersdorfer
8:00 am: Nancy Holden
10:00 am: Roxi Lang

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm: Daniel Gowanlock, Eileen Wadkamper, Patrick & Wanda Hull, Nicole Hull, *Maggie Bennett
8:00 am: Michelle Ellingworth, Steve & Shelly Bauer, Sharon Lenz, Terri Compton, *Gene Brandt
10:00 am: Jackie Cesario, John Kuchinka, Marie Worrell, Maxine Davis, Darlene Schorn, *Steve Hlavac

Altar Servers

5:00 pm: Connor McGraw (*Cross/Book/Bell*), Jonathan Hull
8:00 am: Ben & Grace Ellingworth, Braeden Otto (*Cross/Book/Bell*),
10:00 am: Elaine Adams, Abi Lang, Emma Niederegger

Presentation of Gifts

5:00 pm: Tom & Marcy Koch
8:00 am: Arlyce Anderson & Margaret Ayers
10:00 am: Emmy Gengler Family

Ushers

5:00 pm: Tom Rheaume, Bob Meyer, Gary Wintheiser, Larry Bennett
8:00 am: Bill Fasnacht, Gary Zellmer, Doug Helget, Paul Stevens
10:00 am: Thomas Kohls, Steve Kaiser, Chuck Schoettler, John Jagerson

Music Ministry

5:00 pm: Julie Gruber/Jeanne Makela
8:00 am: Corinne Ort/Jeanne Makela
10:00 am: Tom Bachmann/Janelle Campeau

Rosary Leaders

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

Money Counters for July 2015:

Arlyce Anderson, Jim Kirschbaum, Mary Coleman, Marie Bernardy, Helen Anderson

Bulletin Folders for July 2015:

Anne Frederick, Betty Rykhus, Dolores Portz



SINCERE SYMPATHY

To the family of **Wallace “Wally” Molitor†**
-May he rest in peace.

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

Nancy Evans, Marilyn Rieff, Donna Peterson, Sonny Telshaw, Charlie & Juliette Shamp, Vi Suedbeck, Ruth Baker, Ruth Fitterer, Bruce Grausam, Kris Bachmann, Jane Keltgen, Isaac Kolstad, Rachel Tobin, Mary Jane Ledwein, Tom Grausam, Don Haley, Doris Lorentz, Bill Goettlicher, Lenore Sweers, Krystal Portz, Steve Fitterer, Nancy Marquardt, Gabriel Speckel, Shannon Murphy, Lisa LaPoint Leland, David Bruender, Marilyn Bastian, Susan Zenk

FOR OUR FAMILIES

Monday Ambrose & Lois Kodet
Tuesday No Mass
Wednesday Timothy Heelan
Thursday Cheryl Pfeffer
Friday Steve & Becky Vosburg
Saturday Michael & Susan Zarn
Sunday Gerald & Cathy Vetter

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



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: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tues: Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24
Wed: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27
Thurs: Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30
Fri: Ex 11:10—12:14/Mt 12:1-8
Sat: Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21
Sun: Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

EUCCHARISTIC MYSTERY

Throughout Europe (and especially in Italy) there are many churches that have experienced Eucharistic miracles. Holy Rosary is not experiencing a “miracle” as much as a “mystery”. On Wednesday morning when I offered the morning Mass, nearly all of the consecrated hosts were gone from the locked tabernacle. This is problematic, as on Monday, there had been a sizable number of hosts and sufficient for Holy Communion during the week. This has happened repeatedly throughout the year, yet no one on staff or Worship Committee can explain the cause.



We are suspecting that one of our E.M.E.’s is taking a large number of hosts at one time to the various nursing homes or assisted living facilities. Perhaps there is someone from another area church who is taking these hosts for their Holy Communion calls. We simply do not know. We would like to know who is coming during the week to take the Holy Eucharist. Please call the parish office if you are that individual(s). Thank you!

-Father C.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Which came first, the chicken or the egg? The chicken of course. God does not lay eggs.....Do you know the name of the horse if Isaiah? His name was “Isme”. Isaiah said: “Woe is me.”.....At what season did Eve eat the fruit? Early in the fall.....What did Adam first plant in the Garden of Eden? His foot.

FREE CATHOLIC LITERATURE & LOCAL PAPER

At the entrances of the church, you are welcome to help yourself to the complimentary magazine entitled, *The Catholic Leader*. On Sunday mornings, there are a sizable number of complimentary *Mankato Free Press* papers available as well. They are usually at all the entrances to the Church. Again, you are welcome to pick one up as long as they last. Read on!

VOLUNTEER AT BIRTHRIGHT OF MANKATO

Birthright, a pro-life pregnancy help center in Mankato, needs more caring volunteers to help women make the decision of life for their babies. Birthright is planning a training session for new volunteers during July. For information and to volunteer, call the Birthright office at 387-7818.

Thank you so much!
 Grace Schreyer,
Co-director, Birthright of Mankato



Loyola is pleased to announce several exciting changes for the upcoming school year!

~Incoming fourth graders will be moving to classrooms on the Good Counsel Campus

~Our current grade 7-12 Spanish program will be expanded to include classes for students in Kindergarten-grade 6.

~Loyola is adding a full-time resource teacher in the elementary school

~Loyola's SMART program (Stimulating Maturity through Advanced Readiness Training) will be revitalized for PS-grade 3

~Grade 6 students will be incorporated into junior high class offerings and schedules

~Grade 5 students will be incorporated into Student Council, Builder's Club and other activities that enhance leadership and service skills

~Loyola will continue to challenge high school students with AP and PSEO class offerings

God has a dreams for your student...and so do we! Imagine how dreams can come true in an atmosphere which nurtures Faith, challenges toward full potential, and instills the confidence to lead and serve...

For information about enrollment or to schedule a tour/visit, please contact Sister Mary Beth at 507.388.0618 or 507.388.0615 or email mbschraml@loyolacatholicschool.org

FR. ED ARDOLF ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund is now at \$135,152.00. 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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

"Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it." Sometimes, as much as we love each other it seems like the thorns of life are choking our marriage and family. Take time to kill the thorns by tending to your Sacramental marriage. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are July 17-19 in Buffalo, MN, September 11-13 in Irene, SD & International Falls, MN, October 9-11 in Buffalo, MN, November 20-22 in Prior Lake & Windom, MN, Medora, ND & Rapid City, SD. 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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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

DUE: \$ 53,956.79
Pd. to Date: \$ 0.00

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

DUE: \$ TBA
Rec'd. to Date: \$ 0.00

Loyola Catholic School "Investment":

DUE: \$ TBA
Pd. to Date: \$ 0.00

Total Assessments 2015-2016:	\$ 53,956.79
Total Paid to Date 2015-2016:	\$ 0.00

So, with the start of July, we begin a new fiscal year. It is no doubt challenging as well as an act of faith. We have put "T.B.A." in the stewardship of our Catholic School stewardship (meaning To Be Arranged), as we will be meeting with Bishop Quinn of Winona how to create an equitable and realistic financial goal that all of our Mankato parishes can meet. This meeting is being planned for some time later this summer.

The Good News is that the Diocese of New Ulm has reduced our Diocesan United Fund assessment for the coming fiscal year. So, we will be paying less this year than we did last year. I know that you would be pleased in knowing this.

May you be as generous this year as you were last year! God bless!

JESUS SAID HE CAME TO GIVE US LIFE TO THE FULL

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?
DO YOU WANT TO LEARN EXACTLY HOW TO LIVE IT?

THEN DON'T MISS REBOOT! LIVE!
ONE EVENING REGIONAL EVENT

WEDNESDAY, September 30, 2015, 7:00PM – 9:30PM
Fitzgerald Campus: 110 North 5th St. Mankato, MN 56001

For more information and to register:
Call Beverly Miller, at 507-514-2425 or purchase your tickets online at www.RealLifeCatholic.com

HURRY! Get your tickets while you can!

OUTREACH TEAM MEETING REMINDER

The Outreach Team for Reboot! Live! will be meeting next Sunday, July 19th, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Upper Room of Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church Mankato. These will offer the strategic planning for this Reboot! Live! event and also Evangelization Training via Jim Beckman.

**HOLY ROSARY
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 18, 2015**

Holy Rosary's Pastoral Council gathered for their final meeting of the school year on Monday, May 18th. Following prayer by Father, the minutes of the March 23rd meeting were reviewed and approved as read.

Committee Reports: (Highlights) C.C.W. Plant sale was once again held with great success. \$200.00 more was sold than the previous year. A special thanks to all of the women who volunteered as well as those who purchased. Many women supplied bars for the parish auction and the leftovers were sold the next days as part of the profit at the two day garage sale. Knights: The Lenten Fish Fry was way up in attendance from the previous year. Scheduling the meal the same time as Father hosting the Stations of the Cross appeared to be a draw as the Fish Fry had a record turn-out this year. The Stations were very well attended and the profits were up, clearing some \$1,500.00. Tent rentals are still being done in the area. Worship Committee: The committee continues to work on environment along with Father. Easter and Holy Week went very well. Parishioners were well-represented at Holy Week with capacity attendance at Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Holy Saturday had nearly a full church with 6 new members coming into full-communication. (Veneration of the Cross took @ 15 minutes alone because of the attendance on Good Friday.) The servers, choir, musicians, lectors all did exceptional this year. Thank you! We are in the process of installing all of the Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist at Mass in the coming weeks as required by the Bishop and the Diocese. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will continue on First Fridays during the summer. Communal Anointing will be done in several sessions this spring. All of the storage areas will be cleaned by the Worship Committee this June as it has not been done for many years and there is many things in those areas that need sorting and to be discarded. Faith Formation: March 25th was the final grade school Mass and April 8th was the final Jr./Sr. High Mass that Father celebrated with the students. April 29th ended the religious education year with a "Fun N' Praise Day". (Jack McGowan brought his outside toys. Other stations for the day included decorating wooden crosses and a music station.) May Crowning occurred with the weekend Masses with 21 children participating in the procession. Graduation Sunday has been set for May 24th honoring our seniors in high school from both the public and private schools. Two 6th grade nominations have been made to the Serra Club's Great Promise Award. Names and winners will be announced this fall. Maggie thanked everyone for their support and encouragement. Finance Report: Over a six week period

from late April 2015 through the month of May 2015, revenue is up from a year ago by some \$41,000.00. If the profits from the auction are taken out, overall revenue in the six week period has increased by more than \$25,000.00.

Pastor's Comments: Father began by thanking all those who assisted in the parish auction, selling many items that the parish no longer used or needed. The auction was a great "pastoral" time as it was a good chance to meet and connect with the parishioners. A luncheon will be held with the retiring staff from Holy Rosary as well as a reception following the 10:00 A.M. Mass on June 14th. Plans are also in the works to do a good deal of cleaning in the school, offices, church and rectory. The new furnace has being installed in the rectory and repair/update work continues on the kitchen as well.

Father reported that the Pastoral Council has met this year six times. The council has been most helpful to Father in giving pastoral direction to his ministry as pastor. The council has spent the year reviewing strengths and weaknesses of the parish. A summary of this report will go in the financial report this fall that Father shared with the council. The report was reviewed and some changes were suggested before the final draft. The report addresses the Spiritual Life, Parish Finances and Parish Facilities of Holy Rosary. Father concluded his comments by thanking the council for all of their efforts this year.

The Area Youth Ministry program was discussed. Some beginnings of a youth program is being discussed with St. John's. Most likely a full-time hired youth minister is still a year away. Activities and events are being planned for the next school year through a sub-committee of members.

School subsidy/investment for Loyola school was discussed. Bishop Quinn will be meeting with the priests of the Mankato area. One area parish is substantially behind in their payments. Another parish is questioning their ability to maintain their set amount. Holy Rosary has been able to make all of her payments, but this has not always occurred in the past. The amount of "investment" is the largest expenditure of the parish. The meeting with the Bishop and the area Mankato priests to discuss the finances of Loyola is being scheduled later this summer. A possible formula for giving is under discussion.

The school is seeking out more renters to cover the high utility expenses and maintenance of our former parish school. There has been some success in this area. Credit goes to Dan Wingert (trustee) and Jim Theuninck (accounting) for their efforts in this regard. Several new renters are being courted. We have a potential of 6-7 renters using the facility with regularity in the coming year.

The next Pastoral Council Meeting has been set for Monday, September 21st at 6:30 P.M. The meeting closed with prayer.