

From the Pastor's Desk:

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard."

-St. Matthew

There is no doubt that you learned back in your "school days" those lines from Emma Lazarus: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me: I lift my lamp beside the golden door." Perhaps you also remember that these very words from Miss Lazarus are etched in the stone of the statue of Lady Liberty in Manhattan harbor.

The idea of a nation as a "melting pot" of immigrants of various nationalities and cultures has romantic overtones. For on holidays such as the 4th of July or Thanksgiving, we nostalgically recall the history of our founding parents. We are quick to tell others of our Irish or German or any other nationality descent. However, the day to day reality is that "immigration" has become a hot-button political issue, as many Americans will contradict their own patriotism or patrimony of American history through their prejudice. For rather than welcoming the immigrant or foreign-born, and holding up a torch of "welcome" like Lady Liberty, (some) would rather hold up (as they say) pitch-forks and torches of "unwelcome" saying with child-like limitations, "We were here first!" and "This land is not big enough for all of us!"

Not long ago, I read that you could place the entire world population comfortably in the entire state of Texas and the rest of the world could be uninhabited. While I cannot verify this claim, if it is even remotely true, it is certainly food for thought that the world is not over-populated as many in our society would like us to believe. In fact, many of the countries of the European Union and first-world nations are experiencing a depopulation and a rapidly aging population. The former Pope Benedict appealed to the Italians to marry and have families in a papal address during his pontificate.

As a child born into an immigrant home, I can attest firsthand that there is a real prejudice against a family, even a white family of European descent in the recent decades that I was growing up. Having worked with the Latino community in the recent years through the offering of Mass and the sacraments, I heard many statements of prejudice even from some of the best of practicing Christians and Catholics.

In today's gospel parable from St. Matthew, Our Blessed Lord develops two important theological points. These two theological points include "justice" and "mercy". **When we hear the parable of the landowner hiring workers throughout the entire day to work in the vineyard; with whom does our heart rest? Do we feel the "injustice" of those who worked all day in the hot sun and received the**

same salary as those who worked only a few minutes and received the same wage? Do we feel the "mercy" of the landowner who wants everyone to earn a fare wage no matter how long they have worked?

If I am honest, my heart goes out many times in the story to those who worked in the hot vineyard all day. I remember many weeks working 12 hour days in the fields on the farm. Those who come late on the scene and receive the same benefits, well...it feels so unfair. The same feelings can be applied to the issue of immigration.

The issue of immigration then from a faith stance, is far less about "justice" and much more about "mercy". I recall a young woman who was my tutor in Mexico when I was studying Spanish. Her husband had gone to the U.S. illegally, as there was no work in Mexico and he had a wife and three children to support. He was caught by immigration control and deported. The woman who taught me, along with her husband and three children were living with her parents in a couple of rooms. They were only surviving. With tears she asked me one day in Spanish; "Does God love American families more than us because they came to the country so many years earlier and have so much while we have so little?"

May we come to believe through this week's readings that "mercy" always triumphs over "justice" no matter how long we have worked or lived in the vineyard. Have a merciful week! Thank you for being at Mass!

Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor



Stewardship of Treasure

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| Adult (126) | \$ 9,014.49 |
| Electronic Giving | 3,627.25 |
| Junior | 17.75 |
| Plate | 518.57 |
| Stole Fees | 30.00 |
| Dividends Received | 74.02 |
| Mid East Collection | 228.00 |
| Catholic University | 171.00 |
| Bishop's Collection | 610.00 |
| Religious Education Tuition | 185.00 |
| Grand Total | \$ 14,476.08 |

**(Our weekly budget is set at \$12,253.00)*

STEWARDSHIP

We had another “GREAT” week of stewardship! I am running out of complimentary words. We again exceeded our budgetary needs. This is wonderful, for there will no doubt be lower weeks in the future. In Holland they say; “*It cannot always be Sunday.*” Of course, this means that things will not always be good. Yet, we are both optimistic and grateful that our stewardship has done so well in this first quarter! Thank you so much for your gifts.

YOUTH STEWARDSHIP THANK YOU!

At our recent Finance Council meeting we noted that in just the first two months of our new fiscal year our youth increased their giving from 124 contributions to 204, or a 64% increase. Good job young people. Your efforts and witness are greatly appreciated!

CHILDREN’S COLLECTION



Many of the Churches in our Diocese of New Ulm provide our young children the opportunity to bring their offering to the priest at the start of the offertory collection.

In consultation with both the Finance Council and the Worship Committee of Holy Rosary, we will begin taking up the “Children’s Collection” beginning on the weekend of October 4th and 5th and continuing on from there. This collection is not for the parish to “increase revenue” but rather to “increase participation” of our young people in the liturgy in another way. The only favor we ask of the parents and their children is not to run. Thank you!



WELCOME

Our parish family of Holy Rosary welcomes three new households this week. This is an additional 8 members to our growing flock. We welcome in a special way:

1. Verna Ludewig from North Mankato who recently moved into our area.
2. Leslie, Kyle and Justine Kitt
3. Doug, Mary, Katie and Jake Homan

Welcome Home to our growing parish family!

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

(III) Kevin Fritz and Molly Robinson – September 27, 2014, Wedding Mass - Holy Rosary Catholic Church.



Holy Rosary is now on Facebook. Please check out the site and “Like us” – follow the link from our website.

PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR ISAAC KOLSTAD AND ALL OF OUR SICK AND INJURED

We pray for all that are sick and injured either physically, emotionally or spiritually that they will experience the Good News of Christ’s healing love. We continue to pray in a special way for Isaac Kolstad and his family and his recovery. The direct link for Isaac Kolstad is: <http://www.youcaring.com/other/-22strong-for-the-isaac-molly-kolstad-family/177076>.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN RUMMAGE SALE



Rummage Sale

Holy Rosary Annual Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, October 10th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. The time of set-up will be on Thursday, October 9th beginning at 9:00 am. You are welcome to drop off items at the entrances of the church and, if you are able, to take them downstairs to the lower social hall. You are also welcome to stop by the office during the week and we will allow you to get into the church.

The women ask that you would not donate any computers, televisions, microwaves or car seats. These can be donated to Again Thrift and More. Also, due to insurance purposes, no electrical appliances of any sort can be accepted from toasters to blenders to hairdryers.

There are a growing number of boxes downstairs in the church social hall. Time to do your fall cleaning. Giving is a great feeling! You don’t need bigger closets! We just need fewer items!

**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN SALAD
LUNCHEON AND BAKE SALE**

The C.C.W. Annual Salad Luncheon will be held on October 16th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The women will be hosting a bake sale and raffle as well. The cost of the luncheon will be \$6.00 for adults and 3:00 for children 12 and under. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Please note that the Holy Rosary Pastoral Council will be meeting on Monday at 7:00 P.M. in Conference Room 1. Agendas and materials will be handed out at the time of the meeting. We hope to see you all there.



LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

On Monday September 15, students in grades 1-12 celebrated our first all school Mass of the year with Bishop Quinn along with our four parish pastors, Fr. Tim Biren, Fr. John Kunz, Fr. Paul van de Crommert, Fr. Mariano Oscar Varela, our President Fr. Robert Schneider, Deacon Doyle and representatives of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. A number of parents, community members and students of the Blessed Jose Sanchez Del Rio High School Seminary also came to celebrate Mass with us. This Mass was made extra special as we witnessed the re-dedication of the Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger chapel on the Good Counsel Campus. Jim and Betty Sohler, whose generosity made the renovation of our Chapel possible, received the Bishop's Medal of Honor and our deepest thanks. Also, Save the Date: Crusader Bowl - Friday, September 26th Starting at 5:00. Wired To The Heart - Friday, November 14th MSU Ballroom. Loyola Barnes & Noble Book Fair - Saturday, December 6th. Primary Christmas Program - December 18th.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Are you new to Holy Rosary? Do you have a 2nd grader, an 11th grader, or older child/ren who have not yet received their 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist, and/or Confirmation? If you were not on our list to get the information for these sacrament years, and want that for your child/ren, please contact Maggie at 345-6765 or bennettm@hickorytech.net.

1st Class for Grades 1-11 – September 24th (4:00 pm; 6:00 pm; or 7:15 pm. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM BE SUBMITTED VERY SOON! WE NEED TO FORM CLASSES, SECURE TEACHERS, AND BE READY FOR YOUR CHILDREN WHEN THEY COME TO US. PLEASE GIVE US SOME TIME TO DO THAT AND PLEASE CALL US IF YOU NEED ANOTHER FORM!

YOUTH CHOIR

We will be starting up again on Wednesday, September 24th, to coincide with the Faith Formation program. Practice will be on Wednesdays from 5:15 – 6:00 pm in the Parish Center Choir Room. Any questions contact Kathy Jo Johns, 387-4934 or kjowall@chartermi.net.



Bible Study continues every Monday at 9:15 am (after Mass). Anyone is welcome. We are studying the Gospel of Mark and using a book by Mary Healy from the

Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture series. Books can be ordered for new participants. We will continue to meet in Conference Room 1. Questions? Call Sr. Mary Anne at the Parish Office.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE



40 Days for Life Prayer outside Planned Parenthood: The fight for recognition of the humanity of the unborn is primarily a spiritual battle. Holy Rosary has been asked to help provide a constant prayer presence outside the clinic on 201 N. Victory Drive on Thursday, September 25 and Sunday, October 26. We are in need of volunteers who will commit to praying for 1 hour on either or both of those days on the sidewalk across from the clinic. We will be praying between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm. This is a prayer vigil not a demonstration or protest. You may sign up at 40daysforlife.com/mankato or call Nancy Fasnacht at 507-317-2095, the Vigil Coordinator. To keep the vigil going without a break in hours, you can sign up on other days if that works better in your schedule. If you can't volunteer, please pray during these days September 24-November 4.

K OF C COUNCIL #5551 NEWS

- September 25 – General Meeting
- September 27 – Tent Crew Party
- October 9 – Planning Meeting
- October 12 – Pancake Breakfast
- October 31-November 1 – Retreat – Sleepy Eye



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Do you know someone who would like to know more about the Catholic Church or perhaps is interested in becoming Roman Catholic? Maybe you know of someone that has drifted from the Church and would like again to return to full communion? R.C.I.A. is a program to welcome new members into the Catholic faith and also deepen and strengthen those that have been raised in the faith. If you think you might like to be part of a weekly session that will begin later this year, please call the parish office and ask to speak with either Sr. Mary Anne or Father Paul. Thank you!

SACRED SPACE MINISTRY

Autumn Weekend of Prayer – Friday 7:00 pm, October 3 to Saturday 4:00 pm October 4, 2014. Presented by Sisters Mary Kay Gosch and Mary Jo Welter. “There is a time for everything and a season for everything.” This Weekend includes time for reflection, sharing, input, space and time. Begin this season by pausing – *fall* into the living, loving God! Allow peace and quiet to restore, refresh and reinvigorate you. **Sacred Space Ministry, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato.** Fee: \$80, includes meals and accommodations. Adjustment made for commuters. Please register by September 29, 2014.

mjwelter@ssndcp.org or 507-389-4266.



If you lost a set of keys on Wednesday, Sept 10, please stop by the parish office to pick up.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS...

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Mary Jane Ledwein, Tom Grausam, Don Haley, Jan Schmidt, Doris Lorentz, Bill Goettlicher, Lenore Sweers, Dolores Spreter, Jay Brown, Ann Vetter, Richard Flynn, Jr., Krystal Portz, Lydia Meehling, Jan Brumm, Steve Fitterer, Kathy Eggersdorfer, Jean Weber, Isaac Kolstad, Nancy Marquardt, Gabriel Speckel, Barb Wegscheid, Shannon Murphy, Harriet Senesac, Lisa LaPoint Leland, Monica Haack, David Bruender, Marilyn Bastian, Isaac Kolstad

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

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



FOR OUR FAMILIES

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| Monday | Nathan Chandler Family |
| Tuesday | No Mass |
| Wednesday | No Mass |
| Thursday | Richard & Carol Arndt Family |
| Friday | Thomas & Diane Depuydt Family |
| Saturday | Bill & Heather Riegert Family |
| Sunday | Terry & Merry Wolford Family |

Readings for the Week

- Mon:** Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18
- Tues:** Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21
- Wed:** Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
- Thurs:** Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9
- Fri:** Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22
- Sat:** Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8; Luke 9:43b-45
- Sun:** Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42; Philipp 2:1-11; Matt 21:28-32

The Week Ahead

Sunday, September 21: 25th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

7:30 am – Rosary in Church
8:00 am – +Alvin, Babe, Jack Gosch
9:30 am – Rosary in Church
10:00 am – +People of the Parish
10:00 am Mass – 4:30 pm – Confirmation Retreat

Monday, September 22: Weekday

8:10 am – Rosary in Church
8:30 am – +Charles & Iola Orcutt
9:15 am – Bible Study – Conference Room 1
7:00 pm – Pastoral Council Meeting – Conf Rm 1

Tuesday, September 23: Saint Pius of Pietrelcina,

Priest

8:10 am – Rosary in Church
8:30 am – Liturgy of the Word/Comm. Service

Wednesday, September 24: Weekday

8:10 am – Rosary in Church
8:30 am – Liturgy of the Word/Comm. Service
9:00 am – Loyola Primary School Mass – Fr. Paul
9:30 am – Hillcrest Health Care Ctr Mass – Lit of
Word/Comm. Service
4 pm, 6 pm, 7:15 pm – Faith Formation

Thursday, September 25: Weekday

8:10 am – Rosary in Church
8:30 am – +Bill Zoelle
10:00 am – Monarch Meadows Mass – +Margery
Ulman
6:00 – 9:00 pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:30 pm – Knights of Columbus Meeting

Friday, September 26: Saints Cosmos and Damian,

Martyrs

8:10 am – Rosary in Church
8:30 am – +George Holzerland
4:00 pm – Wedding Rehearsal
7:00 pm – Loyola Homecoming Football Game

Saturday, September 27: Saint Vincent de Paul,

Priest

5:00 pm – Rosary in Church
5:30 pm – +Jim Yokiell
3:00 pm – Wedding Mass – Kevin Fritz & Molly
Robinson

Sunday, September 28: 26th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

7:30 am – Rosary in Church
8:00 am – People of the Parish
9:30 am – Rosary in Church
10:00 am – +Helen Kremer

Liturgical Roles – September 27-28

Lectors

5:30 pm: Brian Eggerdorfer & Dan Gowanlock
8:00 am: Linda Olson & Caroline McGowan
10:00 am: David Lamm & Jennifer Spaude

Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 pm Patrick & Wanda Hull
Nicole Hull, Marsha Murphy
Jim Theuninck, Kathy Frederickson
8:00 am: Craig Amundson, Arlyce Anderson
Margaret Ayers, Peter Backes
Gene Brandt, Cathy Neve
10:00 am: Kevin Mettler, Dawn Matz
John Kuckinka, Tom Koch
Tim McGowan, Sherry Henrickson

Altar Servers

5:30 pm: Grace Dehen, Jolee Slechta,
Larkin Hansen
8:00 am: Grace & Ben Ellingworth,
Josh Calsbeek
10:00 am: Andrew & Haley Kohrs, John Fink

Ushers

5:30 pm: Tom Rheume, David Kreuzer
Larry & Maggie Bennett
8:00 am: Jim Levandowski, Glen Verschelde
Carl Steffensmeier, Chris Sturm
10:00 am: Blaine Kolstad, Tom Kohls
Steve Kaiser, John Jagerson

Presentation of Gifts

5:30 pm: Bob & Dolly Meyer Family
8:00 am: Leslie & Theresa Calsbeek Family
10:00 am: John & Lori Daley Family

Music Ministry

5:30 pm: Myra Schroepfer/Vicki Galli
8:00 am: Joe Kunkel/Jeanne Makela
10:00 am: Tom Bachmann/Vicki Galli

Prayer Chain:

If you, or someone you know, would like to be included, please call Karen Etzell, 387-7877.

OTHER HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

Parish Festival – St. Peter, MN

Church of St. Peter, St. Peter, MN, September 27-28, 2014. Featuring a silent auction on the 27th (3-8 pm), a café serving hot beefs, homemade pie, bake sale and candy sale (3-7 pm); wine and beer garden (6-8pm) in the courtyard. Sunday, a breakfast with French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit and beverage will be served from 8:30 am-12:30 pm with a drawing for the raffles at noon.

Hubbell Harvest Festival – Mankato, MN

St. Joseph the Worker Church, Mankato, MN, September 28, 2014 - 10:30am - 2:30 pm. Come to enjoy the Bluegrass Mass, Granny's Corner, Silent Auction, Petting Zoo, children's games, Hayride, Bingo, Entertainment and so much more. Bring the family for all the fun! St. Joseph the Worker Church is located on the corner of Hubbell Ave. & W. 7th Street, Mankato.

Pancake Breakfast – Mankato, MN

St. John's Knights of Columbus, Mankato, MN will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, September 28 from 8:45 am – 11:30 am in Matthews Hall in the lower level of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. They will be serving delicious pancakes (plain and blueberry), eggs, meat, applesauce, coffee, milk and orange juice. Suggested donation is Adults \$5, \$20 maximum for a family.

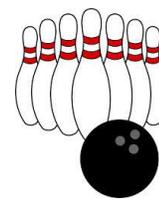


Mum Fest – Mankato, MN



SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Mankato, MN will be hosting their Mum Fest (Fall Festival) on Sunday, September 28, 2014 from 10:30 am – 3:00 pm. The day will include great food, bingo, face painting, pumpkins, music and games for all ages zero – 101. This is a great opportunity to show support for their parish and grow in fellowship with one another. Dinner tickets 0-3 are Free, 4-10 are \$5, 11-Adults are \$10. See you there!

Church Bowling League



Dutler's Bowl in Mankato, MN is sponsoring a "Christian Fellowship Wednesday Night" church bowling league. There will be an organizational meeting on October 1st along with an optional potluck at 5:30 pm. A four person team is required at the cost of \$6.00 per person for two game and a \$2.00 shoe rental.

Country Luncheon – Cleveland, MN

The Church of the Nativity, Cleveland, MN is hosting their "Country Luncheon and Bake Sale" on Saturday, October 4th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 12 and under, and preschool is free.

**Death and Dying
Our Journey Toward Resurrection**

The Diocese of New Ulm Ethics Conference will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2014 from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. Cost of \$20 includes lunch. To pre-register, complete registration form on dnu.org web site and mail with your payment to: Ethics Conference 1421 6th Street N., New Ulm, MN 56073. The conference will focus on end-of-life issues in context of Church teaching and our current health care environment. Health care professionals, as well as all interested people of the diocese are encouraged to attend.

Senior High Youth Rally – New Ulm, MN

"Life. Accept the Challenge!" (Matthew 28:19). The Youth Rally is sponsored by The Diocese of New Ulm and will be on Sunday, October 26, 2014 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Keynote with baseball celebrity Mike Sweeney of the Kansas City Royals along with a new Catholic Band, The Thirsting & NET Team #11. It's sure to be a good time! Contact Kevin or Paul in the youth ministry office.