

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

*Jesus said to His disciples: "I am the vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." -St. John*

I think that many people in the pew still think that priests are raised in crystal jars! It took me years to convince people that I grew up on a farm and that I shoveled, pitched and scooped my fair share of manure. My father always likes to tell people (with a smile) that he thinks he will have a longer stay in purgatory because he made his son, the "future priest", clean the barn when I was in school and seminary. (Maybe Dad, not a longer time in purgatory over the barn, but maybe the bean field! Ha!)



This past week we had a fellow come out and look at my "postage-stamp-back-yard" to examine one of the few trees that I have. Unfortunately, the tree, while getting a good size, has grown well into the power lines that run to the rectory. When I met with the professional tree trimmer and told him what I wanted to have trimmed off, I could sense by his look that, because the black collar that I was wearing, he questioned my "pruning potential". I quickly told him that I had trimmed many trees over the years including fruit trees, even as recently as a year ago for one of my former parishioners.

*This weekend on the Fifth Sunday of Easter, we hear from the Lord, (of all people/God) such a practical illustration of pruning to describe the spiritual life and even the Second Coming at the end of time. How beautifully the Lord again uses an agrarian image (just like last week with the Good Shepherd) to explain something so significant in our spiritual life.*

One of the hardest lessons to learn when it comes to pruning trees or vines (I don't have much experience in trimming grape vines) is that you have to cut off healthy, good and strong branches. Yet, the healthy growth is cut off in order that the remaining branches might become stronger and bear even more fruit.

How many times in our spiritual life we find it difficult to make a decision because by choosing one thing, we must forego another. For today, we have 50% less Catholic marriages in the Church than we did 25 years ago. People are marrying less because they know that if they marry this person, they "cut away" and exclude all other possibilities and people for the rest of their lives. They are absolutely right!!! But when we choose that one person, that one particular healthy, holy and beautiful branch on the vine of the Lord, we have the possibility of bringing forth so much holy fruit from the blossoms of love!

When we make the spiritual decision every day to pray or to attend Mass on the weekends, we are "cutting out" or "cutting away" some of our personal time for equally good and important activities from work to recreation. Yet, by cutting away those good things, we allow the branches dedicated to the Blessed Lord through the Blessed Sacrament and blessed time of personal prayer to grow, thicker, stronger and to bear an abundance of spiritual fruit.

As we are in the springtime of the year, we are also in the springtime of the liturgical year as we are in the Easter season. May we bloom spiritually with spiritual goodness just as the trees and flowers are blooming so beautifully in this exceptional spring in Minnesota and here in beautiful North Mankato! Happy Easter! Happy Spring! Happy, Happy Everything! Have a GREAT week!

*Rev. Paul van de Crommert, Pastor*

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

*"Let us love God, but with the strength of our arms, in the sweat of our brow."*

*-St. Vincent de Paul*

**TRANSITIONS – RETIREMENTS**

I wish to inform you that three of our parish staff will be stepping down from their positions at the close of May and heading toward retirement or at least a slower pace of life. (\*My Mother has always said that men get to retire but women have to still keep working in and around the house! Is this true ladies?)

Effective at the close of May, Maggie Bennett and Sue Cashman will be retiring from their positions as the Director and Secretary of our Faith Formation program. For decades, these women have given their time and talent to the education of hundreds of youth and the next generation of Roman Catholics. No doubt, their retirement is not only going to be a big change for them personally, but also for our parish as we adjust to a new director for our Faith Formation program this summer and early fall.

Also, Sr. Mary Anne will be stepping down at the close of this month as the Pastoral Associate. Sister has served in this capacity for the past several years. As a parish we are grateful too for the work that Sister Mary Anne has done so well over these past years.

As a parish we need to celebrate the work of these three women as well as our two youth ministers, Kevin and Paul, who are also retiring from their part-time work as active Youth Ministers. A celebration is being planned that will follow the 10:00 A.M. Mass on June 7th. We hope you can prioritize this date! As a Eucharistic people we have much to celebrate in "Thanksgiving" to God! We hope to see you there!

**Stewardship of Treasure**

Adult (139)	\$ 7,829.00
Electronic Giving	4,329.25
Junior	126.21
Plate	463.44
Good Friday (Holy Land Collection)	10.00
Easter	10.00
Home Missions Appeal	1,231.06
Votive Candles	53.52
School Building Rent	50.00
Loyola Assessment	25.00
Tax Refund	158.60

**Grand Total** \$ **14,286.08**  
*\*(Our weekly budget is set at \$12,750.00)*

**STEWARDSHIP**

Thank you for your generous stewardship “again” this week. I especially commend our young people for their faithful presence and generous offerings these past months. This week alone, more than \$125.00 was given by our youth which all adds up. It is nice to see so many of our young people at the weekend Masses.

We are making plans right now to take on some repair projects this summer in and around the parish as well as some needed capital improvements. We are just weeks away from the start of the “summer season”. Maybe, you would be open to trying electronic giving this summer and see how it goes. Many times people have the good intention of giving during the summer months, but family commitments and activities pull them away from the weekend liturgies. You are always welcome to take yourself off the electronic giving when the summer is past. It is a financially safe and secure way to give. (\*See below for further details about electronic giving. If you have any questions, you are welcome to call Jim Theuninck at the parish office for further explanation.) Thanks again for your wonderful stewardship! God bless you!

P.S. Don't forget to come to the auction of May 13<sup>th</sup> at Holy Rosary's school gym!!!!

**ELECTRONIC GOD GIVING**

Make your Sunday mornings more relaxing...  
 No more writing checks or finding envelopes



**“God Giving” made easy....**

Call the parish office or visit  
[www.holyrosarynorthmankato.com](http://www.holyrosarynorthmankato.com), and click on  
 “Electronic Giving” under the “About” tab,  
 to get the necessary form.

It only takes 5 minutes to sign up!

**Receive a FREE “Subway” sandwich  
 for signing up!**

**CCW MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE**



Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am - 7:00 pm  
 Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am - 7:00 pm  
 Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am - 11:30 am



**PARISH AUCTION & RUMMAGE SALE  
 - ITEMS WELCOME!**

We are only one and a half weeks away from our parish auction that is being planned for Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars now! Please note the auction bill as part of this week's insert. Now is the time to



do some **SPRING HOUSE CLEANING!** Less is more! **HOWEVER, WE ARE ASKING FROM YOU FOR GOOD TO EXCELLENT QUALITY ITEMS! We welcome household, shop equipment, really anything of good quality!** We have now two boats donated and several more household items! Keep them coming! You may drop the items off at the school during office hours. It should be a fun evening with lots of food and fellowship. All of the proceeds will go to reduce our assessment to Loyola Catholic School and to make our stewardship goal. We already have a lot of nice things. Plan to come to the gym, rain or shine! **Find household items, furniture, appliances, antiques, decorations and much, much more!**

**Auction – Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> (School Gym)**

**Viewing opens at 4:30 pm**

**Auction starts at 5:30 pm**

**Serving: Hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, soda & cookies.**  
**All donations must be dropped off at the Parish Center by 12:00 pm Noon on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Garage/Rummage Sale (School Gym)**

**Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**  
 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.



**All donations must be dropped off at the Parish Center by 12:00 pm Noon on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



We are in need of many generous hearts who are willing to help out with making our Parish Auction and Garage Sale a success! Please see the table in the back of the church (on St. Joseph's side) to sign up and see what is needed.

**The Week Ahead**

**Monday, May 4: Easter Weekday**

- 8:05 am – Rosary
- 8:30 am – Mass - Richard Friedrichs†
- 9:15 am – Bible Study (Conf. Rm. #1)
- 6:30 pm – Worship Committee Meeting (Conf. Rm. #1)**
- 6:30 pm – CCW Pot Luck & Guest Speaker**  
(Church Basement)

**Tuesday, May 5: Easter Weekday**

- 8:05 am – Rosary
- 8:30 am – Holy Communion Service
- 7:30 pm – *River of Life* (Conf. Rm. #1)

**Wednesday, May 6: Easter Weekday**

- 8:05 am – Rosary
- 8:30 am – Mass – Tom Ledwein†
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm – Sewing Group - Parish Center
- 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm – Holy Rosary Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 7: Easter Weekday**

- 10:15 am – Mass at Pathstone (Fr. Paul) - Molly Galli†**

**Friday, May 8: Easter Weekday**

- No Mass (Fr. Paul out of town)
- 9:00 am - 7:00 pm – CCW Plant Sale**

**Saturday, May 9: Easter Weekday**

**(MAY CROWNING)**

- 9:00 am - 7:00 pm – CCW Plant Sale**
- 11:30 am – Burial at Calvary Cemetery - Betty Brown†**  
(Fr. Paul)
- 4:30 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 4:30 pm – Rosary
- 5:00 pm – Mass - Signa Hoffman†

**Sunday, May 10: Sixth Sunday in Easter**

**(MAY CROWNING)**

- 7:30 am – Rosary
- 8:00 am – Mass - Living & Deceased Members of the  
Peter & Jelaine Schreiner Family
- 9:00 am - 11:30 am – CCW Plant Sale**
- 9:30 am – Rosary
- 10:00 am – Mass - People of the Parish
- 11:15 am – Baptism**

**UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS**

- \*Worship Committee – May 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30 P.M. **Tomorrow!**
- \*Pastoral Council – May 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 P.M.
- Finance Council – June 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 P.M.
- \*These two meetings will be the final meetings until next September.*

**MASS PARKING NOTICE**

Please be sure NOT to park in Garfield Place's parking lot for Masses or other Holy Rosary events – this is for Garfield Place **residents only**. It has been noted that Holy Rosary's parking lot, although small, is not typically full during Masses, so please be sure to utilize this space as well as the alley along the south side of the church for off-street parking. Thank You!

**Liturgical Roles May 9 - 10**

**Lectors**

- 5:00 pm:** Jennifer Spaude
- 8:00 am:** Linda Hiniker
- 10:00 am:** Tim McGowan

**Eucharistic Ministers**

- 5:00 pm:** Karen Etzell, Karen Winters,  
Margo Wheeler, Rebecca Gruenes,  
Bev Linnes, \*Julie Schoettler
- 8:00 am:** John & Lori Daley, Danielle & Peter Backes,  
Gerry Hiniker, \*Sharon Lenz
- 10:00 am:** Deb Stachon, Marie Worrell, Bob Wegscheid,  
Kristin Cain, Maxine Davis, \*Roxi Lang

*\*The ministers marked with an "\*" will not serve if Deacon Russ and the other five ministers are present.*

**Altar Servers**

- 5:00 pm:** Reid, Riley, & Rayna Gruenes
- 8:00 am:** Danny Collins, Tony & David Weber
- 10:00 am:** Elaine Adams, Hailey Barker, Abi Lang

**Presentation of Gifts**

- 5:00 pm:** Dan Wingert Family
- 8:00 am:** Roger & Patricia Stierlen
- 10:00 am:** Gerry & Linda Hiniker

**Ushers**

- 5:00 pm:** Tom Rheume, Paul Stevens,  
Gary Wintheiser, Cathy Neve
- 8:00 am:** Carl Steffensmeier, Chris Sturm,  
Bill Fasnacht, Steve Enderle
- 10:00 am:** Bob Stachon, Blaine Kolstad,  
Scott & Brady Smith

**Music Ministry**

- 5:00 pm:** Kathy Jo Johns/Vicki Galli
- 8:00 am:** Julie Gruber/Jeanne Makela
- 10:00 am:** Holy Rosary Choir/Elaine Wolf/  
Sr. M. Adelyn Vokal

**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 May 2015:**

Mary Bliss, Barb Wegscheid, Marge Grausam

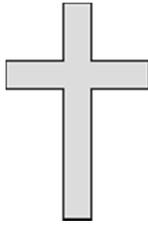
**Readings for the Week**

- Mon:** Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
- Tues:** Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
- Wed:** Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
- Thurs:** Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
- Fri:** Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
- Sat:** Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
- Sun:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/  
1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

**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**

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, Jan Brumm, Steve Fitterer, Nancy Marquardt, Gabriel Speckel, Shannon Murphy, Harriet Senesac, Lisa LaPoint Leland, David Bruender, Marilyn Bastian, Susan Zenk

**FOR OUR FAMILIES**

<b>Monday</b>	Tom & Sarah Niederegger
<b>Tuesday</b>	No Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mark & Lenore Sweers
<b>Thursday</b>	Mark & Amy Wersal
<b>Friday</b>	No Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	Brian & Holly Sens
<b>Sunday</b>	Jaye & Cathy Davidoski

**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



**SINCERE SYMPATHY**

To the families of

- ❖ **Howard Anderson†**
- ❖ **Betty Kotthoff†**
- ❖ **Betty Brown†**

*-May they rest in peace.*

**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

Holy Rosary Catholic Church is seeking a full-time Director of Faith Formation for the 2015-2016 academic year. The requirements for this position include (in part) a bachelor's degree in education and/or theology, knowledge and/or experience in administration, computer skills/technology as well as a strong working knowledge of the Catholic faith. A competitive salary and benefits are being offered including paid vacation, insurance subsidy and retirement benefits. All written resumes must be submitted to the pastor, Rev. Paul van de Crommert, Church of the Holy Rosary, 525 Grant Avenue, North Mankato, MN. 56003, by U.S. mail or delivered to the parish office by no later than 12:00 P.M. Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015.



**MAY CROWNING – GRADES 1-6**

Spring has finally arrived and with it an invitation for your elementary child(ren). All of them are invited to participate in the May Procession at all three Masses on May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> to crown Jesus as our King and Mary, His Mother, as Queen of Heaven. They will simply carry a flower in procession up to the statue of Jesus and Mary as a song is sung. Please let Maggie or Sue know if your child(ren) are interested and more information will be given at that time. Please call 345-6765 or email bennettm@hickorytech.net or cashmans@hickorytech.net.

**K of C Council #5551 News**

- May 14 – Planning Meeting
- May 27 – Blood Drive
- May 28 – General Meeting



**CAREER OPPORTUNITY**

The Knights of Columbus are seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing our insurance program in your area. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time, professional position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact, Luke Rennie, General Agent, at 507-417-7169 ext. 8 or Luke.Rennie@kofc.org

**POT LUCK & GUEST SPEAKER**

The Council of Catholic Women would like to invite the parish to a pot luck meal, Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. in the church basement, followed by guest speakers Paul & Arlene Renshaw. Paul is president of the Mankato Area Fair Trade Town Initiative (MAAFTTI). Come and learn what is truly going on and what we can do about it. All parishioners are welcome. Bring a dish to pass and bring along a friend. If wishing to attend the informative talk only, come at 6:30 pm. (No CCW business meeting this evening.)



**LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

MACS Nite - May 2<sup>nd</sup> (tonight) come and enjoy the festivities on the hill from 5:30 pm - midnight. This major fundraiser for Loyola Catholic School is a casual night of games, auctions, food, beverages, music and entertainment. It's a community party! All 21 and over are welcome.

Loyola will celebrate its Baccalaureate Mass on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Our preschool classes presented their "Circus" last week. Imagine 3, 4, and 5 year olds as acrobats, lions, monkeys, tigers, elephants and their trainers, clowns and strong people, and as Ring Masters. The Preschool Circus is a Loyola family favorite!

Our Kindergarteners will participate in Literacy Day, sponsored by the Education Department at MSU on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Loyola Kindergarteners will present their annual Kindergarten Program on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. All are welcome.

Our second graders will be honored and celebrate together in gratitude for the gift of their First Holy Communion at our Primary School Mass on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. All are welcome.

Primary School students look forward to their annual "Literacy Week" celebration May 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. Each day has a theme based on a literary genre, ideas for dressing up, special treats and activities, all culminating in our "STAR Reader" award ceremony honoring those young readers who have met their Accelerated Reading goals throughout the year.

**KRUISIN FOR KOLSTAD  
5K FUN RUN**

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:22 am Start**

**RIVERFRONT PARK**

300 W. Rock Street, Mankato

along the river to

**SIBLEY PARK**

900 Mound Ave, Mankato

**Register Online @ ACTIVE.COM**

**Cost \$25.00**

**Kids 1 Mile @ Sibley Park 11:45am - \$10**

registration available the day of race

at riverfront park 8:45-9:45 AM

**#22 STRONG Proceeds Go Directly to Kolstad Family**

***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for the run route, food serving, setting up and tearing down, etc. Please contact Mary Wright at 507-327-4049.*

**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 \$ 63,868.11

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

DUE: \$ 27,708.85

Rec'd. to Date: \$ 44,021.00

(\*We are at 159 % our goal!)

3. Loyola Catholic School Assessment:

DUE: \$ 238,000.00

**Pd. this week: \$ 3,000.00**

Pd. to Date: \$ 155,658.68

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Total Assessments 2014-2015: \$ 343,812.77

Total Paid to Date 2014-2015: \$ 263,547.79

**Total Assessments Due 2014-2015: \$ 80,264.98**

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

We paid another \$3,000.00 to the Loyola Catholic School system this week. We are ready to break below the \$80,000.00 mark in assessments next week, and not a moment too soon as we are beginning the start of the Month of May and the final two months of the fiscal year!

I have every confidence that we will be able to pay all of our assessments before the close of the fiscal year if your great generosity continues. I certainly want to encourage all of our Catholic School families from Holy Rosary to support our auction fund-raiser that is coming up on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. While all of the monies raised will go into one check for Loyola, this will also benefit all of us as we will have to pay less monies from the general fund! Remember May 13<sup>th</sup>! We will welcome more quality items and also welcome your presence, participation and perhaps a purchase or possibly something to eat!!!

**FR. ED ARDOLF ENDOWMENT FUND**

This fund is now at \$131,552.00. 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.

**LIVING EVERY DAY WITH PASSION AND PURPOSE WITH MATHEW KELLY**

Internationally acclaimed speaker and author, Matthew Kelly, will be at St. Bernard's Parish, 116 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Stewartville, MN on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 7:00 pm to 10:45 pm. He will also be at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 503 W Lyon St., Marshall, MN 56258 on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 4 pm to 8 pm. Tickets are just \$39! To order tickets or for more information about this event go to [www.DynamicCatholic.com](http://www.DynamicCatholic.com) or call 859-980-7900.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

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



**FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS**

Students, stay Connected with your Catholic Faith when you go off to college. The NEWMAN CONNECTION High School Outreach Program helps you connect with your local Catholic College Campus Ministry. When students are entered into the NEWMAN CONNECTION database, their information will automatically be sent to the local Catholic Campus Ministry (Newman Center or local Catholic Parish's college youth group when there is not a Newman Center on Campus). The Campus Minister can then reach out and contact the student to invite them to their activities on Campus. This effort has met with great success. Let's keep our students connected to their Catholic Faith during their College years.

If you have a graduating High School Student this year, please get them connected with their Catholic campus ministry by contacting Cathy Ahearn, ckahearn@charter.net, or Dolores Portz, dolpor@hotmail.com, with your student's name and choice of College/University (with location) that they will be attending this fall. *Sponsored by the Mankato Serra Club.*

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

Consider volunteering with Lutheran Social Service's Meals on Wheels Program in Mankato. Get *Spring fever* by delivering hot, nutritious meals to seniors and disabled individuals in our community.

By partnering with us, you, a relative, friend or co-worker could come together and help put a smile on the faces of our local neighbors in need.

It only takes 45 minutes to 1 hour for each day you volunteer. You can choose once a week or once a month, and help our participants remain living in their homes. Those participating in our Meals on Wheels program may be some of your friends and/or neighbors.

Please contact Sally @ 340-3162, or Vanessa Steffl @ 1-866-974-0285 or Shawn @ 625-8970 for more information. Or you may contact us via email mealsonwheels@lssmn.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

**FREE SUNDAY PAPER**

The Sunday paper will be available in the entrances after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Sunday Masses courtesy of The Free Press. These papers are FREE, but a free will donation is greatly appreciated.



**REBOOT! LIVE!**

**SAVE THE DATE:** Holy Rosary has, in conjunction with the other Parishes in the Mankato area, secured a world-class event: *Reboot! Live!*, for September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm. *Reboot! Live!* will be held at the Fitzgerald Campus in Mankato and will feature **Chris Stefanick**. The evening will center around a practical exploration and understanding of our faith, and all the ways it's meant to impact our lives, including: prayer and spirituality, work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more.

**JOIN OUR OUTREACH TEAM AND HELP MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS:** You are invited to be part of this Mission! We need your gifts. We need your heart, hands and feet! Our first Outreach Team Meeting will be held Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church: Upper Room (4<sup>th</sup> Floor) of Xavier Hall. Contact Beverly Miller at 507-514-2425 or [ssppyouth@hickorytech.net](mailto:ssppyouth@hickorytech.net) for more information! Please visit [www.reallifecatholic.com](http://www.reallifecatholic.com) to learn more about Chris and *Reboot! Live!* Events.

**LETTER CARRIERS' FOOD DRIVE SATURDAY, MAY 9**

Mankato – North Mankato Letter Carriers, in conjunction with the U.S. Postal Service, will be collecting non-perishable food items on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> to help families in need in our community through the ECHO food shelf. Please place your food donation at your mailbox on May 9<sup>th</sup> before your letter carrier arrives. For more information call Dave Wortel, 345-4494. Thanks for helping!

**OPEN HEARTS OPEN DOORS RECOGNITION BRUNCH**

Each spring Open Door Health Center holds a brunch fundraiser to support service delivery. This year, the brunch is being held on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut Street (rear entrance), in Mankato, starting at 10:00 am (doors open at 9:00 am). Tickets are \$40 each. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket or donating a silent auction item please contact Iris Clark at 507-388-2120 or [clark.iris@odhc.org](mailto:clark.iris@odhc.org). Tickets may also be purchased online by going to [www.odhc.org/brunch](http://www.odhc.org/brunch).

**50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Fred & Audrey Cain, formerly of this parish, invite you to share in their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary at an open house, May 9<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the North Mankato Police Annex. No gifts please.