



“A prophet is not without honor except in His native place and among his own kin and in his own house.”

-St. Mark

Happy 4th of July!

Happy 4th of July! This weekend we are blessed to have Independence Day fall on Saturday. We have a double celebration. We are celebrating the birth of our nation as well as the blessings of our Blessed Lord through the Holy Eucharist.

Patriotism vs. Liturgical Practice

I have found it curious that our parish musicians have been sheepishly asking if it would be all right to sing patriotic hymns this weekend as well as when we celebrate other national holidays. Both liturgically and pastorally, the answer is “Yes”. As the son of an immigrant, my parents had a great affection for the American men of the armed forces who were part of the allied invasion that ended the war in Western Europe in 1945. By singing the patriotic songs, we are singing the songs of America’s God-given freedom and the freedom of so many other countries around the world. I have put the flags back into the sanctuary even though there are some liturgical “purists” who claim this is not appropriate!?! It seems so appropriate to remember weekly the sacrifices of so many brave men and women who are buried on American or foreign soil. So, we will leave “Old Glory” and the Papal flag in either corner of our sanctuary.

Patriotism as Prayer

When I was growing up as a boy, the churches always had the flags in a place of prominence in our sanctuaries. It seemed that about the time that the flags were being removed was about the same time much of the moral fiber of this country began to be unraveled and continues to do so if you have been reading the papers as of late. Equally, it is curious that the Church still holds that, when praying the prayers of petitions at Mass, the first intention is to be for the Church and her leadership and the second petition is to be for the nation and those that lead it. Yet, the visible symbol of our nation or the papal nation through their respective flags is not encouraged? Strange?

Holding Papers vs. Personal Handhelds

Speaking of boyhood, I lived (as most of you did) before the invention of the cell phone and the personal computer. So, I lived (not on Walton’s Mountain) but rather in southern Minnesota where we actually read for “entertainment” books and the weekly newspaper.

In Murray County, we had at one point, two local papers. One of these papers you had to pay for, *The Murray*

County Herald. The second paper was free, *The Wheel*. Eventually the two papers merged and it became the *The Murray County Herald/Wheel*.

“The Quill and the Cloth”

Each week, one of the Christian ministers (I believe he was Methodist) wrote a column in our local paper about some topic based on the scriptures and current events. He had self-titled the column “*The Quill and the Cloth*”. (In case you are of the younger generation who might not know, the quill is what people use to use for writing.) The “cloth” was in reference to the clergy who were, years ago, referred to as “men of the cloth” because of the distinctive garments that they wore (and which some of us still wear today). I faithfully read that column each week and marveled at the local pastor’s writing.

“Tempus Fugit” – “Time Flies”

I am certain that this particular column in my local hometown paper has long since left and perhaps that dear minister has gone to his reward. But the title was clever and so, on the occasion of my first anniversary as the pastor of Holy Rosary (June 30th), I would like to give a new and more creative title to this column that I have written for 25 years. This year (in August) I will have completed 25 years as pastor, and I have always called my column “*From the Pastor’s Desk*”. At the close of June, I also finished my 27th year of priesthood. I still feel and work as though I am young, but I know better. When I was a seminarian with Father Ed, I ran up the stairs and I can still do this today without losing a breath. I know better now not to run down the rectory stairs like I did when I was a seminarian, but truthfully it feels like only a couple of years ago that I was a seminarian here at Holy Rosary.

Gospel Good News

In this weekend’s gospel, Jesus returns to His hometown, not just in His “memories”, but as the “Messiah”. Yet, the Lord receives less than a warm reception. In fact, He is able to work very few miracles and the people want Him to truthfully run away. It is true, sometimes familiarity breeds contempt.

Home Sweet Home

Holy Rosary and North Mankato has become “familiar” and dare I say “home” over these past twelve months (but not contemptuous). I do not think there has been one day over the past year that someone has not ministered to me by saying some kind word or compliment involving my pastoral efforts here in the parish. It is something I have never experienced before. For example, one person recently told me that the highlight of the week is to sit down after Mass and read the bulletin. This person said: “*It is the closest thing that North Mankato has for a newspaper.*” Another person told me that she rarely receives a letter from anyone. She said; “*Your column is like I am getting an old-fashioned weekly letter from someone.*” Each Sunday afternoon, as I am working in the office or in the rectory, I

see a cadre of parishioners and non-parishioners faithfully picking up our parish bulletin. Most of the time, when we recycle the bulletins, there are very few if any remaining. We must have a lot of "Good News" that people want to read!

I know, the column this week is way too long! Next week it will be much shorter! Thank you for being as great a parish as I remember back when I was finishing up my seminary career. Thank you to all of you who have been such a great help, especially the volunteers be it with a blue or a white collar! THANK YOU! May we have many more years together to give praise to the Lord in our beautiful Church of Holy Rosary. God loves you and so do I!

Rev. Paul van de Crommert, Pastor

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Adult	\$ 6,076.00
Electronic Giving	2,323.25
Junior	43.05
Plate	320.00
Votive Lights	39.85
Peter's Pence Collection	324.00
US Tax Refund	932.56
CCW Cleaning Donation	312.00
1990 Ford Starcraft Conversion Van	500.00

Grand Total **\$ 10,870.71**

STEWARDSHIP

This past Saturday (according to some), we crossed the threshold of the halfway or midpoint of summer. In a few short weeks or even days, we will start to hear the advertising of "Back to School" sales. *(That seems to start earlier and earlier like Christmas advertising too!)*

That being said, we did not make our old budget figure this week, but no mind. We are up this week from a year ago by \$2,000.00. This is wonderful. *(Please note that we will not put in a total budget number until we have the final numbers for our Loyola "Investment" that will be forthcoming when Bishop Quinn meets with the four priests of the Mankato area.)*

By all accounts, in spite of the many repairs and updates that were done this year, as well as all of our stewardship obligations fulfilled (and even covering some of the previous year's budgetary expenses), we WILL end the financial year by a comfortable margin. Thank you so much!

K OF C COUNCIL #5551 NEWS

- July 7 - Planning Meeting
- July 8-12 - Fun Days Bingo Stand
- July 23 - General Meeting



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICIALLY BEGINS

On July 1st, Cathy Neve officially began her work as the new Director of Religious Education. Unofficially, she and other volunteers with her have already done a monumental amount of work, cleaning, organizing, painting, etc., as we begin a new chapter of religious education. We are already most grateful as a parish for all of Cathy's zealous efforts.

Cathy will be in the office after the 4th of July holiday if you want to stop in and say "Hi" and see the many physical changes that have already taken place.

HOLY ROSARY EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Holy Rosary Education Committee Meeting officially will gather this Wednesday, July 8th at 7:00 P.M. in Conference Room #1. A full agenda is being planned. Thank you to all of our volunteer members who are concerned about the faith formation of our parishioners both young and old.

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

On July 1st, I officially became a staff member of Holy Rosary Parish. I am honored to be part of the staff. It is ironic that I've stopped by the office for years to visit my mother and now she stops by to see me! I spent time this week finalizing members of the Education Committee. I'm looking forward to our first meeting on July 8th. We have a lot to discuss as we develop a vision for the Religious Education Program for this coming year.

-Cathy Neve, Director of Religious Education

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!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Those who guide souls should realize that the principal agent and guide and motive force in this matter is not them but the Holy Spirit, who never fails in His care for people; they are only instruments to guide people to perfection by faith and the law of God, according to the spirit that God is giving to the individual person "

-St. John of the Cross

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, July 6: Weekday

*Parish Office closed due to the 4th of July holiday

- 8:05 am – Rosary
- 8:30 am – Mass - Charles & Iola Orcutt†

Tuesday, July 7: Weekday

- 7:00 am – Mass at Ss. Peter & Paul
- 8:15 am – Mass at St. John the Baptist
- 7:30 pm – K of C Planning Meeting

Wednesday, July 8: Weekday

- 8:05 am – Rosary
- 8:30 am – Mass - Janice Person†

Thursday, July 9: Weekday

- 8:05 am – Rosary
- 8:30 am – Mass - Lisa Ahlness†
- 10:15 am – Holy Communion Service at Pathstone

Friday, July 10: Weekday

- 8:05 am – Rosary
- 8:30 am – Mass - Chuck Grausam†

Saturday, July 11: Saint Benedict, Abbot

- 9:00 am – Latin Mass at Ss. Peter & Paul
- 4:30 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 4:30 pm – Rosary
- 5:00 pm – Mass - Leonard & Martha Dutkiewicz†

Sunday, July 12: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 am – Rosary
- 8:00 am – Mass - People of the Parish
- 9:30 am – Rosary
- 10:00 am – Mass - Shawn Reynolds†
- 11:00 am – Baptism

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 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.

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION
BE A WITNESS OF CHARITY**

Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Father's charitable works in the Peter's Pence Collection. Your contributions will be combined with those of our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to be a witness of charity. May God bless you.

JULY 11-12 LITURGICAL ROLES

Lectors

- 5:00 pm: Jim Theuninck
- 8:00 am: Dolores Portz
- 10:00 am: Chris Cain

Eucharistic Ministers

- 5:00 pm: Tom & Mary Clare Wyrowski, Julie Schoettler, Mary Beth Nygaard, Rebecca Gruenes, *Bev Linnes
- 8:00 am: Steve Caron, Mike Brumm, Arlyce Anderson, Mary Homan, John Daley, *Lori Daley
- 10:00 am: Sherry Henrickson, Dennis Haga, JoAnn Borchert, Ryan Howe, Rick Gruber, *Dawn Matz

Altar Servers

- 5:00 pm: Rayna (*Cross/Book/Bell*), Reid & Riley Gruenes
- 8:00 am: Jake Homan, Ben & Lauren Cahalan
- 10:00 am: Rachel Kohlmeyer, Jaiden & Jordan Moore

Presentation of Gifts

- 5:00 pm: Arnie & Eileen Wadkamper
- 8:00 am: Younge Family
- 10:00 am: Lester & Leola Kopp

Ushers

- 5:00 pm: Gary Wintheiser, Steve Enderle, Kenneth & Patricia Thiele
- 8:00 am: Doug Homan, Bill Cahalan, Carl Steffensmeier, Craig Amundson
- 10:00 am: Bob Wegscheid, Glenn Vershelde, Steve Fink, Brandon Bernard

Music Ministry

- 5:00 pm: Myra Schroepfer/Jeanne Makela
- 8:00 am: Julie Gruber/Vicki Galli
- 10:00 am: Tom Bachmann/Vicki Galli

Rosary Leaders

- 5:00 pm: Mary Helen Kennedy
- 8:00 am: Arlyce Anderson
- 10:00 am: Darlene Schorn

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 **Mary Lindberg†**

-May she 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

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 Dan & Brenda Voracek
Tuesday No Mass
Wednesday Jason & Karyn Fette
Thursday Richard & Alice Thavis
Friday Jon & Marisa Isenberg
Saturday Michael & Shannon Hoolihan
Sunday Steve & Pam Fink

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: Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26
Tues: Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38
Wed: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7
Thurs: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15
Fri: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23
Sat: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33
Sun: Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

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
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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.

 **LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

Loyola's internal administration team spent June 1-2 in retreat at the Benedictine Monastery Center in St. Paul, in prayer in and planning for the coming school year.

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 \$134,452.00. 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.

THANK YOU LADIES

It bears stating that we recently had another three deaths in our parishes with two of our funeral lunches/dinners here at Holy Rosary. Faithfully, the women come to work, headed up by Mary Kelly. We are grateful to the women for their faithful service and we ask that God will bless them with good health for many more years as we are not ready to serve their funeral lunches for a long time! Thank you ladies for all of your behind-the-scenes work.