

"Hear me all of you and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come from within are what defile."

-St. John

My youngest sister, Lucia, received from college an undergraduate degree in dietetics. While she only worked in that field for a short time, before switching her career and raising a family, I do remember her coming home from school with all sorts of "dietary rules". One of the rules that she claimed her professors told her was that you must throw out any leftovers in the refrigerator after just 48 hours!!!

I thought of that the other day when I had a serving of peas in the back part of my refrigerator that had been there for at least a week or longer. I smelled them. They smelled fine. I ate them. They tasted fine and I had no adverse reactions.

I remember when I was young, our dog of mixed breed would bury the squirrel or rabbit that he had caught and dig it up a week or two later to enjoy. My Dad said that it was the dog's way of canning or curing meat. Decomposition actually made the meat more palatable to this creature. Certainly that behavior was given to them by God through animal instinct, but it is not certainly the proper means to eat for us human beings. (Having been on a farm with numerous dogs, I can truthfully tell you, no dog will ever "lick" or "kiss me".)

"You are what you eat!" No one believed this more passionately than the ancient Jewish people. They had so many dietary restrictions. They could not eat pork. They could not eat blood. They needed to fast certain days of the year. The list of dietary rules was far more intense than our abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent or fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

In this weekend's gospel for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, one might conclude the Good News is the Lord's elimination of the spiritual dietary rules of the Jewish faith. From that false conclusion we might equally conclude that we neither have to fast nor abstain during the Lenten season or any other time through the calendar year. This would equally be spiritually incorrect.

No, the point of the gospel is not about FOOD, it is about FAITH. It is not so much about our STOMACHS, but more about our SOULS. The Good News is not so much about our physical DIET, but rather the spiritual things in our life that DEFILES us, namely sin. The Lord specifically lists those spiritual sins that have the power to defile us from EVIL THOUGHTS: UNCHASTITY, THEFT, MURDER, ADULTERY, GREED, MALICE, DECEIT, LICENTIOUSNESS, ENVY, BLASPHEMY, ARROGANCE, AND FOLLY. Through the evangelist St. John, the Lord reminds us that it is these sins that defile the soul and sour the stomach of the Savior for our eternal redemption.

To eat the peas that have been in the back of the refrigerator or not to eat the peas is not the question. Rather, the question is that I am striving to practice my faith and trying my best to imitate Christ in all that I say and do each day of my life from morning breakfast to that late night snack. May the Holy Eucharist be our divine nourishment to holiness in this life and eternal life in the world that is to come. Summer blessings!



Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor



# <u>SINCERE</u> <u>SYMPATHY</u>

To the families of

- ♦ Peter Etzell†
- ♦ Theresa Rinehart†
- ♦ LeRoy Schiller†

-May they rest in peace.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"No problem can withstand the assault of sustained thinking."

*-Voltaire* (1694—1778), French Writer, Essayist, and Philosopher

# 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MASS IN THE PARK

Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 10:00 am

**Wheeler Park Pavilion** 

Music by Praise & Worship Group with a "Note-able" Appearance by Guitar Playing Pastor

Picnic Lunch Immediately Following Mass

Join us for FAITH, FOOD, and FELLOWSHIP

# STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**Grand Total** 23,797,46

\*(Our weekly budget is set at \$12,900.00)

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Thank you for your gifts of stewardship this week. It has been said that when it comes to spiritual stewardship, you should count your blessings and not add up all of your troubles. Words to live by. Thank you for your gifts!

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE (II)**

Zach Busch & Leslie Yost - Wedding Service. September 5, 2015, Holy Rosary Catholic Church, North Mankato, MN.

## FALL FESTIVAL - NOVEMBER 8, 2015

We will be returning to our old, long-standing tradition of having an annual Fall Festival at Holy Rosary. The date has been set for Sunday, November 8th, 2015. (The Parish Auction that we had last spring was a strong indication of your great spirit to advance the stewardship and community spirit of our parish.)

This time of year is well-suited for a festival as it is an "in-between" time for many sporting events and the parish festivals in the area have come and gone. I shared with the Finance Council that I as pastor would be willing to chair the festival (as I did a couple of years in a previous assignment. Unless there is a couple or some individuals that would like to step forward to chair?)

Right now we are looking for members on our steering committee to get the festival off the ground. I can already tell you that we will be up in profits from a year ago....since we have not had a festival for years. In speaking to some folks around the parish I already have some individuals that are willing to be on the committee. How about you? Just call the parish office and let Elaine know that you would be willing to help in any way. There is a great deal of work in the day but it is also a great day to renew and build friendships and to work together as a parish family. Ready? Set? Let's do this!

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

# ATTENTION PARENTS OF **CONFIRMATION STUDENTS**

A Confirmation Parent Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Church Lower Hall. The confirmation class that night will be held from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm as well in their classroom, Conference Room 2, in the



Parish Center. The date for Confirmation is set by the diocese. This year it will be on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00 pm Mass. There will be practice on the morning of March 5<sup>th</sup>, time is yet TBD.

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held during the 10:00 am Mass for first graders beginning on September 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a program that will help prepare them for First Reconciliation and First Communion as second graders.

# PRESCHOOL & SUNDAY SCHOOL **CATECHISTS NEEDED**

I am still in need of several more preschool and Sunday school catechists during the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday mornings. I have several people that are willing to help, but are unable to make a commitment for every week. If we had a



few more people to step forward and help, I could develop a schedule that will work for everyone.

## ATTENTION CATECHISTS

A teacher training and in-service is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9th starting at 5:00 pm with dinner. The teacher training and in-service is open to all who are helping in any capacity with the religious education program, but it is especially important that catechists make plans to attend this session!! We will give you information on your curriculum, some "how to's," and answer any questions you may have. Please RSVP by September 3<sup>rd</sup> for your meal reservation.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

participation! Loyola students will also have a banner!

The weekend of September 26/27 will be Catechetical Sunday and Open House Weekend. Students will be making banners in their first RE classes and processing in with them on that weekend. We would love to have 100%



## THE WEEK AHEAD

## Monday, Aug. 31: Weekday

7:00 am – Mass at Ss. Peter & Paul

## Tuesday, Sept. 1: Weekday

7:00 am – Mass at Ss. Peter & Paul 8:15 am – Mass at St. John the Baptist 12:05 pm – Mass at St. Joseph the Worker 7:00 pm – River of Life (Conf. Rm. 2)

## Wednesday, Sept. 2: Weekday

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

# Thursday, Sept. 3: Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

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

10:15 am – Holy Communion Service at Pathstone

## Friday, Sept. 4: Weekday

7:00 am – Mass at Ss. Peter & Paul 12:05 pm – Mass at St. Joseph the Worker

## Saturday, Sept. 5: Weekday

9:00 am – Latin Mass at Ss Peter and Paul

3:00 pm - Wedding (Zach Busch & Leslie Yost)

4:30 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm – Rosary

5:00 pm – Mass - People of the Parish

# Sunday, Sept. 6: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am – Rosary

8:00 am – Mass - Betty Brown†

9:30 am – Rosary

10:00 am – Mass - Sebastian, Gloria Lena

& Emmanuel Anthonisamy†

#### COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN NEWS

We will begin our 2015/16 year with a mass, Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m., followed by a pot luck supper. Callers for the year plan for a short meeting regarding the Fall Luncheon before the regular meeting. Fr. Paul van de Crommert will be our speaker for the evening with encouraging words. Bring along your ideas for speakers, programs and fun for the year.

Mark your calendars for our annual Mass in the Park. CCW provides 750 bars and needs 10 workers. Please consider helping with this. Also, our Regional CCW Fall Gathering will be Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> with registration 5:30 pm at St. Mary's, New Ulm. Call one of the officers or the parish office if you would like to car pool for this.

#### THANK YOU

We are grateful to the family of Sylvia Bruender† for the \$1,000.00 gift in loving memory of their late mother and loved one. Blessed be her memory.

# **SEPT. 5-6 LITURGICAL ROLES**

**Lectors** 

5:00 pm: Tom Koch 8:00 am: Dolores Portz 10:00 am: Chris Cain

**Eucharistic Ministers** 

5:00 pm: Rebecca Gruenes, Ruth Fitterer, Karen Etzell,

John & Lori Daley, \*Maxine Davis

**8:00 am:** Michelle Ellingworth, Jim Theuninck,

Bernie Bastian, Mary Homan,

Arlyce Anderson, \*Craig Amundson

10:00 am: Curt & Donna Stanke, Julie Schoettler,

Kristin Cain, Dawn Matz, \*Sherry Henrickson

## **Altar Servers**

**5:00 pm:** Rayna (*Cross/Book/Bell*), Reid & Riley Gruenes

**8:00 am:** Braeden Otto (Cross/Book/Bell), Grace & Ben Ellingworth

**10:00 am:** Matthew Helget, Elias & Sheamus Westermann

## **Presentation of Gifts**

5:00 pm: Patrick Hull Family 8:00 am: Gordy & Terri Compton 10:00 am: Lindsay Kohrs Family

**Ushers** 

5:00 pm: Kenneth & Patricia Thiele,

Steve Enderle, Paul Stevens

8:00 am: Gary Zellmer, Bill Fasnacht,

Doug & Jake Homan

10:00 am: Blaine & Isaac Kolstad,

John Jagerson, Doug Helget

## **Music Ministry**

5:00 pm: Joe Kunkel/Jeanne Makela 8:00 am: Julie Gruber/Jeanne Makela 10:00 am: Kathy Jo Johns/Jeanne Makela

## **Rosary Leaders**

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

## **Money Counters for September 2015:**

Joyce Cornelius, Jim Kirschbaum, Mary Coleman, Marie Bernardy, Helen Anderson

#### **Bulletin Folders for September 2015:**

Ruth Fittterer, Rosal Molski, Bob & Renee Amundson

# K OF C COUNCIL #5551 NEWS

Sept 10 - Planning Meeting

Sept 19 - Highway Clean Up

Sept 24 - General Meeting

Sept 26 - Tent Crew Party



# 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

Fr. Ed Ardolf, Randy Hermanson, Christine Lowe, Kathy Meyer, Daniel Charles Ulman. Crowlev. Nancy Evans, Marilyn Rieff, Donna Peterson, Juliette Shamp, Vi Suedbeck, Ruth Baker, Ruth Fitterer. Kris Bachmann, Jane Keltgen, Isaac Kolstad, Rachel Tobin, Mary Jane Ledwein, 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

MondayNo MassTuesdayNo MassWednesdayNo MassThursdayNo MassFridayNo Mass

Saturday Susan Lynn Peterson Sunday Robin & Laura Thissen

## 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:** 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30 **Tues:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37

Wed: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
Thurs: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
Fri: Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39
Sat: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

**Sun:** Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

#### IT'S TIME TO SING!

The next season of choir is just around the corner and I invite <u>YOU</u> to join us! Yes, <u>you</u> - the young and the wise alike!

Singing in a choir REJUVENATES us and gives us a more personal and rewarding involvement in the Mass and parish community, I ask you to prayerfully consider offering your God-given talent in the ministry of Holy Rosary and to praising our Lord in song.

Not sure about your vocal range or singing ability? No worries! I will happily meet with anyone for a pre-choir lesson to help you feel comfortable with your God-given voice.

Parents of young people in grades 7-12, please encourage your children to join the choir as well (a fun bonding-time if you join together?!). Singing in a choir is a fantastic way for our youth to enrich their faith!

We will be hosting a KICK-OFF POTLUCK after the 10:00 am Mass on September 20<sup>th</sup> at Wheeler Park and I invite you and your family to come on out if you are interested in



joining the. In addition to the great food, it is a chance to meet the choir, get any questions answered and sign up! (Kindly bring a dish to pass if you are able - feel free to drop it off in the church kitchen before Mass if you don't want to leave it in your car.)

Please contact me if you are interested!

Elaine Wolf, Choir Director Cell: 507-317-3852 | Work: 507-387-6501 Email: missilaine.w@gmail.com

## **YOUTH CHOIR**

The time has come again for the <u>Youth Choir</u> to begin another season and I am needing to know how much interest there is in keeping the Youth Choir. The plan is to have choir practice from 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm every other Wednesdays, with a supper for them at 5:30 pm, and then they will have Faith Formation classes from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. If you are interested in joining please contact me at kjowall@chartermi.net. The ages of those who are interested will determine which weeks we will have Youth Choir practice.

- Kathy Jo Johns, Youth Choir Director

#### MUSICIANS & CANTORS NEEDED

Just a reminder we are always in need of song leaders and accompanists at Holy Rosary.





## LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Faculty and staff continued to meet last week studying the research done by Marzano and Hattie and exploring factors that impact learning: the importance of the *teacher* in student achievement; the roles of differentiation, assessment, and expectations in student learning; and the importance of collaboration and mentoring among staff members. Our study and sharing helped us to recognize and appreciate the gifts each person brings to our school community. This research will be the framework of our professional development for the coming year.

We held orientation for new K-4 families last Tuesday; orientation for intermediate students and their families on Wednesday; conferences for Kindergarteners and their families on Wednesday and Thursday; and classroom meetings for our students in grades 1-4 and their families on Thursday evening. Open House for 5th grade and Mini School sessions for grades 6-8 and 9-12 are planned for the coming weeks.

K-12 classes begin on September 1, and Preschool begins with "Hello Days" on September 8 and 9.

Our all school/back to school Mass will be on September 11 at 1:00 in the Sisters' Chapel. We are celebrating 150 years of Catholic Education in the Mankato area as Loyola continues to educate students in an atmosphere of faith, academic excellence, leadership and service. All are welcome.

# COME AND ENJOY LUNCH WITH BISHOP LEVOIR

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Benefit for Catholic Schools – Lunch with the Bishop be on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at noon. The lunch will be held in the large meeting room on the lower level of the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 1421 6<sup>th</sup> Street North in New Ulm. Bishop John M. LeVoir will assist in serving lunch and greeting supporters of Catholic schools of the



Diocese of New Ulm. A short program will be held. Donations will be accepted to benefit the diocesan endowments supporting Catholic schools and student scholarships. Donors will have the opportunity to specify the allocation of their contribution. Make your reservations by September 3<sup>rd</sup> by calling Cindy Blickem at 507-233-5325 or by e-mailing cblickem@dnu.org with your name, contact information, and the number in your group. No registration fee is required.

#### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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

DUE: \$ 65,081.69 Pd. to Date: \$ 6,527.69

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

DUE: \$ 29,590.78 Rec'd. to Date: \$ 0.00

Loyola Catholic School "Investment":

DUE: \$ TBA Pd. to Date: \$ 10.000.00

Partial Assessments/Investments 2015-16: \$ 94,672.47 Total Paid to Date 2015-16: \$ 16,527.69

## FR. ED ARDOLF ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund is now at \$159,509.00. 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.

## FROM THE MANKATO SERRA CLUB

BLESSED JUNIPERO SERRA, to be canonized in Sept by Pope Francis was a Franciscan priest who founded nine of



California's missions, was a model of perseverance and strong faith. Despite a chronic foot infection, Serra walked more miles in his career than the expeditions of Lewis and Clark and Marco Polo combined, all to spread the Good News. It was perhaps providential that the founders of Serra International, the organization of lay Catholics who promote vocations, chose Fr. Junipero Serra as their patron in 1935. Now, even more than then, the work of promoting vocations requires perseverance and strong faith. Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood, sisterhood, and brotherhood, and for the canonization of Blessed Junipero Serra. Presented by The Mankato Serra Club for priestly and religious vocations for more information call 507.696.8119.

## **CCW REGION 1 FALL GATHERING**

NUDCCW Region 1 Fall Gathering on Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015 featuring: Deacon Tim Dolan, Social Concerns Director, Diocese of New Ulm who will speak on the NUMAS Haus, an emergency shelter and support services for homeless mothers and their children who attend New Ulm schools. Church of St Mary - New Ulm. All women of Region 1 parishes are invited to enjoy an evening of fellowship and faith building. 5:30 pm Registration 6:00 pm Prayer Service followed by speaker, light supper & door prizes! Registration requested but not necessary. Cost: \$10 To register, contact Marilyn Streit (344-1955) or Darlene Schorn (345-8667) or contact Beth Zabel at 507-359-5101.

## **NEW TO HOLY ROSARY?**

Are you new to Holy Rosary parish? We are glad that you are with us! 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 minutes to fill out. For those of you that 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!

#### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God." Don't let the world's way tear your marriage apart. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends September 11-13 in Irene, SD & International Falls, MN; September 25-27 in Bismarck, ND, October 9-11 in Buffalo, MN, October 16-18 in East Grand Forks, 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.

# CONCERT TO CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF SCHOOL SISTERS IN MANKATO

The public is invited to help celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> year since the arrival of School Sisters of Notre Dame in Mankato with a Celebration of Prayer and Music at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, in the chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato. A reception with refreshments will follow the free concert.

This celebration will feature narration of the story of how the School Sisters established religious community life and brought Catholic education to Mankato. In addition, there will be choral and instrumental music, including several numbers on the Johnson and Son organ, performed by SSND musicians. It also will incorporate the message of the Year of Consecrated Life declared by Pope Francis in 2013.

For more information, please call Mike Lagerquist, SSND Communications Manager, at 507-389-4233 or e-mail mlagerquist@ssndcp.org.

## ECHO FOOD SHELF FUND RAISER

Mini Mini Marathon September 19, 2015 at 10:30 am At ECHO Food Shelf 1014 S. Front Street \$25 Registration Fee For more information call 507-345-7508 or visit

For more information call 507-345-7508 or visit www.echofoodshelf.org to learn more and register.

#### ECHO NEEDS YOU - ONE HOUR A MONTH

Hunger rates are increasing amongst our elder neighbors. Last year, senior visits to the food shelves hit over 260,000, and the rate of hunger for senior citizens rose 13%. With just a phone call and a drive, you can help someone with mobility or transportation issues get the food they need once a month. Do this on your lunch break, fill some retirement time, or bring along a home-schooled kids. Training is offered along with mileage for retirees. Please answer the all to help your elderly neighbors. Contact Lora (507) 387-3713 for more information.

## LATIN TRIDENTINE MASS

The traditional Latin Tridentine Mass is celebrated at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Mankato on the First Saturday of each month. **The next** 



Mass is Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. You are invited to experience the beauty and reverence of the Extraordinary Form of the Mass. After the Mass there is a time for coffee and fellowship in the upper Room. All are welcome!

#### LABOR DAY MASS

A Mass will be held at Calvary Cemetery at 9:00 am on Labor Day, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Mariano Varela, IVE, will be celebrating the Mass. Come on out!

## SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE -RETURNING

Several months ago a couple of parishioners approached me about returning to having a Social Concerns Committee. The committee met several times a year and was quite active during the pastorate of Fr. Ed Ardolf. As pastor, I am most supportive of such a committee and we certainly have a large enough parish and community to sustain an active Social Concerns Committee. I am most grateful to JoAnn Borchert who had agreed to chair this newly formed committee. She had been able to recruit some 14 members for this important committee that will be dealing with the social issues of our parish and Mankato community. Thank you to all of the members for saying "YES", in the name of faith and our Catholic Church. Our first scheduled meeting will be early this fall.

# WANTED: ROOM OR SMALL APARTMENT TO RENT

My great-nephew will be attending school this year here in Mankato & needs a place to live. He doesn't need a large space & I can vouch for his responsibility & his "clean living". He is 21 years old. If you have something to rent, please call or text Dylan Cole directly at 214-801-8772.

Thanks, Maggie Bennett.