

the *Quill* and the *Cloth*

“He put His finger into the man’s ears and spitting, touched his tongue; then He looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, “Ephphatha!” – that is, “Be opened!” And immediately the man’s ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed and he spoke plainly.”

-St. Mark

If you are reading these words and are involved in education in any form from Catholic School, public school or religious education classes, this is a momentous weekend. For this is the final week of freedom before the start of the new academic year. For some, there is “sorrow” at the thought of the summer coming to an end. On the other hand, there is a sense “joy” at the new beginning of a new chapter of academics and of life itself.



When I was home on the farm, I looked forward to returning to public school. There would be a new classroom, new teachers and new subjects. It was always fun to go shopping with my Mom (*not my Dad, who would just sit in the car and read the Newsweek magazine*). Conservative to a fault, we could never convince our Mother to be lavish and go beyond 8 Crayola crayons. Clothes were always bought on sale which was still a great joy as opposed to hand-me-downs that were a 4th-hand-down from three older brothers. There was at least once, at the close of the summer, a visit to a nice restaurant for all the soybeans we walked and weeds that we pulled. There was the drive “up north” to take my brother back to the private Catholic school that he was attending.

In today’s gospel we hear in St. Mark’s account of our God being a God of “joy” in new beginnings. For in today’s gospel, the Son of God, Jesus Christ brings joy to a man who is deaf. In a very unconventional way through spitting and sticking his finger in the man’s ears, the man remarkably regains his hearing. St. Mark tells us this story of Jesus because he is trying to raising this physical miracle in all its joy to a spiritual reality that has the potential Good News to bring us “joy” in our daily life. WE NEED TO HEAR AND SEE GOD WORKING IN OUR LIFE.

There is no doubt that St. Mark is telling us of this miracle of Jesus curing the deaf and mute because it was one of the many signs of the presence of the Messiah in the world. And while St. Mark and the other three evangelists are constantly trying to convince us that Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ, the anointed One of God, St. Mark is trying to tell us in this LIVING WORD something important and sacred for all of us right here and right now in September 2015!

St. Mark is telling us all to have the spirit and attitude of a good student! The mark of a good student is one who hears and sees and listens well. Maybe you have no involvement in education, your children are long grown and out of school and you have not read or studied anything seriously in years. It does not matter. St. Mark is challenging us all spiritually to continue to “Be Open” “Ephphatha” (Jesus words of healing) as a SPIRITUAL STUDENT, to God living and working in so many miraculous ways in our life.

Are we “open” when people are speaking to us? It might be Christ talking to us through them. Are we “open” to our co-workers when they suggest a better way to run things in our place of business? Christ might be working through them. As students, are you “open” to the directives of your teachers, coaches and music instructors? Those directives might be inspired by the Divine Savior Himself.

A week from this Wednesday, on September 16th, we will be holding our first religion classes for our high school students, alternating every other week with our grade school students. We have the makings of a wonderful spiritually academic and challenging year. The students will be welcomed by a new director of religious education, many new catechists, some new texts, new programs, a newly painted and clean facility, and the list goes on. What will make the year a “GOOD NEWS YEAR WHERE MIRACULOUS THINGS WILL OCCUR”, will rest largely on our students and families to “Ephphatha” to “BE OPEN” to growing in the knowledge and love of their Christ through the catechists.

Blessings to all of our students and teachers as they begin a new academic year both in the secular and sacred order!

Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Life is not a problem to be solved, but a reality to be experienced.”

- Soren Kierkegaard (1813—1855),
Danish Philosopher and Theologian

WEDDING WISHES

Our prayers and best wishes go out to Zachary Busch and Leslie Yost who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage this past Saturday. May their wedding day be the beginning of a life-time long relationship with Christ, His Church and with one another. We are blessed that they are members of Holy Rosary Church. They are our youngest married couple. Congratulations!



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Adult (140)	\$ 7,426.55
Electronic Giving	2,433.25
Junior	35.95
Plate	355.00
Votive Lights	44.80
Copy Machine Use	5.00
Faith Formation Tuition	960.00
School Building Rent	1,790.00

Grand Total **13,050.55**

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

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you again for another week of generous stewardship. Throughout the summer you have been most generous to our parish of Holy Rosary. Sound stewardship is like a muscle that you exercise. The more often you give, the easier it is to do. You have been great givers. Thanks for your gifts to our parish in order for us to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ!

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.

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. **Items can be brought down to the church basement before that time.** Again Thrift and More will 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 Dena Pagel at 507-382-8341.



Volunteers needed to help with the set up on Thursday, Sept. 10th and to help with the sale on Sept. 11th. Help is also needed to pack things up at 2:00 pm for Thrift & More - including some MAN power. Let Dena Pagel know if you are able to help at 507-382-8341.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

REGISTRATION

If you haven't, please register for RE classes ASAP as students need to be registered **before** attending class!

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

A Confirmation Parent Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16th 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 5th at the 5:00 PM Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held during 10:00 am Mass for first graders beginning on **September 27th (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE).** This is a program that will help prepare them for First Reconciliation and First Communion as second graders.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

I am still in need of several more preschool and Sunday (kindergarten) school catechists during the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday mornings. I have several people that are willing to help, but can't make a commitment for every week. If a few more people would step forward and help, I could develop a schedule that will work for everyone. There is also a need for an elementary and junior high catechist. Please consider helping out! It is a great opportunity to share your faith and get to know the youth of our parish!



ATTENTION CATECHISTS

A teacher training and in-service is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9th starting at 5:00 pm with dinner. This 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 as soon as possible!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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% participation! Loyola students will also have a banner!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, Sept. 7: Weekday

Parish Office Closed - Labor Day
9:00 am – Labor Day Mass at Calvary Cemetery
(Fr. Mariano Varela, IVE)

Tuesday, Sept. 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Wednesday, Sept. 9: Saint Peter Claver, Priest

8:05 am – Rosary
8:30 am – Mass - Bill Fox†
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm – Sewing Group
(Lower Level Parish Center)
5:00 pm – Catechist Training (School Cafeteria)

Thursday, Sept. 10: Weekday

9:00 am – CCW Rummage Sale Set-Up
10:15 am – Mass at Pathstone (Fr. Paul)
- Paul Karpinsky
5:30 pm – CCW Meeting beginning with Mass
- Janice Person†

Friday, Sept. 11: Weekday

8:05 am – Rosary
8:30 am – Mass - Joe Galler†
8:00 am - 2:00 pm – CCW Rummage Sale
(Church Basement)

Saturday, Sept. 12: Weekday (The Most Holy Name of Mary)

4:30 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm – Rosary
5:00 pm – Mass - Living & Deceased Members of the
Arnie & Eileen Wadkamper Family

Sunday, Sept. 13: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

No 8:00 am Mass
10:00 am – Mass in the Park - People of the Parish
(Wheeler Park Pavilion)

SEPT. 12-13 LITURGICAL ROLES

Lectors

5:00 pm: Brian Eggersdorfer
10:00 am: Roxi Lang

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm: Patrick & Wanda Hull, Nicole Hull,
Bev Linnes, Maggie Bennett,
*Daniel Gowanlock
10:00 am: Bob Wegscheid, Marie Worrell, Dennis Haga,
John Kuchinka, Jackie Cesario, *Ryan Howe

Altar Servers

5:00 pm: Connor McGraw (Cross/Book/Bell),
Jonathan Hull, Larkin Hansen
10:00 am: Elaine Adams, Abi Lang, Hailey Barker

Presentation of Gifts

5:00 pm: Bob & Deb Stachon
10:00 am: Jack & Diann McGowan

Ushers

5:00 pm: Larry Bennett, Tom Rheume,
Paul Stevens, Steve Enderle
10:00 am: Jim Barker, Brent Friedrichs, Cathy Neve,
Scott & Brady Smith, Bill Fasnacht

Music Ministry

5:00 pm: Julie Gruber/Janelle Campeau
10:00 am: Praise & Worship Group/Jeanne Makela

Rosary Leaders

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

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



ROSARY LEADER NEEDED

We are in need of a new rosary leader for about once a month at the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturdays. If you are able to serve in this way, please call Arlyce Anderson at #507-317-0617.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

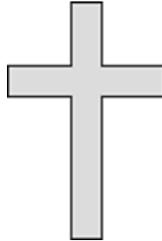
The Catholic University of America is the national University of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. Over 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this Collection, including many from our diocese. Next week is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Please be generous.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE (III)

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

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, Charles Ulman, Kathy Meyer, Daniel Crowley, 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

- Monday** No Mass
- Tuesday** No Mass
- Wednesday** John & Lori Daley
- Thursday** Berend & Mary Brinks
- Friday** Bonnie Giroux
- Saturday** Aaron & Kendra Erickson
- Sunday** Gary & Mary Jeanne Jernberg

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

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| 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:** Col 1:24—2:3/Lk 6:6-11
- Tues:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
- Wed:** Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26
- Thurs:** Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38
- Fri:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42
- Sat:** 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49
- Sun:** Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

YOUTH CHOIR

The time has come again for the Youth Choir 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 Wednesday, 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

JOIN US IN SONG (AND FOOD)!

The next season of choir is just around the corner and **I would like to invite YOU to join us! Yes, you - 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 20th at Wheeler Park and I invite you and your family to come on out if you are interested in joining the choir. 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

MUSICIANS & CANTORS NEEDED

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





On Tuesday, September 1st, Loyola opened its 2015-16 school year with classes for K-12. Our Preschool students will begin their year with “Hello Days” next Tuesday and Wednesday.

This year we are observing the district 2-hour late days (typically the second Tuesday of each month). We will use this time for Professional Development, geared toward studying/applying educational research done by Marzano and Hattie; and for Professional Learning Community meetings, focusing directly on our students and how best to meet their needs for support and challenge.

We hosted Open House for 5th graders and Mini School sessions for grades 6-8 and 9-12 during the past week.

All are welcome to our all school/back to school Mass on September 11th at 1:00 pm in the Sisters’ Chapel. We look forward to celebrating with Bishop Quinn of the diocese of Winona and with Sister Mary Ann Owens SSND, provincial leader. We are celebrating 150 years of Catholic Education in the Mankato area, recognizing the initiative, vision, and dedication of generations of parishioners, pastors, sisters, members of the Schola Foundation, families and students over the span of a century and half. Loyola continues to build on the foundations set by SS Peter and Paul Grade School, Loyola High School, Good Counsel Academy, St. John the Baptist Grade School, Holy Rosary Grade School, St Joseph the Worker Grade School, and Fitzgerald Middle School. In the spirit of those who have gone before us, we guide students to reach their full potential, walk with them in faith, and equip them for a lifetime of leadership and service.

FROM THE MANKATO SERRA CLUB

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, Samuel was awakened from sleep by the voice of God calling his name. In the New Testament, Paul was knocked off his horse. Does God call in this way today? Usually not. One seminarian describes his experience of call: “I was very involved in my parish doing youth ministry and teaching C.C.D. and I was happy with that. But for some reason it wasn’t enough. I had a nagging feeling that I wanted to do more for people.” Do you feel you may be called to priesthood, sisterhood, or brotherhood? Contact the diocesan vocation office. *Presented by The Mankato Serra Club for priestly and religious vocations for more information call 507.696.8119.*



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.

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

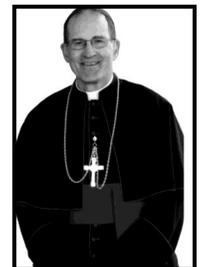
COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN NEWS

We will begin our 2015/16 year with a mass, Thursday, September 10th, 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 17th 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.

COME AND ENJOY LUNCH WITH BISHOP LEVOIR

The 2nd Annual Benefit for Catholic Schools – Lunch with the Bishop be on Saturday, September 12th at noon. The lunch will be held in the large meeting room on the lower level of the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 1421 6th 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 3rd 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.



COME & MEET THE SISTERS!

In this Year for Consecrated Life, we want to invite you to come to the Shrine at Schoenstatt on the Lake and meet the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary. The whole family is invited for vocation testimonies, QA, adoration, games, & quiet time on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015 from 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm with a buffet dinner starting at 4:30 pm. Please RSVP by Sept. 8th. call 507-794-7727 or srjessica@schrsmary.org



REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM

Have you heard about Matthew Kelly's book *Rediscover Catholicism* and want to talk about it with others or just learn more about it? St. John the Baptist Church is offering discussion groups at 3 different times. These discussion groups are welcoming to everyone especially beginners. Even if you already participated in a discussion group, these new groups will delve more deeply into the richness of this book. Six sessions in the fall followed by a several week break to explore activities to be the-better-version-of-yourself and continuing with another 6 weeks in the spring. Each of the sessions will be less reading with single topics and more fun discussion time. Attend one six week session or both. Opportunities to discuss *Rediscover Catholicism* are Saturdays, starting Oct. 3rd at 4:00 pm; Mondays, starting Oct. 5th at noon; and Thursdays starting Oct. 8th at 6:00 pm. See St. John's website www.stjohnscatholicchurch.com or call the office 625-3131 for more information or to register.

LABOR DAY MASS

A Mass will be held at Calvary Cemetery at 9:00 am on Labor Day, September 7th. 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.

CONCERT TO CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF SCHOOL SISTERS IN MANKATO

The public is invited to help celebrate the 150th 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 20th, 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 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 home-schooled kids. Training is offered along with mileage for retirees. Please answer the call to help your elderly neighbors. Contact Lora (507) 387-3713 for more information.

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!



ST. JOHN'S PARISH CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

"It was through the Blessed Virgin Mary that Jesus came into the world, and it is also through her that He must reign in the world." ~ Saint Louis de Montfort

Join St. John the Baptist on Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00 pm in the Church for a Parish Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. St. John's Legion of Mary group will lead with the rosary, followed by consecration and then benediction.