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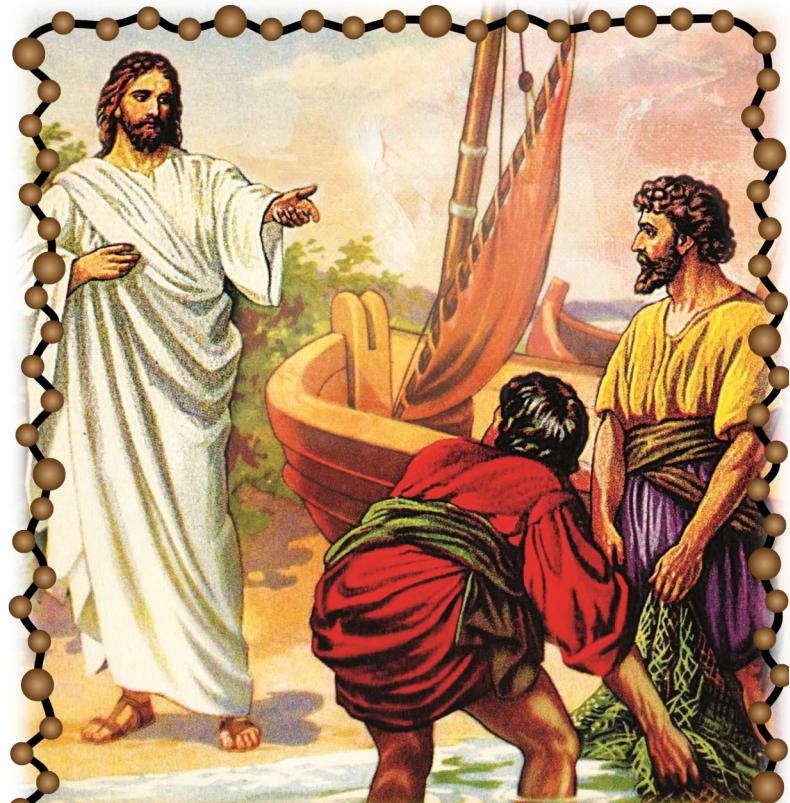
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"Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us"

**February 7th, 2016**  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him." - St. Luke

Rev. Paul van de Crommert  
Pastor

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**"When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward."** - St. Matthew

Well, this week we had an old-fashioned blizzard here in Minnesota and most specifically here in North Mankato! (I guess even the word "blizzard" is old-fashioned as now the meteorologist (formerly known as the "weather man") call them "winter storms".) And just like hurricanes down south that used to be named after women (now named after both men and women), winter storms (formerly blizzards) are also now named after people. So, suffice it to say that "WINTER STORM KAYLA" is now part of our Midwestern history.

This week's winter weather was a wonderful reminder to me of growing up on the farm. On school days, my Mother would wake us up from the bottom of the staircase with her strong voice. We could hear eggs frying and smell the coffee brewing. We would look outside our windows (for when my Mother had the radio on louder than usual it was a sign of inclement weather). Breakfast would then be eaten mostly in monastic silence as we waited to hear on WCCO radio if school would be late or cancelled.

Unlike today, where information is only a click away from our computer or from the comfort of our remote television, many times we stood by the kitchen door, all dressed for the outdoors, waiting for the bus to come, with the radio still on. Sometimes my Mother would tell us that we were not "thin-shelled eggs" (in Dutch) and to go outside and wait at the end of the T-road, about the length of a football field for the bus to come. Regardless if we heard it on the radio or my Mother called out the kitchen door that school was late or called off, it was a great JOY to hear. It did not always mean that the day would be "free", as there was livestock to feed or some chore to perform, but there was still joy that school had been called off.

Then as now, I am not so sure that parents are always as happy about a "snow day" as the kids are feeling about the situation. Yet, the mention of these attitudes of "snow days" in the physical order has something to say about the attitudes of the "spiritual days" in the spiritual order, especially as we approach the season of Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday this week.



Our Blessed Lord had a great fondness for children and no doubt everyone can quote the line of the sacred scriptures: "Let the children come to me." This line has less to do with the presence of children in the weekend liturgies and much more about the vulnerability and openness that was characteristic of Christ as well as the children in biblical times.

The Lord reminded us that we needed to become "like children" if we wanted to enter heaven. The Lord did not say that we had to "act like children". **For just as a child might see the wonder and beauty of a fresh snow fall and the freedom that this white stuff provides; we too need to see in "adulthood" the goodness of this spiritual time of Lent.**

**For as soon as we hear the words "Lent", "Ash Wednesday", "Prayer", "Fasting" and "Almsgiving", we often think "Good grief, here we go again", like another major snowfall. Yet, the Gospel from St. Matthew on Ash Wednesday is pointedly clear that "gloominess" is not the preferred attitude toward this season. Rather, with child-like wonder, as the "children-of-God" that we have been called to be, we are to embrace this season, get out of our spiritual homes of comfort and ease and play again in the cold, spiritual snowiness of this season of renewal.**

**As we have learned by the climatologists that cold and snow has its place in our eco-system; so too in our spiritual life there is a cause and purpose of Lent. This "spiritual winter time of renewal" (although "Lent" literally means "spring") readies us for the great springtime of our faith with the Easter season.**

It is a curiosity that the three sacred days of Triduum are not Holy Days of Obligation. I remember learning that the Church did this intentionally. They assumed that people of faith would not have to be told to come to these liturgies of Holy Week (*any more than you have to tell a child to go outside and play in the new fallen snow*). **For if we have had a spiritually deep Lenten season, there will be little to keep us away from Holy Week.** But, if Lent is just another 40 days in our earthly existence, then Holy Week will be another "Ho-Hum" week, where we will allow the busyness of our life to take priority. See you on Ash Wednesday at 8:30 am, 4:30 pm or 7:30 pm. Happy Lent!



Rev. Paul van de Crommert  
Pastor

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*"There is an urgent need to see that faith is a light. Once the flame of faith dies out, all other lights begin to dim."*  
- Pope Francis

## Stewardship of Treasure

Adult (127)	\$10,566.00
Electronic Giving	\$2,623.25
Junior	\$81.83
Plate	\$315.49
Fuel Collection	\$810.00
Wine & Food Pairing Dinner Ticket Sales	\$460.00
Vigil Light Monies	\$92.65
Calendar Reimbursement—K of C's	\$174.30
Rental Income	\$550.00
Payroll Tax Refund MN	\$1,354.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$17,027.52</b>

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

## Stewardship

Another stellar week of stewardship. Thank you for your gifts. (\*Please note the envelope for Ash Wednesday that is attached to this week's bulletin.) It has been pretty amazing that we continue to make and surpass the budget on a weekly basis. A few of our "old timers" that have been long-time members have commented to me about the generous stewardship. One parishioner woman recently told me "This won't last." I guess giving of the people is an "act of faith", and the priest believing that the faithful will continue to give in the future is also an "act of faith". Bottom line: "THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS!"

## Fuel Fund

As in the past, we are holding our annual Fuel Fund drive in order to defray (at least part of) the expenses of the monies needed to cover the cost of heating our city block of buildings.



Last year the parish spent \$20,611.47 on heating our parish buildings. Our Fuel Fund Appeal last year brought in about 25% of the total expenses or \$5,209.00 to be exact. This year, we have spent so far \$5,531.00. To date, we have received \$3,300.00 in this fiscal year of 2015-2016 for the Fuel Fund. **Last week we took in \$810.00 for the Fuel Fund, which is wonderful!**

Please consider making an offering with a check in the memo marked "Fuel Fund" or to place a check in an envelope marked "Fuel Fund". We hope that we can pass last year's goals!

Thank you for your generosity in the past and thank you for your generosity that will be forthcoming. Thank you so much!

## K. of C. Council #5551 News

Feb 11 - Planning Meeting  
Feb 25 - General Meeting



## RELIGIOUS Education

### Ash Wednesday Class for ALL Students

We are trying something a little different this year in asking **ALL students to attend class on Wednesday, Feb. 10th to go to Ash Wednesday Mass**. We are asking **grades 1 – 6 students to come at 4:15 pm**, meet their teacher in the gymnasium and then go to the 4:30 pm Mass. We are asking **grades 7 – 11 students to come at 7:00 pm** and report to their classrooms. From there, the teachers will take them to the 7:30 pm Mass. Students will be excused after Mass. *If the Mass time doesn't work for your family, please feel free to attend another Mass and, if you would like to sit together as a family, we welcome that also!*



### Confirmation Information

Our confirmation students have been faithfully preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation these past six months. You may have noticed that Confirmation families are bringing up the gifts at each of the Masses. Please continue to pray for these young men and women who are preparing to receive the Holy Spirit on March 5th at the 5:00 pm Mass.



### Nursery Update

Do you love working with children? Are you available during the 10:00 am Mass? We are in need of several more people to help in the Nursery. We welcome young people who have had a babysitting class to inquire about the nursery. If you are interested in helping out, contact Cathy at 345-6765 or nevec@hickorytech.net

### Upcoming Dates

**Feb. 10th:** Ash Wednesday – we are asking ALL grades to attend! Grades 1 – 6 please come at 4:15 pm and meet in the gymnasium. You will attend Mass at 4:30 pm. Grades 7 – 11, please come at 7:00 pm and go to your classrooms. You will attend the 7:30 pm Mass.

**Feb. 17th:** Grades 7 – 11 meet from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm; Social Hour/Pizza available from 6:00 pm to 6:50 pm; (A \$3 donation is suggested for pizza)

**Feb. 24th:** Grades 1 – 6 meet from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

**The Week Ahead****Saturday, Feb. 6: St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**

5:00 pm – Mass - Sylvia Bruender†

\*Confirmation Rite of Enrollment

**Sunday, Feb. 7: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -****SCOUT SUNDAY (50th Anniversary Cub Scout Pack #171)**8:30 am - 12:00 pm – Pancake Breakfast (Social Hall)  
(Sponsored by K of C & Boy Scouts)**Monday, Feb. 8: Weekday (Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin)**

8:05 am – Rosary

8:30 am – Mass - Margaret &amp; Leonard Wittry†

6:00 pm – Worship Committee (Decorate for Lenten Season)

7:30 pm – Finance Council Meeting (Conf. Rm. 1) -  
\*NOTE LATER TIME**Tuesday, Feb. 9: Weekday**

7:00 am – Mass at Ss. Peter &amp; Paul

8:15 am – Mass at St. John the Baptist

12:05 pm – Mass at St. Joseph the Worker

5:50 pm – 40 Days for Life Kick-Off Rally at SSPP

**Wednesday, Feb. 10: Ash Wednesday****(A Day of Fast & Abstinence)**

8:05 am – Rosary

8:30 am – Mass - Jerome (Butch) Gagnier†

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm – Sewing Group (Lower Level PC)

4:15 pm – Grades 1 - 6 Rel. Ed. Classes

4:30 pm – Mass - Clare &amp; Ruth Birgent†

7:00 pm – Grades 7 - 11 Rel. Ed. Classes

7:30 pm – Mass - Clarence Becker†

**Thursday, Feb. 11: Thursday after Ash Wednesday****(Our Lady of Lourdes)**

10:15 am – Mass at Pathstone (Fr. Paul) - John Gag†

7:30 pm – Baptism Class (Conf. Rm. 1)

7:30 pm – K of C Planning Meeting

**Friday, Feb. 12: Friday after Ash Wednesday**

8:05 am – Rosary

8:30 am – Mass - Don Haley†

12:45 pm – Mankato Area Priest Meeting (Fr. Paul attends)

5:00 pm – St. Joseph the Worker Fish Fry

**Saturday, Feb. 13: Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

4:30 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm – Rosary

5:00 pm – Mass - Dale Sieberg†

**Sunday, Feb. 14: First Sunday in Lent**

7:30 am – Rosary

8:00 am – Mass - Betty Brown†

9:30 am – Rosary

10:00 am – Mass - People of the Parish (Nursery, Pre-K Sunday School &amp; CLW during the 10:00 am Mass)

**Ash Wednesday**

February 10th, 2016

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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**Lectors:**

8:30 am Dolores Portz

4:30 pm JoAnn Borchert

7:30 pm Roxi Lang

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

8:30 am Karen Etzell, Maxine Davis

4:30 pm Tom Koch, Bev Linnes

7:30 pm Brent Friedrichs, Julie Schoettler

**Ash Distributors:**

8:30 am Darlene Schorn, Cathy Neve

4:30 pm Brian Eggersdorfer, Jim Theuninck

7:30 pm Peter &amp; Danielle Backes

**Altar Servers:**

8:30 am Jim Theuninck

4:30 pm Anna Voraceck, Emma Niederegger,  
Jonathan Hull

7:30 pm Abi Lang, Sheamus &amp; Elias Westermann

**Presentation of Gifts:**

8:30 am Ray &amp; Mary Forsyth

4:30 pm Religious Education Students

7:30 pm Debra Blaschko

**Ushers:**8:30 am Gary Zellmer, Bob Meyer, Larry Bennett,  
Bob Wegscheid (*Head Usher*)4:30 pm Marcy Koch, Karen Winters, Brandon  
Bernard, Carl Steffensmeier (*Head Usher*)7:30 pm Steve Kaiser, Tom Rheaume, John  
Jagerson, Jim Barker (*Head Usher*)**Music Ministry:**

8:30 am Julie Gruber/Jeanne Makela

4:30 pm Kathy Jo Johns &amp; Nancy Evans/Vicki Galli

7:30 pm Holy Rosary Adult Choir/Elaine Wolf/  
Maria Benning**Black & Indian Mission Collection**

The Black and Indian Mission Collection will be next weekend, February 13th & 14th. Your generosity to this collection reflects the depths of your faith and your willingness to help our brothers and sisters in need. It is an opportunity to evangelize and further the missionary cause of bringing the Gospel to our African American and Native American family.

# February 13th - 14th, 2016

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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**Lectors:**

- 5:00 pm** Maggie Bennett
- 8:00 am** John Holden
- 10:00 am** Tim McGowan

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

- 5:00 pm** Maxine Davis, Rebecca Gruenes
- 8:00 am** Craig Amundson, Cathy Neve
- 10:00 am** Sherry Henrickson, Bob Wegscheid

**Altar Servers:**

- 5:00 pm** Riley, Reid, & Rayna Gurennes
- 8:00 am** Grace & Ben Ellingworth, Jake Homan
- 10:00 am** Jacob Reynolds, Andrew Kohrs, Abi Lang

**Presentation of Gifts (2016 Confirmandi Families):**

- 5:00 pm** Tristin Danay Family
- 8:00 am** Alec Makela Family
- 10:00 am** Becca Kohlmeyer Family

**Ushers:**

- 5:00 pm** Marcy & Tom Koch, Karen Winters, Larry Bennett (*Head Usher*)
- 8:00 am** Sharon Lenz, Carl Steffensmeier, Mary Zellmer, Gary Zellmer (*Head Usher*)
- 10:00 am** Brent Friedrichs, Steve Enderle, Glenn Verschelde, Mark Weingartz (*Head Usher*)

**Music Ministry:**

- 5:00 pm** Myra Schroepfer/Jeanne Makela
- 8:00 am** Corinne Ort/Vicki Galli
- 10:00 am** Julie Gruber/Janelle Campeau

**Rosary Leaders:**

- 5:00 pm** Karen Etzell
- 8:00 am** Dennis McCabe
- 10:00 am** Jeanette Barsness

**Money Counters for February/March 2016:** Bill Fasnacht, Shirleen Gulden, Jan Nelson, Carl Steffensmeier

**Bulletin Folders for February 2016:** Mary Bliss, Barb Wegscheid, Marge Grausam, Rita Townsend

**Lenten Resources**

The Lent issue of "Five Minutes with the Word" is now available in the Church entrances! Rice Bowls will be available again this year starting Ash Wednesday.

**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**

Mona Wakholz, Tim Eggersdorfer, Glee Hodapp, Cheryl Edwards, Pat Roemhildt, Gladys Thul, Patricia Bell, Susan Larson, David Makela, Cindy Johannsen, Dan Senesac, Loretta Becker, Canton Polk, Charles Ulman, Daniel Crowley, Marilyn Rieff, Ruth Baker, Ruth Fitterer, Mary Jane Ledwein, Doris Lorentz, Bill Goettlicher, Steve Fitterer, Gabriel Speckel

*\*In consultation with the Social Concerns Committee, it was suggested that our Prayer List be updated regularly. In the past either staff or volunteers would call after a name had been on the prayer list for months/years. The Committee has recommended to me as pastor and I have accepted their recommendation that the present names will remain on the list for SIX WEEKS. If you wish the name of yourself or a loved one to remain on the list after that six weeks, please call the parish office (387-6501) and inform Elaine, our Parish Administrator, of your desire.*

**For Our Families**

<b>Monday</b>	Joseph & Linda Meidl
<b>Tuesday</b>	No Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	Joel & Marla Endres
<b>Thursday</b>	Karl & Janelle Campeau
<b>Friday</b>	Bruce & Judy Leivermann
<b>Saturday</b>	Verna Ludewig
<b>Sunday</b>	Randy & Lisa Gish

**For Those in the Military**

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

**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 family of **Luella Henning†**  
*-May she rest in peace.*



Our celebration of **National Catholic Schools Week 2016** reminds us to express our thanks to all those who make Catholic education possible: our diocese, members of our local parishes, the School Sisters of Notre Dame, and all those who contribute to our efforts to help all to reach toward their potential. We are grateful for our 150 year heritage of Catholic Education in the Mankato area.

Loyola's **Preschool options for 2016-17:** 2-day AM class, 3-day AM class, 5-day PM class, and 5-day all day class for children who will enter Kindergarten in fall 2017. Tuition assistance and parish grants will be available to preschool families. Call 388.0600 or 388.0614 for more information or to schedule a tour.

**Save the date...Open House at Loyola on March 8, 2016, 5-8pm.**

Come and meet Loyola teachers, learn about curriculum, activities and athletics, and take a tour. There will be elementary, intermediate, high school and tuition assistance breakout sessions at 5:15pm and 6:45pm and a 6pm presentation by administration followed by a Q&A session. Come for part--or all--of the evening and see how **Loyola is guiding students to their full potential, walking with them in faith, and equipping them to serve and lead.**

**Loyola Hall of Fame Nominations are Open.** The Schola Foundation invites nominations for the Loyola Hall of Fame. These outstanding individuals contribute significantly to the betterment of Loyola Catholic School and exemplify Loyola's core values in their careers, communities, churches and/or alma mater. Send your recommendation, including why the person should be considered to advancement@loyolacatholicschool.org

Loyola is participating in the **Catholic Schools Raffle**, presented by Catholic United Financial. Just \$5 will give you a chance to win BIG prizes plus, EVERY dollar stays with Loyola! Our goal is to raise \$25,000 to replace the wood chips with new rubber mats on the Upper Campus playground and to purchase new protective wall padding for the Lower Campus gym. Contact your favorite Crusader today to buy your ticket!

## This Week's Readings

- Mon: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
- Tues: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
- Wed: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thurs: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
- Fri: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
- Sat: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
- Sun: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

## Stewardship Corner

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

Pd. to Date: \$43,042.59  
DUE: \$65,081.69

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

Rec'd. to Date: \$26,065.00

**Loyola Catholic School "Investment":**

Pd. to Date: \$140,000.00  
DUE: \$234,000.00

**Total Paid to Date 2015-16: \$209,107.59**

**Apostolate stewardship for 2015-16: \$325,146.69**

*So far this year we have contributed @ 64% of our total parish commitments.*

This week we contributed another \$10,000.00 to our stewardship commitment to the Loyola Catholic School system, bringing us to a total offering to \$140,000.00. **At this point, we have surpassed our stewardship contributions to the school from last year by \$28,000.00.** It is through your generosity that we are able to keep our stewardship commitments. Our finances report that our expenses are up which is due in part to the many repairs last summer, but also because we are further ahead on our support of Loyola.

Our D.M.A. appeal is continuing. The goal that the Diocese established is at \$36,988.48. To date we have taken in \$26,065.00 or 70% of the Diocesan goal. Every dollar that you give this year to the D.M.A. will result in 80 cents going to the Diocese of New Ulm and 20 cents back to the parish. Even if we exceed our goal, the contributed monies will still be divided out 80/20, with the 80% going to the Diocese and 20% to Holy Rosary. Thank you for your support.

## It's Echo Time Again!

THANK YOU so much for your generosity to the Echo Food Shelf in January! The boxes will be out on the weekend of February 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance – we ARE making a difference.



## Birthright Raffle

Tickets are again available for the annual Benefit for Birthright raffle. Purchase and dropped off at the parish office. For more info, contact David Mutch at 387-5406.

## Ash Wednesday - 40 Days of Lent

Lent begins this Wednesday with the celebration of Ash Wednesday on February 10th. Three Masses will be offered at Holy Rosary at 8:30 am, 4:30 pm, and 7:30 pm. St. Augustine once wrote: "Do you wish to fly towards God? Give it two wings: FASTING and ALMSGIVING."



The Lenten rules for the Universal Church for 2016 are as follows: Abstinence from meat to be observed by all Roman Catholics 14 years or older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays during the Lenten season.

Fasting is also to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Roman Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 60. Those who are bound by this may take one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

The special Paschal fast and abstinence are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

By the three-fold discipline of fasting, almsgiving and prayer, the Church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. All of the faithful should undertake seriously these spiritual practices of PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING in preparation of the great Triduum celebration of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Failure to embrace the three-fold spirit of the Lenten season is still considered confessable matter in today's Church. However, those who have a medical condition in which fasting may be detrimental to their health, or for the purpose of taking certain medications requiring the consumption of food, are not obligated to keep the Lenten fast. These individuals, however, are then encouraged to take on some other form of penance such as abstaining e.g. certain entertainment as well as other acts of penance or charity. Young children under the age of 14 and not bound by the laws of fasting and abstinence, however, they are to be educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to perform acts of penance suitable to their age.

## National Marriage Week

February 7-14, 2016 is National Marriage Week. We encourage couples to give each other a gift by participating together in a virtual retreat. There are three retreat themes to choose from: 1) A Retreat with Pope Francis; 2) Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan; and 3) Marriage and Mercy. This mini retreat provides you with a daily quote, reflection on the theme, a real life example, steps to put it into action, and a closing prayer for each day of the week. You can access the virtual retreats by going to [dnu.org](http://dnu.org) and clicking on the banner for the National Marriage Week.

## "Ash Wednesday" – THIS WEEK!

Can you believe that Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday? The Universal Church will be celebrating the start of Lent with Ash Wednesday, February 10th. We will be celebrating three Masses on that day at 8:30 am, 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Both our Grade School and High School students will be attending Mass as part of their religious education session. (See our Religious Education News for further details.) Last year we had a phenomenal attendance at our 4:30 pm Mass time. We hope the same will hold true this year.



In this week's bulletin there is an envelope attached for Ash Wednesday as Lent is all about sacrifice and giving. There is also this week an insert in the bulletin that will entitled "My 2016 Lenten Resolutions". For, if we have embraced the full spiritual spectrum of the Lenten season with its call to Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, then Holy Week will be a week that we will truly want to celebrate with the great days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil!

## Blessed with a NEW Bulletin

How blessed we are at Holy Rosary as you hold in your hand for the first time our new and improved parish bulletin. We are most grateful to our many returning and new benefactors who make this weekly bulletin possible for us. Please support these businesses on the back of this bulletin.



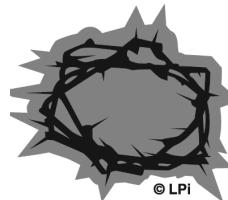
We are blessed at Holy Rosary as this bulletin is given to us at no charge! In fact, we are making money by having our bulletin published at Liturgical Publications. Each year we will receive back a check of \$1,000.00 and even additional monies depending on the number of advertisers. We also now have all the pages of the main bulletin run off and the paper provided by the company as opposed to the past where only the outside page was covered by the printer. In the past, we still needed to provide the second sheet as well as any other inserts.

A special thanks to one of my priest friends who told me about Liturgical Publications as well as Elaine Wolf, our Office Administrator, who spent a great deal of time working with this firm and helping with the re-design of the bulletin. ENJOY!

## My 2016 Lent Resolutions

(Please make a check mark by the resolutions you wish to make and return on Ash Wednesday)

- \*I resolve to attend **Mass each weekend** as prescribed by the Church's teachings and the Third Commandment of God.
- \*I will attend the **morning Masses** that are scheduled during the week.
- I will attend the scheduled **Stations of the Cross** during Lent.
- I resolve to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during Lent.
- I will give alms by contributing to the **Operation Rice Bowl** for the poor and our annual **Fuel Fund**.
- I will refrain from eating in between meals and will fast from sweets, pop and unnecessary food.
- I will watch television programs and movies that are non-violent and do not contain sexual impurity.
- I will **pray the Rosary** (all/part of it) alone/with family during Lent.
- I will read from **Holy Scripture** each day of Lent.
- I will attend the **Scripture Course** and/or **Mercy Mondays** that are being offered at Holy Rosary.
- I will refrain from watching endless hours of television or being on the computer.
- \*I resolve that, when I attend Mass, I will always sign myself with holy water and genuflect (or bow) before the Blessed Sacrament when I come to Mass and when I leave Mass.
- I resolve that I will arrive **on time** and come at least **ten minutes** before the start of Mass to spend time in prayer and review the readings for the day.
- I resolve to pray out loud at Mass and hold the song book even if I am not able to sing well.
- I resolve to be attentive at Mass and particularly during the time of the readings, the proclamation of the Gospel, homily, and most especially at the consecration of the Mass.
- I resolve to give at every Mass a small monetary offering as the offertory is a liturgical action that we participate in at every Eucharist as we offer a little of ourselves as Christ offered Himself on the cross.
- \*I resolve to receive the Holy Eucharist unhurried and with reverence and, when I receive Holy Communion, to say, out loud, "Amen."
- I resolve to join our parish choir that gathers at 6:00 pm on Wednesday to assist the choir for Holy Week. (Please contact the Parish Office for further details: 507-387-6501).
- \*I resolve to attend all three days of the Sacred Triduum where I find myself on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil.



The practices listed above are in addition to my faithful **weekly attendance at Sunday Mass**, my observance of the Church's law which requires me to **fast and abstain on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**, and **to abstain from eating meat on all Fridays of Lent**.

With God's help, I will try to be faithful in these practices. I am offering these penances for the following intention: \_\_\_\_\_



# BUILDING

Our Mission to the Missions



The Black and Indian Mission Collection (BIMC) exists to help diocesan communities to build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God.

Every year, it is the amazing generosity of Catholic faithful just like you who enable the Black and Indian Mission Office to support the following important priorities:

#### Enlivening Parish Life & Catechesis

Grant funds from the BIMC enables us to support parish-based catechetical programs. We help form and train catechists who will form children to be disciples of Jesus in the world, and get bibles and catechisms in kids' hands so they can learn the ways of the Lord and take their place around His altar.



#### Helping Educators Reach Kids

With your contribution to the BIMC, you'll help support good teachers to help African American and Native American kids learn, like Sheryl Ashley at Saint Augustine Indian Mission in Winnebago, Neb. Saint Augustine kids recently made a 60% improvement in reading scores in three years! In 2014, your donations reached over 4,000 students in more than 100 schools and parishes across the United States.



#### Empowering Evangelizers

BIMC grant funds help offices of Black Catholic and Native American ministries to sponsor events and formation to encourage the Christian life in culturally appropriate ways. Mr. Ansel Augustine, shown here with a friend, coordinates the Office of Black Catholic Ministries in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.



#### Encouraging Vocations

We need men and women living the consecrated life to give witness to a radical Christian life. We need priests in order to have the Eucharist! Supporting the BIMC enables us to help diocesan communities encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



**BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION**  
[www.blackandindianmission.org/nationalcollection](http://www.blackandindianmission.org/nationalcollection)

## Lenten Day of Reflection

Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Janesville, MN invites you to "A Quiet Day of Prayer and Reflection: Lord, Teach Me to Pray" on Thursday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm. This is a silent directed retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. During this season of Lent, consider setting aside a day to nurture your prayer life and deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord. Call Jackie Cesario at 625-2395 for more information or to register.

## Pedal Past Poverty

Holy Rosary is interested in having a team to participate in the Pedal Past Poverty stationary bike event. The event is Feb. 27th at the YMCA. We would need 10 members (who only pedal for less than 30 minutes!). The team needs to raise \$1,000.00. Please call the parish office at 387-6501 if you would like to **join the team**. If you would like to **support Holy Rosary's team monetarily**, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Pedal Past Poverty" (checks payable to "Partners for Affordable Housing") and drop them at the parish office or in the collection basket. This fun and energetic fundraiser helps our Mankato neighbors who are experiencing a temporary housing crisis and are guests of the Theresa House or Welcome Inn.



## Wine & Food Pairing - March 19th

Our next GREAT parish get-together has been set for March 19<sup>th</sup> as we will be celebrating our Annual Wine and Food Pairing. IT IS JUST SIX WEEKS AWAY! We will be serving a four-course-dinner along with your favorite wines at the modest price of just \$50.00 per person (\$45.00 early bird).



This year we are going to approach this fund-raiser in a new way. The meal will be hosted in our school auditorium, following the Saturday night Mass for Palm Sunday. We will begin with a social around 6:00 pm and then go to the meal. We will again, like the Fall Festival, be selling tickets in advance as it makes for a much more accurate count. **Tickets are now on sale! We are hoping to sell 150 tickets this year, which is a modest goal.** We have already sold several tickets. Tickets will be sold before and after the Masses on Ash Wednesday and again on the weekends during Lent. Please call the Parish Office and speak to Jim Theuninck at 345-6828 to purchase your ticket.

## World Day for Consecrated Life

This Sunday we celebrate *World Day for Consecrated Life*. We recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Some join a religious congregation or a secular institute. Others remain single and make profession to God through the local bishop and are known as consecrated virgins. The consecrated life is one way that men and women live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus.

## Mercy on Mondays

*Lenten Opportunity provided by  
Holy Rosary Social Concerns Committee*



Have you been wondering just what Pope Francis means by the Year of Mercy? Take advantage of this opportunity for a weekly time of Reflection on the Spiritual & Corporal Works of Mercy. Join us on the Mondays of Lent (beginning on Feb. 15th) in the Parish Center Cafeteria from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm as we read, pray and discuss how we can put the Works of Mercy into action in our own lives and in our community. Study books will be provided.

These sessions will begin with a Soup Supper. A free will offering is welcome. For more information or to sign up to attend, contact: JoAnn Borchert at 388-8813 or Mary Beth Nygaard at 625-1450

## Holy Rosary Lenten Scripture Course

Thank you to all of you that signed up for the Sacred Scripture course. I am pleased to say that we have had a GREAT response in our first attempt to give an extended course in continuing education.

We have had 125 individuals sign up for the class. We realize that some will not be able to attend as not everyone was in agreement with the best time for the course. It appears that the "compromise time" where the most people can participate will be on **SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 2:00 TO 4:00 PM. OUR FIRST CLASS WILL BE FEBRUARY 14TH, VALENTINE'S DAY!** We will gather in the Church and would like to start at 2:00 pm, so try to arrive at least a few minutes before the start of class. I will use a microphone so that there will be no trouble with those individuals that are hearing impaired.

We will meet from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm, take a short break, return for a half hour and then I will open the remaining time for questions on what has been discussed as well as to answer any other relevant questions on the faith. (*Someone suggested that there are lots of questions on the Catholic faith as to what we believe and practice now in 2016.*) This seems like a reasonable request and if there are no questions, we will keep working on the scriptures.

Below is a simple form for you to use to sign up if you have not already done so. If any materials are being run off, it helps us know the count. You are still welcome to sign up and even to come on the afternoon of Sunday, February 14th. You do not have to be a member of Holy Rosary to attend the class and there is no charge to attend. We hope to see you there!

-Father



## REGISTRATION

### LENTEN SCRIPTURE COURSE 2016

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Return through the collection, Parish Center, e-mail, or mail*

# A Newman Center Event

FREE!

Families  
Welcome

St. Thomas More  
Newman Center

St. Thomas More  
Student Center

1502 Warren St, Mankato, MN

## Prayer + Fun + Pizza

Date: Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

Time: Mass at 5:30 pm—Fr. Kern

Pizza & Program: To follow the Mass

Program:

- Ministry overview
- Focus Group: Campus evangelizing
- Discernment Group: Your next priest
- Development and operations



Sponsor:  
Serra Club of  
Mankato

No RSVP  
Just Come

### PLEASE COME AND BE INSPIRED

Learn how the Newman Center keeps  
college students connected with their faith.

Learn where your next PRIEST may be  
coming from?

Call 507 696 8119 if you need a ride.

# Social Concern Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2016 at 4:00 PM • Conference Room 1 • Parish Center

## Opening Prayer by Mary Beth Nygaard

### Actions taken:

WHO – We Help Others    Work order request    Darlene Schorn

- Seven have volunteered at this time.
- Will have a meeting with all volunteers.
- Background checks will need to be done.
- Virtus Training – check with Cathy Neve for details.
- Need to have a tool that would solicit from people what help they may need.

### Echo Food Shelf

- Last collection was up from the past.
- Mary Beth Nygaard puts notices in the bulletin.
- Sue Lewis and Bob Wegscheid take to the location.
- Mary Beth will check into Minnesota Food Share.

### Introductions at Mass

- SCC Member to do an announcement about why.
- Put a note in the bulletin about introduction.
- Need more instruction about why.
- Music Minister to announce after the closing hymn.
- Have someone other than the music minister announce.

### Actions to take:

Lenten Small Group sessions “Holy Year of Mercy” Mary Beth Nygaard & JoAnn Borchert

- A small group experience on the “Holy Year of Mercy” is being looked into.
- Fr. Paul van de Crommert is doing an inventory this weekend about his Lenten scripture class.
- The small group experience would be about the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.
- This event could include a soup supper.

### Training – Ministry for the Sick and Homebound

- A gathering of Eucharistic Ministers will take place during Lent.
- Items to be discussed were suggested.
- This will be a one-time only event.
- Fr. Paul van de Crommert and JoAnn Borchert will conduct this meeting.

### Ministry to the Bereaved, Widows, and Widowers

- Mary Kelly has provided experiences in the past.
- Continued discussion will take place about who, when, and what.
- For the present all who would be interested in this could attend the gathering for breakfast at the Best Western Restaurant 169 N & Range Street, following Friday morning Mass.
- Continue to solicit ideas of what would serve our Bereaved, Widows, and Widowers.
- Lorraine Klaseus handed out a new list of the Sick and Homebound.

## **Welcoming to Families of Newly Baptized**

- There was discussion about how to do this.
- Barb Wegscheid offered to chair this activity.
- A meal could be a gesture of caring.
- It was suggested that the CCW could possibly buy a small cross for the child at the time of Baptism.

## **Discussion issues:**

### **Providing Rides for Parishioners to Mass**

- At this time there are no requests for this service.

### **Mini Committees – more parishioners involved**

- Beginning to evolve.

### **Prayer Lists**

- There was discussion about the Prayer Chain and the list in the bulletin of people to pray for. Darlene Schorn is going to call those now listed in the bulletin as to their intentions to remain on the list. For those who request to be on the list, they will be listed for 6 weeks. After this period of time, parishioners can request to be put on the bulletin list again. Fr. Paul van de Crommert will put a note in the bulletin about this practice.
- Karen Etzell is in charge of the Prayer Chain.

## **New Initiatives:**

### **Calling Ministry**

- This would involve someone calling a parishioner frequently – like a calling pal.
- Sending cards to cheer homebound was also suggested.

### **Other**

- Sue Cashman and Joanne Shibilski make Prayer Shawls.

## **Closing Prayer by Fr. Paul van de Crommert**

**Next Meeting:** March 14, 2016 at 4:00 PM in Conference Room #1

