



Holy Rosary Catholic Church

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“Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us”

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Bulletin Deadline - Articles need to be submitted by 12:00 pm noon on Tuesday.

August 7th, 2016

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor

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the Quill and the Cloth

*"Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks."
- St. Luke*

No doubt, you have heard the quote; **"Success is 99% perspiration and 1% inspiration."** This well-known quote is of course stressing the importance, *not of perspiration*, but rather "preparation". Growing up on the farm, my parents so often said that the hardest part of any job was the "preparation".

I can think back to the many chores that were needed to be done growing up on the farm from cleaning the barns to painting the barns, from mowing the lawns to mowing and baling the alfalfa. Once we were doing the actual work, it was not all that bad. Of course there was so often so much "preparation work" that was needed to be done before the actual work of painting, pitching, baling or mowing could take place.

It was usually around this time of year in August that the last of the soybeans were being walked. By the middle of August, the soybeans were waist high or higher, and my Dad usually decided, whether we had walked all the fields or not, we were doing more damage than good. So the remaining weeks of August, before school started involved catching up on things around the farmyard. Painting some of the outbuildings was one of those things.

As my older brothers were heading out in different directions in the world, in the later years I spent many hours on our two turn-of-the-century barns, painting them by myself. I truthfully liked the solitude and the actual painting with the occasional barn cat that came calling, wondering if the red paint was food. (*Paint and white cats do not go together by the way.*) Our dog, 'Duke', felt I was reasonable company, sitting quietly in the cool summer shade, no doubt grateful (as he watched me work), that he was of the canine species and not a human.

Truthfully, I looked forward to painting the barns red

and especially the white trim on windows, doors and rafters. What was really "WORK" though, were the endless hours preparing the surface for painting. First, bad boards and panes of windows had to be repaired and replaced. Endless nails that worked loose had to be pounded back and additional nails added. All of the wood was scraped with a scraper, then steel brushed, then wiped down with a rag. Cobwebs, bird nests and wasp nests had to be cleaned out from the eaves. THEN...FINALLY...YOU COULD START THE WORK OF PAINTING.

Maybe painting a barn or practicing our blessed life as a Catholic are not a whole lot different. Today's readings all talk about the Good News of "spiritual preparation". For in the First Reading from the Book of Wisdom, we are reminded of the Passover. The Passover is all about "spiritual preparation", as well as that long period of time (40 years) in the desert. For the passage concludes with the words: *"For in secret the holy children of the good were offering sacrifice and putting into effect with one accord the whole divine institution"*. The author of the Book of Wisdom is suggesting that what the ancient Jews were doing in "spiritual preparation" through prayer and sacrifice at the time of the Passover, was not just "spiritual preparation" for the desert, and eventually the Promised Land, but also the Divine Savior and the Promise of Salvation.

In the Second Reading from Hebrews, the author reminds us of Abraham whose "spiritual preparation" was multiple; from his travels, to living as a nomad in tents to taking on fatherhood miraculously late in life. All these actions combined could be summarized in the "spiritual preparation" we know simply as Faith. For this passage begins perhaps in a poetic way with the words: *"...Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen."*

In the Gospel from St. Luke, our Blessed Lord provides an example of a master returning from a wedding and the servants in physical preparation through vigilance. The Lord reminds His listeners that as the servants should be "physically prepared" when their master returns from a wedding feast; so too should we, the servants of the Messiah, be "spiritually prepared" when Christ returns unexpectedly at the end of time/life to take the faithful to the eternal Wedding Feast of heaven.

Reflect on how you prepare spiritually for Mass each weekend or prayer each day. Is our spiritual and physical "preparation" sufficient to share in the resurrection both physically and spiritually when the bridegroom comes at the end of our life or the end of time?

Rev. Paul van de Crommert, Pastor

Stewardship of Treasure

Adult	\$9,033.00
Electronic Giving	\$2,458.25
Junior	\$65.80
Plate	\$385.32
Special Collection - Assumption	\$5.00
Votive Candles	\$109.60
K of C Reimbursement	\$128.20
Memorial Monies - Gladys Thul†	\$55.00
Diocese Ministry Appeal Refund	\$368.20
Rental Income	\$550.00
Grand Total	\$13,158.37

Our weekly goal is set at \$13,000.00

Stewardship

Thank you for your generous stewardship again this week. What can I say but we made our budget again this week. This is pretty incredible! We are now in the month of August and the start of the school year is just around the corner. Holy Rosary was blessed to make it through the doldrums of summer stewardship with above-budget-giving most weeks. Thank you to all of you for your generosity. You are doing great!

Council Recruitments

It is wonderful to report that 4 members of the parish stepped forward, wanting to serve as new members on our Pastoral Council! This enthusiasm is WONDERFUL! This morning I received a call from a parishioner who I had invited to serve, with their experience in finance, to serve on the Finance Council and who agreed to be part of that committee. ***So, after several weeks of recruiting and inviting people, we are welcoming 12 new members onto four of our boards.*** Pastorally I am pleased that people both stepped forward on their own as well as when they were invited. The list of all of our new and returning members will be posted in the bulletin this September.



2015-2016 Financial Report

The annual Financial Report of Holy Rosary Church will be going to press soon and will be handed out after the Masses on the weekend of August 20th and 21st. It will contain lots of Good News! Be sure to watch for it!

Church Repairs Updates

Kitchen Clean-Up: The main kitchen area has had a fresh coat of paint on the walls as well as inside the cupboards. The women worked very hard to sort, organize and put back the needed material for the parish kitchen's use. As stated previously, the clean-up and repair was desperately needed after many, many years. The main kitchen area looks fresh and new, especially above the stove area that was very "greasy", "yellow" and "brown". As of Wednesday, the clean-up of the kitchen is completed. All that remains is the stripping and sealing of the floors. Thank you, ladies, Jim T., and all who worked so hard to improve an area of the parish that is used so extensively. Thank you to the C.C.W. who covered the cost of the repairs and painting. You are great!



Church Restoration: As I write this on Wednesday, I have been given the assurance by our artist that the work on the mural will be completed on or before Thursday afternoon. The mural was in worse shape than was anticipated and apparently had been treated with some type of cleaner in the past that had resulted in a chemical reaction to the new varnish that had been applied several months ago. The "blue area" where the crucifix is located was in such bad shape it was redone from "scratch", as it had been scratched up, damaged and faded so much over the decades. All of the mysteries of the rosary were also touched up this time. It is a beautiful piece of art and I am pleased (finally) with the outcome. We will use the money that was set aside from the account and have nearly sufficient monies for this project. Our next project is to do some electrical work in the sacristy and possibly (at the same time) address lighting up the mural and sanctuary area as we have been talking about for some time. I will keep you posted.



Sidewalk Update: This week we will begin some updating of our sidewalks and steps between the rectory and the church. The steps were installed in the 1950's and neither the railings nor the steps pass code in 2016. The railings are too short and the steps are too shallow. There is also a need to have some handicap accessibility as presently there is no entrance to the rectory that is free of steps. *(In addition, this pastor "almost" had a bone-breaking fall a short time ago. You don't have to be old to fall.)* We are grateful for the benefactors who are covering the cost without any expense to the parish. The people of Holy Rosary are so generous!!!

The Week Ahead

Monday, August 8: Saint Dominic, Priest

8:05 am – Rosary
 8:30 am – Mass - Jonathan & Tracey Schorn Family
 12:00 pm – Parish Corporate Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 9: Weekday (Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr)

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
 8:30 am - 1:00 pm – Building a Vibrant Parish Seminar in New Ulm, MN (Fr. Paul & Office Administrator attending)

Wednesday, August 10: St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

8:05 am – Rosary
 8:30 am – Mass - Mel Ulrich†

Thursday, August 11: Saint Clare, Virgin

10:15 am – Mass at Pathstone (Fr. Paul) - Mildred Weingartz†
 7:30 pm – Baptism Class (Conf. Rm. 1)
 7:30 pm – K of C Planning Meeting (Lower Hall)

Friday, August 12: Weekday (Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious)

8:05 am – Rosary
 8:30 am – Mass - Charles & Iola Orcutt†
 9:15 am – Parishioners’ Breakfast at the Best Western Restaurant - *All are invited!

Saturday, August 13: Weekday (Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs; BVM)

4:30 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation
 4:30 pm – Rosary
 5:00 pm – Mass - William & Rose Roescht

Sunday, August 14: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am – Rosary
 8:00 am – Mass - Bernie Ayers†
 (Frank & Connie Weber’s 40th Wedding Anniversary)
 9:30 am – Rosary
 10:00 am – Mass - People of the Parish

Birthright Volunteers Needed

For 44 years, Birthright has been helping girls and women with unplanned pregnancies. We are in need of more volunteers so we can be open more hours and serve more women. We are planning a training session towards the end of August. We have two hour shifts available and you can choose the days and times that fit into your schedule. For more information, call Lois at 388-44558. Now is the time to put your prolife beliefs into action!

August 13th - August 14th, 2016



Lectors:

5:00 pm Eileen Wadekamper
 8:00 am Cathy Neve 10:00 am Jennifer Spaude

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm Rebecca Gruenes, Patrick & Wanda Hull, Nicole Hull, Maxine Davis, *Karen Winters
 8:00 am Rick Gruber, Bernie Bastian, Sharon Lenz, Craig Amundson, Mary Homan, *Mike Brumm
 10:00 am Sherry Henrickson, Curt & Donna Stanke, Darlene Schorn, John & *Lori Daley

Altar Servers:

5:00 pm Rayna, Reid & Riley Gruenes
 8:00 am Matthew Helget, Ben & Lauren Cahalan
 10:00 am Hailey Barker, Spencer Spaude, Jacob Reynolds (C/B/B)

Presentation of Gifts:

5:00 pm Younge Family
 8:00 am Tom Stierlen Family
 10:00 am Bob & Bev Nickels

Ushers:

5:00 pm Ken & Pat Thiele, Steve Enderle, Mark Weingartz (Head Usher)
 8:00 am Doug Homan, Bill Fasnacht, Bill Cahalan, Doug Helget (Head Usher)
 10:00 am Bradon Bernard, Jim Barker, Isaac Kolstad, Blaine Kolstad (Head Usher)

Music Ministry:

5:00 pm Kathy Jo Johns/Jeanne Makela
 8:00 am Julie Gruber/Jeanne Makela
 10:00 am Myra Schroepfer/Jeanne Makela

Rosary Leaders:

5:00 pm Paul Stevens 8:00 am Margaret Ayers
 10:00 am Curt & Donna Stanke

Money Counters for August 2016: Arlyce Anderson, Helen Anderson, John & Donna Wolf

Bulletin Folders for August 2016: Mary Bliss, Barb Wegscheid, Rita Townsend, Marge Grausam, Maxine Davis

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 & Special Needs

Daniel Crowley, Frances Lorentz, Cyrilla Beal, Steve Caron, Charles Ulman, Wendell Nash, Jerry Schuck, Ruth Fitterer, Special Intention: Employment

**Our prayer list will be updated regularly. When you submit a name of a loved one for prayer, their name will remain on the prayer list for SIX WEEKS. If you no longer see your loved ones name and would like the parish community to continue to pray for this individual, please call the parish office with your prayer request and their name will again be placed on our prayer list for another six weeks.*

Home Visitation: If you wish to have yourself or a loved one receive the sacraments, Holy Communion or a personal pastoral visit, please call our coordinator, Lorraine Klaseus at 507-388-4932

For Our Families

Monday Glenn & Sara Vershelde
Tuesday Craig & Denise Amundson
Wednesday Jacob & Rennee Cottew
Thursday Cecil Simmons
Friday Tim & Kathryn Eggersdorfer
Saturday Margaret Riealson
Sunday Margaret McLaughlin



For Those in the Military

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



Prayer Chain

If you have a short term prayer request or praise or our prayer chain to prayer for, please call Teresa Kolstad at 507-327-9810. *(Teresa will be unavailable Aug. 12 - 26, so please call the parish office at 387-6501 during that time.)*

K. of C. Council #5551 News

Aug 11 - Planning Meeting
 Aug 25 - General Meeting



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 (phone #507-387-6501). 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!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Because the New Testament provides the primary historical source for the information on the resurrection, many critics during the 19th century attacked the reliability of these biblical documents.”

-Josh McDowell

November Fest

Preparations for November Fest on November 13, 2016 are “full steam ahead.” We have listened to your feedback and we have planned for an even better festival this fall. Our Parish is blessed with so many talented and generous people. Our first order of business is securing items for our Parish Raffle. Last year we had 70 items and we are hoping for at least that same number this year. Cash prizes and new merchandise are most appreciated. If you wish to contribute, please call the Parish Office and ask for Jim Theuninck.

We are also planning a “canning party” in the church kitchen on Saturday, August 20th to help stock our Country Store. If you wish to help with labor or donate fruits/vegetables to the



cause the week of the 14th, please contact Rachel Helget at 507-381-7077 or helget18@gmail.com.

Donations may be dropped off at the Parish Office. If you already have canned goods you wish to donate, they may be dropped off as well.

Please watch the bulletin over these next several weeks for new announcements regarding the festival. Thank you for your support!

This Week's Readings

Mon: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27
Tues: Ez 2:8—3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wed: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Thurs: Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21—19:1
Fri: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Mt 19:3-12
Sat: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15
Sun: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53



LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

The numbers are in! Loyola Catholic School student test scores far exceed the state average and those of local area schools, according to data from The Minnesota Report Card, put out by Minnesota Department of Education. Congratulations Loyola students, teachers and parents!

Loyola is seeking candidates for the following positions:

1. A creative and dedicated person to direct our after school care program, which consists of supervised play, study time, snack, and activities for 30-40 K-5 students from 2:45 pm - 6:00 pm each school day.
2. A full time para-educator to assist in a variety of roles including but not limited to: help in preschool, recess coverage for K-4, lunch supervision and support in elementary, intermediate and high school classrooms.

To apply, please send cover letter, resume and three letters of recommendation to employment@loyolacatholicschool.org

Loyola's Lower Campus is getting a make-over! We started with deep cleaning every nook and cranny, and now crews are wrapping up painting. Students and staff will return this fall to beautifully painted tiles and walls accented with Loyola blue and gold horizontal stripes.

Construction crews and volunteers are working every day on the Upper Campus, building a new entryway and a third Preschool classroom, updating lighting, installing new carpeting, creating new office spaces and an upstairs Commons, and repainting all classrooms in a warm cream with an accent wall of bright blue, orange or gold.

Our thanks to all those who are pitching in and helping with these projects! We continue to need volunteers; please contact us if you would like to join students, parents, staff members, and friends in lending a hand. 507-388-0600

Loyola staff members continued their work on PS-12 Math curriculum August 1-3, in Rochester and collaborating with teachers from Catholic school throughout the Winona diocese.

LoyolaPalooza is coming! August 20, 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm on the Hill! Live music, beer trucks and wine, food trucks, raffles and fun! Featuring Neon-Live, Chris Rupp and The Plott Hounds! Tickets are \$15 in advance at www.loyolapalooza.com or \$20 at the gate.

Stewardship Corner

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

Pd. to Date: \$6,498.30
DUE: \$73,231.32

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

Rec'd. to Date: \$0.00
DUE: TBA

Loyola Catholic School Assessment:

Pd. to Date: \$0.00
DUE: TBA

Total Paid to Date 2016-17: \$6,498.30
Apostolate stewardship for 2016-17: \$73,231.32
We have contributed 0% of our total parish commitments.

We are taking our first steps towards reaching our stewardship goals again this year for the Diocese and our Area Catholic School of Loyola. Last week, we took our first financial step as we paid \$6,498.32 to the Diocese of New Ulm. We are still anticipating stewardship figures for both the Diocesan Ministry Appeal as well as the Loyola Catholic School Assessment. Thank you for your gifts!



SINCERE SYMPATHY

To the families of **Lorraine Mauer† & Fr. Ed Ardolf†**
-May they rest in peace.

Marriage Encounter

Renew or rediscover your love for each other by attending the August 13th - 14th, 2016 Marriage Encounter! Register at marriages.org. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington.



Visit www.marriages.org for additional information or call 651.454.3238.

St. Mary's Corn Fiesta

St. Mary's in Madelia will be hosting their 39th Annual Corn Fiesta on their School Grounds on Sunday, August 14, 2016. Mass will be at 8:00 am with activities starting at 10:30 am. Come by to enjoy raffle, silent auction, games, food and fun for the whole family!!!

Religious Education Program

Is God Calling YOU?

Is God calling you to help spread the Catholic faith to our young people of Holy Rosary? Have you thought about becoming a catechist, but don't know where to start? How about giving Cathy Neve a call at 345-6765 or sending her an email at nevec@hickorytech.net. Cathy will discuss in more detail with you the joy and satisfaction that comes from sharing the faith!

Watch Your Mail!

The Religious Education letter of information and registration for the coming school year will be mailed the first week of August. If you do not receive a letter, please contact the Religious Education Office. *If you have a child who attends Loyola in second or eleventh grade, you need to register your child as it is a year your child will receive a sacrament.*



Confirmation Candidates

At Holy Rosary Parish, the Sacrament of Confirmation is in 11th grade. All juniors of the parish should register for Religious Education Class. Please also be thinking about who you would like as your sponsor. Sponsors must be a practicing Roman Catholic who attends Mass regularly (Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation) and is living according to the teachings of the Catholic Church. The date for Confirmation is March 4, 2017 at the 5:00 pm Mass.



Upcoming Safe Environment Training

If you plan on volunteering in the parish and working with minors, vulnerable adults or homebound persons, you are required by the Diocese to have Safe Environment Training (VIRTUS). There are several upcoming sessions available for you to attend in our area.



Tues., August 9th at 6 pm at New Ulm Cathedral

Wed., August 24th at 6 pm at St. John the Baptist

Thurs., September 8th at 6 pm at St. John the Baptist

For more information please call Cathy at 345-6765 or go to virtus.org

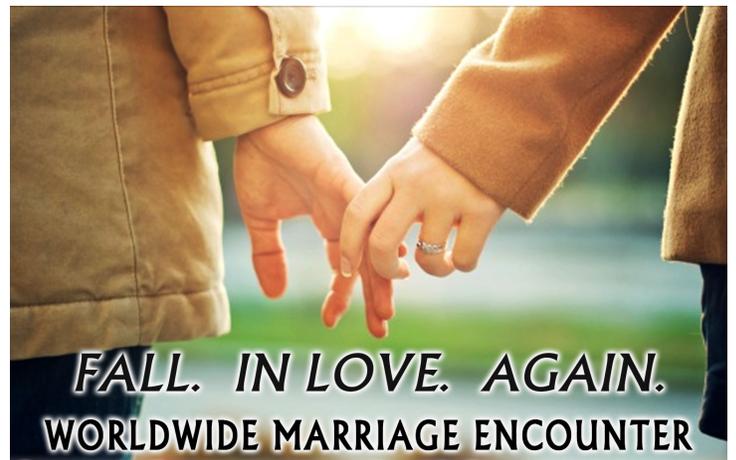
Outdoor Mass is Coming!

Please make sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, September 18th at 10:00 am in Wheeler Park. Last year our attendance exceeded more than 500 folks. IT IS ONLY SIX WEEKS AWAY! It would be good if you prayed for favorable weather and no wind! Thank you to all of the committee members who are working behind the scenes! This is a great spiritual tradition at Holy Rosary!



Former Pastor - Rest in Peace

Perhaps by now you may have heard of the passing of Fr. Ed Ardolf, the former pastor of Holy Rosary. I had decided this past Monday to go home to visit the folks after more than a month of not seeing them. On the way home I noticed a voicemail. The hospital had called looking for a priest. Most Mondays I am around. I told the chaplain if no priest was found I would stop in that evening on my way back. On my way back the chaplain called again unable to find a priest during the course of the day. I anointed Fr. Ed (conditionally) as it appeared that he had just passed. I was the first to tell the medical staff that he was gone and then contacted the Diocese. His Funeral Mass was celebrated this past Friday in Nicollet. Blessed be his memory. May he rest in peace.



Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2016 ~ Good Counsel, Mankato
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Needed: Rosary Leader

We are in need of a new rosary leader(s) for the 8:00 am Sunday morning Mass. If you would be willing to lead the rosary about once a month, please contact Arlyce Anderson at 317-0617. Thank you for your help!

