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November 13th, 2016

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor

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the Quill and the Cloth

"He answered, 'See that you not be deceived. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end.'"

- St. Luke

Well, the WAR IS OVER! I guess I should not say "WAR", but rather say that the "Presidential Campaign" is over. Regardless if you are unhappy or happy with the outcome, Republican, Democrat, or Independent, I think we can all agree and "cross-the-aisle" in the belief that we are most grateful that the political campaign season is FINALLY OVER and not a moment too soon! I think we also could share the common ground that this was one of the most negative campaigns in our lifetime. The age of civility seems to have been lost to the annuals of history.

Speaking of "history", even though this was a rough campaign, I found myself, as an undergraduate of American history (some years back), still fascinated by this election and especially this election night of 2016. (I can still remember staying up to hear Barack Obama accept the Presidency 8 years ago to a massive crowd in Chicago.) I had to sleep fast this past Tuesday evening as I headed to bed around 2:00 am and knew that I had two Masses in the morning. I, like so many other Americans, expected to see Hillary Clinton start adding up electoral votes by 8:00 pm and that the election would be wrapping up around 10:30 pm or so. However, this was not a case. **The votes cast did not speak as much about the candidates as it did about the voters who cast their ballots.**

Although hindsight is far better than foresight, I will say that, as I look back on this election of 2016, I saw some "signs" that change was in the air. First, I noticed late last summer, when I was heading out west and passing through several states, little or no political signs for Hillary Clinton, yet here and there I would see some signs for Donald Trump. Secondly, I found myself quietly questioning the polling, and the great disparity from one organization to another. Thirdly, I was struck by Donald Trump being able to

draw 25,000 people in Minneapolis, in this very Democratic state of Minnesota (which, for once, was a swing-state) just days before the election. Fourth, I was amazed how tight-lipped so many people were about the election, neither wanting to discuss issues or make a comment in one direction or another about a candidate. Although, they were just "signs" to me, they forecasted a type of political revolution from a populist-elect president that we have not seen the likes of since perhaps the Reagan Administration back in 1980.

Why all this talk about politics in this pastor's column? For the simple fact that the passages of scripture that we hear on the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time also address a "WAR" of sorts. Not a political war, but rather a war of the end-of-the-world as we know it. Not only will it be a war of all wars that will end the world, but a war that will be specifically spiritual involving good against evil. In the very short First Reading from the Prophet Malachi, we get a clear description of this war with the prophet's words: "Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven, when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire, leaving them neither root nor branch, says the Lord of hosts. But you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays." The Good News is that if we are faithful to God, we will win this war that will be far greater than winning any Presidential election.

The Gospel from St. Luke also speaks about "eschatology" (final things), specifically the end-of-times. Our Blessed Lord does not speak about "signs of a political war", but rather "signs of spiritual war" when the end of times occur. The Lord states: "There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky."

Every age has seen these signs and predicted that final war between good and evil, the end of times throughout human history. Many of us right now, by seeing the signs-of-the-times, think that perhaps the world will soon come to the end. Yet, please remember this! Today's readings are less about reading physical signs and more about signing ourselves spiritually as followers of Christ by the prayers we pray and the lives we live. The world as we know it can end at any time. The Good News is calling us to be spiritually ready so that when the Lord comes in that final battle, we will be ready, armed with holiness share with Him forever the winner's circle of the Kingdom of Heaven!



Rev. Paul van de Crommert, Pastor



November Fest has Finally Arrived!

After months and weeks of planning, this weekend we will celebrate, as the parish of Holy Rosary, our Second Annual November Fest(ival). Last year was such a wonderful success for our first attempt. This year may prove to be even greater than last year by the sale of nearly 500 dinner tickets in pre-sales, so many wonderful donated items, lots of canning produce that our volunteer women prepared in our parish kitchens, a raffle ticket with almost a third more prizes than last year (more than 100 prizes), just to name a few great things that have been happening behind the scenes. Although it bears repeating, I cannot say enough “thank you’s” to all of the men and women volunteers who have given so much of their free time for the success of this day. I also want to extend a word of praise to our parish staff, who, in addition to their regular parish responsibilities, are willing to go the extra mile for the cause. To all of our visitors, my sincerest welcome! Enjoy the Mass and the music, the meal, make new friends and let’s make this great North Mankato “get-together” a day to remember! Blessings!



Welcome to Holy Rosary

We welcome to Holy Rosary another household this week. Please welcome with me Jason Brinks. Jason is employed in the insurance industry and is residing here in North Mankato. We welcome you Jason to our growing parish family.



Please note that registering at Holy Rosary is easier than ever. (How do you know if you are registered? Do you receive any parish mailings? If not, you might not be registered.) If you wish to register, you are welcome to fill out a registration sheet that takes only a couple of minutes. You may also register online by going to holyroarynorthmankato.com/membership-registration & download the registration forms to fill out. You can also simply send us your contact information via an easy-to-use form and we will mail you a hard copy of those forms. Come join our growing Holy Rosary parish family!

Thanksgiving Masses

I will be offering TWO Masses for Thanksgiving. Although it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, it is such an important day for us as Catholics; for the word Eucharist means literally “Thanksgiving”. So, even more important than sitting down at a table with family and friends to give thanks, should we not sit down with the Lord in Church to give thanks for the blessings of another year of grace? The first Thanksgiving Mass will be held on the Vigil of Thanksgiving, November 23rd at 5:00 pm and the morning Mass of Thanksgiving will be held at 8:30 am. Please make Mass part of your annual Thanksgiving tradition! We hope to see you there! Happy Thanksgiving!



Stewardship of Gratitude

Adult	\$8,436.00
Electronic Giving	\$2,588.25
Junior	\$89.84
Plate	\$316.62
November Fest Raffle Tickets	\$1,285.00
November Fest Meal Tickets	\$313.00
Archdiocese for the Military Services	\$1,356.53
Diocesan Mission Coop	\$216.00
All Saints	\$49.00
CCW Church Cleaning Donation	\$312.00
Rental Income	\$980.00
Investment Interest Income	\$1,006.20
Grand Total	\$16,948.44

Our weekly goal is set at \$13,000.00

Stewardship

We had another GREAT week of stewardship even though we were celebrating last weekend the HIGH HOLY Day of Deer Opener. It was nice to see such strong attendance and especially for the 10:00 am Mass as we honored those who have died, especially from our parish during the past year. A special word of thanks to the great generosity of our youth at the Masses. Your stewardship is nice, but your presence is even better as you are the future Church. Thank you so much!

Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service

With the start of November, we also need to start thinking about Thanksgiving, which is only weeks away. On the very first Thanksgiving the pilgrims and the native people gathered to share a common meal, and I suspect some common prayer as well. Recently, the area ministers and I, as pastor, met to make preparations for this year’s annual Ecumenical Service. This year the service will be held (weather permitting) at **Messiah Lutheran Church at 1706 Lee Blvd., at 7:00 pm on November 23rd**. Last year I preached the event at the Methodist Church on Belgrade. We had a wonderful response of parishioners from Holy Rosary. Hopefully that will be the case this year as well. Please plan to attend.

The Week Ahead

Monday, November 14: Weekday

- 8:05 am – Rosary
8:30 am – Mass - Jean Hoppe

Tuesday, November 15: Weekday (Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)

- 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
6:00 pm – **Women's Bible Study** (Conf. Rm. 1)

Wednesday, November 16: Weekday (Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin)

- 9:35 am – **Loyola Intermedia School Mass** (Fr. Paul)
- Living & Deceased Members of the Peter & Jelaine Schreiner Family
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm – Sewing Group (Lower Level PC)
5:00 pm - 5:45 pm – **Youth Choir Practice**
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm – **Holy Rosary Choir Practice**
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm – **Grades 1-6 Rel. Ed. Classes**

Thursday, November 17: Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

- 10:15 am – **Mass at Pathstone** (Fr. Paul)
- Sr. Esperance Wittry†
6:30 pm – **Festival Committee Meeting** (Conf. Rm. 1)
7:30 pm – **Festival Committee Meeting** (Conf. Rm. 1)

Friday, November 18: Weekday (The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; USA: Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin)

- 8:05 am – Rosary
8:30 am – Mass - Eunice Quade†
9:15 am – **Parishioners' Breakfast at the Perkins Restaurant (1123 Range St) - *All are invited**
1:30 pm – River of Life (Conf. Rm. 1)

Saturday, November 19: Weekday

- 4:30 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm – Rosary
5:00 pm – Mass - Ben Eggersdorfer†

Sunday, November 20: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

- 7:30 am – Rosary
8:00 am – Mass - People of the Parish
9:30 am – Rosary
10:00 am – Mass - Luciana Hill†
(Nursery, Pre-K, and CLW during the 10:00 am Mass)

K. of C. Council #5551 News

Nov 25 - General Meeting

Nov. 19th - Nov. 20th, 2016



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Lectors:

- 5:00 pm Jim Theuninck
8:00 am Nancy Holden
10:00 am Tim McGowan

Eucharistic Ministers:

- 5:00 pm Bev Linnes, Rebecca Gruenes, Nicole Hull, Patrick & Wanda Hull, *Karen Ezzell
8:00 am Julie Schoettler, Linda Hiniker, Michelle Ellingworth, Terri Compton, Bernie Bastian, *Gerry Hiniker
10:00 am Mike & Diane O'Dea, John Kuchinka, Dennis Haga, Dawn Matz, *Sherry Henrickson

Altar Servers:

- 5:00 pm Riley, Rayna, Reid Gruenes
8:00 am Grace & Ben Ellingworth, Quinn Kelly (C/B/B)
10:00 am Elias & Shae Westerman, Tim Cain (C/B/B)

Presentation of Gifts:

- 5:00 pm Paul Manderfeld Family
8:00 am Tom Stierlen Family
10:00 am Roger & Mary Mueller

Ushers:

- 5:00 pm Ken & Pat Thiele, Tom Rheaume, Bob Meyer (*Head Usher*)
8:00 am Sharon Lenz, Gary & Mary Zellmer, Arlyce Anderson (*Head Usher*)
10:00 am Joe Huiras, Brandon Bernard, Glenn Vershelde, Steve Kaiser

Music Ministry:

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

Rosary Leaders:

- 5:00 pm Karen Ezzell
8:00 am Elmer Heirigs
10:00 am Jeanette Barsness

Money Counters - Nov. 2016: Bob Manwarren, Renee Amundson, Mary Coleman, Terri Compton

Bulletin Folders - Nov. 2016: Mary Bliss, Maxine Davis, Barb Wegscheid, Rita Townsend, Marge Grausam

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

Dennis Haga, Jo Lindberg, Solomon Francis Blaschko, Gerald Erkel, Richard Koble, Sr. M. Adelyn Vokal, Dorothy Hiniker, Ruth Gag, Charles Ulman

**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 James & Jenice Fallenstein
Tuesday Steve & Mary Caron
Wednesday Jamie & Mary Miller
Thursday Jenny Hendrycks
Friday Kevin & Meghan Velasquez
Saturday Jerrel & Carrie Flanagan
Sunday John & Lori Daley



For Those in the Military

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



Prayer Chain

If you have a short term prayer request or prayer of thanksgiving for our prayer chain to pray for, please call Teresa Kolstad at 327-9810.

This Week's Readings

Mon: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43
Tues: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10
Wed: Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28
Thurs: Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44
Fri: Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48 (501) or, for the Memorial of the Dedication, Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/Mt 14:22-33
Sat: Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40
Sun: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Religious Education Program



Christmas Program Information

Our PS - 6th grade students will be performing "Christmas Around the World." We are continuing with the "2016 Rio Summer Olympics" theme and will treat you to a little history of Christmas traditions from various countries. The children have begun practicing their songs in their religious education classes! The performance will be **Sunday, December 11th at 12:30 pm**. We will have a **dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 10th at 10:00 am**. Please mark these dates on your calendar!

Upcoming Dates

Nov. 16: Class for Elementary - 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Nov. 23: NO CLASS - Thanksgiving Mass at 5:00 pm Wednesday & 8:30 am Thanksgiving Day at Holy Rosary; Ecumenical Service, Wednesday, Nov. 23rd at 7:00 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church
Nov. 30: Class for **ALL Grades**; Youth Group will meet from 6:00 pm - 6:50 pm with a meal and activities.
Dec. 7: Class for Elementary - 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Finance Council Meeting

Please note that a Finance Council meeting that was scheduled for this Monday, Nov. 14th, has been rescheduled for one week later, Nov. 21st at 7:00 pm. The cause for the change was the result of a schedule conflict with a number of the members. Thank you for your attention.

Worship Committee Recommendation

Attached to this week's bulletin is an envelope for offering the sanctuary light in memory of a particular intention or for someone who is sick or has died. It was reported at our last Worship Committee meeting that this practice is done in some of our parishes in the area. A person provides an offering of \$5.00 for each intention. Then, each week the intention for the sanctuary lamp burning to remind us of the Real Presence of Christ in the tabernacle, also reminds us to pray for a particular intention as well. You may return this envelope through the collection, mail or stopping at the parish office.

Closing of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

Come celebrate the closing of the extraordinary jubilee Year of Mercy at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New Ulm, MN on the Solemnity of Christ the King, November 20, 2016. A Holy Hour with Confessions begin at 2:00 pm. Benediction and Reposition will be at 3:15 pm and a Holy Mass with Bishop LeVoir and the Closing of the Holy Doors will be at 3:30 pm.



LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to Loyola seniors Rae Dose and Lindsey Theuninck who signed National Letters of Intent on Wednesday! Rae will play softball at Minnesota State University, Mankato and Lindsey will play basketball at South Dakota State University.

Loyola students were out in the community raking lawns on Saturday! VINE'S "Rake the Town" is a service project that Loyola's Builder's Club participates in every year. This year, VINE'S goal was to rake over 300 yards in Mankato, North Mankato, St. Peter, and rural Blue Earth and Nicollet counties.

Loyola currently has two employment opportunities:

After School Childcare Assistant: Loyola Catholic School is seeking an assistant for its after care program. A successful candidate will have previous experience working with school age children, be energetic, hard working, compassionate and dependable while possessing a genuine passion for working with children.

Para-educator: Loyola Catholic School is seeking a part 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. A successful candidate will have previous experience working with school age children, be energetic, hard working, compassionate and dependable while possessing a genuine passion for children.

To apply for either position, please send a cover letter, resume and three letters of recommendation to: employment@loyolacatholicsschool.org

The Loyola Catholic School high school theater department will present "Bye Bye Birdie" in the Lower Campus theater, 110 N 5th Street, November 10-12, 7pm and November 13 at 2pm. Adults: \$10, students: \$5.

Come win your Thanksgiving Turkey! Enjoy playing bingo, a drawing, and concessions at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Mankato on Saturday, November 19th after Mass (about 6:15 p.m.). All proceeds will go to Loyola Catholic School teachers for use in their classrooms. In addition, a \$1,000 matching grant will be provided by Catholic United Financial to Loyola Catholic School. The event is sponsored by Mankato Holy Family Catholic United Financial Council #17.

Please mark your calendars for our next Open Houses: January 23 and March 14, 5:30-7:30pm on the Upper Campus, 145 Good Counsel Drive. Come and discover what it means to be part of the Loyola community! We continue to offer Family Tours and Shadow Days on a day convenient to you. Call 507-388-0600 to schedule.

Stewardship Corner

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

Pd. to Date: \$30,770.54

DUE: \$73,231.32

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

Rec'd. to Date: \$0.00

DUE: \$38,768.53

Loyola Catholic School Assessment:

Pd. to Date: \$25,000.00

DUE: \$221,268.00

Total Paid to Date 2016-17: \$55,770.54

Apostolate Stewardship 2016-17: \$333,267.85

2016 Diocesan Ministries Appeal

A Legacy of Faith + A Future of Hope

The 2016 Diocesan Ministries Appeal has begun. Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday for the D.M.A. In years past, the video was shown at Mass with a good deal of dissatisfaction as people had both a hard time seeing and hearing the video. Therefore, after the Masses next weekend, the video will shown in the parish social hall. The video reminds us of the good work the DMA is doing in ministries too big for parishes to do alone, but ministries that are important to us. Remember, in supporting the DMA, we contribute to those important ministries in the Diocese, but we also support the project we have identified for our parish of continuing to support the stewardship needs of Loyola School through our stewardship goal. As we reflect on what our pledge should be, prayerfully keep in mind God's generosity to you. Recognizing that generosity, the DMA offers a great opportunity to return to God some of that generosity we have received. This year with the theme, "A Legacy of Faith; A Future of Hope," Bishop LeVoir invites us to continue the legacy of faith that we have been blessed with. Envelopes will be placed at the end of the pews this weekend and will continue to be made available in the coming weeks. Thank you.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Peaceful transition of power is one of the hallmarks of democracy."

-President Barack Obama

Holy Rosary Finance Council Sept. 19, 2016 - Meeting Minutes

The Holy Rosary Finance Council meeting was called to order on Monday, September 19th, at 7:00 pm in Conference Room #1. Nearly all members of the Finance Council were in attendance and several new members were welcomed onto the board. Father began the meeting with an opening prayer. The past minutes of June 27th were approved as read.

Pastor's Comments: The Financial Report was distributed on the weekend of August 21st. The parish closed with a positive revenue for 2015-2016 of \$33,519.34 above expenses with all bills being current along with a major gift that the parish received from the Holzerland estate. The parish exceeded \$100,000.00 in capital improvements, repairs and maintenance to the facility as well over the past year. Favorable comments have been received involving this year's financial report.

In less than 2 weeks, the first quarter of the Fiscal Year of 2016-2017 will be completed. The start of the new fiscal year has gone well. Summer Mass attendance appears to have again increased with continued new membership. Saturday night attendance has significantly grown in attendance. The finances appear to reflect this trend in attendance as revenue has increased @ \$11,500.00 at the close of the first quarter from a year ago. *(In actuality, actual contributions increased by \$21,705.00 in the first quarter through the Sunday's offerings, as last year's income included a reimbursement as part of the total income.)* This is significant as the first quarter of the fiscal year includes two months of summer when collections normally take a tumble and is perhaps the lowest revenue income of the four financial quarters for the parish. Loose plate was flat from last year, but children's offering took an increase of nearly \$50.00. Expenses are also noticeably lower. For example, church lighting was redone and this has already shown up with nearly a \$300.00 cost savings per month. Although no monies have been given to Loyola, as we still await the subsidy proposal *(last year the parish had paid out \$27,000.00 at this time)*, we have paid ahead on the Diocesan Assessment, paying an additional month of \$6,037.00. If you subtract out that monies that we had already paid to Loyola last year at this time, the parish's expenses are down by about \$14,000.00. When you add together the increase of income and the decrease of expenses, this is an overall GAIN of about \$25,500.00. While all of our billing is current, the parish has also spent in excess an additional \$21,000.00 on maintenance/capital improvements on the church structure. In short, we have the makings at the close of the first quarter of a very sound financial year if the trends continue.

Bookkeeper's Report: Jim reviewed the parish finances with parish revenue coming in well as Father had previously stated. The parish is current on its expenses. The parish has not received its stewardship assessment from Loyola Schools at this time. Plans are underway for the 2nd Annual November Fest(ival). Early indications are that it is going to be another great success. Jim also gave some early Festival results. 65 dinner tickets have been sold as of September 18th. Last year at the same time, no tickets had been sold. At this time 96 prizes have been donated for the raffle. Last year there were 26 fewer prizes. The Festival Committee has already had several meetings and all of the key leadership is in place. Donations are starting to be received at this time. A \$400.00 grant was already given by Catholic United Financial.

Old Business: Parish Endowment: Discussions continued on the

Holy Rosary Endowment. This past summer, an official legal document was prepared through a local attorney that was presented to the Finance Council. Mike Matuska, a representative from Catholic United Financial made a presentation to put parish monies for the Endowment with his firm. The advantages of investing with C.U.F. is that there is no surrender or service charge fees like other firms. The returns would be as high as 3% and as low as 1.5%. Putting money with Catholic United Financial would ensure that the money would be invested with companies that follow Catholic social teaching. *(*Ryan Spaude from Eide Bailey, where the parish presently has its parish monies, was not in attendance to present holding these monies and this fund with our existing firm.)* The committee expressed concerns about investing monies in stocks that could fluctuate and possibly lose principal. It was decided to hold off a decision until after speaking with Eide Bailey representative and *(ad hoc)* member, Ryan Spaude. A final decision may be reached at the November 14th meeting.

Parish Projects: The parish has continued to work on various projects that have been completed or will be worked on in the new fiscal year. The statue of St. Francis has arrived and been completed. The main mural in the church has finally been completed later this summer and has been paid for at this time. A small amount of parish general fund money was needed to complete this project. The sound system has been moved to a closet in the sanctuary and been updated, with no intention of replacing it until a future time. Around \$2,400.00 was spent for the move and updates.

Hunt Property: At the last Finance Council meeting, a discussion was held about renting out the Hunt House *(the white house on the east side of the rectory)*. A question was raised by one of the Finance Council members at that time about the original intent of the property which was to create more parking areas. Since this last meeting, Jim secured a bid for removal of the home for about \$10,000.00 - \$15,000.00. If the parish could take in a sale of some \$10,000.00, the parish would break (about) even for the labor of the removal of the electrical, plumbing and basement. Father will post the building for sale in the bulletin and possibly other places. If there is no interest in the building, plans are to demo the structure next spring.

New Business: Online Giving: A presentation to change the parish's online giving to Liturgical Publications' "We Share" was discussed following an online/telephone presentation. The new program is more user friendly, can grow weekly revenue base, parish has total control, can migrate with any existing donations, can make use of credit cards for donations, and the program is able to set up events, registrations and take payments. The program is more advanced than our present system. There are also promotional materials that could be used in the parish bulletin at no cost. A discussion was held by the Finance Council. The consensus of the committee was to proceed with this new program. Jim would begin taking the first steps in consultation with the pastor.

Youth Minister(s): Father informed the Finance Council that both a man and a woman have expressed interest in being our parish Youth Ministry team. Father invited the committee to suggest possible salaries and/or hourly wages before meeting with the two individuals. The committee gave Father some helpful direction in this regard. The committee was also pleased that these part-time appointments were being filled for the betterment of our youth and the parish as a whole.

The next Finance Council meeting has been set for November 14th at 7:00 pm. The meeting closed with prayer. **(*Due to schedule conflicts by the members, the next Finance Council meeting has been moved to November 21st at 7:00 pm in Conference Room #1.)**

Advent Retreat

An Ignatian style Advent Retreat is being offered at Ss. Peter & Paul Parish this Advent season. Please join us as we prepare ourselves for the Son of God becoming man and for His second



coming in glory. The retreat includes prayerful scripture reading, Ignatian contemplation on the infancy narratives, daily personal prayer and a group prayer meeting Saturday mornings from 10:15 am - 11:15 am, Xavier Hall – Upper Room. The retreat will begin Saturday, November 26th and end Saturday, December 31st. If you would like to register or would like more information, please call the parish office 388-2995 or Frank at 382-9670.

Upcoming Safe Environment Training

Upcoming sessions available for you to attend in our area:
 Tues. Nov. 15th at 6:00 pm at St. John’s Church
 For more information please call Cathy at 345-6765
 or go to virtus.org

Diocesan Second Collection – Hurricane Matthew (Nov. 20th)

A second collection to assist those that have been devastated by Hurricane Matthew in the southern part of the United States will be taken up next weekend (November 19th-20th), after Holy Communion.

These funds will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities as they reach out to provide humanitarian aid in the form of water, food, shelter, and medical care, as well as to their long-term efforts to restore communities after widespread destruction, and to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church in the Caribbean and the US. Your support of this collection for the victims of Hurricane Matthew is greatly appreciated.

Holy Family CCW Annual Sale

On Saturday, November 19th, Holy Family CCW will be hosting their annual Craft, Bake, & Gently Used Toy Sale from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm (also after the Sat. 4:00 pm Mass as well as before and after the Sun. 8:00 am Mass) at the Church of the Holy Family in Silver Lake.

It’s Time to Change the Missals!

Volunteers are needed to change the Missals in Church on Monday, November 21st, after the 8:30 am Mass. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Please call Cathy Neve at 507-345-6765 if you are available to help. Thank you!



Echo Food Shelf: Thanksgiving Dinners

Let's keep up the good work - did you notice that we TRIPLED our poundage last month? So next week plan to bring non-perishable food that goes with Thanksgiving dinner (canned cranberries, pie filling, sweet potatoes, green beans, or boxed stuffing, potatoes, etc.). It's also okay to donate themed napkins and other paper products.



Let's help make sure everyone has a great Thanksgiving meal this year!!

Archdiocese for the Military Services

On behalf of the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, and his Auxiliary Bishops, and staff, heartfelt thanks to those who participated in the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). Your prayers and generosity will support the unique ministry to men and women who currently protect this great nation of ours and defend the freedoms we hold dear. You have also helped to provide the sacraments and pastoral care for Catholic veterans who served with distinction and who are cared for in Veterans Administration Medical Centers across the U.S., in Puerto Rico and in Guam.

4th Annual Turkey Bingo Benefiting Loyola Teachers

Come win your Thanksgiving Turkey! Enjoy playing bingo, a raffle, and concessions at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Mankato on Saturday, November 19th after Mass (about 6:15 pm). All proceeds will go to Loyola Catholic School teachers for use in their classrooms. In addition, a \$1,000 matching grant will be provided by Catholic United Financial to Loyola Catholic School. The event is sponsored by Mankato Holy Family Catholic United Financial Council #17.



Woodcarving Art Show

Sister Mary Ann Osborne, SSND, is having an Open House and Art Showing of her woodcarvings at her studio in Florian Hall on Good Counsel Hill, Saturday, November 19, 2016 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. You will have the opportunity to purchase handmade, original, one-of-a-kind Christmas gifts and Jewelry. Call 389-4224 for more info.

Festive Fall Brunch

St. Joseph the Worker, Mankato, is serving their 29th Annual Festive Fall Brunch on Sunday, November 20th from 8:15 am to 12:00 pm. There will be Ham/Egg Bake, French Toast, Sausage, Biscuits/Gravy, Sweet Rolls/Muffins, Juice/Coffee/Milk. Adults: \$7; Children 6-12: \$4; 5 and Under: Free. Meals to go are also available! 50% of profits go to their sister parish in Haiti.

Council of Catholic Women Business Meeting

October 25, 2016

The following CCW members met on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 6:00 pm: Lisa Phillips, Mary Zellmer, Julie Gruber, Marilyn Streit, Sharon Theuninck, Sharon Lenz, Arlyce Anderson, Mary Grams, Cathy Neve and Darlene Schorn.

The CCW meeting started with a prayer led by Lisa Phillips.

Lisa Phillips passed out minutes of the September 27th business meeting. They were approved with a few spelling corrections to be made.

Mary Zellmer reviewed the correspondence since the last business meeting, which included four thank you notes from the Options for Women Gala, an invitation to the Friends of San Lucas Gala and the August, 2016, Friends of San Lucas newsletter.

Julie Gruber presented the treasurer's report, which showed deposits in the past month of \$4,389.75 and expenses paid totaling \$959.99. The checking account balance on October 25, 2016 is \$5,009.14. Combined with our savings and CD, the total cash on hand is \$12,220.84.

OLD BUSINESS:

- President Lisa Phillips gave a recap of the October CCW Social Gathering which featured a Painting Party. There were 17 ladies in attendance, several of them new to CCW activities. This event was well received.
- Sharon Lenz reviewed the results of the Fall Luncheon. By all accounts, this was another successful event for CCW. Thank you Sharon, for coordinating this event.
- We again discussed the spring play and tabled it for another month. If there are other ideas for a spring event, please bring them to the next business meeting.
- We discussed having Lisa Brown, an OB nurse here in town, come to speak at a future meeting. She is working on a master's degree to become a certified nurse-midwife. She is doing her training at Pope Paul VI Educational Institute at Creighton University Medical Center. Lisa Phillips will contact her and work a date for next spring. We considered having a meal and opening it up to the community when she comes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Cathy Neve spoke about the parish Memorial Mass scheduled for the 10:00 am Mass on November 6th. CCW will help with the candle ceremony as needed and will serve the coffee and rolls after Mass.
- Cathy Neve has posted pictures of CCW Sunday on the parish website. CCW Facebook page is also up and running.
- The church kitchen is in need of more dish towels. Julie will go to Fleet Farm and get two dozen towels. We will look into getting Holy Rosary marked on them – maybe stitched so it permanent.
- Mary Grams showed us a necklace that was given for the CCW rummage sale. Considering its value, she suggested it go on the silent action at the Fall Festival and have the money come back to CCW. She will look into this for us.
- Our next CCW Social Gathering will be November 7th. We will fill jars with the ingredients for chocolate chip cookies and chicken noodle soup mix, among other mixes – to be sold at the Fall Festival. We may also fill candy jars for the children's game.
- The Friends of San Lucas Gala fundraiser was explained in detail and those wishing to attend can purchase tickets on line at www.sanlucasmission.org – tickets are \$50.00 each and reservations should be made by November 1st.
- The parish Christmas Party will be on December 3rd.
- It was suggested that it would be beneficial to have another notice put in the bulletin explaining the change in the meeting format for CCW. All ladies should know that in order to keep the meetings to a reasonable length, we will have a CCW business meeting the last Tuesday of the month and a CCW social gathering the first Monday of the month. All ladies of the parish are welcome to come to both meetings.

There being no further business, the business meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm with Darlene Schorn leading us in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Zellmer, Secretary