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November 20th, 2016

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Freedom from Want



Rev. Paul van de Crommert
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the Quill and the Cloth



Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"

- St. Luke

In today's gospel account from St. Luke, the one person out of ten who returns to give thanks to the Son of God for being "cured" was a "foreigner". While American politics these days has focused a great deal on "foreigners" and immigration, one person who is seen as the epitome of capturing Americana as an American, is the late Norman Rockwell. Although Norman Rockwell was never cured by Christ from such a horrible disease as leprosy, this great American artist did heal our listless hearts when we were plagued by the many social ills of our modern times through his art that recalled a more peaceful and innocent time.

The cover of this week's bulletin is a wonderful snapshot of that perfect Thanksgiving. The family is at peace, everyone is healthy and they are all seated in the bodily solidarity of human hunger and holy fellowship. While this is a beautiful painting and captures so beautifully the spirit of Thanksgiving, perhaps, of all of the paintings that Norman Rockwell painted, the most spiritually intriguing one to me is the painting that introduces these pastoral comments, *Saying Grace*.

With such talented strokes of the paintbrush across the canvas, Rockwell not only depicts a realistic scene of

yesteryear, but he is able to capture gratitude in its various degrees from the different generations. The young boy is grateful through obedience to his beloved grandmother. The older man at the door witnesses the two at table in grateful prayer and seems to reverently pause for the moment in silent affirmation and agreement. The grandmother, with bowed head expresses gratitude from the experience of a long life, where food was not taken for granted because of extensive preparation or perhaps extreme shortage. The two young men appear almost uncomfortable in that crowded café, looking past the grateful scene, as youth has a tendency to do at times. Not only is this painting a masterpiece in its physical execution, it is also a masterpiece in its spiritual execution revealing the entire spectrum of gratitude in a single moment. (**This very painting recently sold at auction for \$46 million.**)

Thanksgiving day should be named a Holy Day of Obligation by our Catholic Church alongside Christmas and New Year. For Thanksgiving is not only the heart and soul of what it means to be Eucharistic (which means "thanksgiving"), but it is the means and the pathway to holiness. Show me someone who is truly grateful and I will show you someone that is truly holy. ***So, as we come to the great feast of Thanksgiving, perhaps the question we should be asking our fellow parishioners, family, friends and co-workers is not, "Where are you going for Thanksgiving?" but instead, "Where are you going to give thanks?"***

This week, a couple of my major appointments were cancelled, giving me a day or so of free time to clean up a major closet with papers as well as my office at the Parish Center. While I am very "grateful" for the extra time to finally clean some things up and declutter, I came across a lot of clippings and articles that I have saved. The one that I came across and I felt was so appropriate for the occasion is entitled:

GIVE OF YOURSELF!

GIVE TIME - visit an aged neighbor; read a story to a child; volunteer at a soup kitchen or an emergency shelter.

GIVE OF YOUR OWN GIFTS - if you are a good cook, prepare a meal for a shut-in; if you have a green thumb, make cuttings of your favorite plants to brighten a co-worker's desk; if you are skilled with a camera, make a family scrapbook for a relative.

GIVE COMMITMENT - keep promises to friends and relatives; make an effort to be punctual; seek a cause beyond yourself (the homeless, the needy, a literacy program) and volunteer on a long-term basis.

GIVE ENERGY - take a group of youngsters on a nature walk or to a museum; surprise a parent by washing a car unexpectedly; mow the lawn of an elderly neighbor; do the shopping for a new mother.

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“the quill and the cloth” continued...

GIVE SUPPORT - volunteer for a crisis hotline; assist in a teen counseling program at a local school; help a friend through a difficult time.

GIVE PRAYER - pray for those closest to you, for those in ministry, for those who are suffering, welcome newcomers; give thanks often to God, the Giver of all gifts, for each and every blessing.

GIVE LOVE - forgive someone who has wronged you; treat others as you would like to be treated.

As I approach the two-and-a-half-year mark as pastor; I continue to be PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL for being the pastor at Holy Rosary. It is not perfect, but, as I keep saying, this is all the “more perfect” it gets on this side of heaven. I hope you have a GREAT THANKSGIVING WHEREVER YOU FIND YOURSELF! Continue to give thanks to God daily and of course weekly through the Holy Eucharist!!!



Rev. Paul van de Crommert, Pastor

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Good and gracious God, we come before You today, united with all who give You thanks and praise. Fill us with gratitude for your many blessings, both physical and spiritual. We thank You this day for the gifts of food and family, and pray for those around the world who may be suffering from hunger or fear or loneliness. Grant us Your spiritual blessings and help us pray daily for the grace to serve You in response to your bountiful gifts to us. Continue to bless and give us peace. Amen.” - Our Thanksgiving Prayer

Stewardship of Gratitude

Adult	\$7,460.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,440.25
Junior	\$108.25
Plate	\$355.00
All Saints	\$110.00
Diocesan Mission Coop	\$25.00
Archdiocese of the Military Services	\$92.00
Christmas Flowers	\$25.00
Votive Light	\$4.00
Faith Formation Tuition	\$80.00
Faith Formation Pizza Donation	\$28.00
IRS Payroll Refund	\$23.25
November Fest Raffle Tickets	\$2,527.00
November Fest Meal Tickets	\$1,757.00
Silent Auction	\$1,912.00
Attic Treasures	\$1,510.00
Country Store/Bakery	\$1,084.50
Kids’ Games	\$436.00
Fr. Paul’s Hat Raffle	\$459.00
Dan’s Hat Raffle	\$144.00
Bingo	\$62.00
Culver’s Ice Cream Donation	\$300.00
Second Collection for Band	\$637.00
Grand Total	\$20,579.25

Our weekly goal is set at \$13,000.00

Stewardship of Gratitude (Especially our November Fest!)

It seems appropriate to be feeling gratitude as we enter into this week of Thanksgiving. What a great group of parishioners you are! Wow! We had a capacity crowd at Mass that included a full choir loft for our 10:00 am Folk Mass! Although we do not have an absolute exact number, we can say that our dinners were noticeably up from a year ago. We went through 600 plates and then proceeded to need an additional 40 or so more. So, last year we were slightly over 600 dinners. This year we were closer to 650! That was a nice increase. As of Tuesday afternoon our total (gross) intake is nearing \$23,500.00. That is pretty spectacular for our second attempt at returning to a Fall Festival that many in this day and age are saying have run their course. For the children’s games alone, we sold nearly 175 tickets! The Silent Auction exceeded \$1,800.00 alone. The raffle tickets brought in more than \$8,700.00. Dan Wingert did not have as good a ground game this year and

reluctantly gave a concession speech at the time of the raffle drawing. I surpassed him by some \$300.00! Better luck next year, Dan! All kidding aside, it was a great day both in terms of weather and the crowd. It was so much fun to visit with people who were having a great time. All I heard was praise when it came to the meal. I was grateful that I raised the amount of food by 50, for, when I came through the line, we were out of both corn and coleslaw. But that is a good problem for the pastor and I was VERY HAPPY to go without. I hope to give you a thorough break-down, once all of our monies and bills have come in. Just know, we had a great day, in a great parish with great people! Thank you so much for your willingness to put your stewardship into action. Thank you, too, again this week for pushing our stewardship beyond our budgeted needs so that we can cover all of our parish and apostolate expenses. Happy Thanksgiving!

The Week Ahead

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

11:15 am – Baptism

Monday, November 21: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:05 am – Rosary

8:30 am – Mass - Jean Hoppe

**Volunteers needed to change out Missals after Mass*

11:00 am – Mass at SSND (Fr. Paul) - Sarah (Max) O'Hara†

7:00 pm – Finance Council Meeting (Conf. Rm. 1)

Tuesday, November 22: Saint Cecilia, 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

6:00 pm – CCW Business Meeting (Conf. Rm. 1)

Wednesday, November 23: Weekday (Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; USA: Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr)

10:15 am – Mass at Pathstone (Fr. Paul)

- Joseph & Martha Phillips

5:00 pm – Mass (at Holy Rosary) - In Thanksgiving and for Blessings on the Arnie & Eileen Wadekamper Family

7:00 pm – Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Messiah Lutheran Church (Fr. Paul attends)

Thursday, November 24: Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs (THANKSGIVING DAY)

Parish Office Closed

8:30 am – Mass (at Holy Rosary) - Doris Lorentz†

Friday, November 25: Weekday (Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr)

Parish Office Closed

10:00 am - 7:00 pm – K of C Christmas Tree Lot Opens

10:15 am – Anointing Mass at Monarch Meadows (Fr. Paul)
- Carol Hannick†

7:30 pm – K of C General Meeting & Card Party (Social Hall)

Saturday, November 26: Weekday

9:00 am - 7:00 pm – K of C Christmas Tree Sale

4:30 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm – Rosary

5:00 pm – Mass - Jan Schmidt†

6:15 pm – Baptism

Sunday, November 27: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 am – Rosary

8:00 am – Mass - People of the Parish

9:00 am - 7:00 pm – K of C Christmas Tree Sale

9:30 am – Rosary

10:00 am – Mass - Francis Weingartz†
(Nursery, Pre-K, and CLW during the 10:00 am Mass)

Welcome to Holy Rosary

This week we again welcome another family to our parish family of Holy Rosary. Please welcome with me Mario and Nena Aquino. In addition to their registration, they wrote a beautiful note to our office administrator that included this line: *"Mario and I are glad to be part of the growing Holy Rosary family."* You are not half as glad as we are. Even at our festival last weekend I met a number of visitors, many of whom commented at how much they enjoyed both the Mass & the meal and planned to come back in the near future. Some even expressed a potential desire to join our Holy Rosary family!

Please note that registering at Holy Rosary is easier than ever. You are welcome to fill out a registration sheet that takes only a couple of minutes. You may also register online by going to holynosarynorthmankato.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!



Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service

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. 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.

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, 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 & Angela Archer
Tuesday Mark & Nicole Meyer
Wednesday Dale Loechler
Thursday Mary Lou Sahli
Friday Eduardo & Jennifer Ek
Saturday Bob Leiferman
Sunday Michael Grausam



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 Sanctuary Light Intention:

Personal Intentions

This Week's Readings

Mon: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4
Tues: Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11
Wed: Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19
Thurs: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28
Fri: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Lk 21:29-33
Sat: Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36
Sun: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Religious Education Program



Happy Thanksgiving

With no Religious Education classes this week, I would like to take the opportunity to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving! This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

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!



The following is a *partial* list of songs that will be performed:

- Pre-School - "Away in a Manger"
- First Grade - "The Twelve Days of Christmas" (Europe)
- Second Grade - "The First Noel" (France)
- Third Grade - "O Christmas Tree" (Germany)
- Fourth Grade - "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" (England)
- Fifth Grade - "O Come All Ye Faithful" (Great Britain)
- Sixth Grade - "O Maria, Madre Mia" (Mexico)

Upcoming Dates

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 last Monday, Nov. 14th, has been rescheduled for **THIS MONDAY, 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.

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: \$50,000.00

DUE: \$221,268.00

Total Paid to Date 2016-17: \$80,770.54

Apostolate Stewardship 2016-17: \$333,267.85

This week we again paid \$25,000.00 towards our Loyola commitment of stewardship for this fiscal year. This brings us to \$50,000.00 at this time. We are now nearing our 25% stewardship benchmark. It is because of your generosity that we are able to cover our commitments to our other Catholic institutions. I am equally grateful that we have covered almost 50% of our Diocesan United Fund. We are doing well in this area too!

2016 Diocesan Ministries Appeal

A Legacy of Faith † A Future of Hope

As you are well aware, the 2016 Diocesan Ministries Appeal is well underway. Due to our November Fest last weekend, we have chosen this weekend to be "Commitment Sunday" for Holy Rosary parish. This weekend we will have the opportunity to watch the video and to enjoy some refreshments and fellowship in the parish social hall. Watching this video is a reminder to 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 the good work of Catholic education here in our greater Mankato area. 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 the theme, "A Legacy of Faith; A Future of Hope," Bishop LeVoir invites us to continue the legacy of faith that we've been blessed with.

Pastoral Council Meeting September 29, 2016 Minutes

The Pastoral Council for Holy Rosary Church was called to order at 7:00 pm on Thursday, September 29th in Conference Room #1. The meeting opened with prayer that was led by Father. The past minutes of April 28, 2016 were approved as read.

Committee Reports: Education Committee Report: Our first meeting of the year will be October 6th. Our last meeting was June 23rd. We welcomed two new members: Lisa Phillips & Carrie Schill. A Catechist Workshop was held on Sunday, September 11th. There are 7 new catechists. Father and Cathy each held a one-hour session splitting the catechists into two groups. Cathy is thankful for the dedication of the catechists. Cathy talked about the new curriculum, "Image of God" series from Ignatius Press, which is PS - 8th Grade. Teachers are very excited about it! Many catechists are spending time planning their lessons with their co-teacher. Cathy talked about moving to a two-year Confirmation Program - beginning in 10th Grade. Confirmation is the first weekend in March and there is not much time to prepare juniors for this important Sacrament. We are using the "Chosen" program in 10th grade and using "Decision Point" by Matthew Kelly in 11th grade along with other materials such as the YOUCAT. **Religious Education Report:** Cathy reported that there are over 235 students enrolled. This is an increase from last year! We have gained several new families from the Mankato area and several students from the Nicollet area for the Confirmation program. An Open House was held for our Elementary students on September 14th which was a huge success! More than 90% of the families attended. An Open House was also held for our Preschool/Sunday School & Nursery on September 25th. Our first class for the Jr/Sr high students was September 21st. The original plan was to have it at Minneopa, but, due to the weather, Mass and dinner was held in the Church lower hall. Catechetical Weekend - October 8th/9th - Students are making posters in their classes and will process in with them at the Masses. Confirmation Rite of Enrollment will be held on October 9th at the 10:00 am Mass with Confirmation students and their sponsors attending. Our required Confirmation Parent meeting is coming up on Wednesday, October 5th. CLW has started during 10:00 am Mass. It is for 1st and 2nd graders. **Worship Committee Report:** The First meeting of the year was held on September 12th. We welcome new members: Rachel Helget & Bill Fasnacht. Father gave us an update on the microphone system, sacristy changes, and the mural. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin on the first Fridays of the month: October 7th, November 4th, and December 2nd. The Anointing Masses have been planned for: October 10th at Holy Rosary at 4:00 pm with a potluck to follow; October 27th at Pathstone at 10:15 am; October 28th at Monarch Meadows at 10:15 am. A Welcome Sunday with a ministry fair will be held on the weekend of October 15th/16th. Fall Decorating will be the end of October or the beginning of November. The All Souls Day Mass will be held on November 6th at 10:00 AM Mass (CCW & KCs). The Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be at Messiah Lutheran in upper North Mankato this year on November 23rd. Lector training is planned to be held in January. **C.C.W. Report:** Lisa Phillips is the new C.C.W. president. Mary Zellmer is the C.C.W. secretary and Julie Gruber is the

treasurer. The women are still looking for a new vice-president at this time. Forty-five of the women attended the stage play *Mary Poppins* at MSU as a fellowship activity. Eight women from Holy Rosary attended the New Ulm Diocesan C.C.W. convention with a total of 270 women in attendance. The plant sale was held last May and was most successful. There had been no summer meetings. The women are planning a number of activities again this year including the Fall Luncheon which has always been most successful as well as assisting with November Fest in the weeks ahead. **Knights of Columbus:** Bob Oshel was named the new Grand Knight and is a member of St. Joseph the Worker parish. There was a huge response to the K. C. Fish Fry with some 400 people served. All of the Knights Raffle tickets were sold with some \$2,400.00 taken in for this event. The Knights donated an ultrasound machine for the women's center at "OPTIONS". The renting of the tents continues to be a strong fund-raiser for the Knights. The Knights are again involved in the state bowling tournament as well as supporting a softball team again this year. **Social Concerns:** The Social Concerns committee continues to meet and is under the direction of JoAnn Borchert. The committee is presently working on fine-tuning the monthly collection for the food drive for the ECHO food shelf. The committee will also be assisting with the Welcome Sunday that will be taking place in the weeks ahead, along with several other activities that are in process. **Finance Council:** The Finance Council welcomed several new members. A thorough financial report was put out at the close of the summer. The parish is still working on an endowment that would hold money in reserve permanently with only the interest being permitted to be taken. This is to ensure a long-term financial security for the parish. The parish closed the fiscal year well in the black even though there have been numerous capital improvements. More work will be done in the church in the months ahead and this work has been budgeted for the fiscal year of 2016-2017. November Fest is going along very well and the committee has had several meetings. It is being chaired by Rachel Helget and along with Mary Clare Wyrowski. **Pastor's Comments:** Father reported that it has been five months since the last Pastoral Council meeting. Since then we have travelled through another summer, and school and religious education is well underway. While the committees will report from their various areas, Father will report a pastoral highlight or two from each area as well as make a few comments on the parish finances and the recent finance council meeting. **Education/Evangelization and Catechesis:** Father reported that he is pleased with the evaluation that was done with the parents last spring. This has led to having the grade school religious education classes meeting weekly the first half of the year for the sake of the Christmas program and also consistency. The junior/senior high is pleased to have a bi-monthly meeting and starting in a timely manner as last week, on September 21st, was the opening with a Mass, supper and a brief class. Attendance is strong and there are many positive comments from parents and enthusiastic catechists. **Social Concerns:** This committee is working on several areas. Perhaps the two most significant issues that they are working on in the present time is the Welcome Sunday for the 82 households that have registered over the past 27 months as well as the 45 children that have been baptized during that same time period. The "Welcome Weekend" will be held on October 15th-16th. There will also be a Fall Anointing at the church as well as two of the care facilities. **Finance Council:** The Financial Report was completed earlier this year as it was

distributed and posted online this past August. Revenue in the first quarter of the fiscal year saw a noticeable increase even though two of the months of the first three are summer months and normally finances are challenged. The parish received this week some \$45,000.00 death benefit from Fr. Ardolf through a death policy that was held by the Knights of Columbus. Collections have largely surpassed the budgeted needs on a weekly basis. The parish is still awaiting the subsidy amount from Loyola. The parish is also in the process of changing our electronic giving as well as establishing an Endowment Fund. **Knights of Columbus:** We welcome Bob Oshel as the new Grand Knight of our local council of the Knights of Columbus. Bob, along with myself, trustees and staff met with Bob recently over lunch. We had a very productive meeting and we all were in agreement of the many good things that is happening through the Knights of Columbus and the benefits for both our parish of Holy Rosary and the greater community of Mankato. **Worship Committee:** Summer attendance was quite strong. Saturday evening Mass is at times rivaling the Sunday 10:00 am Mass during the summer. The new statue of St. Francis arrived with favorable comments. The fall environment has been discussed and will be put up 4-5 weeks prior to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Old Business: New Membership: Several new members were welcomed onto the Pastoral Council. Father thanked those that have served in the past and welcomed the new members. Father discussed what the role of the Pastoral Council is in relation to the Diocesan directives. **Church Repairs:** Father reviewed the future improvements that have been discussed with the Finance Council. The sound system has already been moved this past summer and the mural in the sanctuary has finally been completed. This winter there will be more work done on the church lighting as well as upgrades to the sacristy. Hopefully, this will all be completed during Lent in time for Easter. There is also plans to put in a higher-efficiency air-conditioning system through new units that will be relocated from behind the rectory to smaller units near the southwest corner of the church near the handicapped entrance. **Subsidy:** At this time the parish has only received the subsidy goal from the Diocese of New Ulm, but not from the Loyola school system. The parish at this time has not received the numbers for the annual D.M.A. appeal. **Fall Festival/Mass in the Park:** The Mass in the Park was a great success. It is estimated that some 550 people were in attendance and more than 500 people were served. There had been more seating added as there were a number of visitors. Many positive comments. The Fall Festival or November Fest is well underway. Things are ahead of schedule when it comes to planning and there has been an even stronger response than last year. **Sub-Committee Pastoral Council Report:** This will be re-scheduled for the November meeting.

New Business: Dates and Times: The future dates and times of meetings were discussed. **Pastoral Council Topics:** Father proposed that the committee might make suggestions of possible pastoral areas to discuss and develop. The committee discussed about increasing evangelization, a future parish directory, etc.

The meeting closed with prayer. The Next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on November 17th at 7:00 pm in Conference Room #1. The meeting closed with prayer.

Nov. 23rd - Nov. 24th, 2016

**THANKSGIVING
MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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Lectors:

- 5:00 pm Jennifer Spaude
- 8:30 am JoAnn Borchert

Eucharistic Ministers:

- 5:00 pm Eileen Wadekamper, Jim Theuninck
- 8:30 am Rick Gruber, Maxine Davis

Altar Servers:

- 5:00 pm Jonathan Hull, Spencer Spaude, Emma Niederegger
- 8:30 am Carson Fischer, Braeden Otto, Duram Kelly (C/B/B)

Presentation of Gifts:

- 5:00 pm James & Denise Tarasovitch
- 8:30 am Gerry & Linda Hiniker

Ushers:

- 5:00 pm Steve Enderle, Ken & Pat Thiele, Bob Meyer (Head Usher)
- 8:30 am Bill Cahalan, Paul Harguth, Chris Sturm, Bill Fasnacht (Head Usher)

Music Ministry:

- 5:00 pm Cantor Needed/Jeanne Makela
- 8:30 am Julie Gruber/Jeanne Makela

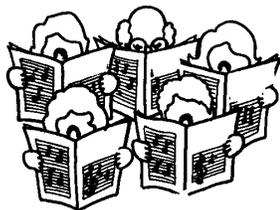
Rosary Leader Needed

We could still use another rosary leader for the 8:00 am Sunday Mass. If you would be willing to lead the rosary once a month, please call Arlyce Anderson at 317-0617.



Calling All Singers!

All musicians in the Mankato parishes are invited to join with other Catholic singers in a musical Advent service to be held at Ss. Peter and Paul parish on Saturday, Dec. 10th at 7:30 pm. The theme for this years concert is 'Savior Of The Nations Come'. Rehearsals are minimal. Talk to your parish music director for more information or contact Bridget Hermer at bhermer@loyolacatholicschool.org or Lisa Knutson at ldknutson@gmail.com



Nov. 26th - Nov. 27th, 2016

**WEEKEND
MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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Lectors:

- 5:00 pm Brian Eggersdorfer
- 8:00 am Dolores Portz
- 10:00 am Roxi Lang

Eucharistic Ministers:

- 5:00 pm Eileen Wadekamper, Pat & Wanda Hull Tom & Mary Clare Wyrowski, *Nicole Hull
- 8:00 am Mary Homan, Cathy Neve, Mary Beth Nygaard, Mike Brumm, Margaret Ayers, *Paul Harguth
- 10:00 am Darlene Schorn, Ryan Howe, Curt & Donna Stanke, Brent Friedrichs, *Rick Gruber

Altar Servers:

- 5:00 pm Jonathan Hull, Connor McGraw, James Younge
- 8:00 am Matthew Helget, Carson Fischer, Ben Ellingworth
- 10:00 am Andrew Kohrs, Elaine Adams, Abi Lang

Presentation of Gifts:

- 5:00 pm Michael Fischer Family
- 8:00 am Bob & Bev Nickels
- 10:00 am Francis Weingartz† Family

Ushers:

- 5:00 pm Karen Winters, Paul Stevens, Steve Enderle, Mark Weingartz (Head Usher)
- 8:00 am Carl Steffensmeier, Craig Amundson, Bill Cahalan, Doug Homan(Head Usher)
- 10:00 am John Jagerson, Jim Barker, Joe Huiras, Bob Wegscheid

Music Ministry:

- 5:00 pm Cindy Gawrych/Jeanne Makela
- 8:00 am Kathy Jo Johns/Vicki Galli
- 10:00 am Lori Christiansen/Vicki Galli

Rosary Leaders:

- 5:00 pm Vince Guertin
- 8:00 am Arlyce Anderson
- 10:00 am Darlene Schorn

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



The Loyola Holiday Book Fair at Barnes & Noble is Saturday, December 3rd! It's also the Educator Christmas Shopping Day when teachers get 25% off their purchases. Be sure to mention Loyola Catholic School when you make your purchases so Loyola receives credit! You may also make purchases online. Please use code: **12002150**

Loyola high school students volunteered their time and talent last weekend decorating the Loyola Christmas tree at the Kiwanis Holiday Lights in Sibley Park. Be sure to watch for it as you visit this year! Loyola will also have a float in Friday's parade.

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@loyolacatholicschool.org.

Please join the Loyola High School Choir, & other community Catholic singers in a musical Advent service to be held at Ss. Peter & Paul Parish on Saturday, Dec. 10th at 7:30pm. The intent of the concert is to provide our Catholic community the opportunity to participate in a musical Advent Service in order to prepare our hearts for the message of Christmas!

Mark your calendars for our next Open Houses: January 23rd & March 14th, 5:30pm-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 & Shadow Days on a day convenient to you. Call 507-388-0600 to schedule.

Campaign for Human Development

Next week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to break the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins. Please give to the CCHD Collection.

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 THIS 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.

K. of C. Council #5551 News

- Nov 25 - Christmas tree lot opens
- Nov 25 (Friday) - General Meeting & card party
- Dec 3 - CCW-KC Parish Christmas Party 6:00 pm
- Dec 8 - Planning Meeting
- Dec 22 - General meeting

Christmas Tree Sale

The KC 's will be selling fresh-cut Christmas Trees starting the day after Thanksgiving. The hours on Friday, Nov 25 will be 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. Sat. & Sun. 9:00 am to 7:00 pm, weekdays 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at 525 Grant St.



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.

Baptism Blessings

Our prayers and best wishes go out to Adam & Nikole Gartner on the occasion of Baptism of their daughter, "Lilliana Ann", who was baptized following this weekend's 10:00 am Sunday Mass. May this newborn's Baptism be the beginning of a life-long relationship with Christ and His bride the Church! May God bless you on this most joyful occasion!

