



# Holy Rosary Catholic Church

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

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# January 8th, 2017

## The Epiphany of the Lord



Rev. Paul van de Crommert  
Pastor

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# the Quill and the Cloth

*"...They prostrated themselves and did Him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." - St. Matthew*

"Merry Christmas!" This is the last time that you will hear this joyful and familiar greeting in the Church for a while, as the season of Christmas officially comes-to-a-close at sunset on Monday evening, this week, January 9th. For this Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, and on Monday the season of Christmas liturgically closes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.



This year we had the longest Advent season possible, (although it still seemed rather short to me), with nearly four full weeks. In 2017, we will experience the shortest Advent possible, that is slightly longer than three weeks. The 4th Sunday of Advent will be celebrated on Sunday and Christmas Eve will be celebrated on Sunday night! (Four Masses on Sunday alone!) This year, the great feasts of the Holy Family and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, were relegated to a Friday and a Monday.

So here we are again celebrating the Feast of Epiphany! What can be said about this great feast at the close of the Christmas season? First, may I say that the Feast of Epiphany is both "ancient" and "mysterious". This is an ancient feast, as its first origins are traced back to the second century or some 1,800 years ago.

St. Matthew is the only gospel that records the coming of the three kings or Magi to the Christ Child. Why was it so important for St. Matthew's community to write down this story in their scriptures, but it was not significant enough for St. John, St. Luke, or St. Mark is unknown. We do know that the gospels are always trying to convince us that Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ through the events that occurred throughout His thirty-three years; so, the appearance of the Magi would be mighty strong evidence from St. Matthew's community that Jesus was the Messiah.

The decision to tell the story of the Magi, and that Jesus was the Messiah, most likely came from the passage of the Prophet Isaiah that we heard in this weekend's first reading. For Isaiah writes in part: **"...Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance...they all gather and come to you... for the riches of the sea will be emptied out before you, the wealth of the nations shall be brought to you...bearing gold and frankincense and proclaiming the praises of the Lord."**

Presently, the Vatican Library holds in its possession a manuscript that is more than 1,200 years old. This ancient document is believed to have been copied from an older document that goes back another 600 years to about the mid-second century. This ancient document tells the story of the Magi, their encounter with a bright star as well as their trip to Bethlehem to worship a young child. This ancient document also mentions how the men return home, preach the Christian faith to their people and how they were baptized by the apostle Thomas. (Since tradition holds that St. Thomas went to proclaim the gospel to India, perhaps the Magi were from that region of the world and not necessarily Persia or present-day Iran.) The document does not determine conclusively the historical details of those holy men who came to visit the Holy One of Israel, but it does give us further evidence of the long-standing tradition that has existed in the Church throughout her long history.

While the "historical" side is one thing to this ancient story, what about the "holy" side to this story? What we cannot say definitively in facts, we can say definitively in faith and the proclamation of the Good News.

**Good News 1#:** The men who came to visit Jesus were "non-Jews". This is Good News, as the fact that the Holy Family received these foreigners, and their gifts were taken, is a sign of acceptance. To be accepted is to be welcomed. St. Matthew is telling us that these people from the East, (the rising sun), are welcomed along with the Jews into salvation history.

**Good News 2#:** The gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh are not only valuable materially, they are valuable spiritually. These gifts would be a traditional, ancient gifts to be given to royalty of ancient times. So, these gifts recognized the "special" nature of this new-born child. However, the gifts spiritually teach us the three qualities of this "royalty". The gold represents earthly authority. The frankincense (used in worship) represents heavenly authority. The myrrh (used in burials) represents authority of the dead and the netherworld. Christ is therefore King of the universe!

**Good News 3#:** The Magi travel a great distance, at great sacrifice and at great risk. St. Matthew tells us that they "prostrated themselves and did Him homage". Their sacrifice and worship reveals that they believed that they were in the presence of someone more powerful and greater than themselves.

Every time we come to the Holy Eucharist as "gentiles", we receive the greatest of all "gifts", the Holy Eucharist. May we always make the "sacrifice" of celebrating the Mass each week as a sign that there is someone far greater than ourselves, Jesus Christ who came to this earth to save us from our sins. One more time, Merry Christmas!

Rev. Paul van de Crommert, Pastor

## Stewardship of Gratitude

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Adult                            | \$8,508.00 |
| Electronic Giving                | \$376.15   |
| Junior                           | \$91.30    |
| Plate                            | \$226.00   |
| Second Collection - Loyola       | \$225.00   |
| Christmas                        | \$443.00   |
| Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God | \$1,249.00 |
| Immaculate Conception            | \$20.00    |
| Religious Retirement Fund        | \$10.00    |
| Rental Income                    | \$990.00   |
| Votive Lights                    | \$81.00    |
| Memorial Monies                  | \$320.00   |
| Anonymous Donation               | \$2,500.00 |

**Grand Total** \$15,039.45

*Our weekly goal is set at \$13,000.00*

## Stewardship of Gratitude

Thank you for your gifts of this past week. We still welcome your offerings for Christmas as well as the holy days if you were out-of-town during the holidays. (Please note that six Masses and their offerings were lost due to the calendar, with both the Sunday and Solemnity's falling on Sunday.)

Have you given any more thoughts to electronic-giving? Electronic-giving is a "Win-Win" both for you and for your parish. You do not need to have the hassle of finding a Sunday envelope, finding cash or a check, and making sure to take it with you to Mass. Equally, the church is assured of a regular offering that is taken from your account or that you can have charged to your credit card. Call the parish office if you would like to be a "trendy-giver". Thank you again for your gifts! Merry Christmas!

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*"Let us allow the Child in the manger to challenge us, but let us also be challenged by all those children in today's world who are lying not in a crib, caressed with affection by their mothers and fathers, but in squalid "mangers that devour dignity". Children who hide underground to escape bombardment, on the pavements of large cities, in the hold of a boat overladen with immigrants... Let us allow ourselves to be challenged by those children who are not allowed to be born, by those who cry because no one relieves their hunger, by those who hold in their hands not toys, but weapons."*

- Pope Francis (Homily from Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Papal Mass, 12-24-16)

## Welcome to Holy Rosary!

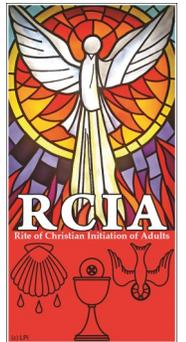
We welcome to Holy Rosary parish, Benjamin and Amy Williams. The couple resides in North Mankato and are the proud parents of Margot, who was born last September. Amy is employed in holistic medicine and Ben is employed as a craftsman and works at the Mankato Brewery. Welcome to the Holy Rosary parish family! We are so glad that you are with us!

Are you New to the area or would like to join Holy Rosary parish? It is now easier than ever and you can do it from the convenience of home. Just go to [holyroarynorthmankato.com/membership-registration](http://holyroarynorthmankato.com/membership-registration) and 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!



## Last Call – Calling All Converts

In the coming days I will be in contact again with those that have expressed a potential interest in becoming full members of the Catholic faith. It appears that we may have several souls that are again expressing interest. Recall, last year that we had no one come into the church, but the previous year we had six individuals. If you know of someone that might be interested but is wondering about the time commitment and the expectations, you might share this with them. We will be meeting weekly for an hour or two from January to Easter. Parents and spouses are welcome to come to the classes along with a sponsor that can be any active practicing Catholic (excluding a spouse or parent). There is no financial obligation, no books or materials to buy, and nearly all that have been baptized in another faith are recognized by the Catholic Church and does not require a second Baptism. Call the parish office (387-6501) by no later than January 10th if you might be interested. The first classes are "inquiry" and a time to ask questions and no full commitment to become Catholic. We hope to see maybe, YOU there!



## Marriage Encounter Weekend

**Start the year off right by refreshing your marriage with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.** The next available Weekends are Feb 17-19, 2017 in Windom, MN and Apr 21-23, 2017 in Hutchinson, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [southmnwwme.org](http://southmnwwme.org) or contact Miki at [applications@southmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@southmnwwme.org) or 507-227-8229.

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, Jan. 9: The Baptism of the Lord

- 8:05 am – Rosary  
 8:30 am – Mass - Charles & Iola Orcutt†  
 6:00 pm – **Worship Committee - Christmas Take-Down**

### Tuesday, Jan. 10: Weekday

- 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  
 7:30 pm – River of Life (Conf. Rm. 1)

### Wednesday, Jan. 11: Weekday

- 9:15 am – Mass at Oak Terrace (Fr. Paul) - Sarah O'Harat†  
 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, Jan. 12: Weekday

- 8:05 am – Rosary  
 8:30 am – Mass - Willard & Edna Arndt†  
 7:30 pm – K of C Planning Meeting (Lower Hall)

### Friday, Jan. 13: Weekday (Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)

- 8:05 am – Rosary  
 8:30 am – Mass - Sr. Esperance Wittry†  
 9:15 am – Parishioners' Breakfast at the Perkins  
 Restaurant (1123 Range St) - \*All are invited

### Saturday, Jan. 14: Weekday (ECHO Food Shelf Collection)

- 4:30 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 4:30 pm – Rosary  
 5:00 pm – Mass - Karen Gagnier Randall†

### Sunday, Jan. 15: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (ECHO Food Shelf Collection)

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

### K. of C. Council #5551 News

- Jan 12 - Planning Meeting  
 Jan 26 - General Meeting (Prayer in Church starting at 7pm)

### ECHO Food Shelf Collection

Let's keep the generosity and Christmas spirit going as we go into the 2nd weekend of January!! On the 14th or 15th bring a non-perishable food item, personal care product, or cleaning supplies of any kind to help those who need a boost in the New Year! Let's keep up the good work Holy Rosary!!

## Religious Education Program



### Classroom Visits

Father Paul will be visiting classrooms beginning this week. On Wednesday, January 11th, Father Paul will be talking to the 2nd & 3rd graders about the Mass and First Reconciliation.

### Opportunity for Parents on January 11th!

Bryan Reising, Director of Religious Education for the Diocese of New Ulm, will be here at Holy Rosary to speak about the importance of Religious Education! Bryan's presentation "Why Religious Education" will last about an hour and there will be time for questions afterward. *Bryan will start at 6:15 pm.* There will be a reception following the talk. *Please RSVP to this email or give me a call so I can plan a space for the meeting!* **Please make plans to attend! It will be a very informative meeting!**

### Second Graders Prepare for First Reconciliation

Our second graders are preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation which will be Sunday, January 22nd, at 3:00 pm. We ask that you keep our young students in your prayers as they prepare to receive God's grace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation

### Opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music

There are several opportunities in 2017 for Grades 9 - 12 to participate in an evening of Eucharistic Adoration.

**BLAZE!** is right here in Mankato, held at the Newman Center MSU campus. The next BLAZE youth event (grades 9-12) is Friday, Feb. 3rd from 7 - 9 pm. Praise and worship, Adoration, games, etc. group discussions with MSU students. There is no cost for this event—bring friends!

**Cor Jesu** (pronounced *core yay-zoo*), is sponsored by the Diocese of New Ulm. Saturday, February 11th from 7:15 - 8:15 pm. It will be held at the Church of St. Andrew in Granite Falls. Come for an evening of adoration, contemporary praise music, and fellowship. All ages welcome! Visit [www.dnu.org/cor-jesu](http://www.dnu.org/cor-jesu) for more information.

### Upcoming Dates

- Jan. 11:** Class for Elementary - 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
**Jan. 18:** Youth Group meets 6:00 pm - 6:50 pm; Class for Jr/Sr High Students 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
**Jan. 22:** First Reconciliation - 3:00 pm in Church  
**Jan. 25:** Class for Elementary - 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

## 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

Velma Bunde, Juliette Shamp, Rick Giroux, Lynne Olson, Arlo Sandvig, Louise Grilley, Daniel Crowley, Dennis Connolly, Joe Huiras, Jo Lindberg, Ruth Gag, Charles Ulman

**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

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|------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | Dustin Telshaw           |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Brian & Kristin Cain     |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Susan Peterson           |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Myron & Colleen Thompson |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Michael & Carol Warlop   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Brian & Jacqueline Grams |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | Pearl Gohla              |



#### For Those in the Military

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| 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:

*Mike & Rose Rauchman*

### This Week's Readings

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| <b>Mon:</b>   | Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17                             |
| <b>Tues:</b>  | Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12 / Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28 |
| <b>Wed:</b>   | Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39   |
| <b>Thurs:</b> | Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45  |
| <b>Fri:</b>   | Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12  |
| <b>Sat:</b>   | Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17   |
| <b>Sun:</b>   | Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34                                    |

## Jan. 14th - Jan. 15th, 2017

# WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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#### Lectors:

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| <b>5:00 pm</b>  | Eileen Wadekamper |
| <b>8:00 am</b>  | Linda Hiniker     |
| <b>10:00 am</b> | Jim Schorn        |

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

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| <b>5:00 pm</b>  | Jane Younge, Karen Winters, Brenda Voracek, Jim Theuninck, Karen Etzell, Bev Linnes                 |
| <b>8:00 am</b>  | Cathy Neve, Terri Compton, Gerry Hiniker, Craig Amundson, Mike Brumm, Margaret Ayers                |
| <b>10:00 am</b> | Darlene Schorn, Rick Gruber, Brent Friedrichs, Tim McGowan, Sherry Henrickson, Deacon Russ Blaschko |

#### Altar Servers:

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| <b>5:00 pm</b>  | Connor McGraw, Anna Voracek, James Younge    |
| <b>8:00 am</b>  | Matthew Helget, Braeden Otto, Carson Fischer |
| <b>10:00 am</b> | Elias & Shae Westermann, Tim Cain (C/B/B)    |

#### Presentation of Gifts:

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| <b>5:00 pm</b>  | Kent & Marilyn Durenberger |
| <b>8:00 am</b>  | Tom Stierlen Family        |
| <b>10:00 am</b> | Jack & Diann McGowan       |

#### Ushers:

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|-----------------|--|
| <b>5:00 pm</b>  | Paul Stevens, Steve Enderle, Tom Rheaume, Tom Koch             |
| <b>8:00 am</b>  | Mary & Gary Zellmer, Doug Helget, Arlyce Anderson (Head Usher) |
| <b>10:00 am</b> | Steve Kaiser, Jim Barker, Glenn Vershelde, Brandon Bernard     |

#### Rosary Leaders:

|                 |                   |                |             |
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| <b>5:00 pm</b>  | Karen Etzell      | <b>8:00 am</b> | Sharon Lenz |
| <b>10:00 am</b> | Jeanette Barsness |                |             |

#### Music Ministry:

|                 |                                 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>5:00 pm</b>  | Faith Kodet/Jeanne Makela       |
| <b>8:00 am</b>  | Myra Schroepfer/Janelle Campeau |
| <b>10:00 am</b> | Tom Bachmann/Jeanne Makela      |

**Money Counters - Jan. 2017:** Bill Fasnacht, Shirleen Gulden, Jan Nelson, Carl Steffensmeier, Arlyce Anderson

**Bulletin Folders - Jan. 13, 2017:** Anne Frederick, Betty Rykhus, Marge Grausam, Pat Lyons



*Nice to know:* A woman approached a Loyola staff member while she was helping students choose Christmas gifts for a family in a local parish. She asked if the group was from Loyola and shared that many years ago her family received a basket from Loyola, making her family's Christmas unforgettable. The impact of the Christmas Basket project for the last 35 years has touched many lives in our community.

Our first semester closes on January 13.

K-12 students begin NWEA testing on January 10. Our 2-hour late start that day will be dedicated to ongoing individual and departmental Professional Development and updating Essential Learning Outcomes.

*Did you know?* Thanks to generous staff members, each year Loyola students preparing for the ACT receive over 10 hours of face to face tutoring. There is no fee to our students for this important service. ACT results consistently reflect both the earnestness of our students and the dedication of our staff.

Monday, January 16, is a professional development day for Loyola staff.

Stay tuned for information about our Celebration of National Catholic Schools Week, January 30-February 4, 2017.

**Save the dates:**

**State of the School** meeting, January 18 at 7pm, Upper Campus

**Open House** January 23, 5:30-7:30pm, Upper Campus, 145 Good Counsel Drive.

**Catholic Schools Week Mass:** An all-school celebration, Monday January 30, 1:00pm at St. John the Baptist Church. Bishop LeVoir of the New Ulm diocese will celebrate with us. All are welcome.

**Kindergarten Round up,** Friday, March 10, 9:30-11am and 12:30-2pm. Come and discover what it means to be part of the Loyola community! Schedule a Family Tour and/or Shadow Day on a day convenient for you. Call 507-388-0600.

**Open House** March 14, 5:30-7:30, Upper Campus, 145 Good Counsel Drive.

**Music on the Hill**

The second Music on the Hill concert will be at 2:00 pm on Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017, in the Good Counsel Chapel. This concert will feature Ludwig Van Beethoven's Piano Quartet No. 3 in C Major, Joaquin Turina's Piano Trio Op. 76, Astor Piazzolla's "Winter" from the Four Seasons, and Robert Schumann's Piano Trio No. 1 in d minor.

**Stewardship Corner**

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

**Pd. to Date:** \$67,198.90  
**DUE:** \$73,231.32

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

**Rec'd. to Date:** \$20,349.00  
**DUE:** \$38,768.53

**Loyola Catholic School Assessment:**

**Pd. to Date:** \$60,000.00  
**DUE:** \$221,268.00

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**Total Paid to Date 2016-17: \$147,547.90**  
**Apostolate Stewardship 2016-17: \$333,267.85**

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Again this week we covered another month of stewardship for the Diocese of New Ulm. This leaves us with one more payment that we intend to pay next weekend. This will complete our Diocesan assessments for the fiscal year of 2016-2017.

The Diocesan Ministry Appeal, while remaining open-ended until the goal is reached, will be considered "Nearly Completed" by the close of January.

In the next week or so we will review our parish monies and plan to make a sizable payment after the holidays to Loyola. If the generosity of your stewardship continues, I "hope" that we will complete the final payment by the close of April. Thank you for all who have donated or are donating for our Christmas collection for our Loyola stewardship commitment. Thank you for your gifts!

**Baptism Blessings**

Our prayers and best wishes go out to Michael & Gillian Roberts on the occasion of Baptism of their daughter, Megan Rose, who was baptized following this weekend's 5:00 pm Saturday 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!



**SINCERE SYMPATHY**

To the family of Irene Jerrowt

-May she rest in peace.

## From the Mankato Serra Club

“Good example is the most efficacious apostolate. You must be as lighted lanterns and shine like brilliant chandeliers among men. By your good example and your words, animate others to know and love God.” - St. Mary Joseph Rossello. *The Mankato Serra Club works to affirm and promote religious vocations and meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month for more information call 507-696-8119.*



## Microphone Madness

Thank you for your patience as we try to resolve the microphone madness of these past few weeks. We had service done several times over the past couple of weeks. We have discovered that both the amplifier and the equalizer are old and failing. We discovered last summer that the cables were frayed and were also a cause of problems. Hopefully all of the bugs are worked out by the time that you read this bulletin. Thank you for your patience and just to let you know that we are on top of the situation.



## Online Giving - Give it a Try!

“Honey, have you seen our contribution envelopes? They were here in the drawer. Hasn't it been a few weeks since we gave to the church?” Have there been conversations like this in your home? In our busy, fast-paced life, it is easy to get over-whelmed with the many small details of life. Would you like to eliminate one task out of your week and feel good about it? Why not try electronic giving?



The average Catholic is away from their parish some 17 Sundays out of the year. If you are making your stewardship commitments in person, those are 17 weekends of lost stewardship, unless the amount is doubled, tripled, etc. to “catch up”. Our new form of electronic giving, WeShare through Liturgical Publications, is easier than ever. Now you can sign up online at [holynosarynorthmankato.weshareonline.org](http://holynosarynorthmankato.weshareonline.org) or you can still fill in the form and go through the U.S. Mail. The new method of e-giving also accepts credit cards, giving you a printed record of your giving! IT IS SAFE! IT IS SECURE! IT IS SO EASY! MOST OF ALL IT IS SOUND STEWARDSHIP! Why not make a spiritual New Year's resolution and “just try” e-giving! As they say, “TRY IT! YOU WILL LIKE IT!” (\*If you have any further questions please call Jim Theuninck at 345-6828.)

## Save the Date – Wine and Food Pairing

We are returning again this year to our traditional evening of Wine and Food Pairing at the Loose Moose. The date has been set for Friday, February 10th. Please save the date for a tasty and fun-filled evening. There will be more details forthcoming in the weeks ahead. All of the proceeds will go to support our stewardship commitment to Loyola Catholic School.



## 9 Days for Life – January 21-29, 2017

9 Days for Life is an annual period of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life, at every stage and in every circumstance. Contained within the 9 Days for Life is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on January 22 (also the anniversary of Roe v. Wade). It is a time to not only to pray for an end to abortion, but to pray for the respect and protection of each person's life; to gather together in prayer, action, and fellowship with others. For more information about how to commemorate and celebrate life during these days go to [dnu.org](http://dnu.org) and click on the 9 Days for Life calendar event.

## Energy Assistance Program

With heating season upon us, Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. (GMG) would like to remind residential homeowners or renters of the Energy Assistance Program (EAP). This federally funded program helps pay for home heating costs and furnace repairs for income-qualified households. Please contact your location EAP Service Provider to apply. For help finding your local EAP provider, call 1-800-657-3710. Applications must be received or postmarked by May 31, 2017 to be processed for benefits for the 2016-2017 program year. You can find more information online at the Minnesota Department of Commerce website at: <https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance/>

## March for Life

**MCCL March For Life:** On Sunday, Jan. 22nd, a charter bus for transportation will be available to those who wish to attend the annual MCCL March For Life in St. Paul. The march begins at 2:00 pm and lasts one hour, including an address on the Capitol steps. Departure will be from Ss. Peter & Paul's Catholic Church at noon. Cookies and beverages will be provided. Suggested donation is \$20.00 for those over 8 yrs old. Call Tom Hoehn at 381-2544 for details.



**Local March For Life:** Blue Earth County MCCL march will take place Sunday, Jan. 15th at 1:00 pm. Meet at the old Train Depot parking lot, on the North side of the downtown HyVee.

# Council of Catholic Women Business Meeting

## December 27, 2016

The following CCW members met on Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at 6:00 pm: Lisa Phillips, Mary Zellmer, Julie Gruber, Marilyn Streit, Arlyce Anderson, Mary Grams and Dolores Portz. The CCW meeting started with a prayer led by Dolores Portz.

Mary Zellmer read the minutes of the November 29 business meeting. They were approved as presented. Mary Zellmer also reviewed the correspondence since the last business meeting, which included a thank you note from a person who Darlene Schorn visited and brought a treat to after the Advent Bake Sale.

Julie Gruber presented the treasurer's report, which showed deposits in the past month of \$1,263.50 and expenses paid totaling \$638.37. The checking account balance on December 27, 2016 is \$5,256.94. Combined with our savings and CD, our total assets are \$12,475.75.

### Committee Reports:

Leadership Commission: Lisa Phillips announced that the date for getting the CCW Women of the Year Award applications to the Diocesan committee has been moved up. These applications are now due January 16. Anyone wanted to suggest someone for consideration should see Lisa for an application. Lisa also mentioned the need to keep trying to get more ladies of the parish involved in CCW meetings and CCW social activities.

Spirituality Commission – Dolores called our attention to an article in the December 19th issue of *The Prairie Catholic* regarding President Elect Donald Trump's choice of Rep. Tom Price as Secretary of Health and Human Services. Rep. Price is a six-time congressman from Georgia and has proven strong, pro-life values. This article can be found on page 4 of *The Prairie Catholic*.

Scholarship Coordinator – Arlyce Anderson announced that she has given out one scholarship application so far from our parish. Others wanting to apply for a Diocesan scholarship will need to come to the February meeting and get an application from Arlyce. The completed application needs to be in the hands of the Diocesan committee by March 1, 2017.

### Old Business:

- The CCW December social event was well attended. From feedback, we learned that some ladies came to the CCW Christmas Party for the first time because the meal was catered rather than potluck and also because the 'gifts' were going to CADA house. We will keep this in mind for the future.
- The Advent Bake Sale was also a very successful event. With the baked goods that were donated and the rugs and sewing items from the Sewing Group, we gained \$1,113.50 from the sale. Thanks to all who made this possible. It was also good to have this event coincide with the Parish Christmas Party sponsored by the KCs and CCW. Over 200 meals were served that night.
- There was a brief discussion on the number of parish events during the busy month of December (Advent Bake Sale, Parish Christmas Party, Children's Christmas Program, Volunteer Appreciation Dinner) in addition to preparing for Advent and Christmas. Perhaps some thought can be given to combining some of these in the future – or waiting until January - or May/June (end of year) for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.
- The CCW Diaper Drive will start next weekend. Mary Zellmer will contact Darlene Schorn and Diane O'Dea to see about getting a crib and or bassinet for the church.

### New Business:

- Our parish will host the CCW Diocesan Board Meeting in the church basement on Saturday, February 11, 2017. Once Lisa receives all the information on this, she will let us know what help she needs. We do know that we will provide a meal.
- Lisa is planning to have a Women's Health Expo for our February 6<sup>th</sup> social event. She is working on lining up people to speak and also working on vendors. This will be in the church lower hall and the plan is to invite ladies from the other parishes in Mankato. More info will be put in the bulletin on this.
- Lisa asked us to be thinking of a social event for March 6<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup> both of which are during Lent.
- We discussed the possibility of another Rummage Sale. Mary Grams will look into this further. If we go ahead with it, we would like to get this date down on the parish calendar and the notice in the bulletin as soon as it is determined.
- Region I Winter Board Meeting is January 21 at St. George in West Newton. Lisa, Dolores and Arlyce will attend for sure. Others may join them after checking their calendars.

There being no further business, the business meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm with Dolores Portz leading us in a closing prayer for vocations. Our next business meeting will be Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Zellmer, CCW Secretary



Holy Rosary Parish  
*Council of Catholic Women*  
is sponsoring a

# ***Diaper Drive***

*during the month of January*

Baby Wipes and Diapers of any size may be brought to church throughout January and placed in the crib at the back of church.

*Diapers and Wipes will go to Options for Women and Birthright*

Monetary donations will also be accepted

(Please put money in an envelope marked CCW Diaper Drive).

*Money collected will be used to purchase bigger items needed at Options for Women (high chairs, strollers, etc.)*

***A CCW community service project – please help if you are able***

