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January 15th, 2017
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor

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the Quill and the Cloth

*John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."
- St. John*

Welcome back to Ordinary Time! I know that "Ordinary Time" is not always the most exciting time as we live life or even live our liturgical life, but "ordinary" time is necessary for both our bodily and spiritual well-being. For both the body and the soul craves routine and order. That is why we are always glad to come home and sleep in our own bed, sit in our own chair, and eat our own food. Likewise, that is why, liturgically, the Mass is not a radically different ceremony every weekend, like coming to a different play or performance. There is spiritual comfort in knowing things are largely the same at Mass from the opening to the closing hymn.



Speaking of spiritual comfort, it is always comforting to return to my home town and to see family. Last Thursday, I finally got the chance to sneak away from parish life and to celebrate a little Christmas with my parents. They are doing fine, but age is certainly catching up with them. I presented my Mother with the framed picture of her Mother's hair from Holland, that I shared with those of you who attended the Christmas Masses here at Holy Rosary. When she and I folded back the blanket that I had brought this antique picture in, she looked in disbelief, but remembered the picture well. This picture had been an "ordinary" relic of her childhood, when that radical change had taken place with the passing of her Mother at such a young age. She was glad it was finally in her possession and said several times that it was always something that belonged to her.

I would have to say it was a prayerful moment for her and for all of us who were present. My Mother has been a strong individual all her life. She neither cried nor became emotional. Rather she merely folded her hands together, as

if in a sacred moment of prayer. She did not take her eyes off that relic, that had been a very common and "ordinary" part of her childhood and young adulthood. But, it no doubt rekindled that "extraordinary moment" more than 80 years ago, involving a young mother at 38, leaving behind a husband and 6 children in death.

Now, this shadow-box of her late Mother's hair, "Josephine", hangs in her living room in her residence (see picture). This "extraordinary" picture and its journey across the Atlantic Ocean, now can give some comfort and solace, to a lot of "ordinary" days, that my Mother describes with the words "nothing new".

In today's Gospel account from St. John, most "ordinary" souls in biblical times saw an "ordinary" man from Nazareth, who had done the "ordinary" task of working with wood as a carpenter. Having taken on the task as a rogue rabbi, the people of that time still saw a radically ordinary individual. The Good News rests in John the Baptist's title, seeing the "extraordinary" in the "ordinary". For John the Baptist says; "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." For John saw the "extraordinary in the ordinary". For, while the people saw an "ordinary" man, John the Baptist saw an "extraordinary" Messiah.

Perhaps the gospel is challenging us spiritually with the Good News to witness the "extraordinary" spiritual things that are happening around us; even in Ordinary Time. Let me give you an example of witnessing the "extraordinary" in the "ordinary" like John the Baptist. Last Saturday night at the 5:00 pm Mass and Sunday morning at the 10:00 am Mass, it was chillingly quiet at consecration, at the high moment of the Mass. Did you notice that extraordinary moment too? (*That silence where you can hear a pin drop in church has occurred more at Holy Rosary than any parish I have ever celebrated Mass in throughout my priesthood.*) I believe that it is a sign of God's "extraordinary" presence, (in addition to the Holy Eucharist), in an otherwise "ordinary" weekend liturgy as well as your strong belief in the Eucharistic presence as well.

In the week ahead, in this Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, may we, like John the Baptist, see in our "ordinary" lives the "extraordinary" presence of God in our life. May we have the same courage as John the Baptizer to boldly proclaim it for the benefit of others, ourselves and everlasting life! Have a great week!


Rev. Paul van de Crommert, Pastor

Stewardship of Gratitude

Adult	\$6,544.00
Electronic Giving	\$2,310.18
Junior	\$78.00
Plate	\$228.25
Fuel Collection	\$25.00
Christmas	\$25.00
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	\$50.00
Stole Fee	\$50.00
Wine & Food Pairing	\$450.00
Rental Income	\$500.00
Pop Machine Monies	\$15.00
Investment Interest Income	\$5,731.28
Grand Total	\$16,006.71

Our weekly goal is set at \$13,000.00

Stewardship of Gratitude

We are suffering a bit from the post-Christmas doldrums when it comes to stewardship. We have given generously to family and friends and perhaps even to our faith community. Fortunately, the report from our investments this week pushed us across and above our stewardship finish line for the week. With the holy days falling on the weekend, we took a mild stewardship hit. While those times of collection are past, if it has been a while since you have given, perhaps consider a “warm” and generous offering in these “cold” days of January. Thank you for your gifts.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Working for a just distribution of the fruits of the earth and human labor is not mere philanthropy. It is a moral obligation. For Christians, the responsibility is even greater; it is a commandment.”
 - Pope Francis

Reconciliation Service – January 22nd

Did the Advent and Christmas season pass you by without getting a chance to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation? A Penance Service will be held next Sunday, January 22nd at 3:00 pm. Although, the event is geared for our second graders and their families, I have always encouraged, as pastor, to invite the faithful to attend just as they might attend the First Holy Communion Mass. Your presence and your participation is a powerful witness to our young people about the importance of this sacrament. Please know that you are welcome!



New Altar Server Training – Coming Up!

We are blessed to have several new altar servers in training that will be serving at the altar at Holy Rosary. We are grateful to our young people for saying “Yes” to serve God in this special role. We are also grateful to the parents for making the sacrifice to see that their son/daughter is there for practice as well as on time to serve at the Mass assigned to them. We will be having a practice this Monday, January 16th, that Lorraine and I, as pastor, will be directing. It is not too late to be part of this group. Call Lorraine Klaseus at 507-388-4398, or the parish office at 507-387-6501, if you would like to be an altar server. We welcome any young person 5th grade or older. Thank you!

Altar Server Meeting and Party

As a parish family we are most grateful to our servers who faithfully serve at God’s altar week in and week out. We are blessed by those servers that are willing to serve throughout their years of grade school, junior high and high school. (*Our goal is that they will serve through their senior year of high school and this is happening more and more!) We are also blessed with a number of new servers that we are presently training to assist at the weekend Masses. As a sign of our gratitude we will be hosting a Pizza Party along with a special recognition for all that attend on Wednesday, February 15th, at 6:00 pm in the Church Social Hall (lower level). This is a Junior/Senior High Religious Education night, so it will be more convenient for our older servers. We will check with the students, and families to insure that we have sufficient foods and beverages for the event. Please make sure to mark you calendars!

Financial Oops!

I took a “working vacation” last week, working half-days as I had a guest from out-of-state visiting. It was missed to put in the bulletin our upcoming Finance Council meeting that had been scheduled for Monday, January 9th. (Most likely it would have had to be rescheduled as that was also the night that we spent several hours taking down the Christmas environment in church.) An e-mail is being sent to the members to reschedule the meeting for Monday, January 23rd at 7:00 pm in Conference Room 1. Sorry for the mix-up!
 -Father

K of C Chili Feed - THIS SUNDAY

Come enjoy a delicious chili feed sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in the Lower Social Hall after the 10:00 am Mass **THIS SUNDAY, Jan. 15th**. Proceeds will go to Saint Bernard Mission School and the Backpack Food Program.



The Week Ahead

Sunday, Jan. 15: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm – Visitation at Northview Mankato
Mortuary - Pat Lyons† (Prayer Service at 4:45 pm)

Monday, Jan. 16: Weekday

11:00 am – Funeral Mass - Pat Lyons†
4:00 pm – Altar Server Practice (Church)
4:00 pm – Social Concerns Committee Mtg. (Conf. Rm. 1)

Tuesday, Jan. 17: Saint Anthony, Abbot

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

Wednesday, Jan. 18: Weekday

9:35 am – Loyola Intermediate School Mass at SSPP
(Fr. Paul) - Barbara Maxwell†
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm – Sewing Group (Lower Level PC)
4:00 pm – Altar Server Practice (Church)
5:00 pm - 5:45 pm – Youth Choir Practice
6:00 pm - 6:50 pm – Youth Group
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm – Grades 7-11 Rel. Ed. Classes

Thursday, Jan. 19: Weekday

8:05 am – Rosary
8:30 am – Mass - Sr. Esperance Wittry†
7:00 pm – Pastoral Council Meeting (Conf. Rm. 1)

Friday, Jan. 20: Weekday (Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr)

8:05 am – Rosary
8:30 am – Mass - Jane Brady†
9:15 am – Parishioners' Breakfast at the Perkins
Restaurant (1123 Range St) - *All are invited
11:00 am – Mass at SSND (Fr. Paul) - Darwin Goodrich†
1:30 pm – River of Life (Conf. Rm. 1)

Saturday, Jan. 21: Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

4:30 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm – Rosary
5:00 pm – Mass - Martha & Leonard Dutkiewicz†

Sunday, Jan. 22: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am – Rosary
8:00 am – Mass - Gregg Snaza†
9:30 am – Rosary
10:00 am – Mass - People of the Parish
(Nursery, Pre-K, and CLW during the 10:00 am Mass)
3:00 pm – First Reconciliation

K. of C. Council #5551 News

Jan 26 - General Meeting (Prayer in Church starting at 7pm)
Feb 5 - Super Bowl Pancake Breakfast
Feb 9 - Planning Meeting

Fuel Fund Envelope

In the past we have had a special appeal for our parish of Holy Rosary for our Fuel Fund. Last year we collected a total of \$7,273.00. This was a wonderful stewardship amount. In this fiscal year we have already spent \$3,997.73, or almost \$4,000.00 to heat our facilities and we have yet to receive our January heating bill. (That will send chills down our stewardship spine!!!) Attached to this week's bulletin we have an envelope for our annual Fuel Fund drive. We also will take up "one" second-collection (for our parish) on the weekend of February 4th and 5th. It would be wonderful if we could surpass last year's collection total for the benefit of our parish. Thank you for your gifts!

Worship Committee Clean-Up – Thank You!

Again, I would like to thank the Worship Committee for giving up their Monday evening to do the less-than-desirable task of cleaning up the Christmas environment. Our numbers were a bit smaller, but we eventually got everything taken down, packed up and put away for another year. We also did a bit of re-organizing as well in our storage areas. It looks good. The next Worship Committee meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 13th, at 6:30 pm as was discussed at our last meeting. Thanks again!

Save the Date – Wine and Food Pairing

Please note the insert for our Wine & Food Pairing Dinner, which is quickly approaching on Friday, February 10th, at 5:30 pm at the Loose Moose Conference Center in Mankato. We have more than 25% response from our attendance in 2015! This is a great sign! It is a fun evening of food, fine wine, and fellowship. Tickets will be sold after the weekend Masses. If you have never gone to our Wine & Food Pairing, maybe this will be "your" year! Tickets are on sale! Come one, come all!



Mighty Good News About the Mics

I think that we have "FINALLY" found the source of our sound troubles. Both the equalizer as well as the amplifier have been replaced with brand new devices. Saturday night revealed that the system was 100% better. We also re-installed a speaker in the sacristy that is a help in knowing if the microphone needs any adjustments before the start of Mass. We use these systems every day, and electronics eventually wear out. We are grateful to the technicians for their expertise in this area. Thank you, too, for your patience.

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

Luvorn Giefer, Ivan Baumgartner, Gerald Erkel, Mary Bublitz, Barbara Hull, 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

Monday	Todd & Amy Loosbrock
Tuesday	Andrew & Sara Lang
Wednesday	Nathan & Jessica Kirschner
Thursday	Bruce & Corinne Ort
Friday	Eugene & Shirley Brandt
Saturday	Joel & Marla Endres
Sunday	Roberta Molitor



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:

Edward & Elsie Wersal

This Week's Readings

Mon:	Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
Tues:	Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
Wed:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6
Thurs:	Heb 7:25—8:6/Mk 3:7-12
Fri:	Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19
Sat:	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21
Sun:	Is 8:23-9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Jan. 21st - Jan. 22nd, 2017

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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Lectors:

5:00 pm Brian Eggersdorfer
8:00 am John Holden **10:00 am** Rel. Ed. Students

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm Rebecca Gruenes, Pat & Wanda Hull, Nicole Hull, Jim Theuninck
8:00 am Michelle Ellingworth, Gene Brandt, Steve & Shelly Bauer, Margaret Ayers, Mary Beth Nygaard
10:00 am JoAnn Borchert, John Kuchinka, Mike & Diane O'Dea, Tim McGowan, Julie Schoettler

Altar Servers:

5:00 pm Reid, Riley, & Rayna Gruenes
8:00 am Ben & Grace Ellingworth, Duram Kelly (C/B/B)
10:00 am Andrew Kohrs, Elaine Adams, Hannah Linnes (C/B/B)

Presentation of Gifts:

5:00 pm James & Denise Tarasovitch
8:00 am Richard Boruff Family
10:00 am Rel. Ed. Students

Ushers:

5:00 pm Mark Weingartz, Karen Winters, Paul Stevens, Bob Meyer (*Head Usher*)
8:00 am Carl Steffensmeier, Chris Sturm, Mary Homan, Doug Homan (*Head Usher*)
10:00 am Rel. Ed. Students, Doug Helget, Steve Kaiser, John Jagerson, Bob Wegscheid (*Head Usher*)

Rosary Leaders:

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

Music Ministry:

5:00 pm Faith Kodet/Janelle Campeau
8:00 am Julie Gruber/Jeanne Makela
10:00 am Cindy Gawrych/Kathy Jo Johns/Vicki Galli

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

Bulletin Folders - Jan. 20, 2017: Anne Frederick, Betty Rykhus, Dolores Portz

Religious Education Program

Classroom Visits

Father Paul had a wonderful visit with the 2nd & 3rd Graders this past week. They met in church. Father Paul talked about the Mass & First Reconciliation. He was also able to show the students different things used during the Mass and role play going to confession. The students listened intently and could have been there for another half-hour! This week, Father will be visiting with the Confirmation Class.

Class Mass

The next class Mass will be Sunday, January 22nd at 10:00 am. We will be featuring our 7th and 8th Grade students. Look for them to greet you at the door and listen to them as they speak God's word!

Wrap-Up Regarding Parent Meeting

Thank you to the nearly 15 parents that were in attendance to hear Bryan Reising from the Diocese of New Ulm talk about the importance of Religious Education. I heard very favorable comments in regards to how important of a role parents have in the catechesis of their children. We thank Bryan for coming to Holy Rosary!

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

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 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 for more information.

Upcoming Dates

- 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

Stewardship Corner

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

COMPLETED Pd. to Date: \$73,231.32
DUE: \$73,231.32

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

Rec'd. to Date: \$21,684.00
DUE: \$38,768.53

Loyola Catholic School Assessment:

Pd. to Date: \$62,000.00
DUE: \$221,268.00

Total Paid to Date 2016-17: \$156,915.32
Apostolate Stewardship 2016-17: \$333,267.85

We are slowly completing some of our stewardship commitments for the Fiscal Year of 2016-2017. This is a good thing as we are already more than half-way through the Fiscal Year. This week we completed our stewardship commitment for the Diocese of New Ulm through the Diocesan United Fund. Our next billing will begin at the close of July 2017. We also gave a \$2,000.00 check to Loyola this week from the second collection that was taken up on Christmas and those who responded to the Loyola envelope in the parish bulletin. (We will be giving another check soon, so that we will have completed the 50% mark and will be on target for our commitment to the school.) This week we went up in our stewardship commitment to the Diocesan Ministry Appeal by \$1,335.00. It is wonderful to see all three stewardship commitments reach or come closer to their final goal which must be met on or before June 30th. We can be very pleased that we are staying ahead of our stewardship commitments. As we come into the late spring and early summer, we will see how much revenue remains to do some cleaning, repairs and further updates on the interior of our church. Thank you for your generosity.

Welcome to Holy Rosary!

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 www.holyrosarynorthmankato.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!



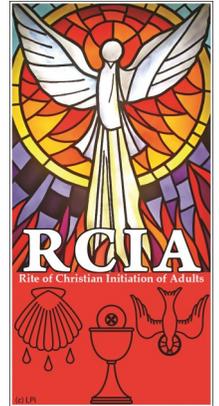
Diaper Drive

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.). This is a CCW community service project – please help if you are able! Thank you!



Reception into the Church 2017

I know that we have just celebrated Christmas and are just returning to Ordinary Time. However, did you know that Lent will start in just SIX-AND-HALF-WEEKS, with the celebration of Ash Wednesday on March 1st, and Easter just 13 weeks away on April 16th. Time travels fast.



I mention this as we presently have five candidates at various ages who may be received into the Church at this year's Easter Vigil. We will be welcoming 5 individuals that will be making their First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil. We will also be confirming 2 individuals as well. We are again blessed at Holy Rosary that we are welcoming a sizable numbers into the Church.

The first meeting for our candidates, their spouses and families will be held on Sunday, January 29th at 1:00 pm. in Conference Room 2 (main hall of school, last door on the left). As pastor, I am looking forward again to doing this life-renewing instruction for our candidates as well as myself. If you know of someone else who would like to be received into the Church, please call the Parish Office before January 29th! Thank you!



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To the family of **Cyrilla Bealt†** and **Pat Lyonst†**
-May they rest in peace.

Volunteer Opportunity

Changing lives ... one woman at a time.

The Refugee Outreach Program, an extension of the Good Counsel Learning Center, is in need of volunteer women tutors. These women provide in home English language tutoring twice a week for one hour each visit.

No experience is needed. Training and materials are supplied by the coordinator. For more info, please call Sister Richarde Marie Wolf, SSND, Refugee Outreach Coordinator, at 507-389-4260.

Happy Birthday!

Agnes Klingel is celebrating her 90th birthday on January 21st. Happy Birthday, Agnes! Cards may be sent to Old Main Village Senior Living Community, 301 S 5th Street, Apt 313, Mankato, MN 56001.

Try Online Giving

Holy Rosary has made Online Giving available for our weekly offerings, as well as other parish collections. Donating is simple, safe, and secure and take less than five minutes. You'll be able to give to any of our collections and view complete financial records at any time. Set up a one-time or recurring donation by visiting: holyroarynorthmankato.weshareonline.org.



Stations of the Cross – Straightened!

Last weekend, one of the visitors to our parish spoke to me after Mass. He mentioned that he was struck by the beauty of the parish Church and the liturgy that we celebrate. *(They even mentioned the possibility of returning to Mass and possibly joining the parish.)* However, it was noted that for such a beautiful church, the Stations of the Cross were hung unevenly and were crooked. *(I had never noticed this before, but it is actually quite obvious.)* So.... I spoke to one of our volunteers, Bill Fasnacht, who graciously re-hung all of the Stations of the Cross this week. This was both time consuming and mathematically challenging. We thank Bill who has done so many "fix-it" jobs around the parish. I was grateful to our visitor for pointing this out. *(As I was taking the Stations down and washing off the dust, I noticed that some are in need of restoration. Perhaps that will be a summer job too!)*

Program on Loyola School System

The Loyola Catholic School leadership will be presenting a program on the direction, challenges, and progress of the Loyola School system on Tuesday, Jan. 17th, at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Lower Level. The 30 minute program will start at 6:30 pm. Q & A will follow. A complimentary buffet meal will be served prior to the event at 5:30 pm. If you plan to attend the buffet, please RSVP at 507-696-8119.

NEW THIS WEEK! Beginning this weekend, we have Donation Slips available at all three of the church entrances for those of you who are already giving online. Feel free to pick up one of these slips as you come into Mass to place in collection basket at the offertory.



Loyola Concert Choir members Carter Fogal, Megan Hillesheim, Landon Javens and Elizabeth Peller have been chosen to join a choir of 1000 HS students in the Luther College Dorian Choral Festival in Decorah Iowa, January 14-16. Megan will have the additional honor of performing in the Festival Chamber Choir, a select choir of the region's top vocalists.

Did you know? Loyola president Casey Breen hosts "Pizza with the President" meetings with individual classes to ensure that every K-12 student has the opportunity to participate and share ideas and concerns. Mr. Breen also meets with parents in grade level groups.

Did you know? Each year Loyola High School students are invited to join the School Sisters at Mass and then stay for dinner in the Sisters' dining room. Students attend in small groups so they can personally interact with the Sisters.

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.

Our first semester closed on January 13. Monday, January 16, is a Professional Day for Loyola staff.

K-12 students began winter NWEA testing on January 10. Our 2-hour late start that day was dedicated to outlining plans for ongoing professional development and a review of emergency preparedness procedures.

Save the Dates

***This week: 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.

Your parish support makes all we do, learn, and celebrate at Loyola possible, as *we guide students to their full potential, walk with them in faith and equip them to lead and serve.*

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.

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 and click on the 9 Days for Life calendar event.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated the week of January 29 through February 4. In conjunction with that significant event, Bishop John M. LeVoir has announced that a second collection will be taken up at all Masses in the diocese the weekend of January 28 and 29 to benefit Catholic Schools in the Diocese of New Ulm.

In those Area Faith Communities that have Catholic schools, 75 percent of the proceeds will go directly to that Catholic school. The other 25 percent will be deposited equally in two endowment funds already set up to benefit those Catholic schools. Where there are no schools, 100 percent of the funds will go into the endowment funds. The two funds are the Bishop John M. LeVoir Catholic School Endowment Fund (proceeds benefit all Catholic schools in the diocese based on enrollment) and the Bishop John C. Nienstedt Catholic School Scholarship Fund (proceeds benefit students who cannot afford tuition or have unsubsidized transportation needs).

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.

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Wine & Food Pairing Dinner

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017
LOOSE MOOSE CONFERENCE CENTER
119 S FRONT STREET, MANKATO, MN 56001

HOR D'OEUVRES AT 5:30 PM
DINNER TO FOLLOW

*four-course dinner featuring a choice of steak & shrimp
or chicken kiev paired with specially selected wines*

FOOD BY LOOSE MOOSE | WINE BY HIGH SPIRITS LIQUOR (TIM JOHNSON)

**\$45.00 PER PERSON EARLY BIRD RESERVATIONS
ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31ST**
\$50.00 PER PERSON AFTER JANUARY 31ST (OR \$95.00 PER COUPLE)

Dinner seating is limited. Pre-sold reservations only.

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