



# Holy Rosary Catholic Church

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

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# January 22nd, 2017

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rev. Paul van de Crommert  
Pastor

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# the Quill and the Cloth

**Jesus said to them: "Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once, they left their nets and followed Him.**  
- St. Matthew

The late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen once wrote that, since priests cannot have children in the "physical order", they instead must have "spiritual children". Specifically, the late, great Archbishop intimated that priests should foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Those who, in-turn, give their lives in service, through the encouragement of an individual priest, can be considered, spiritually, one of his children.



Based on what this blessed bishop stated, I can say that I have 3 spiritual children under my roof. I have two boys and one girl. The two boys were my former altar boys who eventually went onto the seminary, and today are serving as priests in the Diocese of New Ulm. One young girl that I had met, when I was in major theology, has gone on to join a religious community.

**Encouraging young people to be a priest or religious has become ever-more challenging in these past years.** One might say, that as the years have passed, I have experienced a kind of spiritual sterility, akin to the famous biblical and physical sterility of Abraham, Sarah, Anne and Joachim. There are several factors that have caused this sterility of vocations in the Church that has been beyond much of our control. Equally, there is much need for prayer so that, like those great biblical figures, this sterility might miraculously be over-come.

**First and foremost, twenty-five years ago "abuse" was still not part of the Church's vocabulary.** Although vocations were already on the decline, the scandal of abuse has only deepened the divide for a priest to talk to a young man about pursuing the priesthood. Equally, until I arrived at Holy Rosary, every parish I have served in, I worked with religious sisters. Their presence was not only the back-bone of the parish, but they were also a powerful witness to our young people of what religious life was about. Their disappearance from parish life has also diminished the presence of a "lived reality" of a holy vocation.

**Secondly, technology has turned the hearts of our youth away "from the Savior" and more "to the Screen".** In my first years of ordination, I had no cell phone, no computer, no internet and not even a fax machine. Back in 1990, when I was teaching a combined Confirmation class (from two parishes), with nearly 50 students present, my greatest concern was keeping discipline. Once in a great while there was an unruly student, but those were

the days that students really talked, discussed or made comments. Today, technology has so "tamed" our youth that you long for one of them to have some animation. Passivity and indifference towards the faith, the Church, the Mass, has become a major spiritual obstacle.

**Thirdly, the further erosion of a vocational environment has occurred with the further decline of family life and the practice of the faith.** When I arrived in my first pastorate back in 1990, only one family of the entire Catholic grade school of more than 110 students were children of a divorced couple. Even when my parents attended Mass, they were astounded by the large number of children and teenagers at Mass. In those days, nearly 100% of my students were attending Mass (*as it was a requirement*) before they were confirmed. (*That is not to say they all were attending a week after their Confirmation.*) Today, this is hardly the case.

The year is 2017. Bishop John Levoir is hosting another meeting with the priests of the Diocese of New Ulm this week, on January 25th, in Olivia. This meeting will be addressing the "Fourth Plan for Parishes". Every time I attend one of these meetings, even I am surprised at how few, how old, and certainly how tired, many of our priests look. Many of them have unbearable assignments, trying to do the work of two or more priests, covering multiple congregations. These meetings are often about down-sizing parishes as the number of priests and practicing Catholics continue to be diminished.

***The Good News is that we have SOMETHING when it comes to priests, parishes and the practice of the faith. In today's Gospel from St. Matthew, the Lord has NO clergy, NO church, and NO community of believers. So, when Our Lord is walking along the shores of the Sea of Galilee, I believe that this is less of a call of the Apostles and more of an "ACTUAL CHRIST-LIKE" miracle. For these common, ordinary work-men are willing to take on the unknown, to do the unbelievable with nothing but the Lord! We need to be reminded once again that, despite all of the problems, all of the losses we are presently experiencing in the Church, all we have and all that we need is the LORD! The Lord will lead us and guide along the calm shores of a turbulent sea!***

This week we trained 13 new servers for assisting at Mass. Pope Pius said decades ago that serving at the altar was the cradle of the priesthood. (*Today, with our young girls serving, we can also say that it may be the cradle of religious life.*) As I was training these young people, they are a small reflection of those first apostles with their "can-do" spirit. These young people, in a smaller way, are going largely into a service for Christ into the unknown, but doing so with an innocent and straightforward faith. It will be 30 years this spring that Holy Rosary has ordained a young man to the priesthood. May one of our altar servers hear the voice of God calling him/her with the words: ***"Come after Me and I will make you fishers of men."*** Pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

  
Rev. Paul van de Crommert, Pastor

## Stewardship of Gratitude

Adult	\$5,424.21
WeShare Electronic Giving	\$1,563.36
Junior	\$91.27
Plate	\$348.25
Fuel Collection	\$250.00
Wine & Food Pairing	\$600.00
Memorial Monies	\$20.00
Faith Formation Tuition	\$165.00
Faith Formation Donation	\$49.00
CCW Church Cleaning Donation	\$312.00
JD Truffles Rebate	\$183.00
Rental Income	\$68.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$9,074.09</b>

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

## Stewardship of Gratitude

This week our stewardship was weaker, even though our attendance for the 5:00 pm Mass and 10:00 am Mass were quite strong. Even though we did not make budget, my staff reported to me that, in the first half of this Fiscal Year of 2016-2017, the revenue exceeded our budget, 22 out of the 26 weeks. That is, of course, excellent.

This week we decided to cover the remaining insurance bill through Catholic Mutual, our insurance provider. This pretty much wiped out everything we took in this past week as that bill alone came to \$8,381.00. However, the Good News is that this is another bill that we will not have to worry about until our next fiscal year, beginning in July of 2017.

You might also be interested to know that as we concluded the first half of the Fiscal Year at the close of December, our plate collection alone increased by more than \$1,300.00. Again this week you might notice the strong contribution from our young people, with more than \$90.00 contributed. In the first half of this fiscal year we have received \$420.59 more from our youth than a year ago. Either our youth are contributing more or there are more youth at our Masses. Since I attend all three as pastor, I think the second answer is more accurate.

As always, we are doing well! Thank you for your gifts!

## Happy Birthday!

Our prayers and best wishes go out to Chuck Frost who will be celebrating his 94th birthday on January 23rd! This is a great physical and spiritual accomplishment! Greetings may be sent to 1502 Graystone Lane, North Mankato, MN. 56003.



## 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!



**Holy Rosary donated 110 lbs of food & hygiene products to the ECHO food shelf this week. Thank You!**

## Catholic Schools Week

Recently, the University of Notre Dame formed a task force on Catholic education to seek out ways to support Catholic primary and secondary schools in the United States. The printed results of this task force's study concluded with the following statement. "To those who wonder how we can afford to make the investment necessary to sustain, strengthen and expand Catholic schools, we respond by turning the question on its head. How can we afford not to make this investment? Our future depends on it more than we may suspect."

Recognizing the value and importance of our diocesan Catholic schools, Bishop John M. LeVoiur has implemented a second collection the weekend of January 28th and 29th for the purpose of sustaining and strengthening the Catholic schools of the diocese. Please be generous in supporting this collection.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*"I remember somebody telling me they had been to Africa, and they were asking the local tribe about their spirituality. The tribesman couldn't make sense of the word. And so the visitor kept trying to explain what they meant by spirituality, and finally the man said, "Oh, we call that life."*

- Rev. Pamela Shepherd (from her book, *Grace Without God*)

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, Jan. 22: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00 pm – First Reconciliation

### Monday, Jan. 23: Day of Prayer for the Legal

#### Protection of Unborn Children (Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin)

8:05 am – Rosary

8:30 am – Mass - Joseph & Martha Phillips

4:00 pm – Social Concerns Committee Mtg. (Conf. Rm. 1)

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm – Loyola Open House (Upper Campus)

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

### Tuesday, Jan. 24: Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am – Mass at Ss. Peter & Paul

8:15 am – Mass at St. John the Baptist

12:05 pm – Mass at St. Joseph the Worker

### Wednesday, Jan. 25: The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

9:15 am – Mass at Oak Terrace (Fr. Paul) - Clarence Beckert

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. 26: Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

8:05 am – Rosary

8:30 am – Mass - Molly Galli†

7:00 pm – K of C Time of Prayer (Church)

7:30 pm – K of C General Meeting (Lower Hall)

### Friday, Jan. 27: Weekday (Saint Angela Merici, Virgin)

9:15 am – Parishioners' Breakfast at the Perkins Restaurant (1123 Range St) - \*All are invited

10:15 am – Mass at Monarch Meadows (Fr. Paul)  
- Mildred (Millie) Anderson†

### Saturday, Jan. 28: Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

4:30 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm – Rosary

5:00 pm – Catholic Schools Mass - People of the Parish

6:15 pm – Baptisms

### Sunday, Jan. 29: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **Catholic Schools Week Begins**

7:30 am – Rosary

8:00 am – Catholic Schools Mass - Betty Brown†

9:30 am – Rosary

10:00 am – Catholic Schools Mass - Karen Gagnier Randall†  
(Nursery, Pre-K, and CLW during the 10:00 am Mass)

11:00 am – Coffee & Rolls after Mass (Lower Hall)

1:00 pm – RCIA Class (Conf. Rm. 2)

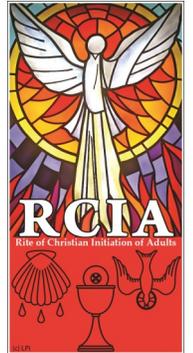
## Reception into the Church 2017

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 FIVE-AND-HALF-WEEKS, with the celebration of Ash Wednesday on March 1st, and Easter just 12 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!



## Wine and Food Pairing - Coming Soon

We are just two weeks out from our Food and Wine Pairing event that will be held at the Loose Moose Conference Center in downtown Mankato on Friday, February 10th, beginning at 5:30 pm.

Presently, we have 2/3rds the attendance signed up as we did in 2015! That is great! It is not too late to sign up! You don't have to be a great lover of wine to attend a wonderful evening of great food and fellowship. Tickets will be sold after Mass as well as stopping at the Parish Office! Tickets are also available online at [holyroarynorthmankato.weshareonline.org](http://holyroarynorthmankato.weshareonline.org). If you have never gone, you don't know the fun you are missing! Come one! Come all!



## 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

The Red Cross Blood Drive at Holy Rosary Church on Jan. 5th produced 66 units of blood. Thanks to all the donors and volunteer workers from CCW and the K C's.

## 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

Rick Linnes, Luvern Giefer, Ivan Baumgartner, Gerald Erkel, Mary Publitz, Barbara Hull, Velma Bunde, Rick Giroux, Lynne Olson, Arlo Sandvig, Louise Grilley, Daniel Crowley, 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

<b>Monday</b>	Susan Roemer
<b>Tuesday</b>	Connie Wood
<b>Wednesday</b>	Bryan & Lisa King
<b>Thursday</b>	David & Mary Beth Trembley
<b>Friday</b>	Darren & Jennifer Pierskalla
<b>Saturday</b>	Robert Koberoski
<b>Sunday</b>	Ryan & Katie Howe



#### 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:

*Sam Kirwan*

### This Week's Readings

<b>Mon:</b>	Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30
<b>Tues:</b>	Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
<b>Wed:</b>	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
<b>Thurs:</b>	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/Mk 4:21-25
<b>Fri:</b>	Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
<b>Sat:</b>	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41
<b>Sun:</b>	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

## Jan. 28th - Jan. 29th, 2017

# WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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#### Lectors:

<b>5:00 pm</b>	Mary Clare Wyrowski
<b>8:00 am</b>	Tim McGowan <b>10:00 am</b> Michelle Fischer

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

<b>5:00 pm</b>	Jim Theuninck, Bev Linnes, Karen Etzell, Tom Wyrowski, Brenda Voacek, Deacon Russ Blaschko
<b>8:00 am</b>	Danielle & Peter Backes, Arlyce Anderson, Terri Compton, Cathy Neve, Craig Amundson
<b>10:00 am</b>	Loyola Families

#### Altar Servers:

<b>5:00 pm</b>	Jonathan Hull, Connor McGraw, James Younge
<b>8:00 am</b>	Ben & Lauren Cahalan, Duram Kelly (C/B/B)
<b>10:00 am</b>	Grace Ellingworth, Carson Fischer, Jacob Reynolds

#### Presentation of Gifts:

<b>5:00 pm</b>	Patrick Hull Family
<b>8:00 am</b>	Mike Brumm Family
<b>10:00 am</b>	Loyola Family/Students

#### Ushers:

<b>5:00 pm</b>	Tom Koch, Steve Enderle, Karen Winters, Tom Rheume
<b>8:00 am</b>	Christopher Backes, Carl Steffensmeier, Doug Helget, Bill Fasnacht ( <i>Head Usher</i> )
<b>10:00 am</b>	Loyola Families/Students

#### Rosary Leaders:

<b>5:00 pm</b>	Paul Stevens
<b>8:00 am</b>	Margaret Ayers
<b>10:00 am</b>	Curt & Donna Stanke

#### Music Ministry:

<b>5:00 pm</b>	Julie Gruber/Jeanne Makela
<b>8:00 am</b>	Corinne Ort/Jeanne Makela
<b>10:00 am</b>	Lori Christiansen/Vicki Galli

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

**Bulletin Folders - Jan. 2017:** Anne Frederick, Betty Rykhus, Dolores Portz, Lenora Hickey



Two Loyola robotics teams competed with 27 others teams in Windom last Saturday. Team 67593A: Isaiah Lacina, Jack Leiferman, Darius Truesdale, Alex Backman and John Torgerson; and Team 67593B: Rielle Gosch, David Ohene-Frimpo, Tyler Cromwell, and Nick Goebel. Both teams qualified for tournament play, and Team 67593B qualified for the State tournament. Congratulations!

Loyola staff members look forward to a day of retreat presented by Father Tim Biren on January 27.

On Tuesday evening Loyola leadership were guests at the Serra Club meeting. Mr. Breen shared information about the school's programs and future.

On Wednesday evening, Loyola hosted a "State of the School" meeting, sharing our current news and our plans for the 2017-18 school year.

Staff from the Science Museum of MN visited Loyola on Thursday, with presentations on *Engineering* for K-2 and on *Gases, Solids and Liquids* for grades 3-5.

Join us for **Open House January 23, 5:30-7:30pm**, Upper Campus, 145 Good Counsel Drive. Current and new families are invited to learn more about Loyola's philosophy, academics, culture, curriculum and activities. Tours, presentations titled "A Day in the Life of a Kindergartener" (and other grades), and a light supper are included.

**National Catholic Schools Week** will be celebrated January 29-February 4. Loyola's plans for the week focus on the words of St. Ignatius of Loyola: "**All for the greater glory of God**" and on expressing our **gratitude** for our Catholic education each day. We will give thanks for our families, parishes, community, nation, call to serve, and staff and students. Our parent parish ambassadors will begin the celebration at the weekend Masses.

**Plan to join us for our Catholic Schools Week Mass, celebrated with Bishop LeVoir of the New Ulm diocese, at St. John the Baptist parish church on Monday, January 30 at 1pm. All are welcome!**

**Save the Dates:**

**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.

### Birthright Raffle

Birthright Raffle tickets are once again available at the Holy Rosary parish office. The Raffle will take place at the Knights of Columbus' General Meeting in March. For more information, please contact David Mutch at 387-5406.

## 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.):**

**NEARLY COMPLETED**

**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

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

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This week we completed our insurance coverage for our parish buildings. As we budget our parish offerings, next week we will be making out a sizable check to Loyola as we catch up with our offerings there as well. How much we give is of course dependent on how much we take in through the Sunday offerings. This week I also "titled" the D.M.A. as "Nearly Completed", as this campaign has been running for several months. I suspect that those who have wanted to contribute to this cause would have done so by now. Thank you to all of you that supported the D.M.A., largely for the benefit of the Diocese. Recall that 20% of this money will come back to the parish to Holy Rosary. We have designated that 20% as part of our Loyola stewardship goal. Thank you for your gifts!

## Welcome to Holy Rosary!

We welcome to Holy Rosary parish Trent Vorlicek and his daughter Ayla "Grace". Trent is a professor at MSU and his daughter is in the 1st grade here in Mankato. We are so happy that you are with us to be part of our growing parish family!



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 **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!



## Volunteer at Birthright

Birthright will have a training session for new volunteers on Saturday, January 28th. Put your pro-life beliefs into action by helping us to help girls with unplanned pregnancies to choose life rather than abortion. You may choose your two hour shift time and day. For more information, call Lois at 388-4558. Men and women volunteers are both welcome!

## 5th Annual Pedal Past Poverty Join Holy Rosary's Team!

Partners for Affordable Housing will be having their fifth annual "Pedal Past Poverty", a family-friendly, stationary bike race, on Saturday, February 25th, from 9am to 2pm at the YMCA. Holy Rosary would like to have a team of 10 bikers again this year. Each biker pedals for 20 minutes and is asked to raise \$100.00 so the team of 10 can raise a total of \$1,000.00. If you would be willing to be on Holy Rosary's team this year, please call Arlyce Anderson at 317-0617. All funds raised support Mankato's two homeless shelters, the Theresa House and the Welcome Inn.



## 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](http://holyroarynorthmankato.weshareonline.org).

**We now 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.

# Religious Education Program

### Classroom Visits

Father Paul visited with the Confirmation Class in Church this past Wednesday. Father spoke about the importance of the Mass. Father also talked about Confirmation and the importance of becoming an adult in the Catholic Church.

### New Servers!

This past week, Father Paul trained in 13 new servers! We are very thankful to these young people for stepping forward to be willing servants of the Church. A thank you to Father Paul for his time in working with the new servers, Timothy Cain for assisting at the training, and Lorraine Klaseus for making calls and scheduling the training.

### 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!

### Second Graders Prepare for First Reconciliation

Our second graders will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation today, Sunday, January 22nd, at 3:00 pm. We ask that you keep our young students in your prayers as they 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** (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. 22:** Class Mass for 7th & 8th Grades at 10:00 am; First Reconciliation at 3:00 pm in Church

**Jan. 25:** Class for Elementary - 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

**Jan. 29:** Catholic Schools Week Mass at 10:00 am

**Feb. 1:** Youth Group meets 6:00 pm - 6:50 pm; Class for Jr/ Sr High Students 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm



Holy Rosary Catholic Church Council of Catholic Women  
invite you to our Women's Expo.

Monday, February 6th from 6pm-9pm  
Holy Rosary Church Basement  
Our speakers will be starting at 6:30pm

Lisa Brown– Women's Health

Carrie Schill– Heart Health

Leah Meyers– Be More

Before and after the speakers there will be time to do some  
shopping with our many vendors.

Lu La Roe \* Trades of Hope \* Paparazzi Accessories \* Agnes  
& Dora Clothing \* Scentsy \* Stella & Dot and many more.

Questions: Please Contact Lisa Phillips at 507.995.9793/  
[blueskyefarms@outlook.com](mailto:blueskyefarms@outlook.com)



*Holy Rosary Parish  
Council of Catholic Women*

January 2017

Happy New Year from CCW! Just a few things happening with CCW that I wanted to let you know about:

- January 31st - our regular Business Meeting. We meet at 6pm in the Parish Center, Conference Room 1. Please come and bring your ideas. This is your council and your voice needs to be heard.
- February 6th - we are having a Women's Expo. Information is on the other side of this letter.
- February 11th - we are hosting the NUDCCW board meeting here at 9am. If you would like to help with this event, please let me know.
- February 28th - Business Meeting

If you would like to receive emails from the CCW, please send us email at: [holyrosaryccw@gmail.com](mailto:holyrosaryccw@gmail.com). We will not sell or share your email addresses. We have been thinking about sending an email newsletter once a month.

We are in search of some board members. We are in great need of a Vice President.

If you would like to speak to me regarding any CCW questions or concerns, please give me a call at 507-278-4004.

Blessings,

Lisa Phillips

Holy Rosary CCW President