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HOLYROSARYNORTHMANKATO

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The Transfiguration of the Lord



Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor

the Quill and the Cloth

“...And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with Him. The Peter said to Jesus in reply, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

- St. Matthew

Although I cannot confirm this to be true, I think it may have been the Dutch that coined the phrase “cleanliness is next to godliness”. For, if there is anything that makes a person of Dutch descent feel like they are experiencing “heaven on earth”, it is when the windows and sidewalks are clean. Being of Dutch descent, I experienced a little bit of “heaven” this past Tuesday on my day off. One of the things on my “future” bucket list for summer was to wash all of the rectory windows. I had done part of them over the years, but not all of them. There are 44 windows in the rectory. Over the past 2 weeks, in my spare time, I washed all of them inside and out. This is no small undertaking. What sweetened the pot even more, is when our parish administrator, Jim, brought over a borrowed power sprayer and cleaned some of the rectory sidewalks, turning them from gray back to white. On Tuesday evening, I went outside at least two or three times to admire how clean the sidewalks were. (*I know, I don't have an exciting life.*) With regards to my windows, I was removing “past” dirt. I was washing these windows in the “present” moment. (*I finished the last one on Tuesday at 6:00 pm.*) I was looking forward to the “future” with these clean windows for weeks to come.



Is there such a thing as “Heaven on Earth”? (*If you have a clean house, I would say “Yes”!*) For most of us, when we think of heaven, we see this utopic, eternal existence, in terms of “tense”, largely as something in the “future”. Yet, Jesus, who speaks in the gospels about the Kingdom of Heaven more than anything else, while speaking of His “future” Kingdom, He also speaks about the Kingdom being right here and right now in the “present” moment. Recall from St. Luke’s gospel (**Luke: 17:21**), **“...neither will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There it is!’ For indeed, the Kingdom of God is in your midst.”** Similarly, God was revealing Himself 2,000 years before the arrival of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, in the “past”, when the Israelite people were led to the Promised Land by Moses and the

prophets such as Elijah interpreted spiritually God’s presence or absence due to the Israelites holy or sinful ways.

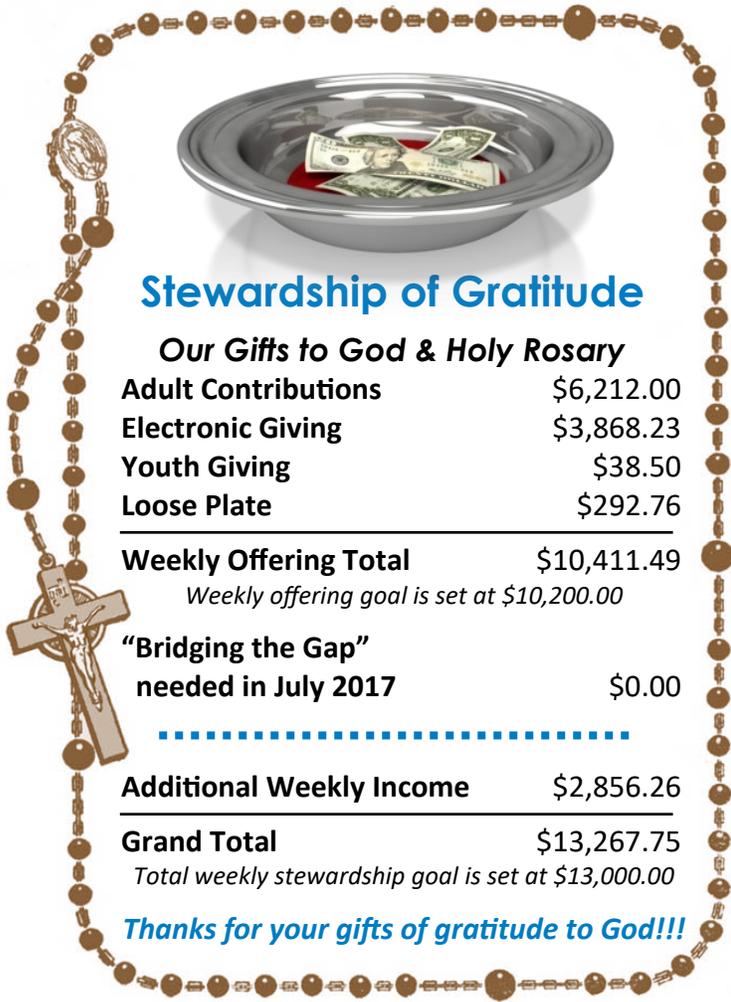
So, I would like to argue (as some theologians and scripture scholars do) that the Kingdom of Heaven, or simply “Heaven”, is not some spiritual experience in the “future”. **Rather, we could spiritually argue that, in the eternity of heaven, the “past”, the “present” and the “future” all come together at the same moment.** When the “past”, “present”, “future” come together all at the same time, this might be a good understanding of what eternity may like. For, unlike some scholars who claim that there is “no time” in heaven, I would suggest that heaven and eternity experience the “fullness of time”, where all three tenses merge into one.

Today’s Gospel is so “mysterious” and equally so “marvelous”. For, very simply put, Peter, James and John experience a “heaven on earth” experience. I am not writing this simply because these men experience this spectacular physical transformation of Christ where his clothes become dazzling white, his face shone like the sun along with the supernatural appearance of the great biblical figures of Moses and Elijah. ***I am writing that all present there experience the spiritual and theological time of eternity where the “past”, the “present” and the “future” all blend together into one. For two great biblical figures from the “past” appear, namely Moses and Elijah. Peter, James and John that accompany Jesus up the mountain are in the “present” moment of earthly and Israelite history, and they receive this glimpse of “future” glory of the resurrection.***

While there is no doubt that St. Matthew is trying to reveal, through the Transfiguration, the Good News that Jesus is the Christ and that Jesus was trying to transform the apostles as men of hope as Jesus is about to be led to Calvary and the cross; I believe that the evangelist has something else to say in terms of Good News that is profound in his mind and heart. For St. Matthew is giving us a small taste of eschatological theology (on final things). ***For, when it comes to heaven, I believe that all of the tenses come together. Heaven is where the past, the present and future all merge into one and it all makes perfect sense.***

The closest experience that comes in a distant second to the experience of the Transfiguration, is what we call “déjà vu”. In French, it literally means “already seen”. In short, it is a moment where the “past” and the “present” come together. Two-thirds of the population claim that they have experienced this phenomenon with their minds. It is that strong sense that a “present” event has been already experienced in some way in the past. In my own life, I have experienced déjà vu many times, perhaps as often as 50 times. It just happened to me last week, in the kitchen, as I was leaning against the counter on the left side of the sink. The “past” and “present” came together in an instant and I always try to look for the “future”, but all I can get

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Stewardship of Gratitude

Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary

Adult Contributions	\$6,212.00
Electronic Giving	\$3,868.23
Youth Giving	\$38.50
Loose Plate	\$292.76

Weekly Offering Total \$10,411.49

Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,200.00

"Bridging the Gap" needed in July 2017 \$0.00

Additional Weekly Income \$2,856.26

Grand Total \$13,267.75

Total weekly stewardship goal is set at \$13,000.00

Thanks for your gifts of gratitude to God!!!

"the quill and the cloth" continued...

is a general positive or negative read. Nearly always it has been positive. It is a weird, but a wonderful feeling. *(And no, I had not been drinking! Ha!)*

Every time we come to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, it too is really "HEAVEN on EARTH", for we experience the "past", "present" and "future" in a single instance. For we recall the "past" through the scriptures the message, the miracles and the Messiah of the Old and New Testament. We are "present" at the Mass through our praise and worship. We catch a glimpse of Christ in His "future" glory at the consecration and Holy Communion through His Eucharistic presence under the form of bread and wine. May Christ wipe away our "past" sins so that we who are living in the "present" might have a "future" with the Savior in everlasting life. Happy Summer!



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Stewardship Of Gratitude

Even though we are in the heart of summer and it is the season of travel through vacations, lake homes, activities and family gatherings, we are having a good summer of stewardship. Last weekend's attendance was noticeably up at all three of the Masses. In fact, by the end of the third Mass, I had a couple of parishioners mention that there were no more bulletins. Thinking there were more in the "Usher's Room, I checked, but they were, in fact, "ALL" gone. (*Just like last weekend's homily, "ALL" is a Good News word.) Even the outside box by the office was pretty well cleared out. What a nice problem! We increased the number this week by 25! I am also pleased to report that since our implementation of our "Bridging the Gap" stewardship program, we have started the year with no need for this "second collection". Placing the second collection with the "first collection" seems to have gone very well too! We took in a total of \$764.76 for our victims of storm. You are great stewards. Thank you for your gifts!

Save the Date

More and more you might be hearing or receiving a postcard that begins with the words: "SAVE THE DATE". As in the culture, so too we should start saying this in the Church. For certainly we should be saving the date each weekend to be celebrating the resurrection of the Lord, giving our life both meaning and purpose. However, let us not forget the Mother of God, who greatly assisted in God's plan for salvation and whom God rewarded by taking her both body and soul into heaven. **With that said, please note that the Church will be celebrating, beginning on Monday, August 14th with an anticipatory Mass at 5:15 pm and again on Tuesday, August 15th at 8:30 am and 5:15 pm, the GREAT SOLEMNITY AND THE HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY.** Save the date if you love our Lord and His Blessed Mother of the Assumption and the Most Holy Rosary!



Going! Going! Gone!

If you tend not to park on the east side or on Grant Avenue, you might have missed that the former Hunt house as well as the foundation are completely gone from the site. It has been fascinating to watch *(almost like a grown kid playing in a sand-box)* to see them masterfully remove the foundation, shut off the lines in the street, and fill in the hole with soil. The company that performed the work and the men who were on the site really earn their salaries. It was beautifully done and with very little intrusion on the existing properties. Personally, it is nice to have a little more open land and sky. We are not quite ready to have people park there, but soon. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work on developing more off street parking for our growing parish family of Holy Rosary.



The Week Ahead

Monday, August 7: Weekday (Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest)

8:05 am – Rosary
8:30 am – Mass - Cheryl (Drummer) Hammock†

Tuesday, August 8: Saint Dominic, Priest

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, August 9: Weekday (Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr)

9:15 am – Mass at Oak Terrace (Fr. Paul)
- Louis & Barbara Wieseler†
1:00 pm – Youth Group Pizza & Bowling at WOW!Zone

Thursday, August 10: Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

8:05 am – Rosary
8:30 am – Mass - Marge Grausam

Friday, August 11: Saint Clare, Virgin

8:05 am – Rosary
8:30 am – Mass - Doris & Romie Lorentz†
9:15 am – Parishioners' Breakfast at the Perkins
Restaurant (1123 Range St) - *All are invited

Saturday, August 12: Weekday (Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious)

4:30 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm – Rosary
5:00 pm – Mass - Mel Ulrich†

Sunday, August 13: The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am – Rosary
8:00 am – Mass - People of the Parish
9:30 am – Rosary
10:00 am – Mass - Roland & Bernadine Faltersack†
11:15 am – Baptism

Baptism

Our prayers & best wishes go out to Nathan & Christine Armstrong on the occasion of the Baptism of their son, Brayden Jeffrey, who was baptized following last weekend's Saturday's Mass. May Brayden's Baptism be the beginning of a life-long relationship with Christ & His bride, the Church! God bless you on this most joyful occasion!



K. of C. Council #5551 News

Aug. 10 - Planning Meeting Aug. 26-27 - State KC
Aug. 24 - General Meeting Softball Tournament (Mankato)

August 12th - 13th, 2017

WEEKEND

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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Lectors:

5:00 pm Mary Clare Wyrowski
8:00 am Mike Brumm
10:00 am JoAnn Borchert

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm Jim Theuninck, Eileen Wadekamper,
Brenda Voracek, Mary Beth Nygaard,
Jane Younge, Tom Wyrowski
8:00 am Michelle Ellingworth, Cathy Neve,
Craig Amundson, Maxine Davis,
Julie Schoettler, Terri Compton
10:00 am Curt & Donna Stanke, Rick Gruber,
JoAnn Borchert, Kristin Cain, Ryan Howe

Altar Servers:

5:00 pm James Younge, Emma Niederegger,
Anne Wingert (C/B/B)
8:00 am Grace & Ben Ellingworth, Quinn Kelly (C/B/B)
10:00 am Timothy Cain, Matthew Helget,
Jazzlynn Flynn (C/B/B)

Presentation of Gifts:

5:00 pm Richard Boruff Family
8:00 am John & Nancy Holden
10:00 am Bob & Bev Nickels

Ushers:

5:00 pm Steve Enderle, Karen Winters,
Tom Koch, Mark Weingartz (Head Usher)
8:00 am Frank & Tony Weber,
Sharon Lenz, Bill Fasnacht (Head Usher)
10:00 am Brandon Bernard, Jim Barker,
Steve Kaiser, Doug Helget (Head Usher)

Rosary Leaders:

5:00 pm Paul Stevens
8:00 am Margaret Ayers
10:00 am Curt & Donna Stanke

Music Ministry:

5:00 pm Joe Kunkel/Jeanne Makela
8:00 am Myra Schroeffer/Jeanne Makela
10:00 am Tom Bachmann/Janelle Campeau

Money Counters - August 2017: John Wolf,
Arlyce Anderson, Helen Anderson, Donna Wolf

Bulletin Folders - August 2017: Mary Bills,
Barb Wegscheid, Marge Grausam, Maxine Davis,
Rita Townsend

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!

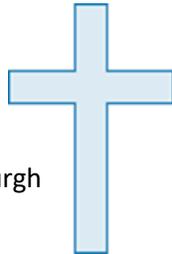
For Those Who Are Ill & Special Needs

Rosela Jewison, Evelyn Anderson, Cletus Goettl, Rita Jones, Judy LaPoint, Jim Haack, Laverne Reichel, Lilliana Gartner, Mary Urquhart, Daniel Crowley, Jo Lindberg, 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	Joseph & Marilyn Dwyer
Tuesday	Shirley O’Conner
Wednesday	Myra Schroeffer
Thursday	James Pohlman
Friday	Douglas & Mara Jo Frandenburgh
Saturday	Kristin Moore
Sunday	Scott Nelson



For Those in the Military

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



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:
Martha & Leonard Dutkiewicz

This Week’s Readings

Mon: Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
 Tues: Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
 Wed: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28
 Thurs: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
 Fri: Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28
 Sat: Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20
 Sun: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

November Fest News – Sunday, November 12, 2017!

We are exactly **14 weeks away** before the big parish celebration of our 3rd Annual November Fest. There is a tremendous amount of work that needs to be accomplished in the next 3 and a half months! Again this year we have secured the same band that you have grown to love from Willmar, who will again perform their great gospel, blue grass music.



Collecting Quality Items: We are already collecting some wonderful items in our store room for Grandma’s Attic, the Silent Auction, Christmas Shoppe, etc. We welcome the items at any time between now and the festival. It would be really appreciated if we could have you drop off these items sooner than later. It is difficult to price the item and then place them for sale if they are dropped off on the day of the festival or a day or two before. Now, as you are house cleaning and downsizing, we would welcome those items NOW! Thank you! (Please remember we are unable to accept any items with a power cord and we are not taking clothing for this event.)

Raffle Prizes: Last weekend I introduced, as pastor, the need for items for our raffle ticket. Last year we had 100 prizes that were both cash and quality items. We are hoping to equal that amount and perhaps increase our cash prizes in their monetary value. We ask that you might return the envelope in last week’s bulletin with the cash or your quality item by stopping at the office during office hours. You are also welcome to turn in the envelope or a check (please designate in the memo Fall Festival, so the monies goes to the right account) through our weekend collections. We are hoping in the coming weeks to have our ticket to the printer so that we will have the tickets to sell 2-3 weeks before the big day. Deadline for prize donations: **Sept. 20th at 12:00 pm.**

Canning Party: The 2nd Annual “Canning Party” that brought in great revenue will be held on Saturday, August 19th at 9:00 am (just TWO weeks away) in the Holy Rosary Church basement kitchen. If you have any mason jars you are willing to donate, please drop them off at the parish office during normal business hours too!

If you have any questions or suggestions to better improve our annual festival, or if you are interested in joining our Festival Committee, please contact Rachel Helget at 507-381-7077 or helget18@gmail.com. Last year’s revenue increased noticeably from our first year and we hope it will be even greater this year with your help and your creative ideas! Our next November Fest planning meeting is slated for Monday, August 21st in the Holy Rosary Church basement. We hope to see you there!



LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Enrollment information: Visit the LCS website and schedule **family tours** at your convenience throughout the summer. **Questions? Call 507-388-0600.**

Save the Dates

- **Family Fun Night** for students in Loyola PS, PK and Kindergarten, Tuesday, July 25, 6:30-7:30
- **LoyolaPalooza** Saturday, July 29 - Good Counsel Hill, Football Field. Enjoy music from Neon Live, 5:30 -7:30pm and Time Machine, 8-11pm. Tickets now on sale! www.loyolapalooza.com or at either Mankato HyVee or Cub locations. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the gate. Visit loyolapalooza.com or the LoyolaPalooza Facebook page for more information
- **First day of school**, August 23

Did you know? NCEA reports that there are 6,525 Catholic schools in the United States: 5,325 are elementary/middle schools and 1,200 are secondary schools. How blessed we are to have PS-12 Catholic education in Mankato!

Did you know? The Loyola logo says a lot about us! The *cross* reminds us that God is the center of all we do; the *gold* symbolizes the joy of living Gospel values; the *four squares* are for our four local parishes and the four pillars of Catholic education: Faith, Academic Excellence, Leadership and Service; the *circle* reminds us that in the spirit of our founders, the School Sisters of Notre Dame and the Jesuit community, our mission is global, excluding no one, and inviting all to use their gifts to transform the world.

Want to support a Loyola family? Using Loyola’s SCRIP program, which returns 100% of vendor rewards to the designated family, will help. Get started at SCRIP@loyolacatholicsschool.org

Walker Needed

Does anyone have a used walker in good condition that is taking up space and is no longer needed? We would like to have one available for parish use as we also have a wheelchair available for those that are in need. Please call the parish office if you can help. We are only in need of “one” walker. Thank you.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“..(it is) important that children are well prepared for First Communion because...after Baptism and Confirmation, it is the first step toward belonging strongly, really strongly, to Jesus Christ...”

- Pope Francis

Stewardship Corner

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

Pd. to Date: \$6,648.35
Goal: \$79,721.00

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

Loyola Catholic School Assessment:

Pd. to Date: \$0.00
Goal: \$205,014.00

Total Paid to Date 2017-18: \$6,648.35
Apostolate Stewardship 2017-18: \$284,735.00

We are taking our first steps up the mountains of stewardship in these three stewardship mountain ranges, from the Diocesan work to the disciplines of Catholic education. Last week the parish paid out our first July payment to the Diocese of New Ulm of \$6,648.35. Thank you for your gifts!

2017 ECHO FOOD SHELF COLLECTION

RECEIVED: \$10,383.90

2017 MAINTENANCE & MORTAR PROJECT

RECEIVED: \$26,063.15 • GOAL: \$30,000.00

We headed a bit closer to the completion of our Maintenance & Mortar project that we have been working on these past weeks. This week we brought in almost another \$300.00, or 1% more, bringing us to a little less than \$4,000.00 or exactly \$3,936.85 away from our goal. Perhaps there is a generous benefactor or two that would be willing to help us close out this fundraiser? As always, thank you for your gifts!

Fair Trades Goods

CCW is supporting Fair Trade - Coffee, Tea and Chocolate is available for sale in the parish office!



Welcome to Holy Rosary!

Are you new to the area or would like to join Holy Rosary parish? 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!

Religious Education Program

New Theme for the New Year!

I'm excited to share with you that the **theme** of this year's Religious Education Program is **"The Mass: Its meaning & importance in our lives."** Monthly lessons at all grade levels will be focused around the theme throughout the year. Religious Education is about all of us, as members of the Church, learning together, witnessing & growing in our faith together, & especially attending the Holy Mass together.



Wednesday Night Simple Meals for ALL Parishioners

New this year is an opportunity for intergenerational faith and community building as *we will serve free will offering meals each week before classes* in the school cafeteria. *These simple meals will be offered not only to our Religious Education families but to anyone in the parish!* What a great way to build community! We will serve from 5:00 pm – 7:15 pm.



Youth Group Activity

On Wednesday, August 9th, the Youth Group will be going to the WOW!Zone for bowling and pizza at 1:00 pm! To sign up or for more information, please call Cathy at 345-6567.

Open House for ALL Grades to Begin our School Year!

We will begin our school year with an **Open House night for ALL grade levels. This will be held on September 20th from 5:00pm – 7:30 pm.** The evening will provide an opportunity for you to eat a simple supper, visit your child's classroom, introduce yourself to your child's teacher and to tour the building. We had open house last year with our elementary students and had near 100% participation! What a great tribute to our families and their dedication to Religious Education.



Registration for Fall Classes has Begun!

Online registration for Religious Education classes at Holy Rosary is open on the Holy Rosary website at www.holyrosarynorthmankato.com. Click on "We Share." If you are a member of the parish, you will also receive a paper registration information in the mail in the coming week. If you have questions, please contact Cathy at 345-6765 or nevec@hickorytech.net

Ending Most of the "Second Collections"

Beginning last weekend, a special envelope was at the end of the pews with a writing utensil to place within it cash or a check for a special appeal. You may or may not wish to use them. I will continue to remind the faithful before Mass of the additional collection that is being taken at the same time of the main collection. **We ask that you place "both" your weekend offering envelope (unless you are an e-giver) and ALSO the special second collection envelope and/or clearly marked check at the time of the main offering, with NO SECOND COLLECTION AFTER HOLY COMMUNION!** This will still give everyone who wants to give, a chance to give for these special collections, and will also reduce a few seconds and the stewardship stress at Mass! (*Reminder to e-givers: all major special collections are also available for online giving.*)

Initiating the Stewardship Program – "Bridging the Gap"!

"Bridging the Gap" stewardship program is in its simplicity designed to keep our parish on budget through the weekly offering. For example, in the Fiscal Year of 2016-2017, the parish saw a noticeable stewardship loss at Christmas time with 6 fewer Masses and unfavorable weather. (*Remember the rain on Christmas day?!*) So, with the new "Stewardship of Gratitude" report, the parish will take, at most, only 12 Second Collections all year (if needed) for the exclusive purpose of Holy Rosary's budgeted needs. THIS "BRIDGING THE GAP" SECOND COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT ALL OF THE MASSES THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, **"ONLY"** IF OUR OFFERINGS HAVE FALLEN SHORT OF THE BUDGET OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH'S NEEDED AMOUNT. IF WE HAVE EXCEEDED OUR BUDGETED NEEDS, THERE WILL BE "NO" SECOND COLLECTIONS THAT MONTH AT ALL, AFTER HOLY COMMUNION. This will ensure fiscal responsibility and also give us a little more faith time to pray and extend our gratitude to God for the gift of the Holy Eucharist! Thank you for your gifts! (***P.S. Please note that we will continue our collection for the ECHO FOOD SHELF each month, but it will now move to the 4th weekend of the month & the offering will be deposited with the main collection too.***)



Outdoor Mass is Coming!

Please make sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, Sept. 17th at 10:00 am in Wheeler Park. It would be good if you prayed for favorable weather and no wind! Thank you to all of the committee members who are working behind the scenes! This has become a great spiritual tradition at Holy Rosary!

