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HOLYROSARYNORTHMANKATO

October 1, 2017

Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor



the Quill and the Cloth

"When St. John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."
 - St. Matthew

The great writer Nathaniel Hawthorne once wrote about the season of autumn that we are presently in: ***"...I cannot endure to waste anything so precious as autumnal sunshine by staying in the house. So I have spent almost all the daylight hours in the open air."***

Like the classic writer, Nathaniel Hawthorne, I too do not want to waste these beautiful fall days that are quickly fleeting. I am writing these words on Wednesday evening at 11:30 pm, but it is not that I have been working relentlessly all day, but rather I took again, this evening, a long walk as the sun was setting. The smell of autumn is more aromatic than any cologne or perfume. The crisp evening air is more comforting to me than a thousand sticky, summer days. The colors of the season speak to me as a cacophony of a final symphony that is both joyful and sorrowful simultaneously.

The other day I was walking out in Spring Lake Park, here in beautiful North Mankato. The trees are hinting of their great color show, that is just a short time away. The bluffs will soon bellow out those beautiful colors of red and gold and rust. All too quickly this pageantry will pass like a parade on a small town main street. As I was in prayer, it dawned on me that we cannot "change" this season, even if we would want to. We cannot "change" the golden leaves back to green. We cannot "change" the leaves back to their sturdy branches. We cannot "change" the wind by shouting at it or to blow back the warmth of summer. ***The autumn is a profoundly brief season of "change" and all we can do is accept it and embrace it.***

As it is with the seasons of Mother Nature, so too with the seasons of Human Nature. We cannot order old age to make itself into middle age any more than we can take out

middle years and make them into our youth. No, our lives, like the leaves, are "changing", moving, progressing, and all that we can do, in our weak human condition, is to allow it to happen.

While we can, at best, only slow down the processes of "change" in our human nature, the Good News is that we do have the power in our "holy nature" to "change" the soul that God has given to us from a sinful nature to a more sacred nature, like the Savior Himself. For in today's readings for this 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we begin not only the month of October and the season of "change", but we are also invited spiritually to "change" the only area of our existence that we do have some control over, and that is ourselves and our immortal soul.

In the First Reading from the Book of Ezekiel, we are reminded that we have the spiritual power within us, given by God, to "change" our ways as the prophet writes: *"But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins the he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die."*

The theme of "change" is continued in today's Gospel from St. Matthew as our Precious Lord tells but another parable about a father who has two sons and tells them to go and work in his vineyard. One son says he will go, but never does. The second son says that he will not go, but later "CHANGES HIS MIND", and in fact goes to work in the vineyard. The hero of the story is not the one whose voice carries the right words, but rather the one who through his actions "changes his mind" and goes to work in the vineyard. Of course the Lord reminds his listeners that prostitutes and tax collectors who "convert" or "change" their hearts will achieve heaven before those who pride themselves a being so religious by the words and prayers that they speak.

The Second Reading from St. Paul reminds us that Christ, Himself, chose, out of pure love for us, to "change" his address and actual existence looking less like the Son of God and appearing more like a "slave". St. Paul writes: *"Rather, he emptied himself and took the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death."*

Even though we too will "change" and age and even see the strands of hair fall from our heads and, with unsteady limbs, fall to the ground and even die, may we be reminded, as we see the leaves falling in these autumn days and really witnessing the death of another beautiful summer, that death, like the autumn, is not a physical end but merely a "spiritual change". Like the seasons, one day *(if we have been faithful to Christ and His Holy Eucharist)* we will witness of a springtime beyond any beauty on earth, through everlasting life.

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Stewardship of Gratitude

Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary

Adult Contributions	\$6,075.00
Electronic Giving	\$3,827.46
Youth Giving	\$63.75
Loose Plate	\$329.70

Weekly Offering Total \$10,295.91
Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,200.00

**“Bridging the Gap”
 needed in September 2017** \$0.00

Additional Weekly Income \$3,059.00

Grand Total \$13,354.91
Total weekly stewardship goal is set at \$13,000.00

Thanks for your gifts of gratitude to God!!!

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 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!

Collection for Hurricane Harvey Victims

Holy Rosary will be taking donations for the victims of Hurricane Harvey NEXT WEEKEND, October 7th & 8th. These funds will be taken at the same time as the regular collection. Please as generous as you are able.

40 Days for Life Kick-Off & Sign-Up

The 7th annual 40 Days For Life campaign is scheduled for Sept. 27th-Nov. 5th. We are also looking for individuals or families to sign up for vigil hours to pray across from Planned Parenthood, 201 N Victory Drive in Mankato. Holy Rosary has committed to pray each week day from 4pm-5pm. To sign up for an hour a day or an hour a week call coordinator Mary Flanagan at 276-8747 or email 40daysmankato@gmail.com.

Stewardship Of Gratitude

Thank you for your gifts of stewardship this past week. So far, in this fiscal year, we have completed the first quarter. Amazingly, our stewardship for the weekly budgeted amount is still above our needs. This is wonderful. As we get deeper into this year of 2017, the collections, normally become stronger. Hopefully that will be the case this year as well.

Religious Education classes were held this fall for the first time this past Wednesday. As pastor, I wish to thank the families who have students enrolled in our religious formation program. We are approaching the 85% - 90% payments for religious instruction. While we are instructing the students, we are also able to catechize the parents that the tuition that is paid is only a fraction of what it takes to instruct your son or daughter in our weekly classes. Just last week I signed a check for more than \$2,500.00 just for classroom texts and materials. There are many other bills besides this one that needs to be paid.

Enclosed in this week’s bulletin is an insert encouraging the use of online giving. So many of our families are pulled in so many directions week in and week out through sports, family commitments and extra-curricular activities. The number of online givers at Holy Rosary has increased over the past year by 39 households or about 27%. Online giving ensures that the stewardship to run our parish continues in a consistent way. As always, thank you for your gifts.

First Steps for the New Steps!

The Finance Council recently gave consensus for taking the “first steps” for the “new steps” for the front entrance of Holy Rosary Church. This past week I spoke with the architect from YHR and signed the release form to proceed with the drawings and the computer rendering. While some of the members on the committee felt that an electronic sign would be a wonderful addition, unfortunately the church is in a zoned residential area and the sign is not permitted as the flashing could be a disruption to our near-by-neighbors. However, a new larger sign will be proposed that will involve interior lighting that is fluorescent. The work on the drawings will begin in the coming days. I am anticipating that, following the reviewal by the Worship, Pastoral and Finance Councils meeting in a joint session, the approved drawings will be presented to the entire congregation for review. We anticipate starting to collect monies for this project later this year. You might be interested to know that we have received nearly \$2,000.00 for the project, even before we have officially started the campaign. Last weekend, after the 10:00 am Mass, one person tripped on the steps and others were having a hard time coming down the steps as they were hanging on to those railings that run at an angle. *(If you find steps difficult, do take the elevator.)* I am most convinced that redoing those steps and improving the lighting is not a “luxury”, but an important “necessity”. I will keep you posted as things develop. *-Father*



The Week Ahead

Sunday, October 1: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 am – Sunday School Open House after Mass

Monday, October 2: The Holy Guardian Angels

8:05 am – Rosary
 8:30 am – Mass - Ivan & Jackie Baumgartner†
 6:00 pm – **CCW Business Meeting** (Conf. Rm. 1)

Tuesday, October 3: 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

Wednesday, October 4: Saint Francis of Assisi

9:15 am – Mass at Oak Terrace (Fr. Paul) - Jim Gurley†
 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm – Sewing Group (Lower Level PC)
 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm – **Children’s Choir Practice** (School)
 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm – **Holy Rosary Community Meal**
 - Menu: BBQ’s (School Cafeteria)
 6:00 pm - 7:10 pm – **Elementary Rel. Ed. Classes**
 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm – **Holy Rosary Choir Practice** (School)
 6:15 pm – **1st Holy Communion Parent Meeting** (Church)

Thursday, October 5: Weekday (Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest)

8:05 am – Rosary
 8:30 am – Mass - The Molitor & Mans Families

Friday, October 6: Weekday (Saint Bruno, Priest; USA: Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin)

8:05 am – Rosary
 8:30 am – Mass - Harley & Veronica Groebner†
***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass**
 9:00 am - 3:00 pm – **Eucharistic Adoration**
 9:15 am – **Parishioners’ Breakfast at the Perkins Restaurant (1123 Range St) - *All are invited**
 1:00 pm – River of Life (Conf. Rm. 1)
 3:00 pm – **Benediction**

Saturday, October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary (CCW Recognition Weekend & Catechetical Weekend)

4:30 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation
 4:30 pm – Rosary
 5:00 pm – Mass - Renee & Fred Streit
 6:15 pm – **Baptism**

Sunday, October 8: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (CCW Recognition Weekend & Catechetical Weekend)

7:30 am – Rosary
 8:00 am – Mass - People of the Parish
 9:30 am – Rosary
 10:00 am – Mass - Joseph & Martha Phillips
 (Nursery, CLW, & Sunday School during the 10:00 am Mass)
 6:30 pm – **Mandatory Lector Workshop** (Church)

2017 ECHO FOOD SHELF COLLECTION
RECEIVED: \$11,798.42

October 7th - 8th, 2017



Lectors:

5:00 pm Cindy Gawrych
 8:00 am Dolores Portz
 10:00 am Chris Cain

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm Tom & Mary Clare Wyrowski, Rick Gruber, Julie Schoettler, Brenda Voracek, Eileen Wadekamper
 8:00 am Jane Younge, Mary Homan, Mike Brumm, Margaret Ayers, Gerry & Linda Hiniker
 10:00 am Eric McCabe, Kristin Cain, Darlene Schorn, Ryan Howe, JoAnn Borchert, Sherry Henrickson

Altar Servers:

5:00 pm Emma Niederegger, Connor McGraw, Anne Wingert (C/B/B)
 8:00 am Matthew Helget, James Younge, Joseph Cullen (C/B/B)
 10:00 am Timothy Cain, Hailey Barker, Zachary Chelstrom (C/B/B)

Presentation of Gifts:

5:00 pm Paul Manderfeld Family
 8:00 am Bill Cahalan Family
 10:00 am Bob & Ben Nickels

Ushers:

5:00 pm Gary Wintheiser, Karen Winters, Tom Rheaume, Bob Meyer (Head Usher)
 8:00 am Dean & Nicholas Cullen, Sharon Lenz, Doug Helget (Head Usher)
 10:00 am Steve Kaiser, Glenn Verschelde, Brent Friedrichs, Jim Barker

Rosary Leaders:

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

Music Ministry:

5:00 pm Kathy Jo Johns/Vicki Galli
 8:00 am Corinne Ort/Jeanne Makela
 10:00 am Myra Schroepfer/Jeanne Makela

Money Counters - October 2017: Bob Manwarren, Mary Coleman, Terri Compton, Arlyce Anderson

Bulletin Folders - October 2017: Anne Frederick, Betty Rykhus, Dolores Portz, Lenora Hickey, Amy Williams

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

Rose Wilson, Valerie Bersau, Rosela Jewison, Dorothy Drummer, Harriet Smishek, Karen Ezzell, Merle Braam, Susie Filter, Mary Clare Wyrowski, 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** Larry & Irene Gag
- Tuesday** William & Patricia Fetter
- Wednesday** Gerald & Karen Winters
- Thursday** Lynn Van Dam
- Friday** Andrew & Denise Seys
- Saturday** Jessica Thul
- Sunday** Rick & Melissa Theuninck



For Those in the Military

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| 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:
Don Haley†

This Week's Readings

- Mon: Zec 8:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Tues: Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56
- Wed: Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62
- Thurs: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12
- Fri: Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16
- Sat: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24
- Sun: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Anointing Mass for the Sick



Again this fall we will be offering 3 Masses for those who wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. The main Mass will be held on Mon., October 9th at 4:00 pm. Following the Mass there will also be a potluck supper in the social hall of the church. There will be two more additional Anointing Masses on Wed., October 18th, at 9:15 am and again on Fri., October 20th, at Monarch Meadows at 10:15 am. We hope to see many of you there who are in need of this sacrament of healing.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."
- Albert Camus

Pastoral Thank You to Confirmation Parents

Nearly all of our 11th grade parents whose son or daughter intend to be confirmed this March were in attendance at our meeting this past Monday. I believe we had a good evening of enrichment in the spiritual order. Thank you, parents, for your attentive response and for taking up the torch again of being the "primary educators of the faith" of your son or daughter on this Confirmation journey. May we help you in the areas of catechesis and pastoral leadership not only now, but through the remainder of their time in faith development before their graduation. We hope to see you all on Catechetical weekend.
-Father



Lector Work Shop Sunday Evening, October 8th

A "mandatory" training session of all our "new" and "returning" lectors is being scheduled for "next" Sunday, Oct. 8th, at 6:30 pm in the main church. Over the past three years all of the various ministries of the liturgy have gone through instruction and training. The last group that has yet to meet are the lectors for daily and Sunday Mass. The meeting will take about an hour and a half of your time, followed by a brief social downstairs. This meeting is mandatory as there are a number of changes that will be taking place for those involved in the ministry of lector. If you are not in attendance, do not contact us, or inform us of your absence, we will assume you no longer wish to serve in this ministry. Lectoring at Mass is a very important part of the weekly Holy Eucharist and it is vitally important that those who take on this ministry to "proclaim" the word of God, do so clearly and with meaning. We hope to see you all there. *"The word of the Lord."* *"Thanks be to God."*

K. of C. Council #5551 News

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| Oct 11 - Living Rosary | Oct 15 - Pancake Breakfast |
| Oct 12 - Planning Meeting | Oct 26 - General Meeting |



LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Want to learn about Loyola Catholic School? Visit the **LCS website** and schedule **family tours** and **shadow days** at your convenience. Call **507-388-0600**.

Save the Dates

- **All Saints Day Mass** with SSND November 1
- **The Blue & Gold Gala, a Wired to the Heart event**, November 3
- **Loyola's Barnes & Noble Bookfair** December 2

We are grateful to Loyola's current Board of Trustees...

- ~Our area pastors
- ~Co-chairs: Fr. Tim Reker and Michelle Zehnder Fischer
- ~Chair Elect: Gary Zellmer
- ~Sec/Treas: Tim Murray
- ~Board Committee Representatives: Academics and Activities--S Mary Kay Gosch, Jen Frazee, Michelle Zehnder Fischer; Advancement Committee--Beth Johnson, Tim Murray; Facilities--Pat McDermott; Finance--Fr Tim Reker, Gary Zellmer.

Sunday, October 1, Loyola will host **Gather 4 Good**, a Catholic United Financial effort to pack 2000 care kits for those in need locally and following recent hurricanes.

Congratulations to **Loyola's 2017 Hall of Fame** inductees: **Sister Mary Kay Ash SSND, Judy Reinbold, Jerry Reinbold, and Patti Stierlen**. **Loyola's SCHOLA Foundation** will host the Hall of Fame event on October 2 in the Fitzgerald Gym.

During **Homecoming Week** students decorated hallways, hosted a dance, selected Homecoming royalty, enjoyed themed dress up days, and gave service in the broader community and on campus. The Home & School Association hosted a Children's Carnival, and classes of 2018 and 2030 led the National Anthem at the game.

Volunteers are an important part of the Loyola family! To volunteer, contact us at 388.0600.

Lost!

If you find, or have found, a rosary in a hard silver case (with an image of Mary on the front of the case), please return it to the parish office. Thanks!

Attention all Holy Rosary Ladies

The CCW Annual Fall Luncheon/Bake Sale is coming up quickly! Make sure you are ready by following these 4 steps:

1. Mark your calendar for **Thurs., Oct 19th**.
2. Get out your favorite hot dish/salad and baked goods recipes.
3. All ladies are asked to bring baked goods and/or handmade items to contribute to the bake sale.
4. Plan to attend the luncheon and bake sale, enjoy great food and company and maybe even win a door prize!

Stewardship Corner

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

Pd. to Date: \$13,296.70
Goal: \$79,721.00

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

Loyola Catholic School Assessment:

Pd. to Date: \$17,000.00
Goal: \$205,014.00

Total Paid to Date 2017-18: \$30,296.70
Apostolate Stewardship 2017-18: \$284,735.00

The Finance Council affirmed that we will strive to continue to press forward and prioritize our stewardship commitment to our area Catholic School of Loyola. The parish has already paid out \$17,000.00. In addition, the parish of Holy Rosary received a reduction of \$16,000.00 in our Loyola Stewardship with the development of the new formula that was introduced two years ago. So, in actuality the parish budget is ahead of our stewardship commitment for the Catholic School from last year at this time, by \$33,000.00. Thank you for your gifts.

Youth Choir News

Boys & Girls from Grade 3 to 12

Youth choir is starting up again and there's a place for you! We'll be practicing most Wednesdays beginning October 4th from 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm in the music room, lower level of the Parish Center, and we will be singing at Sunday Mass about once a month. We welcome singers from all grades. Singers in upper grades can help with harmonies and, if you play an instrument, we really need you too! For more information contact Julianne Gruber at julianneg@charter.net or 388-1413.



Connections Ministry - YOU Can Help!

Connections Ministry is a mission of local churches to provide shelter in the winter months for those who are homeless and NOT able to stay at one of the existing shelters. This is a short term solution for people until the Shelter is able to expand it's capacity. Holy Rosary is going to help with this effort, both with financial contributions and volunteers to assist at a hosting church.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING DURING THE WEEKS THAT OUR PARTNER CHURCH IS HOSTING - there are many options available. For more info, feel free to contact Mary Beth Nygaard at mary.beth.nygaard@gmail.com or 507-625-1450. TRAINING will be provided for volunteers in October, before the shelter opens on Oct. 29th.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) begins soon!

Dismissal of children grades 1, 2, and 3 will begin on Sunday, Oct. 8th. To prepare for this parents and children are invited to gather in the Church Basement Prayer Room THIS SUNDAY, Oct. 1st, following the 10:00 am Mass. CLW is for children from Loyola and Holy Rosary's Rel. Ed. program. If interested in being a part of CLW as a volunteer or have questions, please call JoAnn Borchert at 388-8813 or 995-3823.



Religious Education Program

Sunday School Open House - Today after 10:00 am Mass

Visit Room 203 in the school building today after the 10:00 am Mass to meet the Sunday School teachers and enjoy refreshments!

Blaze Nights for Grades 9 - 12

Our Mankato Catholic Churches have planned "Blaze Nights" for our youth. It is an evening filled with fellowship, food, Eucharistic Adoration, music, speakers, and more! The event is held at the Newman Center on the campus of Minnesota State University, Mankato. Dates of the events are Oct. 1, Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Feb. 2, and March 2. Blaze is held from 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM. Eleventh grade Confirmation students are required to attend two events and tenth grade students are strongly encouraged to attend two as well. It is a great evening spent learning more about your faith journey. JUST. SAY. YES.



Catechetical Weekend - Oct. 7th & 8th - Mark Your Calendar!

We will be celebrating Catechetical Weekend on October 7th & 8th at all the Masses. The theme this year is "Living as Missionary Disciples." **Parents - Please plan on attending one of the Masses as a family. Students will be asked to be part of the procession!** If you are a teacher, catechist or anyone who works with children, you will be called forth to be commissioned for your ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Come Pray the Rosary with Us!

On Wednesday, October 11th, our Religious Education students along with the KCs, will be praying the Living Rosary. The elementary students will begin at 6:30 pm and the Jr/Sr High students will begin at 7:45 pm. The KCs are serving refreshments in the church lower hall after each session. Plan on joining us for evening!

Design a T-Shirt Contest!

Are you an artist, graphic designer, or someone who just loves to draw? Show off your awesome design talents by creating a one-of-a-kind T-Shirt or Logo design for Religious Education at Holy Rosary Parish. Your design could be chosen as the official Religious Ed T-Shirt! You can win a \$20 gift card to a store/restaurant of your choice plus a free t-shirt! Entries can be submitted by email, dropped off at the Religious Ed office or by the postal service. Please submit your design on or before Wednesday, November 8th. Entries will be displayed and voted on during November Fest! If you have questions, please contact Cathy at 507-345-6765 or nevec@hickorytech.net.



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 - 7:00 pm. This week's menu: BBQ's.



Religious Education Wish List - Can You Help Out?

This year, we will be providing bibles to students at two grade levels. The bibles will be age appropriate and used throughout the year. Each bible will cost roughly \$20.00 bringing our total funds needed to approximately \$1,000.00. *Would you be willing to donate money towards this fund?* The parishioners of Holy Rosary have always been very generous in giving in the past. Please prayerfully consider a donation of any amount. You can put your donation in an envelope and mark it "Bible Donation Fund." To date, we have received \$240.00 for the purchase of bibles.



Upcoming Dates

- **September 20:** Open House for Grades 1 - 11
- **September 27:** Class for ALL Grades (Grades 1 - 6 meet from 6:00 pm - 7:10 pm, Grades 7 - 11 meet from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm; Community Meal from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria; Youth Group 6:00 pm - 6:50 pm.
- **October 4:** Class for Elementary Grades 1 - 6; 6:00 pm - 7:10 pm; Community Meal from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria
- **October 7/8:** Catechetical Weekend - Students are part of the procession at Mass; Coffee & Rolls after the 10:00 am Mass
- **October 11:** Class for ALL Grades (Grades 1 - 6 meet from 6:00 pm - 7:10 pm, Grades 7 - 11 meet from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm; Community Meal - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm - School Cafeteria; Youth Group 6:00 pm - 6:50 pm



Volunteers Needed: We are LESS THAN 2 MONTHS away from November Fest(ival) 2017!! Volunteer lists for the festival are located at the back of the church this weekend. We have several areas where we need help. PLEASE sign up soon, if you are able. Our goal is to have the final volunteer lists posted in the bulletin the weekend of November 4th/5th. Most shifts are 1 ½ hours which will give volunteers plenty of time to enjoy the festival themselves. Volunteering is a GREAT way to meet your fellow parishioners!

Meal Ticket Sales: Meal ticket sales will continue each weekend at all 3 masses through November 4th and 5th. Early Bird tickets are \$10 for adults (ages 12 and better), \$5 for children ages 6-11 and free for ages 5 and under. By purchasing your ticket early, it helps us to better prepare for the big day. The adult ticket price will be \$12 beginning on November 1st. Tickets are also available for sale in the parish office during regular office hours.

Silent Auction: Last weekend we had a great response to our silent auction basket "drive." Many empty baskets were taken by parishioners. We still have a few baskets left. Please feel free to take an empty basket to create a silent auction basket. Your basket can be as simple or as creative as you would like. As a tip, there are some great ideas available on the internet. You may bring your own "basket creation" to the parish office. Don't feel too creative? We can assemble your basket for you. Just bring your donation items to the parish office. Don't forget, individual silent auction items are also welcomed. Thank you!

Country Store: We are accepting donations of craft and homemade items for our Country Store. Donations such as canned goods, wood crafts, homemade soaps, homemade cards, blankets, doll clothes and any other craft items would be welcomed. Please consider making a donation to help stock the "Country Store." Thank you!

Grandma's Attic: We continue to collect quality items for our Grandma's Attic and Christmas Shoppe. For those who are excited to do a little "shopping" at the festival, we know you will be pleased to see many wonderful things for sale. You may donate your items anytime between now and early November. As you are housecleaning and downsizing, please consider donating your quality items now. We would like to have all of these donations no later than the first weekend of November. **It is very difficult to accept**

donations the week of November Fest with so many additional festival preparations to be completed. Please remember we are we are not accepting clothing or large furniture items for this event. We are also unable to accept any items with a power cord.

Games: This year we are looking to find a sponsor for the bounce house. It was a VERY popular item with the children last year. The cost is \$250. If you would like to make a business donation, we would be happy to make a sign advertising your business as the sponsor. Please contact Rachel Helget at helget18@gmail.com if you would like to donate. We are also collecting clean, clear **plastic jars for the jar raffle.** You may bring those jars to the parish office during normal business hours.

Raffle: The raffle tickets will arrive the week of October 2nd. They will be available for pick-up at all 3 masses on October 7th/8th and October 14th/15th.

We are well on our way to a FANTASTIC November Fest (ival)!! THANK YOU to all to have made a donation, either big or small, to ensure we will have another successful event!

Running for Charity

Hello! My name is Tom Bachmann. Many of you may know me, as I have been a member of Holy Rosary for over 25 years, as well as a Cantor and/or choir member for most of those years. This October, I am running the Mankato Marathon as one of the Champion Runners raising money for the YMCA's LiveSTRONG charity. My wife, Kris, is a cancer survivor, and was able to participate in the LiveSTRONG program at the YMCA after completing her treatment program. The LiveSTRONG program's mission is to create a customized fitness program to help cancer survivors return to a healthy, active lifestyle. The program is offered free of charge to the participants. Their main source of funding is through donations. To learn more about the LiveSTRONG program, or to make a donation, go to MankatoYMCA.org, Select Contribute, then click "Mankato Marathon Champion Runners." There you'll find my video and a donation link. Be sure to select LiveSTRONG in the Donation box, and enter "Tom Bachmann" in the optional comment box. I can also accept checks made out to LiveSTRONG. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like more information on the LiveSTRONG program. Thank you for your support! *-Tom Bachmann*

San Lucas Gala

5th Annual Friends of San Lucas Gala
Saturday, October 28th, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Verizon Center, Mankato

Dinner, silent and live auctions and an update on all the good work happening at the Mission in San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala.

Tickets and sponsorships available at sanlucasmision.org.

Worship Committee Meeting Minutes Holy Rosary Catholic Church September 18, 2017

The Holy Rosary Worship Committee was called to order on Monday, Sept. 18th, in Conference Room #1. The majority of the members were in attendance. The past minutes of May 8, 2017, were reviewed and approved that had been previously printed in the bulletin. The agenda was approved including some additions.

Pastor's Comments: Father began again by thanking the Worship Committee for all of their hard work over the past year and also the past summer. A special word of thanks to all who gave up a day to work to sort closets and storage spaces that had not been done for many years. Father said that he was pleased with our summer attendance and it was reported today that we are ahead of stewardship from a year ago. At yesterday's successful Mass in the Park, the parish gained another family which puts us at nearly 110 households who have joined over the past three years. Father was speaking with Cathy who had recently read an article again that affirms that people are joining a parish based largely on the liturgy and the welcome they receive from its members. Now, with the start of the new year, there are many special liturgies that are coming up as well as two important training sessions that need to be addressed: the lectors, who have not had an instructional evening for many years, and a follow-up meeting with our ushers, as many weekends we have been struggling to cover this ministry or the ministry has not been completed properly.

Old Business: Sanctuary Lamp Intentions: The intentions continue to come in at the offering cost of \$5.00. There is a still a month and half of intentions in which the candle in the sanctuary burning as a reminder of the Eucharistic Presence, but also now for a special intention. More intentions are still welcome and another envelope will be placed in the bulletin in the near future. **Lector Training:** Father asked the Worship Committee to make suggestions of how we can improve our lectors who read at Mass. The committee offered Father several suggestions that he noted. **The date for a mandatory Lector Training Meeting will be held on Sunday Evening, October 8th, at 6:30 pm.** New lectors are also welcome to come to this meeting as well. A reception will follow. **Summer Cleaning Follow-Up:** Father again thanked all who helped clean-up the closets and storage areas that had not been addressed in many years, perhaps decades. It is a good feeling that now items are in an easy place to be found and unused items have been discarded or recycled/repurposed or donated to the November Fest for re-sale. **Cry Room Update:** Carpet was installed to soften the sound in that room that is so close to the altar. Signs have been installed reminding parents that the cry-room is an extension of the church and the room is not sound-proof. These modifications have resulted in a big improvement and children are no longer free to roam during Mass in this room. **Banners:** Two new summer banners were added to the sanctuary. There were mixed reviews from the committee. Some liked the banners, others felt they were too dark. Concerns about the material were expressed. **Holy Water Use:** Father commented that the use of Holy Water is still very strong. Very few people are recycling their bottles, but taking fresh ones. Nearly all of the bottles have been used that were recently purchased as well as those that were discovered while cleaning, which were new, but had been purchased many years ago. More bottles will need to be purchased in the near future.

New Business: Fall Anointing Schedule: The dates for the Fall Anointing Masses were set at the meeting. The dates for Communal Anointing will be October 9th at 4:00 pm in the main church with a potluck following. There will also be an Anointing Mass at Monarch Meadows at 10:15 am on October 20th as well as Oak Terrace Assisted Living on 9:15 am on October 18th. Those who are able to walk or drive are encouraged to attend the October 9th Mass. (**If anyone wishes to receive a ride to the Parish Anointing Mass on October 9th, please call the parish office.*) Phone contact will also be made in the days ahead by our Minister to the Homebound. **Server Appreciation Party:** Father again plans to host a pizza party and celebration for the altar servers in November in gratitude for all of their work. A date will be posted in the bulletin in the coming weeks. **All Soul's Mass – Sunday:** The committee again will be working on sending out invitations for the All Soul's Mass that will be celebrated in a special way at the 10:00 am Mass. The Knights of Columbus will again be asked to form the honor guard. This Mass is always very well attended as the families are honored in a special way who have lost loved ones in the past year. Other members who have passed in previous years are also honored. **The date of the Sunday All Soul's Mass has been set for November 5th.** **Fall Decoration:** Fall decorations were discussed. It was recommended that the summer banner be taken down, grape wreaths put up in the banners place as well as putting up the fall decorations on the pillars. The committee agreed to simplify the fall decorations and not put up shocks. It was agreed to leave the St. Francis statue up as October is the Feast of St. Francis. Pampas grass will be added among other fall items along with the green plants. It was suggested to get artificial pumpkins if possible, as the real pumpkins deteriorate quickly. Father would look into this further. The fall decorations could be used year after year and would be a good investment. A date was set to complete the fall decorations as needed. **Exposition/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:** This will resume again on the First Friday of October and the months following. The Exposition/Benediction will not be held in the event of a funeral. **Church Cleaning:** Father informed the committee that some serious house cleaning was done in the church and the social hall by the parish cleaning crew prior to that will include scrubbing the rugs in church as well as the social hall floors. **Mass in the Park – Follow Up:** Those who attended felt it all went very smoothly with a very fine crowd that was about equal to last year. Around 500 were served which was very good. The Knights of Columbus were a big help. **November Fest "Blue Grass" Mass, November 12th:** Father informed the committee that the Blue Grass Band from Willmar will again be coming this year for the 10:00 am Mass which brings in a big crowd as they are very good.

Other Items of the Committee: Responsorial Psalm: Many people are commenting that they appreciated the psalm verses being recited as the people could follow what was saying better than what is being said. Father stated it was something that he proposed to the song leaders to do during the summer months. The committee asked that this would be encouraged throughout the year as many in the pew feel this is more meaningful to them. **After Mass Social:** It was suggested that coffee and rolls be done monthly and/or wine and cheese. Parish organizations were suggested that could possibly help with these gatherings. No immediate action plan was taken at this time.

Future Business: Ministry Fair.

The next Worship Committee is being scheduled for November 13th at 6:30 pm in Conf. Rm. #1.

CATHOLIC PARISHES CELEBRATE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW) SUNDAY ON OCTOBER 8, 2017

The most Reverend John M. LeVoir has proclaimed Sunday, October 8, 2017, as Council of Catholic Women Recognition Sunday in the Diocese of New Ulm.

The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) is an organization of concerned women established by the Bishops of the United States 97 years ago to offer women the opportunity to increase their knowledge of the Church, strengthen their leadership skills, and deepen their spirituality through prayer and service.

The year 2017 marks the 60th anniversary of the Diocese of New Ulm. The Council of Catholic Women has been a vital force in the Catholic life of the Diocese of New Ulm since the time of formation. Msgr Eugene Lozinski, the New Ulm Diocesan CCW Spiritual Advisor, believes that when women give themselves to prayer as they begin the many projects that the CCW offers through their commission and committee structure, they become more closely united with Christ.

The activities of CCW are meant to help women become better Christians. CCW exists to help the work of Christ become more evident and visible in the world by helping women to grow spiritually as individuals, as well as building up families and parishes. When women become actively involved in CCW, they are building up the Body of Christ. By inviting and encouraging other women to become involved in CCW, they are helping them grow in holiness.

The council of Catholic Women of the Diocese of New Ulm continues to encourage affiliates to work in our parishes to create a spirit of unity through prayer, enrichment and service in fulfilling the three-fold mission of Christ.

The mission statement of the National Council of Catholic Women is carried out in our New Ulm Diocese: ***Supporting, empowering, and educating members in spirituality, leadership and service; reaching out with Gospel values to meet the needs of Church and society.***

The work is carried out on the national, providence, diocesan, regional, and parish levels through the work of commissions and committees. Spirituality, Service, Leadership, Legislation, Reverence Life, Scholarship and Historian are all active in the New Ulm Diocese.

Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Recognition Sunday is the day to highlight the activities and leadership carried out by Catholic Women. All parishes are encouraged to celebrate Council of Catholic Women Recognition Sunday on October 8, 2017.