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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor

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the Quill and the Cloth

As a result of this, many of His disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied Him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered Him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."
-St. John

This particular passage of scripture from St. John's gospel holds special meaning to me, as this quote was what I largely choose for my holy card on the occasion of my ordination to the priesthood. After all of these years, if I had to be ordained all over again, (*which is not possible*), I would again choose this passage.



Just recently, a parishioner asked me if I had to do it all over again, would I still be a priest, given all of the present sorrows the Church is presently undergoing. The answer is easy! "Yes", I would be a priest again. However, this time I would perhaps do things a bit differently and maybe would have spoken up more about the injustices I saw both from the pulpit to the pew.

To change one's mind over a "major-life-choice" is extremely difficult. Changing one's mind over some "minor-life-choice", for many people, can be also extra-ordinarily difficult. When I was first ordained, my Father told me that he believed my most difficult job would be to change people's minds. He was right. Changing people's minds is about as hard as changing one's own mind about someone or something big or small.

One small, scary moment of my priesthood occurred at the start of my second year of ordination. Now, I had grown up on the farm in southwestern Minnesota. I had been around plenty of animals, wild and tame, from chickens to cattle, rats to raccoons; but I had only seen bats in books or on television. As far as I knew, bats were the creatures of Dracula movies in some remote part of Transylvania. (**My Mother recalled that when she was growing up in Holland, they had bats in in their barn and called them "vleermuis", a flying mouse.*) Yet, on my first day at Holy Trinity in Winsted, as the evening was settling on the parish and town, out of no-where I sensed, like a shadow something flying above me. Looking up, there in the kitchen was this huge bat. My little sister was staying with me for a few days and I don't know who was more scared, my sister or me. What I

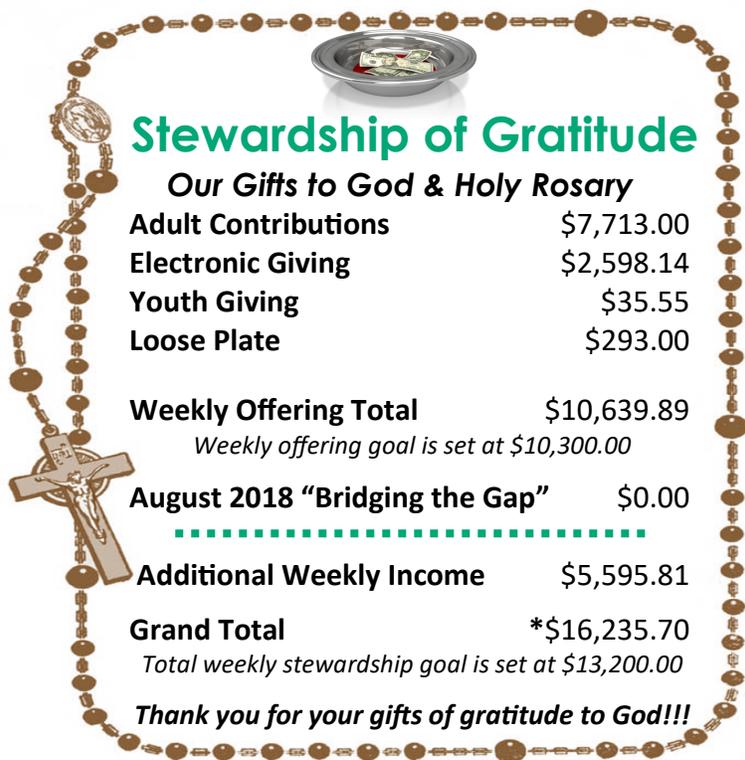
thought was largely an urban legend was now flying above our heads in all of its ghastly appearance. The pastor seemed unmoved by the flying rodent above our heads as he had been calmly reading a newspaper. From behind a kitchen appliance, he took out a tennis racket, proceeded to take a couple of non-athletic swipes towards the ceiling, hitting the bat with a smack and the little beast fell to the floor. Both my sister and I were grossed out, to say the least. All the pastor calmly said was; "Yes, we have a few bats that I think are coming from the attic. Just make sure the attic door is always closed." With that he went back to calmly reading the newspaper.

Fast forward a few years and now I am the age of that pastor here at Holy Rosary. A week ago, I went into the sacristy around 10:00 p.m. to discover a very large bat in the sacristy. I still have a profound respect for them, (*dare I say fear*), but now I marvel at what an extraordinary little creature they are; all the while telling myself they are more frightened of me than I am of them. I got my tennis racket from the basement with the intent to kill it. Then I thought of one of my friends who is very much an animal lover and naturalist, who would frown on killing a creature that eats so many insects, especially mosquitos. I ended up opening the sacristy door, shutting off the lights, while closing all the other doors of the sacristy. I came back an hour later and he had flown out and I felt good about sparing his life.

I tell that little story, because I have "largely" (but not completely) **changed my mind** about "bats" from being "gross" to being "good". This weekend we are hearing the last of the Bread of Life Discourse from St. John's gospel. While my story ends well about "bats", the gospel story ends "badly" about "belief" in the "bread" as the "body" of our Blessed Lord. There were many of the Lord's disciples who heard our Blessed Lord's message and could not change their minds into thinking that "human flesh" could be sacramentally "holy food". Like the open door I had for the bat that flew away into the North Mankato night, so too, those who believed in our Lord left Him too, vanishing into the dark of night, never to return.

The Lord is definitely showing His human side in today's Gospel, as He asks the twelve apostles if they want to "fly the coop" too. Simon Peter says in holy innocence (*in today's language*), "If we left you, where would we go? Jesus we believe in you and words of faith you are speaking because you are God's Son." In other words, while not everyone who came into contact with the Christ, changed their minds, the Twelve Apostles were changing their mind as to whom Jesus was in their presence. For they were beginning to see that Jesus was more than just a person or a prophet, but truly was the second person of the Holy Trinity and the Son of God!

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Stewardship of Gratitude

Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary

Adult Contributions	\$7,713.00
Electronic Giving	\$2,598.14
Youth Giving	\$35.55
Loose Plate	\$293.00
Weekly Offering Total	\$10,639.89
<i>Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,300.00</i>	
August 2018 "Bridging the Gap"	\$0.00
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Additional Weekly Income	\$5,595.81
Grand Total	*\$16,235.70
<i>Total weekly stewardship goal is set at \$13,200.00</i>	
Thank you for your gifts of gratitude to God!!!	

"the quill and the cloth" continued...

The purpose of this article is not to change your mind about bats. (*Personally, I still think they are pretty gross and if one ever gets into my house again, it will be his Waterloo.*) But as priest and pastor, it is my constant job to change your mind about your "religious beliefs". We are now ready to begin a new academic year. While our students will be asked to believe in new things, try new things and attempt to learn new things; so too, for us as "Students of Life". May we always hold an openness to the challenging message of the gospels, to "change our beliefs" so that we might become ever closer to our Lord, especially as we receive Him in the Holy Eucharist. Most of all, may we change our belief more and more from "doubt" to "devotion", "uncertainty" to being "certain" that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world and has the power to raise us up body and soul and to share in the Good News of everlasting life. Have a great week!



Rev. Paul van de Crommert

Stewardship Of Gratitude

We are so blessed here at Holy Rosary by the goodness of stewardship of so many! Even though it is summer and there is so much travelling going on, we are still able to make budget throughout the months of this summer. That is tremendous given the present age and the challenging times of faith we are presently living in. Next weekend is Labor Day and a challenging week of stewardship, as so many people are travelling one last time before the close of summer. If you are going to be gone, consider mailing an offering or drop your offering off at the parish offices. We continue to encourage and to foster e-giving, that takes the trouble of finding an envelope, filling it out and either bringing it to Mass or sending it in the mail. As always, thank you so much for your gifts.

Did You See???

Many times, when people look at the weekly bulletin, the first thing they do is look at the parish "stewardship". Maybe it would be better, as a Christian, to look at our good "stewards"! Take a moment to look at all of our good stewards who advertise in our weekly bulletin. What you are holding in your hand is a "gift" from these sponsors. Printing a weekly colored bulletin on glossy paper does not come cheap. Therefore, take a moment to look at our sponsors and consider them when you are in need of the services that they offer. If you are not in need of those services, at least say a little prayer of gratitude for their generosity to our parish of Holy Rosary and to YOU! Thank you benefactors for your support in proclaiming the GOOD NEWS each week!

Outdoor Mass is Coming!

Can you believe that our "Mass in the Park" is just THREE WEEKS AWAY? We will be celebrating the "Outdoor Mass" on Sunday, September 16th at 10:00 am (**Please start praying for good weather that includes no rain and little or no wind!*) Over the years we have been blessed with a beautiful morning! God will not let us down this year! In the event of inclement weather the Mass and complimentary meal will be held in the social hall and gymnasium. Every year we have a great crowd to share in the musical Mass and also in a great complimentary meal from Holy Rosary to say both "Thank You" and "Welcome". Please mark your calendars. A postcard will be soon sent out as another reminder of this important day in the life of our local Church. Each year we see hundreds of you in attendance! We hope that this year will be no exception. Please again prioritize this fun and faith-filled morning for you and your family.



K. of C. Council #5551 News

- September 13 - Planning Meeting
- September 15 - Highway Clean-Up
- September 22 - Tent Appreciation Party
- September 27 - General Meeting

The Week Ahead

Monday, August 27: Saint Monica

No Morning Mass at Holy Rosary

Tuesday, August 28: Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

No Morning Mass at Holy Rosary

9:30 am – Caregiver’s Workshop (Conf. Room 1)

Wednesday, August 29: The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

No Morning Mass at Holy Rosary

Thursday, August 30: Weekday

No Morning Mass at Holy Rosary

Friday, August 31: Weekday

No Morning Mass at Holy Rosary

9:15 am – Parishioners’ Breakfast at the Perkins

Saturday, September 1: Weekday

4:30 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm – Rosary

5:00 pm – Mass - Hazel Eggersdorfert

Sunday, September 2: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am – Rosary

8:00 am – Mass - People of the Parish

9:30 am – Rosary

10:00 am – Mass - Joseph & Martha Phillips

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“...With shame and repentance, we acknowledge as an ecclesial community that we were not where we should have been, that we did not act in a timely manner, realizing the magnitude and the gravity of the damage done to so many lives... we showed no care for the little ones; we abandoned them.”

-Pope Francis Monday August 20, 2018

Attention Anyone Who Likes to Sing!

Holy Rosary Choir will be starting soon and we'd like YOU to join us! Do you enjoy singing at Mass? You should give choir a try. Prior choral experience is NOT a requirement, just a desire to praise God through song. The Holy Rosary Choir is open to ALL parishioners, ages 14 and above. We practice every other Wednesday (although that day may be subject to change) from 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the choir room in the lower level of the school. We typically sing about 1-2 times a month, and if you can't make every rehearsal/Mass, it is not a problem. **Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 19th at 6:00 pm in the choir room.** For more information, please contact Cindy Gawrych, email: cgawry1@isd77.org, or call/text: 248-705-7772.



Weekend Ministry Schedule

September 1st & 2nd, 2018

Lectors:

5:00 pm Brian Eggersdorfer

8:00 am Michelle Fischer

10:00 am Jim Schorn

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm Patrick & Wanda Hull, Nicole Hull, Eileen Wadekamper, Karen Winters, Rick Gruber

8:00 am Gerry & Linda Hiniker, Colleen Campbell, Cathy Neve, Arlyce Anderson, Craig Amundson

10:00 am Darlene Schorn, Curt & Donna Stanke, Sherry Henrickson, Dennis Haga, Maxine Davis

Altar Servers:

5:00 pm Connor McGraw, Katie Rooney, Ryan Rooney (C/B/B)

8:00 am Ben Ellingworth, Carson & Danielle Fischer (C/B/B)

10:00 am Jacob Reynolds, Abi & Nathan Lang (C/B/B)

Presentation of Gifts:

5:00 pm Tom & Mary Clare Wyrowski

8:00 am Sharon Lenz & Arlyce Anderson

10:00 am Bob & Bev Nickels

Ushers:

5:00 pm Tom Rheaume, Janet Chicos, Helen Dharmarajah, Bob Meyer (Head Usher)

8:00 am Frank & Tony Weber, Leroy Gappa, Doug Homan (Head Usher)

10:00 am Brent Friedrichs, Isaac Kolstad, Teresa & Blain Kolstad (Head Usher)

Rosary Leaders:

5:00 pm Vince Guertin

8:00 am Elmer Heirigs

10:00 am Ryan Howe

Music Ministry:

5:00 pm Julie Gruber/Jeanne Makela

8:00 am Corinne Ort/Jeanne Makela

10:00 am Tom Bachmann/Vicki Galli

Money Counters - August 2018: John Wolf, Helen Anderson, Donna Wolf, Maxine Davis

Bulletin Folders - August 2018: Marge Grausam, Maxine Davis, Mary Bliss, Rita Townsend, Barb Wegscheid

November Fest News (Nov. 11, 2018)

The November Fest(ival) held our second meeting in this summer season (*this past week*). We had a productive meeting and again are beginning to see our sensational festival take shape.

Thank You Raffle Donators! **We have only been collecting for our RAFFLE TICKET for just ONE WEEK, and we already nearly 25% of all of our needed prizes! Wow!** This is truly wonderful. We also received some very nice items for our SILENT RAFFLE! Keep them coming.

When we met on Monday, I was told as pastor that I needed to now “push” for the VARIOUS NEEDS that we presently could use to make the day most successful!

1.) Baskets Drop-Off!

We are beginning to get some nice items for the SILENT AUCTION which has become a great money raiser for November Fest! We are in need of baskets (*larger is preferred*), that will again be set in the back of church for people to take and prepare a basket for the SILENT AUCTION! We had great success with our basket pick-up last year and used many of the baskets that we had laying around the parish. If you purchased an item last year and no longer need the basket, bring it back. You are welcome to drop them off at the back of church or drop them off at the Parish Center during office hours.



2.) Come NOW with Your Canning!

At our Monday meeting we already had someone drop off several jars of home-made canning! The Festival Committee is planning a canning party or two for making apple sauce and possibly pears, if we can receive some good donated fruit. As the pastor’s annual grape harvest is still ripening, again we will be preserving many jars of homemade grape jelly that went like “hotcakes” last year from the “Van de Crommert Vineyards”! As you are preserving and canning in this month of August we welcome any and all produce. Feel free to drop off the items during office hours or bring them to the sacristy on the weekend. (**We have a nice cool storeroom that is locked to keep the canned goods perfectly fine for our festival.*)



3.) Have a CHAIR, COUCH or other FURNITURE!

We have recently secured a number of quality furniture items from a home of a parishioner who has passed that we have picked up this week. The selling of quality furniture has been a big hit at last year’s festival and one of the strongest areas of stewardship. It appears that we also will be receiving some higher quality chairs. Do you have



some nice furniture that is taking up too much space from mirrors to maybe an occasional chair? Please call the parish office as soon as possible!

4.) Grandma’ Attic NEEDS HOUSECLEANING!

Think of how full those closets, cupboards, drawers and even the garage has gotten. Remember the definition of JUNK? Junk is something of value that you save for years and finally when you give it or toss it, the next day you needed it! You are welcome at any time to bring good quality household items, dishes, decorations, designer pictures, etc. to the Parish Office. (**There is a cart on the right side of the main entrance on the south doors.*) Giving feels good and extra space is certainly appreciated! You are also welcome to pre-price your item if you wish to help our volunteers. (**JUST A REMINDER THAT WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING CLOTHING, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES/TELEVISIONS OR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT.*)



5.) MOST OF ALL WE NEED YOU AND YOUR HELP!

WE NEED YOU TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NOVEMBER 11th, and prioritize this day above all other commitments as a person of faith and a member of Holy Rosary parish. WE NEED YOU TO BUY YOUR DINNER TICKETS that will begin going on sale at the OUTDOOR MASS on September 16th! WE NEED YOU TO SELL OR PURCHASE ALL OF YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS (*and even more*), as the Raffle is one of the largest portions of profit for this day. WE NEED YOU TO BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS on this important day that is not only about STEWARDSHIP but it is an important SOCIAL day in the life of our parish and local church. WE NEED YOU, BECAUSE YOU ARE IMPORTANT AND VALUED AND GIVE HOLY ROSARY MEANING AND PURPOSE! LET’S MAKE THIS FESTIVAL THE BEST ONE EVER!



Cross Catholic Outreach– Welcome!



Father J. William “Bill” Long of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

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

Jo Lindberg, Judith Neitge, Leonard Mettler, Joanne Vavrosky, Cyril Windschitl, Dean & Julie Mettler, Juliette Shamp, Ruth Baker, Chuck Frost, Eleanor Wittrock, Pat Roemildt, Donna Peterson, Loren (Hank) Weber, Eldon Marks, Laurice Telshaw, Arnie & Eileen Wadekamper, Cathie Atchley, Mary Braam, Shirley Benning, Brenda Burger, Mary Kelly, Jerry Theissen, Donald Theissen, Dale Nickel, Georgia Flynn, Molly Viehweg, Karen Etzell, Esther Zellmer, Pat Browman, Clair Huettl, Mary McVicker, Lucille O'Donnell

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 Jeffrey & Karla Maurer
Tuesday James & Jenice Fallenstein
Wednesday Gordy & Terri Compton
Thursday Bret Eggersdorfer
Friday Michael & Beverly Weir
Saturday Leovardo & Julie Rodriguez
Sunday James & Dolores Portz



For Those in the Military

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

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 Readings

Mon: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22
 Tues: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26
 Wed: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 /Mk 6:17-29
 Thurs: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
 Fri: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13
 Sat: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30
 Sun: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Stewardship Corner

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

Pd. to Date: \$1,074.84
Goal: \$80,676.59

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

Rec'd. to Date: \$0.00
Goal: \$36,832.99

Loyola Catholic School Assessment:

Pd. to Date: \$3,000.00
Goal: \$198,216.66

Total Paid to Date 2018-19: \$4,074.84
Apostolate Stewardship 2018-19: \$315,726.44

Fair Trades Goods

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



Council of Catholic Women News

Our first CCW meeting of 2018-2019 will be Monday, September 10th, starting with Mass at 5:30 pm. The meeting will be held after Mass along with a potluck dinner. All women are invited and encouraged to attend.



Thank you to all the women who returned their CCW sheets and dues the past 4 weeks. If you have not returned yours, you may still do so. Please drop them in the collection basket or at the parish office. Thank you!

The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) Convention will be held August 29th – September 2nd in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



Stepping Up in Faith

Collected this Week: \$0.00
Rec'd. to Date: \$51,977.26
Goal: \$155,000.00

Repairs & Replacements

Rectory Garage Door and Ornamental Fence:

We continue to make progress on the repairs and projects in and around the parish. Last week a new garage door was installed on the rectory. The previous door had several issues including it had no windows and was so incredibly dark in the garage. (**We are grateful to the anonymous benefactor who was so generous to cover the cost of this door!*) It is amazing how much wonderful light was added. A new ornamental fence was installed on a day that I was out of town. (*The fence was not built properly and will need to come down and be rebuilt. This is most unfortunate.*) Eventually, my plan is to turn that area of the east lawn into an area of flower gardens and fruit trees. I am grateful to some of the parishioners who on their own have "green thumbs" and have volunteered to come and help with this project in 2019! Thank you! I will be taking them up on their offers!



Renewed Nursery:

We also are making headway on our newly-improved nursery. A new floor was laid recently and we still need to install molding and then arrange the new and returning items to the space. THIS AREA WILL BE A WONDERFUL AREA OF PLAY AND FUN FOR OUR LITTLE ONES WHILE MOM AND DAD ARE WORSHIPPING FOR A LITTLE WHILE, WITH OUR LORD AT MASS! The nursery is becoming a beautiful little oasis of joy! As always, thank you to all of you that support our parish with such generous stewardship and allow us to continue to improve and update our facility! Thank you for your support!



Religious Education Program

Registration Information

A paper registration form was included in the August mailing. You may also register online through the Holy Rosary website:

<https://holyrosarynorthmankato.com/>



Who Should Register?

**Any child preschool - 11th grade*

***Loyola families with a child in 2nd, 10th, or 11th grade*

Second graders will receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Our Confirmation program is a two year program beginning in 10th grade with the Sacrament of Confirmation being received in 11th grade.

Catechist Workshop & Training Night-Wrap Up

Thank you to the Catechists who were in attendance for our annual fall workshop & training session. We shared a meal together and then listened to a short talk by Father Paul on "Evangelization." Carrie Schill shared her experience as a catechist and Cathy went over some of the practicalities of being a catechist at Holy Rosary. One of the things we talked about is: What is Your Why? What is your purpose or cause? Why are you a catechist? Students, when you see your teacher, ask them: What is #MyWhy?



Looking for Catechists!

As you know, we have always strived to have at least two catechists at each grade level. It makes working with the children much easier. ***At this time, we have NO catechist for 5th or 11th grades! We are also in need of another catechist at grades 7th - 10th!*** Please consider helping us to fill these very important positions! If you know of someone who would be a good candidate for teaching, please talk to them - give them a nudge!



Open House Info

Our Open House dates have been set! **Grades 1 - 11:** Wednesday, September 12th from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. This is a great chance for you to come and meet teachers, find your classroom, and start the year off right! Come early for our Community Meal!



Sunday School & Nursery: Sunday, September 23rd after the 10:00 am Mass. A wonderful opportunity to see our newly renovated Nursery and visit the Sunday School Classroom.



This Week's Sanctuary Light Intention:

Ben & Hazel Eggersdorfer†



Holy Rosary Catholic Church

14th ANNUAL

Mass in the Park

Sunday, September 16, 2018

10:00 AM

Wheeler Park Pavilion

Music by Praise & Worship Group

with a notable Appearance by Guitar Playing Pastor

Picnic Lunch Immediately Following Mass

Catered by J.D. Truffles

Burgers • Brats • Hot Dogs • Salads • Root Beer Floats

With entertainment from Sweet Adelines

Join us for FAITH,

FOOD, and FELLOWSHIP



Connections Shelter

FAST FACTS

- Connections Shelter was open for 164 days
- 178 guests used the shelter
 - 102 Men
 - 45 women
 - 31 children
- The average stay was 21 days
 - Minimum was 1 day
 - Max was 150 days
 - Median 6.5
 - Total of 3,653 days= a decade for one person!
- $\frac{1}{3}$ of guests stayed at the shelter for 3 days or less
 - 58% stayed for 10 days or less
 - 1 in 4 relied on the shelter for more than 30 days
- $\frac{1}{3}$ (60 guests) left the shelter for more stable housing. (This number reflects guests we were able to follow after leaving the shelter)
- Over 350 people volunteered for the shelter season and we had 5 staff
- Served meals on 170 days including days we stayed open longer for weather issues. That's over 4,000 meals for the season!
- The shelter reached capacity (25) after the first 3 weeks of being open.
 - Many nights we went over capacity (maxing out at 34)
 - We turned people away weekly
- Calls to Public Safety were minimal- most often resulting from medical needs.
- 6 churches began the season, we added two more mid-season

LOOKING AHEAD & DREAMING BIG!

- Funding for a day shelter
- Recruiting 4 more churches
- Looking towards a permanent shelter