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November 18, 2018

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Freedom from Want

Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor

the Quill and the Cloth

“And now, bless the God of all, who has done wondrous things on earth; Who fosters people’s growth from their mother’s womb, and fashions them according to His will! May He grant you joy of heart and may peace abide among you; may His goodness toward us endure in Israel to deliver us in our days.”

-First Reading from the Book of Sirach–Thanksgiving Day

Happy Thanksgiving! By the time that you read this bulletin, we are only days away from this great, annual, national feast. If you are like me, Thanksgiving evokes a strong sense of family times, as we gather around a common table for this feast.

My first recollections of celebrating Thanksgiving was on our farm near Slayton, in my first years of grade school. School would be getting out for us, and my second-oldest sibling would be getting in from the minor seminary. Since there were no other relatives in this country, it would just be the immediate, eight-of-us, around the dinner table at twelve-o’clock noon, for many years.

The morning of Thanksgiving had a regular regiment to our rural life. For my Dad and my older brothers, there were chores to complete. After a morning in the barns with the cattle, they came in smelling of straw and silage, my Father of just “one-more-cigarette”. Even though it was just our immediate family, my Mother exerted extra-energy for Thanksgiving day. This was a day that one of the good embroidered table-cloths from Holland was laid out, all white, pressed and without a wrinkle. The good dishes from the front cabinet were again displayed. There was the smell of boiling potatoes and carrots cooking, cool applesauce carried up from the cellar, and perhaps even a rare can of peaches she had canned. There was even those very thin slices of pie that would be served with a crust that was as almost as thin as ice that was forming on the farm house windows on cold November days.

By mid-morning, my Mother would remind me that fresh air would do me good, and she would “make me” go outside. The truth was that I became an outsider not so much for my health but more for relieving a bit of the hectic activity inside of the house. So I would wander around, check on the chores, but not so long that I would take on the smells of that space and also not having my siblings see that I be put to work, in spite of my size or age. Rosy-cheeked, I pressed my face on the kitchen glass, wondering



if my sentence outside was over. Reluctantly, my mother relinquished her requirement, on the condition that I remain out of the kitchen, quiet, and out of her way.

Back then, in my young little mind, it seemed that this annual day would go on endlessly to an eternal future of years. Yet, as the saying goes, “youth is wasted on the young”. In just a few short years, one by one, the siblings no longer sat at the table. There were distant universities they were attending, unfortunate hours for work-study, significant others began to come into our family’s lives, in-laws, and the like.

There came the day that my Mother said Thanksgiving was more than she could handle by herself and so an abundance of food was brought in by the family, and the same table that seemed so large in second grade, now seemed so small, in-spite of the leafs and the length that was added. As the family grew, the family started to come in shifts during the Thanksgiving season. Years passed, and perhaps there was even a time or two that I celebrated Thanksgiving with just those two people that I had called parents. There was still a fire in their eyes, but their bodies were showing the signs of age, and were gently failing as gently as the last leaves falling from the ash trees outside.

Last year our family Thanksgiving took place, not in that rural farm house of more than a century-and-a-half, but in the rectory where I am writing this column, right now. It was just my Mother and I. The staff at the residence she was living at the time told me (*when I picked her up*) that she was so excited that she had not even eaten breakfast. No sooner did we get into the car when she asked, “Are we going to stop for something to eat?” On Thanksgiving Day, she told me not to make any dinner as she was not hungry. In both childhood and in adulthood, I did not always listen to her and still prepared Thanksgiving dinner for just the two of us. With a table cloth from the old world and old used dishes I had bought, we sat down again to chicken and carrots, apple sauce and all the things she had made in her prime, decades earlier. For someone who had said that she would not eat, she ate extremely well. No sooner had we finished eating, when she had wanted to go outside, as she asked, “Can we go somewhere?”. We drove around as rural people tend to do, she had a good night’s rest and returned back to her residence in our hometown of Slayton.

Although I spoke to my Mother daily, three days after Thanksgiving, the staff called me and stated, “Your Mother has not eaten since she returned home.” Her last good meal was on Thanksgiving Day.

As you gather at the table in honor of Thanksgiving this Thursday and throughout the weekend, gathering with family and friends, don’t forget to be thankful, not just for the turkey, but most especially for those that take a place at the table. As my Mother so wisely said in her last days of life, “Today you are here, and tomorrow you are gone.”

I give “thanks” this year for all of the Happy Thanksgivings I have had with my family. May you be thankful not just for the food, but also the family and those

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Stewardship of Gratitude

Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary

Adult Contributions	\$4,459.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,535.74
Youth Giving	\$46.42
Loose Plate	\$405.44
November Festival Revenue	\$9,930.15

Weekly Offering Total \$16,376.75
Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,300.00

Nov. 2018 "Bridging the Gap" \$5,248.75

Additional Weekly Income \$5,041.55

Grand Total *\$21,418.30
Total weekly stewardship goal is set at \$13,200.00

Thank you for your gifts of gratitude to God!!!

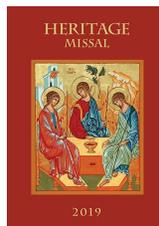
Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service

You are cordially invited to attend the long-standing tradition of the North Mankato community by celebrating with all of our area churches, our Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer service on Wednesday evening November 21st, at 7:00 P.M. The service will be held this year at Holy Rosary Catholic Church on the corner of Sherman and Grant street in North Mankato. The pastors of the North Mankato community will all share in the service. Following the Thanksgiving Prayer service, there will be a social hosted downstairs for all the worshippers who have gathered to pray, and to enjoy and visit with the members of our various Christian churches. We hope to see many of you there.



It's Time to Change the Missals!

Volunteers are needed to change the Missals in Church on Monday, November 19th, after the 8:30 am Mass. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Please call Cathy Neve at 507-345-6765 if you are available to help. Thank you!



Stewardship Of Gratitude

As I write this on Monday morning, due to the early bulletin deadline by Liturgical Publications (*that publishes our weekly bulletin*), and the fact that the bank is not open due to the federal holiday, honoring our veterans; I cannot tell you the break-down of facts and figures of our 4th Annual November Fest. I can say that we had another strong attendance at our Mass and served more than 450 dinners, which was just somewhat down from last year's total by perhaps 50 meals. It was actually good that we did not have more people in attendance, as there was just a small amount of food remaining after the last person was served. So, one might say that it worked out almost perfectly!

Our "gross" income at this is a few dollars shy of nearly \$27,000.00. Some of the various areas reported higher earnings and of course we had some new areas we began this year. Nearly all of our Silent Auction items were bid upon and sold, except for some 4 items. These items along with the other baskets of donated items that were prepared will be on sale for the C.C.W. Bake Sale in December. The majority of the furniture and finds from Grandma's attic have been donated to local charities here in the Mankato area.

A special word of thanks goes out to the co-chairs, Rachel Helget and Jim Theuninck, for their hard work and great leadership on this major fund-raiser of the season. Also a special word of thanks to the Fall Festival Committee, the chairmen of the various departments, all who worked weeks and days before the event as well as all who worked on the day from the kitchen to the clean-up crew in the gym.

Even though it is a tremendous amount of work, I still feel pastorally that it is a whole lot of fun! Thank you for making Holy Rosary the great parish that it has become. Hopefully next week we plan to have more information on the results. You all did great! Thank you for your gifts!

"the quill and the cloth" continued...

that you share your faith in Jesus Christ with as well. May you, your family, and your friends have a most blessed Thanksgiving. (**Please plan to come to Mass on Thanksgiving morning at 8:30 am or the Thanksgiving Prayer Service on the eve of Thanksgiving at Holy Rosary at 7:00 pm.*)

Rev. Paul van de Crommert
 Pastor

The Week Ahead

Sunday, November 25th: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 am - Baptism- Shaikoski

Monday, November 19th: Weekday

8:05 am - Rosary

8:30 am - Mass - Unice Quadet

**Volunteers are needed to change out Missals after Mass.*

10:00 am - *Parish Bulletin Articles due noon on Monday*

6:00 pm - **Fall Festival Follow-Up Meeting** (Conf. Rm. 1)

7:00 pm - **Pastoral Council Meeting** (Conf. Rm. 1)

Tuesday, November 20th: Weekday

No Morning Mass at Holy Rosary

Private Mass Intention - Lyle & Katherine Pearson†

Wednesday, November 21st: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:05 am - Rosary

8:30 am - Mass - Living & Deceased Members of the Eileen

Wadekamper Family

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Sewing Group (Lower Level PC)

7:00 pm - **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service**

(*Hosted by Holy Rosary! All are welcome!)

Thursday, November 22nd: Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Parish Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!

8:05 am - Rosary

8:30 am - Mass - Norb & Ruth Gag†

Friday, November 23rd: Weekday (Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; USA: Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr)

Parish Office Closed

9:15 am - Parishioners' Breakfast at Perkins

10:00 am - **K. of C. Christmas Tree Lot Opens**

10:15 am - Mass at Monarch Meadows - Merle Braam†

7:00 pm - **K of C General Meeting**

Saturday, November 24th: Saint Andrew Dűng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Private Mass Intention - Colleen Bianchi†

4:30 pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm - Rosary

5:00 pm - Mass - Jan Schmidt†

Olive Wood Goods Sale from the Holy Land after Mass

Sunday, November 25th: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

7:30 am - Rosary

8:00 am - Mass - Carol Hannick†

9:30 am - Rosary

10:00 am - Mass - People of the Parish

Olive Wood Goods Sale from the Holy Land after Mass

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

-The Prophet Daniel 12:3



Weekend Ministry Schedule

November 24th & 25th, 2018

Lectors:

5:00 pm Vince Guertin

8:00 am Cathy Neve

10:00 am Chris Cain

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm Brenda Voracek, Karen Winters, Rick Gruber, Tom & Mary Clare Wyrowski, Mary Beth Nygaard

8:00 am Arlyce Anderson, Margaret Ayers, Terri Compton, Gerry Hiniker, Colleen Campbell, Craig Amundson

10:00 am Curt & Donna Stanke, Maxine Davis, Sherry Henrickson, Ryan Howe

Altar Servers:

5:00 pm James Younge, Anna & James Voracek (C/B/B)

8:00 am Timothy Cain, Joseph Cullen, Duram Kelly C/B/B)

10:00 am Hannah Linnes, Braeden & Emma Otto

Presentation of Gifts:

5:00 pm Younge Family

8:00 am Frank Weber Family

10:00 am Mike & Diane O'Dea

Ushers:

5:00 pm Helen Dharmarajah, Janet Chicos, Tom Rheamue, Mark Weingartz (Head Usher)

8:00 am Leroy Gappa, Julie Bigaouette, Mary & Doug Homan (Head Usher)

10:00 am Jim Barker, Isaac Kolstad, Teresa & Blaine 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 Joe Kunkel/Jeanne Makela

8:00 am Julie Gruber/ Jeanne Makela

10:00 am Jenny Chelstrom/ Vicki Galli

Money Counters - November 2018: Bob Manwarren, Terri Compton, Bob Meyer, John Holden

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

Religious Education Program



THANK YOU!!

Thank you to those of you who donated toward the purchase of our Saint Cards. Your donation is very much appreciated! We have received \$45.00 to date. There is still time to donate! Please put your donation in an envelope marked "Faith Formation Saint Cards" and put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office.



Sarah Swafford Event - for all 7 - 12 Graders & Parents

On Wednesday, November 28th, the four area parishes will be hosting renowned speaker, Sarah Swafford. Her topic will be "Emotional Virtue for a Drama Free Life." The event will be held at Loyola High School from 5:30 - 9:00 pm. We will begin with Mass at 5:30 pm followed by pizza and the talk will begin at 7:00 pm. Youth activities to follow the talk. Mark your calendars now!



Community Meal Helpers - Each week, we will ask parents to donate specific things to the Community Meal. We will go by grade level.

Our hope is to get everyone involved in the Religious Education of our young people! **Thank you to parents who have donated!**

November 28th: 4th Grade; December 5th: 3rd Grade

You can sign up here: <https://goo.gl/1Uruf8>

Christmas Program Info - Mark Your Calendars!

Thinking of Christmas already! Our Christmas Program will be on **Saturday, December 8th at 3:30 pm**. We are having the program in conjunction with the K.C./C.C.W. Christmas Party. We will all attend Mass at 5:00 pm and then eat dinner in the church lower hall. The children will be singing a song after communion. We are asking all RE students to be part of the program!

Upcoming Dates

- **November 21** - No Class
- **November 28** - Community Meal 4:45 pm - 6:00 pm; On the Menu: Grilled Cheese, RE Classes for 1st-6th: 6:00-7:10 pm at Holy Rosary: **Grades 7-12 students & parents attend class at Loyola to hear Sarah Swafford at 5:30 - 9:00 pm**
- **December 5** - Community Meal 4:45 pm - 6:00 pm; On the menu: Pizza; RE Classes for ALL Grades - 6:00 pm - 7:10 pm
- **December 8** - Youth Christmas Program - 3:30 pm followed by 5:00 pm Mass and Parish Christmas Party

Youth Group News

Next Youth Group meeting - December 12th



Thanksgiving Ministry Schedule

Lector:

8:30 am Dolores Portz

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:30 am Gene Brandt, Brenda Voracek

Altar Servers:

8:30 am Connor McGraw, Anna & James Voracek (C/B/B)

Presentation of Gifts:

8:30 am John & Donna Wolf

Ushers:

8:30 am Dean Cullen, Arlyce Anderson, Dan Voracek, Jim Theuninck (*Head Usher*)

Music Ministry:

8:30 am Tom Bachmann/Jeanne Makela

Attention Ministers!

With the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service being hosted at our very own parish this year, we have decided to not hold the anticipatory Mass on Wednesday, November 21st. We will only be holding the morning Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 8:30 am. So if you are scheduled for that evening Mass, you no longer are scheduled for that ministry. Thank you for all that you do!



Stepping Up in Faith

Collected this Week:	\$500.00
Rec'd. to Date:	\$55,627.26
Goal:	\$156,000.00

We are most grateful for receiving this week a gift in the amount of \$500.00 from the Merle Braam† family in loving memory of his recent passing. Merle was handicapped in his later years of life. There is no doubt that Merle (*along with his family*) would be very much in favor of supporting this front entrance project to aid those who still use the steps to have secure railings and sound support underneath them and that is all up to city codes. Thank you to the Braam family all of you who continue to support this basis and important parish project. May God reward you.

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

Judith Neitge, 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, Brenda Burger, Mary Kelly, Donald Theissen, Molly Viehweg, Karen Etzell, Esther Zellmer, Pat Browman, Mary McVicker, Lucille O'Donnell, Francis Neubert, Renee Cramer, Anne Frederick, Bob Manwarren, Rihanna Flynn, Lois Kodet, Val Twomey, Cyril Windschitl

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 Andrew & Denise Seys
Tuesday Robert & Debra Stachon
Wednesday Amy & Patrick Pinske
Thursday Mario & Nena Aquino
Friday Brenda Burger
Saturday Darren & Jennifer Pierskalla
Sunday Trevor & Jennifer Robb



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: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43
 Tues: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10
 Wed: Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28
 Thurs: Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44
 Fri: Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48
 Sat: Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40
 Sun: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Stewardship Corner

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

Pd. to Date: \$14,791.38
Goal: \$80,676.59

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

Rec'd. to Date: \$0.00
Goal: \$36,706.88

Loyola Catholic School Assessment:

Pd. to Date: \$36,000.00
Goal: \$198,216.66

Total Paid to Date 2018-19: \$50,791.38
Apostolate Stewardship 2018-19: \$315,597.33

This week the Diocese of New Ulm released the vital statistics about our Catholic Schools throughout our Diocese of New Ulm, as well as the statistics of the number of students of Holy Rosary parish that are attending the Catholic School of Loyola. The Diocese reports the following statistics for Holy Rosary parish: Pre-school and Pre-Kindergarten: 7; Kindergarten – 4th Grade: 20; Grades 5th - 8th: 18; Grades 9-12: 21. This brings this year's enrollment of students attending Loyola Catholic School from Holy Rosary parish to 66 students. The total enrollment this year at Loyola for the 2018-2019 school year, (as reported by the Diocese of New Ulm including 63 pre-school students), is 442. The number of students in K-12 comes to a total of 379 students. Holy Rosary students, excluding the pre-school, make up about 22% (almost a quarter), of the school's total population. With this year's enrollment being 25% non-Catholic, Holy Rosary students, while making up about 25%, or one-fourth of the total school population or about 33%, or one third of the total Catholic student population (k-12). I just thought you, as generous stewards, would be interested to know, where your stewardship support goes. Thank you for your gifts!!!

Wedding Wishes

Our prayers and best wishes go out to Cassy Messner & Dan Fitterer on the occasion of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony this past Saturday at Holy Rosary. May their unity in body and spirit as husband and wife, in the sacramental bonds of marriage, be the beginning of lifetime relationship with Christ and His Holy Bride, the Church. Congratulations to the new couple and their families on this milestone day in their life of faith. Congratulations!



Diocesan Ministries Appeal 2018

Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday for the 2018 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Watching the video, we are reminded of the good work the DMA is doing in ministries too big for parishes to do alone, but ministries that are important to us. As you reflect on what your pledge should be, prayerfully keep in mind God's generosity to you. The DMA offers a great opportunity to make return to God the blessings we have received. This year with the theme "A Gift of Self", Bishop LeVoir invites us to consider all that we can accomplish when people and parishes work together. Be assured that contributions to the DMA will be used only for the benefit of the ministries designated in the brochure and no other purpose.



Council of Catholic Women News

C.C.W. is still looking for a Historian and a Legislation Coordinator. If you would be interested or would like more information about either position, please call Arlyce Anderson at 317-0617.



This Week's Sanctuary Light Intention:

Mary K. McGraw†

Adopt a Family for Christmas!

Join the Social Concerns Committee this year in providing necessities and Christmas Joy to a needy family in Nicollet County. Take an envelope from the Christmas Tree in the back of church (*by the St. Theresa statue*), and have fun purchasing the gift on the card for one of the 4 small children or the mom. Then return the wrapped gift (*with the enclosed card identifying who it is for*) and place under the tree. The gifts need to be returned by the weekend of December 14th & 15th in order to be delivered in time to the family.

THANK YOU in advance for your generosity.
-Social Concerns Committee

K. of C. Council #5551 News

November 23 - General Meeting (Friday)
November 23 - Christmas Tree Lot Opens



2018 ECHO FOOD SHELF COLLECTION

Total Received To Date for 2018: \$2,981.55

Total Amount Collected: \$15,681.55

*This collection started in March 2017



LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Learn about Loyola Catholic School...visit www.loyolacatholicschool.org Contact Angela Casteel at acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org or call 388-0615 to schedule family tours.

Save the Date!

November 28 - Memorial Mass at 1:00 pm

Host Families needed: We need 7 more families to host students from Argentina for a homestay/shadow experience from January 6th-February 9th. Host families receive a stipend for providing room/board, meals, and transportation to and from school each day. Contact Angela at 388-0615 or email her at acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org. Each student must have a host family by December 1st.

Did you know? Loyola admin and staff participate in curriculum review and revision through the university of Notre Dame and the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. Starting with the MN state standards, we up the rigor to reflect our expectations for student learning.

We continue to incorporate **Top 20** concepts and language into our day. Top 20 is a program designed to help all to reach toward their full potential by creating a culture in which everyone acknowledges each person's dignity, worth and purpose.

Juniors were at **Wolf Ridge** for their annual retreat November 14th-16th.

Loyola classes are not in session November 21st-23rd for **Thanksgiving break**.

Want to volunteer? Call us at 388-0600!

THANK YOU to all who send us Box Tops for Education, Hy-Vee receipts, and Milk Moola labels.

Your parish support makes all we do, learn, and celebrate at Loyola possible.

Social Concerns-Did You Know? Catholics at the Capitol

The next Catholics at the Capitol event, to advocate for Life and Dignity, will be held Tuesday, February 19th, 2019. It gives an opportunity to learn about key challenges facing our state, gain insights into effective advocacy and talk with elected officials about the issues that matter to you. You will have the opportunity to hear from inspirational speakers, including Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia, Gloria Purvis of Black Catholics United for Life and EWTN's Morning Glory radio program. Social Concerns has several members planning to attend. If you would like to attend and join in a car pool please call Darlene Schorn 779-6751 or Joanne Borchert 388-8813. <https://catholicsatthecapitol.org>

Worship Council Meeting Minutes Holy Rosary Catholic Church September 21st, 2018

The Holy Rosary Worship Committee was called to order on Monday, September 17th, 2018, in Conference room one. The majority of the members were in attendance for the meeting. The meeting began with prayer that was led by Father. The past minutes of the April 23rd meeting were approved as read, as well as the agenda for the September meeting.

Pastor's Report: Father reported that since our last Worship Committee meeting, the parish completed the training of the last of the new lectors, as well as the Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist. In the recent weeks there has been a good response of nearly everyone showing up for their assigned ministries or finding a replacement. This summer there was not a single Mass where ushers were absent on Sunday morning, which had happened several times the previous summers. Father again expressed a word of thanks to all who are faithfully serving in the various ministries.

Father also stated that a good deal of effort has gone into the interior structure of our parish church. There are a number of areas that have been, and are being, addressed. All the work that is presently being done is basic maintenance. There is painting being done on all of the ceilings of the three stairwells along with an entire and thorough cleaning of the pews. This is all moving our parish facility forward and giving it the look of a well-maintained facility. Since the church is such a large structure, it will take some time before we have everything repaired, cleaned and up-to-date. This may all take several more years, and of course more stewardship.

Father stated that he felt summer attendance was somewhat down from last summer, but church support of those attending has been strong. Presently, all income that has been received is slightly exceeding our budgeted needs. The first quarter of the fiscal year is usually the most difficult time of stewardship due to summer travel. More work will be done this year with our youth to get them more involved in the liturgical life of the church.

Father concluded by discussing with the Worship Committee regarding a question about the lectors processing in with the Book of the Gospel. Father was being informed by some priests that the present format that Holy Rosary was doing was liturgically incorrect. Father shared what he had found from the General Instruction of the Roman Missal the following: *"In the procession to the altar, in the absence of a Deacon, the reader, wearing approved attire, may carry the Book of the Gospels, slightly elevated. In that case, the reader walks in front of the priest but otherwise walks along with the other ministers."* Father concluded by saying we have in writing from the General Instruction of the Roman Missal that we are correct in what we are doing presently at this time.

Old Business: Front Entrance: There is continued stewardship progress on the front entrance and the new steps for church on the west side of the building. On September 17th, 2018, this amount had been a total of \$52,977.26. As of November 12th, 2018 this amount has risen to \$55,627.26. The plans are to begin in earnest, to raise the remaining monies and to begin seeking out a contractor in the earlier part of 2019. The project is anticipated to begin in or around the middle or later part of 2019. **Church Sanctuary Update:** The sanctuary floor has been completed with many layers of wax being removed by a professional firm to avoid slips and falls. A sealer has been placed on the floor that protects the stone and also prevents it from not being a falling hazard. There have also been strips painted/stained on the edge of the steps of the sanctuary, making it appear as though there is a different kind of stone. The work was done very professionally, and we are grateful to Vetter Stone for donating the materials and labor for staining the edge of the steps. **New Altar Cloth:** With the new altar stone that is larger on the altar of sacrifice, the present altar cloth no longer fits. Father is still seeking out St. Patrick's Guild in the Twin Cities to have a new, custom altar cloth prepared and ready in the near future. **Pictorial Directory:** The pictorial directory is in its final stages of development. There is still one final session of sittings this fall and when these sittings are completed, and Father has prepared the cover letter, the directory will go to press. The book is anticipated to come out in late 2018 or early 2019. **Thank You:** Keeping up the church is a never ending task, as it is a public building that is continually being used. Father expressed his gratitude to the four women from the Worship Committee that spent a better part of the day helping to clean in the church as well as the sacristy this past summer that includes: Lorraine K., Maxine D., Mary Clare W., and Terri C.

New Business: Membership: Cathy Neve has asked to step down as a member of the Worship Committee. Cathy has served for many years, going back to the time of Fr. Peter, when there was no active Worship Committee but she still helped Father with the seasonal environment. Father Paul expressed gratitude for Cathy's many years of service. Father suggested that we might recommend some new members to join the committee. Several individuals were suggested. Father and some of the Worship Committee members will visit with potential new members. **Church Stairwells:** The three church stairwells are in rough shape and are slowly being repaired and updated. The main stairwell on the west end of the church has had a new plastered ceiling installed, which had experienced water damage many years earlier and had been roughly repaired. The floors/steps are also in bad shape and have not been polished since their installation. To polish and reseal the stairwells and entrance will be at the cost of \$11,500.00. A firm from the Twin Cities will perform the work. The floors had been recently stripped by a local firm, thinking this was all that needed to be done. While a great deal was saved on the sanctuary floor, these heavily used stairwells need professional treatment to

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bring them back to their original beauty. New carpet inserts will be also purchased as the original mats from the 1950's, were completely deteriorated. Father is still searching for the right lights for the two side stairwells and he hopes to have them installed in the near future. After this work is completed, the walls, railing and the riser of the steps will be repainted to more suitable colors. Father is anticipating all of this interior work to be completed before the start of Advent. **All Soul's Sunday Mass:** This Mass is always well attended at 10:00 am, as the parish honors at that Mass all the members from our parish that have died during the past 12 months. Lorraine and Cathy N. will work on this together, and again send out invitations. A reception will follow after that morning Mass. **November Fest(ival) Mass:** The Mass is scheduled for 10:00 am on November 11th. The Blue Grass Band from Willmar will once again provide the majority of the music. There is always a strong attendance at this Mass. With the band coming a distance, and needing time to set-up and warm-up, the Festival Committee recommended that the 8:00 am Mass would not be celebrated on the morning of the festival. **Mass in the Park:** The "Mass in the Park", was another great success with perhaps the largest attendance in recent memory. It is estimated that more than 500 people were in attendance. Around 400 were served for the meal. The parish is grateful to the anonymous parishioner who donated the cost of the food for the day. The music and Mass again turned out very well. A special thank you to the musicians, the Knights, and all of the volunteers who worked so hard for this event. **Church Cleaning:** Fall house cleaning will take place in September with church floors and carpet being professionally cleaned and more painting taking place in the stairwells. **Exposition/Benediction:** Dates and times were discussed through the remainder of 2018. **Fall Decorations and Decorating:** A date was established to set up the fall decorations. Some of the decorations would already be done following this Worship Committee meeting in September. A discussion was held as to what was needed and what was going to change. The purchase of some new and additional items was discussed. The Worship Committee is moving more to artificial decor due to the mess of natural items from remaining in the sanctuary for a long period of time. **Holy Water Bottles:** Holy water bottles were discussed. Many people are picking up holy water in the front entrance of the church which is a good thing. Father was checking to see if there was any more bottles in storage. Brian suggested purchasing more inexpensive bottles online. It was decided to avoid the more expensive bottles from the religious good stores as people are not recycling or reusing the bottles. Brian would do a bit more research in this area and report back to Father with his findings.

Future Business: 1.) Advent decorating 2.) Christmas decorating 3.) The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 12th at 6:30 pm in Conference room one. There being no further business, the meeting closed with prayer. The Worship Committee members then went over to church to bring to transition the worship space environment for the fall season.

Olive Wood Goods from the Holy Land

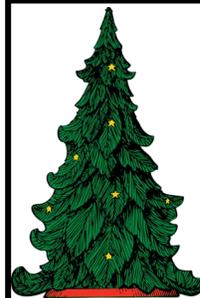
A Christian Group from Bethlehem in the Holy Land is visiting our church on the weekend of November 24th & 25th.

They come to us to sell the olive wood carvings and crafts that are hand made by the Christians in the Holy Land. This is their main source of income.



We need to support these people by buying their beautiful olive wood carvings and crafts so we can help Christian families stay in the Holy Land.

Pray for the Christians in the Holy Land and support them so we all can do our part to keep our Christian bells ringing in the Holy Land. Thanks and God bless.



K of C Christmas Tree Lot is MOVING!

The North Mankato Knights of Columbus Council 5551 will again be selling beautiful Christmas Trees this year



but in a different location! The lot is located right next to Arizona Oil Company at #237 Belgrade Avenue in Lower North Mankato. The lot opens 10:00 am Friday, November 23rd. The lot is open from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm on weekends and 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm on weekdays. Proceeds support the Knight's vast charitable efforts. This season, buy a Catholic Christmas Tree!

Campaign for Human Development

Please be generous in this week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

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!



Advent Prayer Service

All families, especially those with children, are invited to attend an Advent Prayer Service with Bishop John M. LeVoir on Sunday, December 9th. The service is at 4:00 pm in Hutchinson at the Church of St. Anastasia. This service is designed to help us focus on Advent and prepare for the true meaning of Christmas, centered on the birth of Jesus. Families are encouraged to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their home nativity set. The figure will be blessed by Bishop LeVoir individually as families come forward in procession. There will be a blessing on families and expectant mothers as they prepare for Jesus' birth in their hearts. A "swaddling clothes" collection (*blankets, sleepers, layette items, etc.*) and cash donations will be taken for babies in need. For more information, contact the diocesan evangelization and catechesis offices at 507-233-5325.



Used, Artificial Trees Needed

At our last Worship Committee meeting, the need to replace some of our old artificial trees was brought up. We are again in need of good, used or like-new Christmas trees of sizable height. If you have a larger or mid-size tree that you no longer are using and taking up space, please call the parish office in the neat future. Thank you so much!



PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS



Advent Day of Reflection

Come celebrate Advent with Mary on December 8th, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Sacred Space Ministry on Good Counsel Hill, Mankato, Minnesota. The liturgy of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated and the day will include input, reflection, stories, and sharing. How might Mary speak to us today? What is our Advent call? The fee for the day is \$40.00 which includes lunch. To register please call 507-389-4266 or email mjwelter@ssndcp.org



Senior Citizen's Dinner

All Saints Catholic Church in Madison Lake will be hosting a Senior Citizen's Dinner on Friday, December 7th (*following the 11:00 am Mass*). On the menu is a Christmas salad, home baked ham, holiday potatoes, country green beans, dinner roll, punch, coffee, glass of wine, festival dessert. All area senior citizens are cordially invited to attend this free dinner courtesy of All Saints Parish!

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5:30 pm:	6:30 pm:	7:15 pm:	8:15 pm:	8:30 pm:
Travelers Mass w/ Bishop Quinn!	Pizza	Sarah Swafford	Parent Session/ Youth Activities	Meet and Greet w/ Sarah