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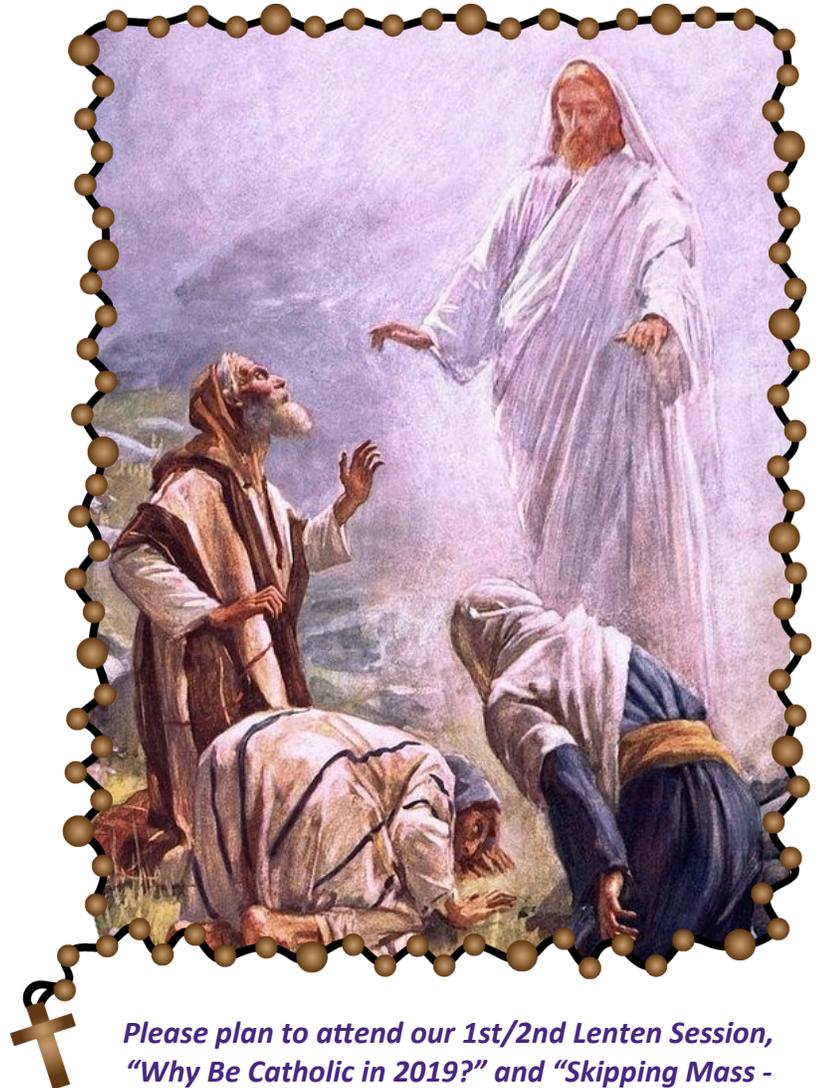
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March 17, 2019

Second Sunday of Lent



Please plan to attend our 1st/2nd Lenten Session,
“Why Be Catholic in 2019?” and “Skipping Mass -
Skipping an Event or Eternity?” Make it part of your
Lenten resolve!

Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor

the Quill and the Cloth

“Jesus took Peter, John and James and went up the mountain to pray. While He was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.”
-St. Luke



This Sunday, after the 10:00 A.M. Mass, we will have a parish brunch, followed by a pastoral talk, accompanied by small-group discussion for those that wish to remain to visit and to ask questions. The talk this week

will be combined (*due to last week's uncooperative weather*) to include, **“Why Be Catholic in 2019?” and “Skipping Mass – Skipping an Event or Skipping Eternity?”** I hope that for everyone who reads this weekly article, you might sacrifice your Sunday noon-hour, plus a little more time to enrich yourself spiritually during these 40 days of Lent. As I have repeatedly said, I hope that this Lent is more than just another 40 days of life, but filled with the spiritual life nourished through prayer/spiritual enrichment, fasting and almsgiving.

If you allow me to give you a little “trailer”, (as they say in today’s culture); in the second half of my talk, I will speak practically about the importance of Mass attendance in relationship to our spiritual life. **If someone were to ask you why you still go to Mass in 2019, (when so many Catholic Christians have given up and abandoned the faith), would you be able to give a sharp, spiritual response?** Or, would you tell them to mind their own business when it comes to matters of faith?

A very simple way to tell others why you still practice your Catholic faith, (in spite of these troubling times), that every other Minnesotan can understand is by asking them: **“Why do you live in Minnesota with these cold winters?”** Now, some Minnesotans might tell you that they would move to a warmer climate if they could, but they cannot afford to do so. Still others, most likely would say that even though the winters are tough, they tough it out because they have a tender spot in their heart for their family and friends. They may tell you that Minnesota has been their home their whole life. They may even tell you that Minnesota is where they raised their

family and made their livelihood.

Then you could explain to them that you are still practicing the faith, in spite of this cold spiritual season of scandals because “horizontally” speaking, you were born and raised a Catholic, you raised a family in the faith and you have always considered the Church your spiritual home. **BUT THE REASON WHY YOU ARE STILL CATHOLIC TRANSCENDS BEYOND THE “HORIZONTAL” TO THE SPIRITUAL OR THE “VERTICAL”! WHAT ARE THOSE VERTICAL REASONS ONE SHOULD CONTINUE IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH? PLAN TO COME TO OUR BRUNCH AND TALK THIS SUNDAY (AFTER 10 A.M. MASS) OR THIS WEDNESDAY (AT 6:15 P.M.) IN THE LOWER SOCIAL HALL AND FIND OUT!!!**

In today’s readings for this Second Sunday of Lent, both Abram and the Almighty are placed in a natural setting. God tells Abram to go outside and to *“Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can.”* God assures Abram that as many stars as he can count, he will have descendants who will possess a great land from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates. In the midst of this First Reading from the Book of Genesis, God performs a supernatural miracle in the midst of the natural. For in the animal sacrifices that Abram offers to God, there appears a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which pass between the two dead carcasses.

The Gospel from St. Luke and the story of the Transfiguration holds similar parallels. For the Lord take Peter, James and John to a natural, (*but a supernatural setting to the Jewish people*), as the Lord takes these men up a high mountain. And in that natural setting these three men witness a supernatural experience involving also three men: Moses, Elijah and the Almighty Son of God. Just as in the First Reading, Abram is consoled in nature by a supernatural event with a flaming torch; so too Christ, in dazzling light is transfigured (almost like a burning human torch of sorts), and both Christ and His followers are consoled. **For just as Abram is assured by this supernatural occurrence that before his death he will have a son who will bring about a great number of descendants; so too the supernatural occurrence of the Transfiguration assures Christ and his followers that as the Son of God, his death will bring about the resurrection and many devoted followers to the end of time! The Good News is that both of these promises by God have proven themselves out to be true in our time!**

As Minnesotans, we should be the easiest people to convince that supernatural things can occur in the midst of the natural order. For right now, as I am writing this on Monday, we have a mighty amount of snow and cold here on this March 11th! Yet, one reason many of us love

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Stewardship of Gratitude

Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary

Adult Contributions	\$4,882.00
Electronic Giving	\$3,410.02
Youth Giving	\$78.85
Ash Wednesday Collection	\$1,720.09
Loose Plate	\$226.90
Fuel Income	\$628.00
Front Steps	\$200.00
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Weekly Offering Total	\$11,145.86
<i>Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,300.00</i>	
Additional Weekly Income	\$2,754.68
Grand Total	*\$13,900.54
<i>Total weekly stewardship goal is set at \$13,200.00</i>	

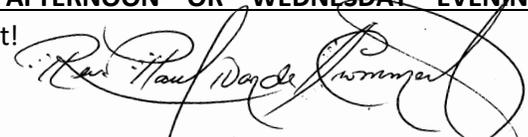
Thank you for your gifts of gratitude to God!!!

“the quill and the cloth” continued...

Minnesota is that we have these wonderful change of seasons. With temperatures above freezing this week and even into the low 40’s, we can anticipate a transfiguration, a-kind-of-supernatural event occurring in the natural order. For in these next weeks, we will experience a radical transformation or transfiguration of nature from winter to spring. It is certainly something to behold!

Spring is all about a physical transformation of nature. Lent (*which means spring*), is all about a spiritual transformation of our human nature. St. Paul reminds us that when we pass from this world and have been faithful to Christ and His Church, we will experience another spiritual and physical springtime. For he writes; **“He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.”** **THINK SPRING! I HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE TALKS THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON OR WEDNESDAY EVENING.**

Happy Lent!



Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor

Stewardship Of Gratitude

These weekends, where we have our extreme weather, are tough on our church collections. As I was watching the news a week ago on Saturday evening, I saw numerous Lutheran churches cancelling their Sunday services. On the other hand, I only saw a couple of Catholic churches cancel services which was most likely due to the fact that they were mission churches and the pastor would have to travel a distance. As it turned out, the storm last weekend was not as severe as had been predicted. Our 8:00 A.M. Mass attendance was pretty light, but the 10:00 A.M. was better than I had anticipated. Of course, this reaffirms the need to be e-givers, as there are so many reasons (*good and not so good*) for not being at Mass on any given weekend. Thank you to those of you that responded and picked up e-giving material at the Ash Wednesday Masses. Thank you for your stewardship. (*I hope to have e-giving material out again this weekend as well, as Lent is all about “giving”.*) We are grateful to some of our parishioners who make larger donations to keep our finances on a good standing. Of course sound stewardship is the work of many, not a few. As always, thank you for your gifts!



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, faintheartedness, lust of power, and idle talk. But give the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to your servant. Yes, Oh Lord and King, grant me to see my own sin and not to judge my brother, for you are blessed from all ages to ages. Amen”

-St. Ephraim the Syrian



2018 ECHO FOOD SHELF COLLECTION

Total Received To Date for 2018: \$4,048.00

Total Amount Collected: \$16,748.00

*This collection started in March 2017





Stepping Up in Faith

Collected this Week: \$250.00
 Rec'd. to Date: \$69,171.22
 Goal: \$156,000.00

Pastoral Talks – Lenten Series – 2019

Perhaps you have decided to give up some negative or unnecessary things for Lent, but how about taking on some spiritually positive things for Lent. In the spirit of increasing our Lenten prayer and reflection, how about attending one of our adult Pastoral Talk sessions. The following is our schedule for Sundays around 12:00 P.M. in the main church and again on Wednesday at 6:15 P.M. (*Day care and activities will be provided for parents with children.*)



Pastoral Talk Schedule

1st Sunday of Lent – 2nd Sunday and Wednesday of Lent – *Why be Catholic in 2019?/Skipping Mass – Skipping an Event or Skipping Eternity?*

3rd Sunday of Lent - *A Church in Crisis or a Church Under Conversion?*

4th Sunday of Lent – *Eschatology – The Study of Final Things – Heaven, Hell, Death and Purgatory*

5th Sunday of Lent – *Believing Beyond the Bible – Catholic Tradition*

Palm Sunday - *“Is Holy Week Just a Lot of Hype” (*This talk will only be presented on Sunday. No talk will be presented on Wednesday evening.)*

Make your Lent of 2019 memorable. Come spend a little time with us after Mass on Sunday or on Wednesday evening during the time of Faith Formation classes.



**Weekend
 Ministry Schedule**

March 23 & 24

Lectors:

- 5:00 pm Mary Clare Wyrowski
- 8:00 am Cathy Neve
- 10:00 am Ashley Paul

Eucharistic Ministers:

- 5:00 pm Mary Beth Nygaard, Tom Wyrowski
- 8:00 am Michelle Ellingworth, Gene Brandt
- 10:00 am Mike & Diane O’Dea

Altar Servers:

- 5:00 pm Jonathan Hull, Connor McGraw, Emma Niederegger
- 8:00 am James Younge, Danielle & Carson Fischer
- 10:00 am Brendan Isenberg, Jacob Reynolds, Emma Bernard

Presentation of Gifts:

- 5:00 pm Kohlmeyer Family
- 8:00 am Confirmandi Family
- 10:00 am Confirmandi Family

Ushers:

- 5:00 pm Roger Steinbach, Tom Koch, Tom Rheame, Mark Weingartz (*Head Usher*)
- 8:00 am Sharon Lenz, Leroy Gappa, Paul Harguth, Doug Homan (*Head Usher*)
- 10:00 am Teresa Kolstad, Isaac Kolstad, Chris Backes, Blaine Kolstad (*Head Usher*)

Rosary Leaders:

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

Music Ministry:

- 5:00 pm Julie Gruber/Jeanne Makala
- 8:00 am Corinne Ort/Vicki Galli
- 10:00 am Jenny Chelstrom/Vicki Galli

Money Handlers:

- 5:00 pm Tom & Mary Clare Wyrowski
- 8:00 am Mary Homan
- 10:00 am Curt Stanke

Money Counters - March 2019: Arlyce Anderson, Bill Fasnacht, Shirleen Gulden, Jan Nelson

Bulletin Folders - March 2019: Ruth Fitterer, Rosal Molski, Mary Haley, Ken Thiele, Anne Doyle

Religious Education Program



Ash Wednesday Wrap-Up

We had terrific attendance for our Ash Wednesday Masses! Thank you to the families who rearranged their schedules to attend one of the Masses offered!

Parent Participation is needed!

Community Meal Helpers - Each week, we will ask parents to donate specific things to the Community Meal. We will go by grade level: **March 20 - 2nd Grade; April 3 - 1st Grade;** On March 20, we will serve goulash. **Please contact Cathy by email or at 345 - 6765 to donate items:**

- *Desserts, Beverages (milk, water, juice)
- *Time - to help serve & clean up

Upcoming Dates

March 20—Community Meal 4:45—6:00 PM; On the menu: Goulash; RE Classes: 6:00—7:10 PM;

March 27—No Class—Spring Break

April 3 - Community Meal 4:45—6:00 PM; On the menu: TBD; RE Classes: 6:00—7:10 PM;

April 10 - Community Meal 4:45—6:00 PM; On the menu: TBD; RE Classes: 6:00—7:10 PM;

April 17 - No Class - Holy Week

April 24 - Community Meal 4:45—6:00 PM; On the menu: TBD; RE Classes: 6:00—7:10 PM;

Council of Catholic Women News



The C.C.W. is now sending our meeting minutes via email to all women who included an email address in their information sheets. If you do not have email and want a paper copy, or want to be added to the email distribution list, contact Arlyce Anderson at 317-0617.



Youth Group News

Youth Group will meet on March 20



The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 17th: 2nd Sunday of Lent

7:30 am – Rosary

8:00 am – Mass - Mildred Weingartz†

10:00 am – Mass - Sebastian, Gloria, Joseph Lenat, Emmanuell & Hilda Anthonisamy†, & Imparajah†

11:15 am - Parish Brunch - Lower Hall (egg bake, fruit, coffee/milk/water) (*All are welcome! Free will offering.) (*Nursery - Activities for P-6 provided)

12:00 pm - 1st/2nd Lenten Session - “Why Be Catholic in 2019?/Skipping Mass – Skipping an Event Or Skipping Eternity?” (discussion and questions following) - Lower Hall

Monday, March 18th: Weekday (St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)

No 8:30 am Mass

11:00 am – Memorial Mass - Raymond Forsyth†

Tuesday, March 19th: Weekday (St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

No Mass at Holy Rosary

(*private Mass intention—Rodney Christiansen†)

Wednesday, March 20th: Weekday

9:15 am - Mass at Oak Terrace—Joanne Ardolf Decker†

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

6:00 pm - Religious Ed

6:00 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

6:15 pm - 1st/2nd Lenten Session - “Why Be Catholic in 2019?/Skipping Mass – Skipping an Event or Skipping Eternity?” (discussion and questions following) - Lower Hall (same talk as Sunday)

Thursday, March 21st: Weekday

8:05 am – Rosary

8:30 am – Mass - Marvin Wanzek†

Friday, March 15th: Weekday

8:05 am – Rosary

8:30 am – Mass - Merle Braam†

5:30pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 16th: 2nd Sunday of Lent

4:30 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm – Rosary

5:00 pm – Mass - People of Holy Rosary Parish

Sunday, March 17th: 2nd Sunday of Lent

7:30 am – Rosary

8:00 am – Mass - Juliette Shamp†

10:00 am – Mass - Ricky Gish†

11:15 am - Parish Brunch - Lower Hall (*All are welcome! Free will offering.)

12:00 pm - 3rd Lenten Session - “A Church in Crisis or a Church Under Conversion?” (discussion and questions following) - Lower Hall

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, Ruth Baker, Chuck Frost, Eleanor Wittrock, Pat Roemildt, Loren (Hank) Weber, Laurice Telshaw, Arnie & Eileen Wadekamper, Mary Kelly, Donald Theissen, Molly Viehweg, Karen Etzell, Esther Zellmer, Mary McVicker, Bob Manwarren, Rihanna Flynn, Lois Kodet, Ellen Amsden, Sherry Henrickson, Steve Drummer, Jim Levandowski, Marion Giefer, Ardith Giroux, Pat Thiele, Bonnie Varuska, Joan Karpinsky, George Ernst, Ruth Fitterer, JoAnn Borchert, Katie Roozen, Francis Gostonczik, Joe Galli

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 Don & Anna Giroux
Tuesday Lawrence Schmidt
Wednesday Arnie & Eileen Wadekamper
Thursday Lonnie & Irene Dylla
Friday Donald & Louise Theissen
Saturday Allan Hughes
Sunday Roy & Shelia Haefner



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: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46 (224)
 Tues: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15 (225)
 Wed: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32 (226)
 Thurs: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12 (227)
 Fri: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26 (228)
 Sat: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48 (229)
 Sun: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36 (27) Pss II

Stewardship Corner

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

Pd. to Date: \$54,336.70
Goal: \$80,676.59

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

Rec'd. to Date: \$15,130.00
Goal: \$36,703.88

Loyola Catholic School Assessment:

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

Total Paid to Date 2018-19: \$267,683.36
Apostolate Stewardship 2018-19: \$315,597.13

This week we decided to dig deep into Holy Mother Church's pockets and pay the remaining amount of our Diocesan United Fund goal (or D.U.F. as it is perhaps better known by some) of \$26,339.89. While this has put a strain on the checkbook, the Good News is that we have now completed all of our outside stewardship commitments for the Fiscal Year of 2018-2019. With the completion last week of our Loyola assessment and this week with the completion of our Diocesan commitment; for the next 14 weeks or so, every dollar that we will take in, until the close of the fiscal year, will go 100% to Holy Rosary parish. *(Presently, we are about halfway in achieving our D.M.A. goal which is a soft goal and the monies will not be taken from parish reserves. However, you are still encouraged to support the Bishop's work on the Diocesan level if you wish to do so in these remaining weeks of the Fiscal Year of 2018-2019.)*

With these remaining weeks, we will work to rebuild our parish revenue of this fiscal year and continue in earnest with our stewardship as we anticipate to complete the front entrance steps as well as to install a new roof on our former 1925, building that we are committed through the councils to slowly renovate and use for parish use in the years ahead.

Thank you for bringing our "Stewardship Corner" to conclusion earlier than ever. We are grateful for some additional donations that have been received this year to make these payments possible at this time of the year. This will be the last week that you will see this "Stewardship Corner" article. The next time it will reappear again, will be in the first week of July, when it will be hot and leaves will be on the trees! Doesn't that sound good!?

Baptism

Our prayers and best wishes go out to Graham & Patsy King on the occasion of the Baptism of their son, Benjamin David King on March 16th.



May his Baptism be the beginning of a life-long relationship with Christ & His holy bride, the Church! May God bless you all on this most joyful occasion!

Directory Update!

Due to our distressing weather these past weekends as well as people departing for the weekend; we still have a fairly large number of directories that need to be picked up. We have set in the back of church two large tables with the directories now laid out so people can clearly see the names and addresses of the books to be picked up. A postcard was sent out this weekend to the remaining individuals to pick them up when they attend Mass. We will most likely leave these remaining books out during the Lenten season and after Easter, for those who still have not picked up their directories they will be available at the parish office.



SINCERE SYMPATHY

To the families of **Evelyn Anderson† and Ray Forsyth †**
-May they rest in peace.

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!

K. of C. Council #5551 News

March 28 - General Meeting



New at Loyola: **Summer Childcare for students entering K -6 grades in 2019-2020**, 7:00 am - 6:00 pm - Enrollment is open to non Loyola Families on 4/1/2019.

Preschool registration is now open. PreK (waiting list), PS 5 day AM, PS 3 day AM (waiting list), PS 2 day AM and afternoon care is available. Limited availability, contact us TODAY! 507.388.0615 or see our website.

Learn about Loyola Catholic School (PS-12). Visit www.loyolacatholicschool.org. Contact Angela at acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org or 507.388.0615 to schedule family tours.

Please prayerfully consider a planned gift to Loyola Catholic School when choosing your **legacy**.

Save the Date!

March 19: Kindergarten Round up, 6pm

April 1: Kindergarten Round up, 6pm

High School Information Night, 7:30pm, geared toward current 7th and 8th graders and their parents, but open to anyone interested in high school at Loyola.

Monday, May 13: Crusader Golf Classic - Mankato Golf Club

Saturday, July 20: Rockin' on the Hill Summer Music Fest - Good Counsel Hill

THANK YOU to all who send us **Box Tops for Education, Hy-Vee receipts, and Milk Moola labels.** Please note- the Milk Moola program will be discontinued March 31.

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

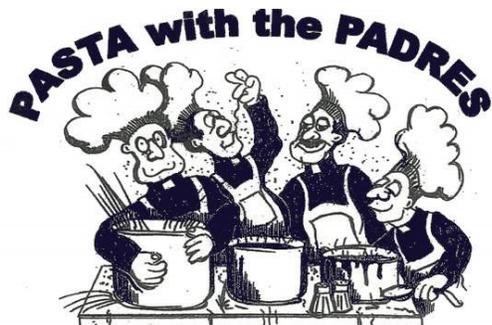
Leading through Faith, Academic Excellence, and Service.



This Week's Sanctuary Light Intention:
 Karpinsky Family

Season of Serving

Again, it is that time of year that we will begin training new servers as well as further training those that have been serving as the cross/book bearer. As we approach summer and summer travels, we will be able to use the additional help. We are particularly in need for the 5:00 P.M. and 8:00 A.M. Masses. We hope parents that you might be flexible to attend those two Masses when you are called to ask your son or daughter to serve. It is difficult to know who all to call who may wish to serve. Please call the parish office and speak to Lorraine if you have a son or daughter that is interested in serving. We plan to begin training in this new week, possibly after school. We welcome any boy/girl from grades 5-12. May St. John Berchmans SJ (a Dutchman) and patron of altar servers, pray for us!



Pasta With the Padres - Perfect! Well, Almost!

Well, maybe not "perfect" (the word of choice these days) but pretty, darn good! Even though last weekend got off to a slow start, the storm was not quite as severe as was first expected. By late on Sunday, we even had sunshine! Although it appeared that the crowd was down from last year, it was a very good attendance given the fact that we were still suffering from the effects of a great deal of ice! I was so proud to be the pastor of Holy Rosary and to see our parish so well represented at this community event, with so many attending the meal or volunteering from serving the meal to even serving music! (*Why, even the spirit of John Denver made a brief appearance.*) Pope St. John Paul II stated that Lent is not simply about "giving things up" but also of "giving of ourselves". The Lenten spirit was certainly evident at our gathering at St. Joseph's for the ECHO Food Shelf. Thank you for your wonderful support for the poor and hungry in our local community of Mankato! May God reward you in your goodness!

Immigration - The Heart of the Matter

The School Sisters of Notre Dame will be hosting an educational evening focusing on the "why" of Central American immigration, as seen through the eyes of film, the personal and poignant experiences of sisters and others, and shared discussion.

Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 7:00pm
School Sisters of Notre Dame
Good Counsel Conference Center
170 Good Counsel Dr.
Mankato, MN

We Help Others - WHO

The Social Concerns WHO Committee would like to help parishioners who may need some chore assistance. Small projects that you could use assistance with might include changing a light bulb when you should no longer be climbing a ladder, assistance with a broken item, mending, hemming and sewing projects, advice from individuals with special skills or other such household needs. If you are in need of such assistance, please call Darlene Schorn, 779-6751.

C.C.W. Deanery 1 Spring Gathering

The C.C.W. Deanery 1 Spring Gathering will be held on Thursday, March 21st at St. George Church in West Newton Township. Registration will begin at 5:30pm. The C.C.W. will pay the \$10 registration fee for each member. Please sign up in the Parish Office by Friday, March 15th, if you plan to go. We need an accurate count for the meals. There will be three speakers on "Sex Trafficking in Southern Minnesota." Please plan to join us for an excellent evening. All women in the parish are invited and encouraged to attend. A carpool will be arranged before the event.

Young Adult Catholics - Mankato

Young Adult Catholics

A ministry for young adults (20s/30s, married/single, kids/no kids) in the Mankato area!

Men's Study: Monday evenings 6pm, contact Dustin Shank @ 507-327-2365 or check Facebook for more information.

Women's Study: Monday evenings 6pm, contact Cristina Roche @ 612-805-3705 or check Facebook for more information.



www.facebook.com/YACmankato

Think Spring! Empty out – Refresh – Renew – RECYCLE!



I know it's hard to believe when you look outdoors but – it's March – we can think about spring and look forward to all those beautiful trees, flowers, and the **Holy Rosary CCW Recycle Sale!**

Let your friends, relatives, and fellow parishioners know

We are now accepting donations of:

- Gently used clothing, including jeans and T-shirts, all sizes (no underwear)
- Household items in good condition (no electrical)
- Decorator items / small furniture
- Yard and garden, flower pots / containers
- Hobby, puzzles, cotton yard goods / craft supplies
- Tools / sport / fishing equipment

Bring your items to the Holy Rosary Parish Center (school) between 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday and until 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. Place your items at the head of the stairs to your right, just inside the front door – you will see a sign. Thank you for your generosity! The sale will be the first Friday/Saturday in May (the 3rd & 4th). For questions or to volunteer to help at the sale, call Mary Grams at 507-327-6479.

Stay with Me, Remain Here with Me: A Lenten Online Interactive Retreat on Prayer

On March 6th through April 20th, take time to deepen your relationship with God this Lenten season using reflection materials provided by Sr. Sandra Weinke, S.S.N.D. Deepen your personal reflection and prayer by meeting weekly, by skype, phone or in-person, with a School Sister of Notre Dame as a spiritual companion. Register by February 25th at <https://ssnd.org/events/online-lenten-retreat/> or contact Sr. Stephanie Spandl at sspandl@ssnd.org or 651-278-4498.



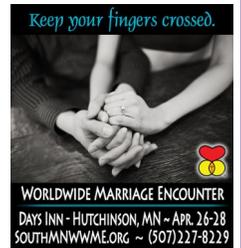
Box-Tops & Milk Moola Labels

If you would like to help out our local Catholic School of Loyola, please save your Milk Moola caps, box tops for education, and also your Hy-Vee Receipts and bring them into the parish office or there are small baskets in the church entrances. Any donation helps. Thank you!



World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend

What if your marriage is meant to be an important part of God's work in this world?



Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and watch God's plans unfold in your relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend **April 26-28, 2019 at the Days Inn, Hutchinson, MN** Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit: southmnwwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@southmnwwwme.org or **507-227-8229**.



Prayer for Healing

All Good and Holy God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - we beg your divine protection upon the Church as she endures these terrible clerical scandals. Unlike the majority of good and holy priests, who sacrificially devote their lives to the service of the Church, there have dwelt among us some false shepherds who have deeply wounded your flock. These "*weeds among the wheat*" have wantonly broken faith with you and have forsaken their vows to chastely serve the people of God. Many of those given authority to govern your Church have turned a blind eye to these unimaginable atrocities, thus giving further scandal by enabling these horrific sins. We beg you O Lord for a just resolution to each and every crime committed against your flock, and that by a life of prayer and penance those who are guilty of such things may find true contrition.

We place the Church under the unwavering protection of the Ever-Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse. By their loving care for your children, may the Church undergo a profound renewal of purity and awaken true devotion among the people of God. Bless and uphold all faithful clergy and consecrated religious, that they may grow in holiness and not abandon the vocations you have called them to. May we all sincerely commit our lives more deeply to a fervent practice of our Catholic Faith, that by doing so we may make reparation for all those who have so grievously offended and betrayed you. Amen.

- Pedro de la Cruz