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HOLYROSARYNORTHMANKATO

May 26, 2019
Sixth Sunday of Easter



Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor



"I have told you this while I am with you. The advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."
-St. John



"... and remind you of all that I told you".

"Remind me", is a very human response to a relative or friend; especially in this day and age as we have so much to remember

from day to day. On this Memorial Day weekend, we might tell those in our household: "Remind me to get to the store so that I can get those geraniums in the ground." or "Remind me to get out the flag pole so that we can roll out "Old Glory" on Memorial Day." or "Remind me that we need to run to the store so that we can refresh the refrigerator with hot dogs and potatoes salad for the supper when some of the neighbors come over."

Traditionally, Memorial Day is a "reminder" to all of us that the long winter is finally over with its cold and snow, and that the calendar is telling us that summer has officially arrived. **Yet, one of the things that troubles me about Memorial Day each year is that while we are remembering so much for ourselves; we seem to forget more and more those who served, suffered, and made the ultimate sacrifice of surrendering their life in death on the battlefield. For it is this hard fought freedom that allows us on Memorial Day to sit in our back yards in freedom, to do as we please, except for swatting some of the first of those pesky mosquitos freely flying around.**

What happened to the Memorial Days of the past with the parades, people coming to church to pray, or perhaps to simply ponder the passing of our loved ones at the cemetery who served in our armed forces? Originally, Memorial Day was actually called "Decoration Day", for the graves of the service men who had fought and died were decorated with flowers, flags, and other fine decorations. It is believed that June 3, 1861, in Warrenton, Virginia, was the location of the first Civil War soldier's grave ever to be decorated. There are many historians who believe that the original founder of Memorial Day was President Lincoln.

In April 1865, following President Lincoln's assassination, commemorations for Memorial Day became widespread across the nation. Since more than 600,000 men from both the "North" and the "South" died in the Civil War, Memorial Day, honoring the fallen military dead, was a really a big deal that was front and center of this holiday. It was also in the year 1865, that the federal government began creating national militaries for the Union war dead. By 1868, memorial events were held in 183 cemeteries, in 27 states, and 336 cemeteries. By 1870, the remains of nearly 300,000 Union dead had been interred in 73 national cemeteries, located near major battlefields, most of which were located in the southern states where the majority of the battles were fought.

I have been a pastor long enough to know and to "remember" that often when Memorial weekend comes around, the number of men and women that come to worship starts to decrease; as they are focused more on summer than on a fallen soldier. Yet, as the Sacred Scriptures forget, the Lord does not forget. **For the readings for this Sixth Week of Easter, all seem to share a common theme of "remembrance" from circumcision, to a celestial vision, to the commandments of God.**

Today, male circumcision is something that is connected to "health" and being "sanitary", while for the ancient Jew it was connected to "holiness" and being "spiritual." For the ancient mark of circumcision had less to do with a "doctor" and much more with the "divine"; a "remembrance" or a "memory" of the Almighty and the promise He made going back as far as Abraham. One author writes: "Circumcision is a mark or a reminder of the eternal covenant – the sacred covenant – between God and Abraham, and continuing between God and Isaac, then between God and Isaac's sons, then between God and every single male born to a Jewish parent or converted to Judaism – through the ages."

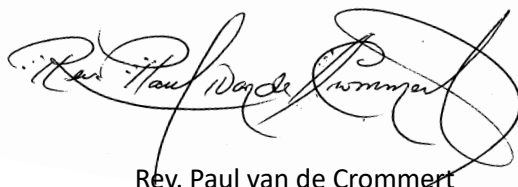
In the Second Reading from the Book of Revelation, we are reminded that for an ancient Biblical Jew, and even before, the great blessing of life was to make pilgrimage, at least once on earth, to the great and holy city of Jerusalem. To walk into that great wonder of the ancient world, the temple in Jerusalem, was a foretaste of heaven on earth. In St. John's visions (that we have been reading about these past weeks), this week he has a vision of a "Heavenly Jerusalem". St. John's wonderful remembrance of being in the city of Jerusalem on earth cannot compare to the "Heavenly Jerusalem" that is now before him in this supernatural sleep. I love St. John's line: "IT GLEAMED WITH THE SPLENDOR OF GOD."

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"the quill and the cloth" continued...

Finally, in today's Gospel from St. John, the Lord's Good News message is mighty simple to say, but very hard to live. For he writes: *"Whoever loves me will keep my word..."* In other words, if we remember the Redeemer by obeying the rules, we can be assured the Lord will "remember" us when we retire from this world in death and will rise with Him, remembered for all eternity and a sharer in the Kingdom.

There is nothing wrong with having some "fun" on Memorial Day weekend, but let us not forget to have a little "faith" and to pray for our fallen dead, who have served to defend our freedom. Happy Memorial Day!



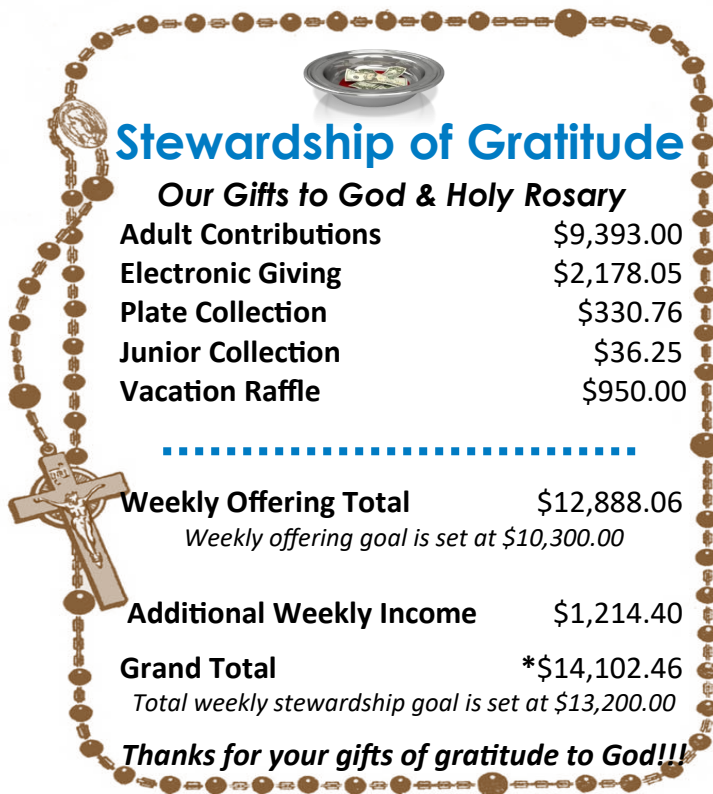
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Stewardship Of Gratitude

I am most grateful to our stewardship that is able to consistently stay above our budgeted needs week in and week out, month in and month out. It allows us not only to cover our out-of-parish stewardship commitments, but also will allow us to press forward this summer with some long-over-due maintenance and update projects on our parish campus once again.

I received a form letter last week from the North American College in Rome where I studied for a couple of semesters after ordination. The rector informs his readers that contributions to the seminary are down in the past year by nearly 30%. I understand that many parishes throughout the Midwest and beyond are also experiencing similar down-turns as a reaction to the present clergy crisis.

So far, Holy Rosary has been able to stay about the same or slightly exceed the previous year's contributions. I am pleased to report that I was informed this week as pastor that our Easter collection was slightly HIGHER than last year, by about \$600.00. Now, this is not a huge amount of money, but I did feel our attendance was slightly up and for sure, equal to last year. I also report elsewhere in this bulletin that we also had a most successful Vacation Raffle that was up from last year as well. As we ended our fundraisers for the Fiscal Year of 2018-2019; I want to extend as pastor a profound "thank you" to all who volunteered as well as supported our fundraisers and those making a regular or weekly sacrificial offering. May God reward you!



Stewardship of Gratitude

Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary

Adult Contributions	\$9,393.00
Electronic Giving	\$2,178.05
Plate Collection	\$330.76
Junior Collection	\$36.25
Vacation Raffle	\$950.00

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Weekly Offering Total	\$12,888.06
<i>Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,300.00</i>	
Additional Weekly Income	\$1,214.40
Grand Total	*\$14,102.46
<i>Total weekly stewardship goal is set at \$13,200.00</i>	

Thanks for your gifts of gratitude to God!!!

While They Last...

We received a sizable number of complimentary copies of the latest issue of the magazine: *The Catholic Leader*. The purpose of this Catholic magazine is to inform and inspire today's Catholic families and households. There is an interesting article that I read about St. Vincent de Paul, who was the founder of the Sisters of Charity. I am often asked by Catholics how saints come about and are canonized. There is a very fine article on this topic as well in this publication. You are welcome to these magazines on the front table at the entrance as long as they last. Knowledge is power. Knowledge also leads to Holy Wisdom! Enjoy!

Catholic Communication Campaign

An additional collection will be taken this weekend for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This is an opportunity to help people across the United States and throughout the world connect with Christ. Radio stations in remote areas, web-based communications, other news and information services are only some of the ways the C.C.C. spreads Christ's message. Thank you for your generosity.

The Week Ahead

Monday, May 27: (St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop)

Happy Memorial Day! Parish Office closed.

9:00 am - Memorial Day Mass at Holy Rosary

- Merle Braam†

Tuesday, May 28: Easter Weekday

No Morning Mass at Holy Rosary

Wednesday, May 29: (Saint Paul VI, Pope)

9:15 am - Mass at Oak Terrace- Gerald Erkel†

7:00 pm - Education Committee Meeting - Conf Rm #1

Thursday, May 30: Easter Weekday

8:05 am - Rosary

8:30 am - Mass - Memory of Joyce Homant†

Friday, May 31: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:05 am - Rosary

8:30 am - Mass - Special Intention of Arnie &
Eileen Wadenkamp†

Saturday, June 1: (St. Justin, Martyr) SVM

4:30 pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 pm - Rosary

5:00 pm - Mass - Robert Hoffmant†

Sunday, June 2: The Ascension of the Lord

7:30 am - Rosary

8:00 am - Mass - Sam & Juella Boruff†

9:30 am - Rosary

10:00 am - Mass - People of Holy Rosary Parish



Stepping Up in Faith

Collected this Week:	\$1,000.00
Rec'd. to Date:	\$80,922.22
Goal:	\$156,000.00

Again, this week we took a sizable step up in stewardship as you can see by our stewardship box. Thank you for your gifts that keep coming in at a steady pace.

This past Monday evening I had to slip away from our Vacation Raffle to attend the North Mankato City Council meeting. As we have compromised over the use of the sign with the city; the variance passed and we have the freedom to proceed with our design plans. I stayed for the duration of the meeting and learned that our desire to update our sign is strongly connected to our 1st Amendment Rights. Thank you Founding Fathers! I understand that KEYC had a nice story about our proposed "Stepping Up in Faith Project" and our proposed sign on the evening news on Tuesday evening. The Free Press also had a story on Tuesday morning. I guess I did not think it was such a big deal!?!

We were promised the blueprints for the project this past Monday, but as I am writing these articles, I have seen nothing. I hope and pray that the plans come soon as the longer it takes, the harder it will be to get the job done by the end of the fall. It would be nice if the project was completed by the close of summer. Time will tell. I will keep you posted.

Memorial Day Mass at Holy Rosary

While there is the tradition of offering a Mass on Memorial Day at Calvary Cemetery by one of the area priests; with the steady wet weather and a future forecast for rain on Monday of Memorial Day weekend; I will be offering a Mass at 9:00 A.M. at Holy Rosary Church, rain or shine! Last year we had quite a strong attendance even though I believe the weather was favorable. Maybe we will see you there!





Weekend Ministry Schedule June 1st & 2nd

Lectors:

- 5:00 pm** Brian Eggersdorfer
8:00 am Nancy Holden
10:00 am Jim Schorn

Eucharistic Ministers:

- 5:00 pm** Pat & Wanda Hull, Rick Gruber, Jim Theuninck, Mary Clare & Tom Wyrowski
8:00 am Sharon Lenz, Bernie Bastian, Craig Amundson, Gene Brandt, Danielle & Peter Backes
10:00 am Ryan Howe, Darlene Schorn, Mike & Diane O'Dea, Curt & Donna Stanke

Altar Servers:

- 5:00 pm** Brendan Isenberg, Connor McGraw, Zachary Chelstrom (C/B/B)
8:00 am Lauren Cahalan, Carson Fischer, Duram Kelly (C/B/B)
10:00 am Hailey Barker, Dennis Muga, Jazzlyn Flynn (C/B/B)

Presentation of Gifts:

- 5:00 pm** McGraw Family
8:00 am Arlyce Anderson & Margaret Aye
10:00 am Lang Family

Ushers:

- 5:00 pm** Dan Voracek, Steve & Barb Enderle, Bob Meyer (Head Usher)
8:00 am Paul Harguth, Julie Biagouette, Dean Cullen, Doug Helget (Head Usher)
10:00 am Sherry Henrickson, Brent Friedrichs, Steve Kaiser, Bob Wegscheid (Head Usher)

Rosary Leaders:

- 5:00 pm** Karen Etzell
8:00 am Sharon Lenz
10:00 am Jeanette Barsness

Music Ministry:

- 5:00 pm** Julie Gruber/Jeanne Makela
8:00 am Corinne Ort/Jeanne Makela
10:00 am Lori Christiansen/Vikki Galli

Money Handlers:

- 5:00 pm** Mary Clare & Jim Wyrowski
8:00 am Linda Olson
10:00 am Curt Stanke

Money Counters - June 2019: Arlyce Anderson, Mary Haley, Lee Sontag Kopp, Les Kopp

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



Vacation Raffle Results

Well, we did it! The last fundraiser of our fiscal year has come and gone and we ended with a BANG! No, none of the beach balls popped that we decorated with except for one that Jim Theuninck blew up in front of this pastor with the bicycle pump! Thank you to Jim, the Vacation Raffle Committee, all of the volunteers and the many parishioners and friends of Holy Rosary that came out! There was such a wonderful spirit. We went through a lot of popcorn, food and wine, and everyone seemed to be in such a good mood and good spirit! It was so nice to see so many wonderful Silent Auction items, even more than last year! That was great.

Of course the burning question after every fundraiser is: "How did we do?" Well, the bottom line these past years is slowly creeping up, and this year was no exception. Our gross income for 2019, was \$15,351.00. Last year our income for 2018, came to \$14,718.00, or an increase of + \$633.00. Our expenses last year were \$4,282.27. This year our expenses were slightly less at \$4,038.00. In 2018, our profit came to \$10,435.73. This year, in 2019, our profit came to \$11,313.00, or an increase from the previous year by +\$877.27. Thank you to all of you that made this event another HUGE success! Thank you!



Upcoming Parish Meetings and Events

- Wednesday, May 29th, 7:00 P.M. - Holy Rosary Education Committee Meeting
- Monday, June 3rd, 4:00 P.M. - Communal Anointing Mass (Potluck supper following Mass - Lower Social Hall)
- Thursday, June 6th, 7:00 P.M. - Pastoral Council Meeting
- Monday, June 10th, 7:00 P.M. - Finance Council Meeting



SINCERE SYMPATHY

To the family of **Leonard Mettler†** -May he rest in peace.



Faith Formation

Education Committee Meeting

Our next Holy Rosary Education Meeting will be held this week Wednesday, at 7:00 P.M. in Conference Room #1. All members and ad hoc members have been informed by phone or e-mail. We have much to discuss as we begin our preparations for this fall semester for Faith Formation. Your input and advice is important for our future planning. Please call the parish office to let us know if you can attend or not.

Vacation Bible School:

Due to the transition in Faith Formation leadership, Holy Rosary will not be offering this week-long program this June. In recent years, the number of children participating has decreased and there had been past discussions on at least two occasions, as to whether the program should continue in the future. This topic will be one of the many discussions that we will be taking up at our Education Committee meeting on May 27th, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. Thank you for understanding.

Loyola Board of Trustees Position

The Loyola Board of Trustees is seeking a candidate to fill one vacancy. The Board is established to act as a decision-making authority, responsible for the governance of Loyola Catholic School. This candidate must have an interest and commitment to Catholic education and be willing to participate in school functions throughout the year, and be a member of a Mankato-area Catholic church, among other expectations. For more information or to apply, please send a letter of interest and resume to:

boardoftrustees.support@loyolacatholicschool.org



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion - that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

- Abraham Lincoln, "Gettysburg Address"



Breakfast For A Cause

At WOW! Zone in Mankato on Sunday, June 2nd from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM there will be "Breakfast for a Cause." Prices are, Adults - \$12; Kids age 5-12 \$5; Kids 4 and under - Free. \$5 from each adult meal and each \$5 kid meal will benefit Options for Women/Mankato. Breakfast Buffet includes: breakfast potatoes, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, French toast, bacon, sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, juice and coffee.

Options for Women Mankato is dedicated to empowering individuals to make life-affirming decisions regarding pregnancy, relationships, and health in a caring and professional environment.

Mother's Day Plant Sale Thank You!

Thank you to all the Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus, especially Bill Fasnacht, Dave Mutch, Mike O'Dea and Bob Bonhert, who helped with the C.C.W. Mother's Day Plant Sale by setting up the tent, picking up the plants and returning the leftovers to Drummers. We could not do this sale without your help. We truly appreciate your services assisting the C.C.W. Thank you also to all the C.C.W. women who helped with our sale in many ways. Thank you to those who donated perennials from their gardens for us to sell. A big thank you as well to our many loyal parishioners who supported the sale purchasing plants on Mother's Day weekend. LaMinda Jensen won the hanging basket door prize.



This Week's Readings

Mon: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a (291)
 Tues: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11 (292)
 Wed: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15 (293)
 Thurs: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20 (294)
 Fri: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56 (572) Pss Prop
 Sat: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28 (296)
 Sun: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 (58) Pss Prop

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

Ruth Baker, Chuck Frost, Pat Roemildt, Laurice Telshaw, Arnie & Eileen Wadekamper, Mary Kelly, Donald Theissen, Molly Viehweg, Karen Etzell, Esther Zellmer, Mary McVicker, Rihanna Flynn, Lois Kodet, Ellen Amsden, Steve Drummer, Jim Levandowski, Pat Thiele, Bonnie Varuska, Joan Karpinsky, George Ernst, Ruth Fitterer, JoAnn Borchert, Katie Roozen, Joe Galli, Trina Danay, Lucille DeSutter, Steve Fitterer, Clair Huettl, Dave Grams

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	Gretchen Etzell
Tuesday	Benjamin & Jennifer Stenzel
Wednesday	John & Mary Slater
Thursday	Jan Engelen
Friday	Susan Roemer
Saturday	Chris & Margie Hanson
Sunday	David & Cathy Neve



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.

Welcome to Holy Rosary!

Are you new to the area or would like to join Holy Rosary parish? Just go to holynosarynorthmankato.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!



LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

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.

Congratulations to the Loyola class of 2019! This year's Loyola grads received over \$832,000 in post-high school scholarship dollars, an average of over \$34,000 per student!

Save the Date!

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

Host an Exchange Student this semester/year!

There are 2 international students that have expressed interest in attending Loyola in the fall and are seeking out families to host them for the academic semester/year 2019-20. Families do not need to be Loyola families to host one of these students. Erik is from Germany and will be in the 11th grade. He will be attending for the fall semester only. He enjoys math and physics and enjoys the outdoors. Sandro is from Austria and would be a full-year student. He likes to play soccer and is hoping to be able to play year round during his time here. If you are interested in possibly hosting one of these students and would like more information or are interested in hosting a student in the future please contact Scott Morgan- International Experience Coordinator at iasmorgan4@yahoo.com.

Want to volunteer at school? Call us! 507.388.0600

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Leading through Faith, Academic Excellence, and Service.



This Week's Sanctuary Light Intention:
Karpinsky Family