



# Holy Rosary Catholic Church

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# January 19, 2020

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Rev. Paul van de Crommert**  
Pastor

# the Quill and the Cloth

**John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."**  
**-St. John**



We have returned to Ordinary Time. As the sun set last Sunday evening, the Christmas season of 2019-2020 came to a quiet close. On Monday evening we had a wonderful crew of volunteers who helped dismantle the Christmas trees and return the nativity scene and statues back to storage. After everyone had left, I worked in church watering and arranging flowers and cleaning up the last of the odds and ends that needed to be put away.

When I saw that a broom was still leaning against the front pew, I picked it up and decided to spend at least a few moments before the Blessed Sacrament before heading back to the house. I must have been in church longer than I thought, because when I thought it was time to go, it was midnight.

When I was in church and before the Blessed Sacrament, I am always amazed what comes into one's mind and heart. It is no doubt the Lord trying to speak to us. I found myself not only reflecting on the past Christmas, but also on past Christmases decades ago, my three decades as a pastor, and even years earlier when I was in my final months before ordination, when everything in the Church seemed so fresh and new.

Prayer can sometimes become a very nostalgic spiritual experience, making us reflect upon our past life or the past lives of others. However, in today's Gospel from St. John, John the Baptist, who has spent a lot of "alone time" in the desert in both reflection and prayer, experiences a prayer that is not focused on the past or even the present, but on the future. For as John sees his cousin Jesus coming towards him he shouts out a very futuristic "nick-name" really, that both theologically and spiritually describes the future of Jesus the Christ. For John describes Jesus as the "Lamb of God".

As you all well know, lambs were sacrificed by the Jews for physical food and their spiritual faith. John the Baptist's deep spiritual prayer life allowed him to see prophetically into the future that Jesus would become the Eucharistic food to feed our immortal souls as well as to be the Lamb of God the Father who would suffer and die on

the cross. This name that John gives to Jesus did not come about through a clever imagination but only through a close and intimate prayer experience with the Divine!

This time of year can certainly be a down time for many both physically and spiritually. For this is the time that many people become less physically active due to the cold, snow and ice. This is also a down time spiritually as there seems to be very little to look forward to with the passing of the holidays and Easter and springtime seem a long way away!

In the spirit of the Good News of St. John's Gospel and the Good News "nickname" that John gives to Jesus of the "Lamb of God," may we too see in this Ordinary Time, the extraordinary. May we see Christ in even in the most common soul that comes into our life. May we see in every passer-by the person of Christ. Have a good week! God love you!

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## 3rd Annual Taste of the Nations Tickets On Sale Now!



Tickets are now on sale for our 3rd Annual *Taste of the Nations* to be held on Saturday, February 15th at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$20 per person. They are available after Masses this weekend, or in the parish office during regular business hours. Only 150 tickets will be sold, so get yours early!

The event is a fun evening of sampling different cuisines from around the globe. A certain pastor of Dutch heritage will be offering some delicious fare of the Netherlands!

Do you want to share your cultural heritage through your traditional family recipes? Join in the fun and volunteer to bring your favorite ethnic culinary delight to this year's Taste of the Nations! Last year, there were 15 different countries' cuisines represented at the event, and this year we'd like even more!

In addition to our own parishioners, several local restaurants will be participating in the event offering a variety of food and refreshments from many different countries.

Please contact Jim Theuninck in the parish office at 387-6501 if you'd like to participate.

### Fuel Fund Drive Begins!

This weekend we've attached to the bulletin an envelope to assist in defraying (at least a portion of) the costs of the fuel needed to heat our facility this winter. Last winter, in 2018-2019, the parish spent a total of \$22,683.95 to heat all of our buildings during that fiscal year. Last year the parish took in a total of \$13,193.00 to supplement our heat bill, or about 58% of the total cost. So far this year in 2019-2020, \$4506.50 has been spent in heating our facility of Holy Rosary. *(\*Please note that we still have some cold, wintery months ahead in the rest of January, February and March)* Even if you do not have an envelope from the bulletin, you are welcome to simply take a blank envelope along with your check or to simply write into the memo of your check "Fuel Fund", so that it will be counted towards this collection. Thank you for your support in this very practical area of stewardship.



### Thank You For "De-Decorating!"



I don't think that "de-decorating" is a word, but I DO know that "THANK YOU" are words, and so I say "Thank You" again as pastor to all of you who came to help set up the Christmas decorations in our sanctuary, which is no small task; **and most especially, a profound "Thank YOU" this week to the crew that came and took down the decorations and packed them away for another season.** Thank you to those of you that complimented through the Christmas season on how nice the church looked this Christmas. As in the past, we have retained as few of our Christmas decorations in church, to brighten these days of a January winter and Ordinary Time. Thank you again for all of your help!

### 2019 ECHO FOOD SHELF COLLECTION

- Amount Collected in 2019: \$2,573.01
- Total Amount Collected: \$18,091.17**
- \*This collection started in March 2017



### K. of C. Council #5551 News

- January 23 - General Meeting
- February 2 - Pancake Breakfast
- February 13 - Planning Meeting



## Stewardship of Gratitude

### Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary

<b>Adult Contributions</b>	\$6,801.00
<b>Electronic Giving</b>	\$3,709.51
<b>Plate Collection</b>	\$211.52
<b>Junior Collection</b>	\$114.50
<b>Christmas Envelopes</b>	\$250.00
<b>Front Steps</b>	\$1,500.00
<b>Holy Day - Solemnity of Mary</b>	\$5.00
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<b>Weekly Offering Total</b>	<b>\$12,591.53</b>
<i>Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,300.00</i>	
<b>Bridging the Gap</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Additional Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$9,167.98</b>
<b>Grand Total *</b>	<b>\$21,759.51</b>
<i>Total weekly stewardship goal is set at \$13,200.00</i>	

**Thanks for your gifts of gratitude to God!!!**

### Stewardship of Gratitude

We continue to make our budgeted goals on a weekly basis which is a great temporal blessing. (I recently read that this has not been the case for the Vatican, who like the federal government, are falling behind, not in trillions, but in millions.) Thank you to all of you that contribute weekly or with great regularity throughout the year to our parish of Holy Rosary. You might note that in our stewardship box, because of your generosity, that we dug deep in our stewardship pockets and paid out the remaining amount that we were assessed for the annual Diocesan United Fund. This fund is a "hard goal" versus the annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal. We are having a good financial year, and with the completion of our outside stewardship commitments, we can continue to do some of the needed repairs in and around our parish plant in the months ahead. As always, know that your generous gifts of stewardship are greatly appreciated.



## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, January 19: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 am - Rosary
- 8:00 am - Mass - Don Haley†
- 9:30 am – Rosary
- 10:00 am – Mass - People of Holy Rosary Parish
- 12:00 -2:00 pm - Confirmation class (no lunch beforehand) Conf Rm 2**

### Monday, January 20: [Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr]

- 8:05 am - Rosary
- 8:30 am - Mass - Peter & Jelaine Schreiner Family
- 6:30 pm - Education Committee Meeting - Conf Rm 1**

### Tuesday, January 21: Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr No morning Mass

### Wednesday, January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

- 9:15 am - Mass at Oak Terrace - Don Theissent†
- 11:00 am - Anointing Mass at SSND - Father attends
- 1:00 pm - Sewing Group
- 6:00 - 7:05 pm - Faith Formation Classes**
- 6:00 - Choir Practice - Choir Room**

### Thursday, January 23: [Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; USA: Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin]

- 8:05 am - Rosary
- 8:30 am - Mass - Louis & Barbara Wieseler Family
- 12:00 pm - Deanery Priest Meeting - Cathedral - Holy Trinity, New Ulm - Father attends
- 4:30 pm - Loyola Board Meeting - Father attends

### Friday, January 24: Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 10:15 am - Mass at Monarch Meadows - Avis Petterson†**

### Saturday, January 25: The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

- 4:30 pm – Rosary
- 5:00 pm – Mass - Bonnie Foudray†

### Sunday, January 26: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 am - Rosary
- 8:00 am - Mass - People of Holy Rosary Parish
- 9:30 am – Rosary
- 10:00 am – Mass - Michael Fraley



## Weekend Ministry Schedule January 25th & 26th

#### Readers:

- 5:00 pm** Tom Koch
- 8:00 am** Cathy Neve
- 10:00 am** Chris Cain

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

- 5:00 pm** Brenda Voracek, Rick Gruber
- 8:00 am** Mary Homan, Cathy Neve
- 10:00 am** Curt & Donna Stanke

#### Altar Servers:

- 5:00 pm** Brendan Isenberg, Anna Voracek, James Voracek
- 8:00 am** Timothy Cain, Danielle Fischer, Ben Ellingworth
- 10:00 am** Abi Lang, Andrew Kohrs, Ryan Hacker (C/B/B)

#### Presentation of Gifts:

- 5:00 pm** Tom & Mary Clare Wyrowski
- 8:00 am** Bill Cahalan Family
- 10:00 am** Lester & Leola Kopp

#### Ushers:

- 5:00 pm** Jacob Voracek, Tom Rheaume, Roger Steinbach, Dan Voracek (*Head Usher*)
- 8:00 am** Bill Fasnacht, Leroy Gappa, Mary & Gary Zellmer (*Head Usher*)
- 10:00 am** Brent Friedrichs, John Jagerson, Sherry Henrickson, Bob Wegscheid (*Head Usher*)

#### Rosary Leaders:

- 5:00 pm** Vince Guertin
- 8:00 am** Arlyce Anderson
- 10:00 am** Ryan Howe

#### Music Ministry:

- 5:00 pm** Benjamin Paul/Michael Steimel
- 8:00 am** Corinne Ort/Kurt Schroeder
- 10:00 am** Kathy Jo Johns/Lori Christianson

#### Money Handlers:

- 5:00 pm** Jim Theuninck
- 8:00 am** Patti Sjulstad
- 10:00 am** Sherry Henrickson

#### Money Counters:

- January 2020:** Arlyce Anderson, Bill Fasnacht, Shirleen Gulden, Jan Nelson

#### Bulletin Folders:

- January 2020:** Betty Rykhus, Dolores Portz, Lenora Hickey, Amy Williams



### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."*

-Anne Bradstreet



**This Week's Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
*Special Intention*



## Faith Formation

### Classes This Wednesday



Classes will be held for our Formation program this Wednesday, January 22nd at 6:00 P.M. for grades 1-8. The next Confirmation meeting will be this Sunday, January 12th at 12:00 pm.



### Confirmation Retreat

The mandatory retreat for our confirmation students has been set for Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:30 P.M. at the School Sisters of Notre Dame chapel. We are asking the students to gather in the SSND lobby by 12:45 P.M. and we will conclude after the sisters evening prayer, around 5:00 P.M. We are privileged to be able to use this space for prayer and reflection as the majority of the Confirmation students have never been in this historic and beautiful chapel. I believe it will be a most memorable afternoon for our students.

### 2nd Grade Parents - First Holy Communion Meeting

As our second graders celebrated their First Reconciliation last Sunday, so now we move ahead in earnest to prepare for First Holy Communion that will be celebrated on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00 A.M. Mass. A required parent meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:05 P.M. during the time of Faith Formation, (*while the second graders are meeting in class*). This required meeting will be held in the Confirmation classroom and will be completed at the time of the children's dismissal at 7:00 P.M. This meeting will inform the parents of their role in preparing their son or daughter for this sacrament as well as adult-education instruction on the Holy Eucharist. Since you must bring your son or daughter to faith formation, the timing is most practical. Information will also be given regarding dress and procedures for the big First Holy Communion Day on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00 A.M. Mass. Please mark your calendars for this important Faith Formation date!



### Education Committee Meeting

Holy Rosary Education Committee has been rescheduled to meet this Monday at 6:30 P.M. There are several topics under discussion including: Youth Ministry, Vacation Bible School, Community Meals, Lenten Fund Raisers, Second Semester Schedule, etc.

### Congratulations Second Graders!

Last weekend we celebrated our annual First Reconciliation with our Second Grade class. All of our students and their families were there except for just one student, which was excellent. The children were both nervous and excited to receive the great graces of their God through this Holy Sacrament as they now prepare in these final months for their First Holy Communion. Thank you to the parents who brought their second graders and their families to this afternoon service. Thank you to our catechists Jill and Iris for their help as well as for Fr. Andrew from St. Peter and St. Paul who assisted with hearing confessions as well. May our Second Grade families, now be zealous in coming to Mass weekly in preparation for this great First Communion Day and for developing the good virtue of celebrating weekly the Holy Eucharist and regularly the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Congratulations!



### Upcoming Parish Events



- **Education Committee Meeting** - Monday, January 20th, 6:30 pm, Conf Rm 1
- **Worship Committee Meeting** - Monday, January 27th, 7:00 pm, Conf Rm 1
- **Finance Committee Meeting** - Monday, February 3rd, 7:00 pm, Conf Rm 1
- **Confirmation Retreat** - Sunday, February 9th, 1:00 - 5:00 pm, SSND Chapel
- **Pastoral Committee Meeting** - Monday, February 10th, 7:00 pm, Conf Rm 1
- **Taste of the Nations** - Saturday, February 15th, 6:00 pm, church lower level
- **Confirmation** - Saturday, April 18th, 5:00 pm Mass
- **First Communion** - Sunday, April 19th, 10:00 am Mass



## 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

Laurice Telshaw, Arnie & Eileen Wadekamper, Mary Kelly, Molly Viehweg, Mary McVicker, Steve Drummer, Ruth Fitterer, Steve Fitterer, Brandon Winters, Nancy Eilbert, Dan Telshaw, Charles Wesely, Craig Van Loy, Delores Haubrich, Gerard Lorentz, Dave Neubert, Dorothy Jo Hiniker, Francis Neubert, Joe Galli, Kent Durenburger

**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

<b>Monday</b>	Judy Lapoint
<b>Tuesday</b>	Zach & Leslie Busch
<b>Wednesday</b>	Scott & Lisa Fitterer
<b>Thursday</b>	Brad & Pamela Haugum
<b>Friday</b>	Cheryl Edwards
<b>Saturday</b>	Jan Nelson
<b>Sunday</b>	Gregg & Janine Tramp



### 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:	1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22 (311)
Tues:	1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28 (312) Pss Prop
Weds:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6 (313)
Thurs:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12 (314)
Fri:	1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19 (315)
Sat:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18 (519) Pss Prop
Sun:	Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17 (67) Pss III

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week and to show our appreciation to our parishes, community supporters, parents, alumni and friends of Loyola, we are hosting a free pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 2, 8am-12pm in Loyola's cafeteria. The event is generously presented by Catholic United Financial. All are welcome!

Join us for Catholic Schools Week Mass on Wednesday, January 29, at 1pm at SS. Peter and Paul's parish. All are welcome!

Enrollment is always open at Loyola. Contact [acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org) or 507.388.0615 for more information. Enrollment is starting in February for '20-'21 school year.

**THANK YOU** to all who send us Box Tops for Education, Hy-Vee receipts. Loyola no longer processes Campbell's soup labels.

**YOUR PARISH SUPPORT MAKES ALL WE DO, LEARN, AND CELEBRATE AT LOYOLA POSSIBLE.**

*Leading through Faith, Academic Excellence, and Service.*

## March for Life - Local & The Capitol



January 22, 2019 MCCL March for Life, St. Paul

A charter bus will leave Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church of Mankato on Mulberry Street at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday Jan. 22 to arrive at the Cathedral of Saint Paul for an ecumenical prayer service at 10:30 a.m. We will then march six blocks to the Capitol. The MCCL March for Life begins at noon, followed by a short program at 12:30 p.m. on the Capitol steps. We will return immediately after the program, approximately 1 p.m., arriving back in Mankato around 3:30 p.m. Call Tom Hoehn at 507-381-2544 to reserve your place. Plan to bring a bag lunch; cookies, water and soda will be provided. Bus fare is \$20 or free-will offering.

**Local March for Life, Blue Earth County MCCL**  
Sunday, January 19, 2:00 p.m. Meet at the old Train Depot parking lot by Hy-Vee Downtown. Call Tom Hoehn for details: 507-381-2544.

## Stewardship Corner

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

**COMPLETED** Pd. to Date: \$78,875.71  
Due: \$78,875.71

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

**65% COMPLETED** Rec'd. to Date: \$21,535.00  
Due: \$33,183.26

**One-Time Diocesan Bankruptcy/Litigation Appeal:**

Pd. to Date: \$0.00  
Due: \$10,000.00

**Loyola Catholic School Assessment:**

**COMPLETED** Pd. to Date: \$179,571.97  
Due: \$179,571.97

**Total Paid to Date 2019-2020: \$248,159.25**

**Apostolate Stewardship 2019-2020: \$303,197.92**

Again this week I have good news with regards to our “Stewardship Corner” on two counts. The first is that we continue to take in revenue for the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. In the last days we have taken in the additional amounts of \$1,900.00, raising our total now to \$21,535.00. We have now reached 65% of our goal, which is up 23% from a year ago! Thank you to all of you that once again supported this stewardship project of the Diocese and responded to my pastoral request to give again or to give for the first time. *(\*Remember, that 20% of these total monies will return to the parish for our parish needs. The additional monies that will be returned to us will go towards additional basic repairs and improvements to our interior church structure in the weeks and months ahead.)*

I think I made our administrator a bit nervous this past Monday morning, as I said that I wanted to complete our payments this week to the Diocese of New Ulm. Recall that last week we paid out \$31,000.00 to the Diocese to cover a large portion of our annual assessment of the Diocesan United Fund. We were able to pay this large amount out due to the great generosity that you showed to the parish at Christmas time. *(Recall, that our Christmas offerings were up this year noticeably from a year ago.)* I made the pastoral decision this week to pay out the remaining amount of this assessment which came to \$29,823.43. This amount pretty-well wiped out most of our checking account, but God always provides. No sooner that I had made this decision when one of our senior members of Holy Rosary stopped by

## “Stewardship Corner continued...”

with a check on Monday for \$2,000.00. *“The Lord gives and the Lord takes away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.”*

Although our cash flow is quite low right now, we still have one more area of “outside” stewardship that you may have noticed has been added this week. With the recent statement given by the Diocese that was required to be read at all of the weekend Masses regarding bankruptcy, litigation, and payouts to the victims; you were informed as the faithful that the stewardship needed to cover this sad chapter of our local Church history is being covered by the Diocesan assets, insurance providers, as well as the local parishes. Every parish is being required to pay from the parish coffers an additional \$10,000.00, in addition to our annual D.U.F. and the appeal for the D.M.A. So, the total apostolate goal of stewardship from the Diocesan Pastoral Center, as well as the area Catholic School went up this week by an additional \$10,000.00, reaching past \$300,000.00, to a very hefty \$303,197.92. When compared to last year’s total income for 2018-2019, approximately \$0.33 of every dollar goes to fund ministry beyond the parish campus. This year alone, we will have given \$106,103.71 to the Diocese of New Ulm through their *THREE* appeals. I feel pastorally that it is important for you who are such good givers to know where your contributions go from week to week. Now, we will begin in earnest to complete the work on the front entrance that should be entirely completed down to the last details in the coming weeks. As I write this in my office, I can hear the saws going, as they continue to work on the front entrance. Of course, even after the front entrance will be completed and the front doors reopened, there will still be the “final touches” that will be added; most likely by the close of summer with the new statue of the Blessed Mother coming from Italy. As always, thank you for your continued support in order to complete these commitments.

## Annual Pro-Life Pancake Breakfast

Start Super Bowl Sunday with a super breakfast for a cause! On Sunday, February 2nd, the Knights of Columbus will be serving pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs with assorted beverages from 8:30 am - noon in the Holy Rosary Lower Hall. There will be a free will offering at the door, and all of the proceeds will go to benefiting local pro-life causes.



## Did You Know?

**Roe v. Wade (1973)** In considering a challenge to a Texas abortion ban, the Supreme Court decided in *Roe v. Wade* to strike down the laws against abortion in every state. The Court claimed that the “right to privacy” previously discovered in the Due Process Clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment is “broad enough to encompass” a right to abortion. The Court reached this conclusion even though abortion is never mentioned in the Constitution—and even though, during the very same period in which states ratified the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment (1868), states also enacted a wave of laws to protect unborn children from abortion.

The Roe Court ruled that abortion must be permitted without limits in the first trimester of pregnancy, that only regulations related to maternal health are permitted during the second trimester, and that after the point of fetal viability, states may (if they choose) limit or even prohibit abortion, but only if there are exceptions to safeguard the life and “health” of the mother. “Health” was then defined very broadly in *Doe v. Bolton*. *Source: Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life*

The decision divided the nation and is still controversial today. People divided into pro-life and pro-choice groups. Pro-life (pro-fetus, anti-abortion) supporters argue that abortions should not be allowed. Pro-choice supporters believed that a woman has the right to choose what she wants to do with her body and that the government should not intervene. Roe was limited by a later decision called Webster v Reproductive Health (1989), which allowed regulation of abortion in some cases. Several states have considered laws banning abortions altogether. *Source: Simple English Wikipedia*

## Catholic Schools Week Collection

The University of Notre Dame formed a task force on Catholic education to seek out ways to support Catholic primary and secondary schools in the United States. The results of this task force’s study concluded with the following statement: “To those who wonder how we can afford to make the investment necessary to sustain, strengthen and expand Catholic schools, we respond by turning the question on its head. How can we afford not to make this investment? Our future depends on it more than we may suspect.”

Recognizing the value and importance of our diocesan Catholic schools, Bishop John M. LeVoir has implemented a second collection the weekend of February 1st & 2nd for the purpose of sustaining and strengthening the Catholic schools of the diocese.



## Stepping Up in Faith

<b>Collected this week:</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<b>Received to date:</b>	<b>\$98,292.22</b>
<b>Goal:</b>	<b>\$175,000.00</b>

As we continue to make progress on our stewardship, we are also making progress on our front entrance. Underneath the tent, the workmen continue to lay bricks and do the construction work on our entrance. We are now making plans with a carpenter to re-create the original wooden doors that adorned the church. The only difference from the original doors is that in the panels will be inserted glass. (*Our present metal front doors have had multiple issues and we were told that the issues were no longer under warranty.*) I have confidence that the entrance will be completed on or before Easter. Thank you for your generosity and thank you for your patience!

## Pedal Past Poverty

Partners for Affordable Housing will be having their sixth annual “Pedal Past Poverty”, a family-friendly, stationary bike race, on Saturday, February 22nd, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Blue Gym at the YMCA. Holy Rosary would like to have a team of 10 bikers again this year. Each biker pedals for 20 minutes and is asked to raise \$100.00 so the team of 10 can raise a total of \$1,000.00. If you would be willing to be on Holy Rosary’s team this year, please call Arlyce Anderson at 507-317-0617. All funds raised support Mankato’s two homeless shelters, the Theresa House and the Welcome Inn.



## Diaper Drive!

The C.C.W. is sponsoring their annual Diaper Drive during the month of January. Items most needed at this time are diapers (*preemie, newborn and sizes 3-6*), baby wipes, and cash (*to purchase car seats and Pac n’ Play units*). Donations may be placed in the crib at the back of church during January. Monetary gifts should be placed in an envelope marked C.C.W. Diaper Drive. Items will be given to Options for Women and Birthright.



**Council of Catholic Women Meeting Minutes**  
**Holy Rosary Catholic Church**  
**December 3, 2019**

The December C.C.W. meeting was attended by 18 members. President Terri Compton called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM following a potluck supper. Cindy Gawrych distributed envelopes for donations to CADA. Gifts were also collected; however, since CADA is remodeling, cash donations are preferred. Cindy shared her personal story about assistance she received from a similar organization. She will deliver some rosaries and some religious books when she delivers our gift.

Dolores Portz led a prayer meditation as our opening prayer, a Serran prayer for vocations. She encouraged sending cards to pastors this month. The minutes of the November 3 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report.** Julie shared the treasurer's report. Balances include: \$10,491.02 checking; \$1,476.67 savings; \$6,101.69 C.D.; \$18,069.38 total cash on hand. The treasurer's report was approved and filed for audit.

**Correspondence.** A thank-you note has been received from the family of Tom Rykhus.

**Commission and Coordinator Reports**

**Spirituality.** No report. **Service.** Julie shared she has been contacted by Compassionate Communities Organization, a task force whose purpose is to determine needs for loss support. They are inviting Holy Rosary to participate in the task force. It was suggested the Social Concerns Committee might also respond. Julie will respond for C.C.W. She encouraged support for Connections Shelter and the Thanksgiving Tree at church. There is information in the bulletin about the Thanksgiving Tree. **Leadership.** No report. **Reverence Life.** No report. **Legislation.** No report. **Scholarship.** No report. **Funeral Committee.** Maxine shared that since our last meeting, the C.C.W. has served for one funeral, attended by about 200 people.

**Sewing Group.** The loom is being repaired.

**Old Business: Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service.** C.C.W. provided bars for the Ecumenical Service, which was held November 27th. **Craft Activity Event.** Mary reported 5 people had expressed interest but no one attended the November 30th craft event. It will be rescheduled on a Saturday after the holidays. It was suggested to have a table at the Parish Christmas Party this weekend, using the materials that are already purchased.

**New Business: Holy Rosary Parish Christmas Party.** The Parish Christmas Party will take place after the 5:00 PM Mass. The KCs will arrange for the food, and C.C.W. will arrange for paper products and the treat bags. A group will set up and fill treat bags Saturday morning at 9:30 AM. Volunteers are welcome. We can no longer use

the stove or ovens in the kitchen. **Advent Bake Sale.** Cindy will send out a Flock Note on Thursday to remind the women of the parish to bring baked items for the bake sale, which will take place after the Masses on Saturday and Sunday. Julie will have the change box ready. **Natural Family Planning Training.** Terri received a letter from Ashley Paul of Holy Rosary. She and her husband are seeking donations for their work related to the Creighton Model Fertility Care System, which aligns with Church teaching. A motion was made, seconded and carried to donate \$500.00. **NUDCCW Annual Report.** Terri will ensure the annual report is completed and submitted to the New Ulm Diocese CCW. **Next Meeting.** There will be no January meeting. It was decided to change the February meeting to Tuesday, February 4th, at 6:30 PM. **Upcoming Events.** Deanery 1 Board Meeting at St. Mary's, New Ulm – December 7<sup>th</sup>. Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. NUDCCW Board Meeting – February 8th in Bird Island.

There being no further business, Dolores read a closing prayer for vocations. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

**Meals on Wheels**



VINE volunteers will deliver a nutritious noon meal each weekday to people living in Mankato, North Mankato, Skyline,

Le Hillier, and Eagle Lake who find it difficult to shop for or prepare their meals. There are no age or income requirements; our program serves those in need of healthy nutrition. Meal recipients also benefit from a valuable safety check each day. If something is amiss, VINE staff quickly responds to get needed help.

The meals, which are planned by a nutrition consultant, include a variety of cooked meats, vegetables, salads, fruits, and desserts. VINE receives no government subsidies and, thanks to a long-term partnership with J. D. Truffles Catering, we provide a delicious and affordable meal for the very low cost of \$3.50. Recipients are billed monthly and ACH withdrawals are available upon request.

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