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HOLYROSARYNORTHMANKATO

February 16, 2020
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor

the Quill and the Cloth

Jesus said to His disciples, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill."

-St. Matthew



To be a public figure, much less a religious leader, one has to expect public criticism. From the priesthood to the presidency, it is "open season" to tell either civic or church leadership, either directly or indirectly, what we disagree with or dislike ranging from their leadership to their decisions. Criticism that comes in these leadership positions comes with the territory, regardless if you like it or not, you are a good leader or not a good leader.

But, once in a while, voters and those Christians who claim that Christ was victorious over death, cross the line and when unfiltered, can say some pretty amazing and harsh things. I can recall serving out in the western portion of our Diocese almost 30 years ago as a freshly minted pastor. I had less than 30 months under my belt when one particular parishioner told me at a Pastoral Council meeting that she felt sorry for their parish as they always got the "leftover priests," meaning both my predecessors and myself. (*I didn't feel I was even old enough to be already considered "leftovers"!)

Suffice it to say, she was in disagreement over some decision I had made at that small church so many years ago. In fact, while I don't remember what the disagreement was about, I still remember that very hurtful statement she had made. The words that we speak, have a power both to heal and to hurt.

Just as in the name of Love and in the name of Lord, some souls can say some pretty sad and sinful things; so too in the time of Jesus. For if there was one thing that a Jew had a great love for was the LAW. For obedience to the LAW PROVED THEIR LOVE FOR THEIR LORD AND GOD. So, when Jesus is accused of not being a keeper of the LAW, even Jesus gets (justifiably) a little hot under the collar. For Jesus stresses He is and will keep not just the major Jewish laws, but even the tiniest of the laws of their religion. For Jesus wants to assure them that He does love His Heavenly Father!!!

When we read today's Gospel from St. Matthew, we are coming in the middle of a major spiritual fight. If you turn back a page or so in St. Matthew's account,

Jesus previously has given the greatest sermon any religious leader has given. For the Lord has just given the Sermon on the Mount, or better known to some of us as the Beatitudes. Today, when we hear the gospel passage of the Beatitudes, we are consoled and comforted as we hear in part: "Blessed are the poor in spiritBlessed are the sorrowing," etc. HOWEVER, FOR THE BIBLICAL JEW, THE LAWS OF GOD DID NOT BEGIN WITH THE SWEET WORDS OF "BLESSED," BUT INSTEAD THOSE STRONG WORDS, "THOU SHALT NOT." There is little doubt that those Jewish leaders believed Jesus was watering down their religion and therefore had no real love for God.

The Good News is that Jesus was turning obedience to the Law of God from something negative "Thou Shalt Not," to something positive, "Blessed."

Secondly, Jesus was not trying to destroy the Old Law or the Old Covenant, but instead building on the Old Law/ Old Covenant with a New Law and the New Covenant.

The previous readings for this 6th Week in Ordinary Time affirms this Good News theme of the Law and the Commandments (in their severity), as the First Reading from Sirach says, ***"If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live."*** However, Psalm 119, already affirms the *positive* side of the Law in keeping with the future Beatitudes, as the refrain prays, ***"BLESSED are they who follow the law of the Lord."***

Finally, St. Paul tells the Corinthians about a need for *wisdom*. In keeping with Paul's challenge to be wise, we must be wise to know that we **SHOULD NOT MAKE THE LAW INTO GOD, BUT RATHER TO KNOW IN WISDOM THAT THE LAW LEADS US TO GOD.**

A week from this coming Wednesday, February 26th, we will be celebrating another Lenten season with the start of Ash Wednesday. It is a time to intensify our prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and also to be more attentive to the laws of the Church regarding fasting and abstinence. For many Catholics, they see Lent as a *negative law-abiding* time, rather than a *positive* or *BLESSED* time. As we begin to spiritually prepare for these 40 days of renewal, how about coming up with some laws and regulations for yourself that are *positive, blessed, and life-giving* during the upcoming season of Lent? Enjoy these remaining days of Ordinary Time! Have a good and a less wintery week!


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Stewardship of Gratitude

Usually after a major fundraiser, the faithful will ask, "How many meals were served?" After a major winter storm, (of which we have had our fair share in the recent years), the faithful will ask, "How many were at Mass?" This week, I was asked that question multiple times as to how many people attended Mass due to the winter weather. As I told those people, I will also tell you, "I am amazed at the lack of faith of some souls and the love of the faith among other souls." When weather is so severe, I feel (in my practical Dutch mind) that the very, very young (such as infants) should maybe plan to stay home and not go out in the storm. I also feel that our very elderly, at the risk of falling and breaking something, might come to Mass when it is more favorable, even during the week when the weather is more cooperative. So, amazingly I see some very young and some very...not so young still come to Mass under some very harsh conditions. God bless them! However some of our younger people and high school students who are only blocks from the church, should try and come to Mass.

With regards to Mass attendance, I was pleased with a very strong attendance on Saturday night as many people anticipated the Sunday morning storm. When I got up on Sunday morning and looked outside, I truthfully thought I might be saying a private or almost a private Mass. I was amazed that we had about 50 people in attendance at 8:00 A.M. I was impressed. At the 10:00 A.M. for we had a loosely-filled half a church. That too was pretty good. The stewardship was remarkably good as well as we were able to make budget. This is due in part that though the week we continue to receive monies allowing us to make budget. I talked to an administrator this week from a Catholic parish who said that they had taken a major hit financially because of the weather. In that regard we are very blessed here at Holy Rosary. One reason our revenue was slightly down last year as we had several weekends of bad winter weather. It could be that this year we have been much more fortunate with regards to stewardship as last weekend was our first weekend where the weather cut into our worship. Thank you for your faithful devotion Oh yes and your ever-faithful stewardship. Thank you for your gifts!



Stewardship of Gratitude

Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary

Adult Contributions	\$4,802.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,941.36
Plate Collection	\$193.00
Junior Collection	\$21.30
Fuel Fund Donations	\$1,235.00
Taste of the Nations Tickets	\$400.00
Front Steps	\$1,050.00
Catholic United Donation	\$500.00
Furniture Sale	\$100.00
Misc Annual Contribution	\$400.00
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Weekly Offering Total	\$10,542.66
<i>Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,300.00</i>	
Bridging the Gap	\$0.00
Additional Weekly Income	\$1,299.16
Grand Total *	\$11,841.82
<i>Total weekly stewardship goal is set at \$13,200.00</i>	
Thanks for your gifts of gratitude to God!!!	



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future."

- John F. Kennedy



Women's Lenten Retreat

The Holy Rosary Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring a Women's Retreat on Saturday, March 14th, from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. The presenter will be Jackie Cesario. There will be a \$5.00 donation for lunch. Please RSVP to the

Holy Rosary Parish office at 387-6501.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, February 16: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - Rosary
 8:00 am - Mass - People of Holy Rosary
 9:30 am - Rosary
 10:00 am - Charles & Florence Lenz†
 12:00-2:00 pm - Confirmation Class

Monday, February 17: [The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order]

8:05 am - Rosary
 8:30 am - Mass - Jerry & Betty Brown

Tuesday, February 18: Weekday

No morning Mass

Wednesday, February 19: Weekday

10:40 am - Mass at Loyola - Frances Lyons†
 1:00 pm - Sewing Group
 6:00 - 7:05 pm - Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-5
 6:00 pm - Adult Choir Practice
 6:30 pm - Altar Server's Pizza Party - Church lower hall

Thursday, February 20: Weekday

8:05 am - Rosary
 8:30 am - Mass - Julie Leek†

Friday, February 21: [Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church]

8:05 am - Rosary
 8:30 am - Mass - Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, February 22: The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

4:30 pm - Rosary
 5:00 pm - Mass - Jan Schmidt & Bonnie Varuska†

Sunday, February 23: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - Rosary
 8:00 am - Mass - Juliette Shamp†
 9:30 am - Rosary
 10:00 am - People of Holy Rosary Parish
 1:00 - 5:15 pm - Confirmation Retreat - SSND Chapel



Accompanist Needed!

Do you play piano, or know someone who does? Holy Rosary is in need of another person (or two) to play piano for our song leaders during Mass. It would be a few times per month. **This is a PAID position!** We can train someone on when to play the Mass parts, etc. Please call the parish office at 387-6501 for more information.

2020 ECHO FOOD SHELF COLLECTION

- Amount Collected in 2020: \$277.00
- Total Amount Collected: \$18,091.17



Weekend Ministry Schedule February 22nd & 23rd

Readers:

5:00 pm Cindy Gawrych
 8:00 am Cathy Neve
 10:00 am Nancy Holden

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm Pat & Wanda Hull
 8:00 am Mary Homan, Arlyce Anderson
 10:00 am Darlene Schorn, Sherry Henrickson

Altar Servers:

5:00 pm Anne Wingert, James Younge,
 Zach Chelstrom (C/B/B)
 8:00 am Matthew Helget, Ben Ellingworth,
 Duram Kelly
 10:00 am Andrew Kohrs, Ryan Hacker (C/B/B)

Presentation of Gifts:

5:00 pm Paul Manderfield Family
 8:00 am Frank Weber Family
 10:00 am Dee Ann Novak Family

Ushers:

5:00 pm Steve & Barb Enderle, Jacob &
 Dan Voracek (Head Usher)
 8:00 am Jim Levandowski, 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 Ashley Paul
 8:00 am Margaret Ayers
 10:00 am Curt & Donna Stanke

Music Ministry:

5:00 pm Julie Gruber/Michael Steimel
 8:00 am Kathy Jo Johns/Vicki Galli
 10:00 am Tom Bachmann/Lori Christianson

Money Handlers:

5:00 pm Pat & Wanda Hull
 8:00 am Patti Sjulstad
 10:00 am Sherry Henrickson

Money Counters:

February 2020: Arlyce Anderson, Bill Fasnacht, Shirleen
 Gulden, Jan Nelson

Bulletin Folders:

February 2020: Mary Bliss, Barb Wegscheid,
 Maxine Davis, Rita Townsend



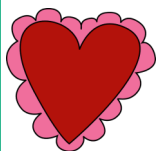
This Week's Sanctuary Light Intention:
Those serving in the Military



Faith Formation

Classes This Wednesday

There will be regular Faith Formation classes this Wednesday, February 19th for grades 1-8.



Altar Server Post-Valentine's Day Party

On Wednesday, February 19th, at 6:30 P.M., Holy Rosary will be hosting an Appreciation, Post-Valentine Party for all of our altar servers in grades 5-12! Holy Rosary is very blessed that we have 33 altar servers serving 3 servers strong at our three Masses, faithfully each weekend. We are both joyful and sad that we have 6 seniors that have been faithfully serving for years at Holy Rosary but who will be graduating this spring. These seniors have been such a wonderful witness of faith to our parish and our young people and they will certainly be our guests of honor at this party on February 19th.

Students in grades 5-8 who are altar servers will be dismissed half-way through religion class to go to the church social hall. Those who are attending Loyola or are in grades 9-12, are asked to report to church on or before 6:30 P.M. as well. **In addition to pizza, ice cream and other treats; we will have a gift card for everyone who attends.** (*We are requesting your presence at the party in order to receive the gift card.) **We are also asking parents and students to R.S.V.P. by calling the parish office if their son or daughter will be present (and let us know what kind of pizza they like) so that we can have an accurate count for food and gift cards.**

Thank you altar servers for all that you do for Holy Rosary parish! We hope to see all of you on Wednesday, February 19th! (*We also welcome new servers who would like to join our altar server team!)



Confirmation Retreat Rescheduled

Next SUNDAY - February 23th: 1:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

The mandatory Diocesan required retreat prior to the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held next **Sunday, from 1:00 – 5:15 P.M.** at the School Sisters of Notre Dame campus.



Upcoming Parish Events

- **Server Post Valentine's Day Party** - Wednesday, February 19th, 6:30 pm, Church lower hall
- **Confirmation Retreat** - Sunday, February 23rd, 1:00 - 5:15 pm, SSND Chapel
- **Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, February 26th** - Mass Times: 8:30 am, 4:30 pm, 7:30 pm
- **CCW Women's Retreat** - Saturday, March 14th, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Church lower hall
- **Confirmation** - Saturday, April 18th, 5:00 pm Mass
- **First Communion** - Sunday, April 19th, 10:00 am Mass
- **Community Meal/Picnic Supper** - Wednesday, April 15th, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, School cafeteria - **Everyone is welcome!**



Reflecting on the Paschal Mystery : The 40 Days of Lent

Come apart for a while; enter more fully into our Lenten Journey and be nourished for this time. On Saturday, February 29th from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm the School Sisters or Notre Dame and offering a Lenten time of prayer and reflection. The event will be held at Sacred Space, Our Lady of Good Counsel Campus, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato. Fee: \$40.00, includes lunch. Don't let financial constraints keep you away. Offer what you can. Please register by February 25, 2020: mjwelter@ssndcp.org or 507-389-4266.

Welcome to Holy Rosary!



Are you new to the area and would like to join our growing Holy Rosary parish family? 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!

Lenten Faith Sharing Group

A Lenten faith sharing group will meet Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Sign up and pick up your book after Ash Wednesday Masses. Refreshments will be provided. Pray, Read, Share and grow in Faith and Knowledge and Fellowship this Lent!



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, Dave Neubert, Joe Galli, Kent Durenburger, Mark Spangler, Betty Goettlicher

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	Brenda Burger
Tuesday	James & Dolores Portz
Wednesday	Gerard Lorentz
Thursday	Andrew & Denise Seys
Friday	Chris & Cynthia Kaufman
Saturday	Gerald Brown
Sunday	James & Rosalyn Grabianowski



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:	Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13 (335)
Tues:	Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21 (336)
Weds:	Jas 1:19-27/Mk 8:22-26 (337)
Thurs:	Jas 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33 (338)
Fri:	Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34—9:1 (339)
Sat:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19 (535) Pss Prop
Sun:	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48 (79) Pss III



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

Mark your calendar for Kindergarten Round-up on March 19th at 4:00 pm or 6:00 pm.

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.**

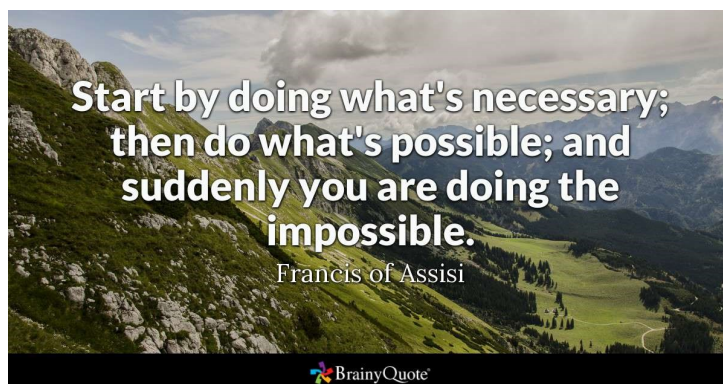
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Service.*



Connections Shelter News

MANY THANKS FROM CONNECTIONS SHELTER! This past week Holy Rosary Volunteers were in charge of staffing the Connections Shelter with volunteers. I am so proud of our parish. People stepped up and filled all the slots that were needed! To all of the evening and morning hospitality people, meal providers, support people who provide needed items, and parish organizations - WE THANK YOU SO MUCH!!! It was a busy week with a full shelter, 6 kids, Valentines Party, and battling with cold weather - but it all got done with compassion and kindness. It makes us proud to be part of this wonderful parish. God's Blessings to all.

- Mary Beth Nygaard and Connections Shelter Staff





Stepping Up in Faith

Collected this week:	\$1,050.00
Received to date:	\$109,292.22
Goal:	\$175,000.00

The other day as I drove past our Church, I was feeling sorry for myself that I am the pastor of a church that looks so derelict. The other side of me, reminded me that it was progress and as soon as the weather warms up, the work will be finished and it will all be worth the long wait. I also reminded myself that while I lived in Italy, all of the major churches in Rome were constantly under scaffolding and canvas as they were continually under repair. Just like the people, the pastor needs to be patient. In pledges and gifts, a portion of this project has been funded. I had been prepared at the start of the project to take parish reserves to see this project through. Your support has been wonderful and I have not been required to take parish reserves at this time. Please be assured that when the work is all completed, you will be very pleased with how practical and "perfect" it will look. As always, thank you for your gifts!

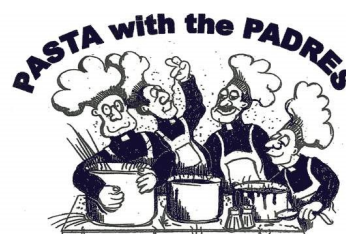
Pedal Past Poverty

Partners for Affordable Housing will be having their 8th 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. If you would be willing to be on the team this year, or would be willing to donate, please call Arlyce Anderson at 507-317-0617. All funds raised support Mankato's two homeless shelters, the Theresa House and the Welcome Inn.



Happy Birthday!

Congratulations to Dolly Meyer who will celebrate her 90th birthday on February 16th. May she continue to have good health and many more birthdays!



Pasta with the Padres is Coming!

The 13th Annual "Pasta with the Padres" fundraiser for ECHO Food Shelf, sponsored by the four Mankato are Catholic Churches, will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Sunday, March 8th from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. We will need a lot of helpers again this year with both the dinner and the Silent Auction. Sign up sheets will be in the church entries. Please sign up to help and then plan to attend. It's a lot of fun!



A BENEFIT FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Make a difference for Catholic families and Catholic education.



Join Bishop John LeVoi for brunch!

Sunday, March 22, 2020 10:45 am
following 9:45 am Mass
Church of St. Mary, 636 1st Avenue N, Sleepy Eye

No reservations needed.
Support the endowments with your free will offering.

Caucus for Climate

On Sunday, February 16th at 11:00 am, at First Congregational UCC (150 Stadium Ct.) Buff Grace, solar outreach manager at Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light will be speaking on making climate a priority in the upcoming elections. For questions, contact Jane Dow at 507-469-5537.

Birthright Raffle

It is again time for the Knights of Columbus to co-sponsor its annual Benefit for Birthright Ticket Raffle. Tickets are available at the parish office or by calling David Mutch at 387-5406. The cost of a book of 6 tickets is \$6.00. There are 5 prizes ranging in value from \$50.00-\$250.00.



K. of C. Council #5551 News

February 22 - General Meeting
March 12 - Planning Meeting
March 19 - Blood Drive



**Education Committee Minutes
Holy Rosary Church
January 20th, 2020**

The Holy Rosary Education Committee was called to order at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, January 20th, 2020. Nearly all of the members were in attendance. The meeting opened with prayer that was led by Father. The minutes of the October 7th, meeting were approved as read and that were published in the bulletin. The agenda was approved with no other additions.

Pastor's Comments: Father reported Faith Formation is progressing well. We are now well past the mid-way point. We have only about 12 weeks of class remaining or about two and a half months. Confirmation has four classes and a retreat remaining before they bring their formation to conclusion. We have gained a few students from the area, as people are wanting a more "classroom like" setting for their children as opposed to self-preparation on their homes. We have completed our stewardship support for our area Catholic School of St. Ignatius of Loyola earlier than in the past. Catholic Schools was celebrated recently at St. Peter and St. Paul as well as our four area Mankato parishes.

Lent will be starting up in just a couple of weeks on February 26th with the start of Ash Wednesday! Classes will be held on Ash Wednesday along with the celebration of Mass. Father stated that with the extended commitment to Confirmation this year he would not be doing any adult education this year as he did in the past. However, Mary Beth Nygaard would be directing an Adult Education program as in the past, which in previous years was done during the weekday on Tuesdays.

Business: Guest Speaker: Beverly Miller, from St. Peter and St. Paul, spoke to the committee about inviting Holy Rosary to share in an evening of enrichment on February 12th, for grades 6-12 on purity and chastity. The talk is entitled "A Love that Satisfies". All the other Catholic parishes were supporting the project and Beverly was also seeking the support of Holy Rosary. Father had spoken to Beverly previously on the phone and asked her to come and present the evening program seeking the support of the Education Committee. Father had expressed that parents become unrestful when there are changes or something differs from the ordinary routine or schedule. The Education Committee supported and encouraged Father to propose that it would be a

requirement for grades 6-8, as the youth are being bombarded through technology with so much impurity and pornography. As a result of this decision, there would be no classes at Holy Rosary for grades 6-8 that evening. The Confirmation students would not be required, but strongly encouraged to attend, with the time spent to count towards their service hours for the fulfillment of their Diocesan requirement. Grades 6-8 would be encouraged to attend with parents (if possible) from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M., although the event would go to 9:00 P.M. Father would promote the event through the bulletin and through the weekend announcements. **Youth Ministry Sub-Committee Update:** There was no report. **Faith Formation Calendar/Community Meals:** Father presented the second semester calendar and hesitated to publish it prior to the Education Committee meeting as it is difficult for one person to foresee all of the scheduling obstacles. The Education Committee saw no issues with the proposed second semester schedule and it was approved for distribution. The schedule would be published in the bulletin as well as available on-line. The committee did decide to close the Faith Formation year at the end of April with an Ice Cream Social and to also have a picnic-style community meal towards the end of the school year to replace the monthly or weekly Community Meals due to the limited attendance. Father would add these social items into the schedule as well. **Youth Liturgies:** Father noted that we are more than half-way through the year and we have not had any Youth Masses. Although there is no clamor from parents to have these liturgies and in the past it was difficult to get students to have students participate due to families limited presence or participation at the liturgies; Father still wanted to pursue this as a means of catechesis and evangelization and asked the Education Committee for their input. A liturgy or two was suggested during the Lenten season with sign-up beginning in the upper grades. **Vacation Bible School:** Theresa Calsbeek, a member of the Education Committee and the First Grade Catechist proposed a return to Vacation Bible School during the month of June. Father indicated that he would support the program but did not see himself

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Meeting minutes continued...

as overseeing the program due to his many other parish commitments. A discussion was held as to who might volunteer for the week to oversee this activity for our young people. At least one person from past years has agreed to organize the crafts and find the materials, but she did not want to oversee the entire, week-long program. Names were thrown out but no leadership emerged at this time. The program is contingent on finding someone who would like to lead this week-long activity. Father indicated that there would be a small stipend included as the students need to pay tuition to cover the costs of the materials that need to be ordered and purchased. Father indicated that a decision for leadership needs to be reached soon as supplies will need to be ordered in the coming weeks. The next Education Committee meeting date will be determined. There being no further business, the meeting concluded with prayer.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES' OFFICE OF
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY
PRESENTS

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING 101

What the Church *really* teaches
about Respect for Life

10 AM | SATURDAY, FEB. 22
St. John the Baptist Church | Mankato
Presentation & Dialogue
**Coffee & Rolls will be served*

**Organ Concert**

Featuring Jacob Benda, soloist.
Friday, March 6th, 7:00 p.m. Chapel of
Our Lady of Good Counsel, 170 Good
Counsel Drive, Mankato. The concert will
include Pamela Decker's "The Seven Last Words,
Triumph of Christ," and other works by Bachlund,
Franck, Mader, Tournemire and Widor. A free will
offering will be appreciated.

**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 include a variety of cooked meats,
vegetables, salads, fruits, and desserts. VINE receives no
government subsidies and 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. Call (507) 387-4076 to sign up for Hot Meals
on Wheels.