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HOLYROSARYNORTHMANKATO

March 1, 2020

1st Sunday of Lent



Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor

the Quill and the Cloth

"At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the Devil."

- St. Matthew



"Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil." Every time that we pray the Lord's Prayer, we say those words. We have perhaps said those ten words so often, they mean precious little to us decades later. However, I would like you to reflect on these words at the end of this most familiar prayer for a moment once again, as we enter more fully into this season of Lent in this year of 2020.

Temptation is very much a part of the human condition. We are continually being tempted to sin, ranging from what we eat, to how much we eat; from being vain to vain-glory; from worshipping stars and celebrities to worshipping sports and the world of "stuff." ***We have come to a time in our culture and our society that we believe more in "societal philosophy" and less in "spiritual theology."*** Specifically, we believe today more in the cultural philosophy of ***"if makes you happy, you should do it,"*** versus ***"whatever makes you holy you should do."*** So, we are amazed, shocked, perhaps even scandalized by people who have chosen "alternative lifestyles" (which are many in our present times), under the blessings of society that these people are profoundly ***"BRAVE."*** While those who remain faithful and true to the teachings of...say, the Roman Catholic faith, are often labeled at best, naive, out-of-date, or uninformed, even though they have the backing of 2,000 years of strongly held beliefs.

Today's Gospel from St. Matthew has Christ appearing out of character about as much as the Lord cleansing the temple. For to have such a strong temper that you would drive out the money-changers, it appears that one has lost control. For one to be tempted by the Devil in the desert, it also appears that one is, in fact, not in control. ***Perhaps our personal spiritual struggle to see Christ having a temper, much less being tempted, is due in part because we have secretly embraced the heresy that Jesus was only God.*** That is a great heresy to think that Jesus was divine but not human, for Jesus was 100% human like you and I are in

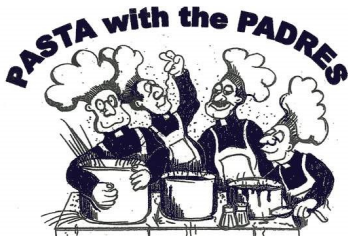
this world today. And while Christ displayed strong human characteristics, from anger to actually being tempted, from the temple to His temptations; the Good News is that Christ was not *out of control* but rather was *in control* in those situations both in terms of temper and temptations. Simply to say this *control* of Christ was a direct result of His 100% divinity, directs us away from the Good News.

In the case of temptation, how can we avoid succumbing to this spiritual trap and slipping into sin? The next time you find yourself in a tempting situation by perhaps taking that third donut, or driving well beyond the speed limit, endangering yourself or others; ask yourself this question. ***"Is what I am about to do a "HUMAN" action, or is it a "HOLY" action?"*** For when we act out of human desire, the focus is on ourselves in our human condition. When we act out of a holy response, we are acting not out of selfishness, but in response to the needs of another. Being trapped by temptation, at its very core, is selfish.

The three temptations of Christ, from a meal of bread, to the mirror of vanity, to making the Messiah worship the Devil to inherit the world; is all centered on the self. Christ was able to overcome the physical and emotional temptations, through spiritual reasoning that these requests were all centered on selfishness. It is for this reason that the Cross of Jesus Christ, in all of its pain, suffering and death, is so strikingly beautiful. For Christ's death on the cross was so incredibly selfless, so holy, so reaching out to others, beyond our neighbor, to the next generation past and present from the beginning of time to the end of time.

I predict that as we continue our practices of Lent over these next 40 days, we will be tempted to break our promises related to intensifying our prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In that brief moment of temptation in the future, ask yourself this question: ***"Is this a holy, selfless response or is this a human, selfish response?"*** You might be surprised that you could become more faithful to your Lenten resolutions than you have ever been. ***Keeping our resolutions is less about human will-power and more about following the will and the power of the Holy One, Jesus Christ. Happy Lent!***

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Pasta with the Padres is Next Sunday!

The 13th Annual
"Pasta with the Padres"
fund-raiser for ECHO

Food Shelf, sponsored by the four Mankato area Catholic Churches, will be held at **St. John the Baptist Catholic Church** **next Sunday, March 8th, from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.** Sign-up sheets to volunteer are in the church entries and we need lots of volunteers to make it a success. Joe Kunkel and Bully Pulpit will provide entertainment and the spaghetti will be delicious. Sign up to help and then plan to attend. It's lots of fun!

Our Catholic Life: The Journey of the Human Heart

A Lenten faith sharing group will meet Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the lower level of the church. Sign up after Mass or call the parish office to register. Refreshments will be provided. Pray, Read, Share and grow in Faith and Knowledge and Fellowship this Lent!



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The Lord measures out perfection neither by the multitude nor the magnitude of our deeds, but by the manner in which we perform them."

— St. John of the Cross



Upcoming Parish Events

- **Stations of the Cross** - Fridays, 5:30 pm, Church
- **Lenten Faith Sharing Group** - Wednesdays, 6:00 pm, Church lower hall
- **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!**
- **Vacation Raffle** - Monday, May 18th, 6:00 pm, Church lower hall

Stewardship of Gratitude

Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary

Adult Contributions	\$7,159.00
Electronic Giving	\$2,867.94
Plate Collection	\$319.73
Junior Collection	\$53.01
Fuel Fund Donations	\$50.00
Solemnity of Mary - Holy Day	\$40.00
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Weekly Offering Total	\$10,489.68
<i>Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,300.00</i>	
Bridging the Gap	\$0.00
Additional Weekly Income	\$1,069.00
Grand Total	\$11,558.68
<i>Total weekly stewardship goal is set at \$13,200.00</i>	
Thanks for your gifts of gratitude to God!!!	

Stewardship of Gratitude

The season of Lent could be summarized with three elementary words: PRAY...FAST...GIVE! I think that many Catholics still see the need to intensify their prayer by attending Sunday or daily Mass, reciting the Rosary as a family, or perhaps attending the weekly Stations of the Cross. We know that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of FASTING and ABSTINENCE, and so we deny ourselves meat and many of those things that we enjoy eating or drinking. But what about GIVING? Do we consider GIVING more during the season of Lent than we have been giving to our church or to a worthy charity? Our parish of Holy Rosary is approaching an annual budget of almost a million dollars. One third of the money that is given is in support of Catholic Education and the work of our Diocese of New Ulm. A great portion of the remainder of this revenue is spent just to maintain the facility and to cover the utilities, along with the salaries and benefits for a shoe-string staff. Yet, there are many who do practice the faith or who do not practice the faith, who are comfortable allowing others to take care of the GIVING, as they choose to give very little or nothing in the Sunday offering week in and week out, year in and year out. Is this right? Will this Lent be different in your pattern of giving? Will you increase your giving? Thank you for your gifts!

The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 1: First Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - Rosary
 8:00 am - Mass - Juliette Shamp†
 9:30 am - Rosary
 10:00 am - Tim & Pat Brown Family
12:00 -2:00 pm - Confirmation Class

Monday, March 2: Lenten Weekday

8:05 am - Rosary
 8:30 am - Mass - Gerald Erkelt†
 11:00 am - Mass @ S.S.N.D. - Jon Schwartz

Tuesday, March 3: [Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin]

No morning Mass

Wednesday, March 4: [Saint Casimir]

9:15 am - Mass at Oak Terrace - Arlo Sandvig†
 1:00 pm - Sewing Group
 3:00 pm - Penance Service @ S.S.N.D. (Father attends)
 6:00 pm - Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-8
 6:00 pm - Choir Practice - Choir Room
6:00 pm - Lent Faith Sharing Group - Church lower hall

Thursday, March 5: Lenten Weekday

8:05 am - Rosary
 8:30 am - Mass - Special Intention

Friday, March 6: Lenten Weekday

8:05 am - Rosary
 8:30 am - Mass - Don Braam†
***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass**
 9:00 am - 3:00 pm – Eucharistic Adoration
 3:00 pm - Benediction
5:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 7: [Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs]

4:30 pm - Rosary
 5:00 pm - Mass - Wayne Mettler†

Sunday, March 8: Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - Rosary
 8:00 am - Mass - People of Holy Rosary
 9:30 am - Rosary
 10:00 am - Joan Zeigler

2020 ECHO FOOD SHELF COLLECTION

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



Weekend Ministry Schedule March 8th & 9th

Readers:

5:00 pm Brian Eggersdorfer
8:00 am Dolores Portz
10:00 am Roxi Lang

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm Bev Linnes, Jane Younge
8:00 am Julie Schoettler
10:00 am Dennis Haga, Ryan Howe

Altar Servers:

5:00 pm James Voracek, Katie Rooney,
 Aoife Rooney(C/B/B)
8:00 am Carson Fischer, Danielle Fischer,
 Walter Michels (C/B/B)
10:00 am Braeden Otto, Emma Otto,
 Ethan Westermann (C/B/B)

Presentation of Gifts:

5:00 pm Tom & Mary Clare Wyrowski
8:00 am Bill Cahalan Family
10:00 am Blaine Kolstad Family

Ushers:

5:00 pm Karen Winters, Tom Rheaume, Roger
 Steinbach, Mark Weingartz (*Head Usher*)
8:00 am Julie Bigaouette, Bill Cahalan, Mary &
 Doug Homan (*Head Usher*)
10:00 am Brent Friedrichs, John Jagerson, Sherry
 Henrickson, 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 Myra Schroepfer/Lori Christianson
8:00 am Choir/Michael Steimel
10:00 am Julie Gruber/Vicki Galli

Money Handlers:

5:00 pm Jim Theuninck
8:00 am Dolores Portz
10:00 am Curt Stanke

Money Counters:

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

Bulletin Folders:

March 2020: Ruth Fitterer, Rosal Molski, Mary Haley,
 Ken Thiele, Anne Doyle



This Week's Sanctuary Light Intention:
President Trump & his family



Faith Formation

Faith Formation - Grades 1-8

A reminder that Faith Formation for grades 1-8 will be meeting this Wednesday again at our regular time. IT HAS BEEN NOTICED THAT MANY STUDENTS ARE ARRIVING AFTER 6:00 P.M. Parents, parents, do your best to have your children in the building before 6:00 P.M. so that all are at their places by 6:05 P.M.. We only have one precious hour to teach the faith. Thank you so much for your attention in this matter!

Backpack Food Program

The 4th graders in our Faith Formation program will be volunteering at the Backpack Food Program on March 11th.



The Backpack Food Program provides healthy and easy to make snacks and meals over weekends and school breaks for kids who might not otherwise have enough to eat at home. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please bring your financial gift (no food is needed!) to the parish office, or put it into the weekly collection in an envelope marked "Backpack Food Program." Thank you!

Retreat Proud



Last weekend nearly all of our Confirmation class was in attendance for an afternoon retreat at the campus of the School Sisters. I was so proud of the mature response of our young people as we spent the afternoon in reflection, talks, walks, and prayer. On Monday morning of last week I returned to the School Sisters to offer Mass for them, (**and I will be there again this Monday*), and several commented at how mature and respectful our Confirmation class from Holy Rosary carried themselves. I too was impressed. It was equally nice to hear from a few of the students as they were leaving at how much they enjoyed the day and felt that the time was well spent in prayer and reflection.

Many thanks to those parents who participated in the retreat, and also to Jane Young, Lorraine Klaseus and Timothy Cain for their assistance. Confirmation is now down to just three remaining classes in March. Their preparation is on the home stretch. They are a wonderful and responsive class. *"Come Holy Spirit....fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love...."* (****Rememberclass this Sunday and we are off next week!***)

Vigil Lights - For Safety's Sake!



For those of you that follow the devotion of lighting candles before the shrines of St. Mary and St.

Joseph, you may have noticed some changes. For decades we have allowed the faithful to burn small votive candles, and allowing them to make a modest offering for doing so. And while the cost of the candles has continued to rise and the cost of one little candle that will burn for several hours is approaching \$2.00 a piece, people continue to offer twenty-five or fifty-cents or maybe a dollar. So, point one: The parish is losing money on this devotion, running into hundreds of dollars each year. (**Our hope is just to break even.*)

Point two: our insurance provider is working on discouraging parishes from having unattended, open flames in church. Several churches in recent memory have burned from unattended vigil light racks or people burning candles in an inappropriate way. While it is true that there are candles on the altars, they are only burning during the time of the liturgy. (*Incidentally, we are presently working on eliminating the six beeswax candles that are presently used on the high altar and to replace them with candles that are artificial and filled with a wick and oil. We hope to have these in place by Easter of this year.*)

Therefore, we have eliminated the traditional flame-burning candle, with a realistic tea-light battery operated candle. While our traditional candles were approaching \$2.00 a piece, these candles are less than a \$1.00 apiece. (*A suggested offering would be at least \$1.00.*) In addition to being much safer, they also require much less work and maintenance. This pastor has spent many Friday evenings picking up broken glass from vigil lights and scrubbing on hands and knees the soot that has resulted from the candles, dropped matches, etc. It is not a very glamorous job that few are standing in line to do for the good of the parish. One parishioner commented already how "real" they look. If you turn the candle over, there is a little switch to turn on. If the candle does not turn on, it is because it has already been used. Simply pick another one to light for your intention. Thank you for understanding and your devotion. St. Joseph and St. Mary, pray for us!



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, Dan Telshaw, Charles Wesely, Craig Van Loy, Delores Haubrich, Dave Neubert, Joe Galli, Kent Durenburger, Mark Spangler, Betty Goettlicher, Agnes Morgan, Tim Brown, Ann Giroux, Anne Doyle, Kathy Dehning, Julie Mettler, Mary Coleman, Taylor Grill

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	Clair Huettl
Tuesday	Anthony Ulman
Wednesday	Greg & DeeAnn Novak
Thursday	Elaine Shea
Friday	Chad & Kirsten Guentzel
Saturday	Sean & Jeane McGraw
Sunday	Dennis & Susan Moe



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)
Weds:	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 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9 (25) Pss II



Preschool Enrollment for 20-21 is now OPEN, please see our website for more information. Have your student be a Crusader for a Day on March 13th. Kindergarten Round-up is on March 19th at 4:00 pm or 6:00 pm. Contact acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org or 507-388-0615 for more information.

Preschool-grade 2 Open Gym! Free and open to the public! Parents and children are invited to join us for open gym on Sunday, March 15, 1-3pm in the Loyola gym: 145 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato.

Loyola will soon be offering bus service to some of our students outside of the District 77 bus routes. We are seeking a shuttle driver for the morning route, with the potential of adding shifts. For more information, please contact Trudi Clements, 507-388-0606.

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

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



Music On The Hill

Here are the upcoming performers coming to Good Council. All concerts are in the chapel unless otherwise noted.

- Dr. Jacob Benda Organ Concert, on Friday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m.
- "Music on the Hill" Sunday, March 22, 2:00 p.m.
- Nathan Madson Senior Organ Recital (student at Bethany Lutheran College), March 30, 7:00 p.m.
- Musicorum Chamber Choir, Saturday, April 25, 2020, 7:30 p.m.
- A Fellowship of Musical Souls, choral group, May 16, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Council of Catholic Women News



The next CCW meeting will be Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 pm in Conference Room 1. Our speaker will be Erin Simmons, who is the Director of MY Place, which stands for Mankato Youth Place. MY Place is the former Boys' and Girls' Club and is located at the former St. John's Catholic School. Come learn what MY Place is all about.



Stepping Up in Faith

Collected this week:	\$0.00
Received to date:	\$109,292.22
Goal:	\$175,000.00

Our parish Administrator has been in touch with the project manager of our front entrance. They are beginning again to take action on our front entrance project. Some final decisions on lighting and appointments were made. We also are in conversation with the carpenter, who will be building the new front doors. WEB Construction has indicated that the project will be completed over the next 40 days, in time for Holy Week and for sure by Easter! Like Christ's resurrection from the dead after three days in the tomb, the contractor's promise is an act of faith. I hope and pray it is true. I know that if you are like me I am war-weary of staring at those makeshift tents all winter. As always, thank you for your gifts!



Big Bulletin - Last Weekend

If you happened to be away from the parish on the weekend of February 23rd, please make sure to go on-line and read this news packed bulletin and/or pick up this bulletin from last week at the church entrances. The bulletin has many important items and also addressed some of the proposed work that will be taking place (hopefully) this summer in the church proper, upon completion of the front entrance of our church. A lot of exciting things are happening both spiritually and structurally here at Holy Rosary. You are encouraged to stay informed of all that is happening. Happy reading!



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.):

66% COMPLETED	Rec'd. to Date:	\$21,810.00
	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: \$248,284.25

Apostolate Stewardship 2019-2020: \$303,197.92

This week we took a small step forward in our stewardship corner as we went up 1%, to 66 percent contributed of the goal established by the Diocese of New Ulm for our Annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Last year Holy Rosary raised 42% of our "soft" goal. This year we have increased our giving to this particular fund established by the Diocese by 24%. Congratulations to you good stewards who are responsible for this increase. May God reward you in your continued generosity, not only to your local parish but also to the broader Church. Thank you for your gifts!



Lent is All About Being ACTIVE - Not PASSIVE!

This Lent we are calling all of our members to become more active and involved in the life of the Church, not just during Lent, but throughout the entire year and most especially in the liturgical life of the Church. Parents, this week Wednesday, when you are dropping off your young people for Faith Formation, how about you be an example for your children by coming across the street during that hour to grow in your own knowledge of the Catholic faith? Rather than waiting, running for groceries or getting a tank of gas, how about filling up your soul with a bit more faith through some adult education? Come on! What did you promise to the Lord during these forty days to grow in your love for Him?

Welcome to Holy Rosary!

We are blessed as a parish of Holy Rosary to welcome another family to our fold of faith. Please welcome with me as Pastor, Tricia and Travis Stenberg, and their three sons: Briley, Grayson and Evan who are all in elementary school. Travis is an accountant for North Central International, and Tricia is employed in marketing for United Way. The family of five has made their home here in North Mankato these last years. I was privileged to recently have a wonderful visit with this young family following a parish event. We are most blessed that they have chosen Holy Rosary as their place of worship and to grow in their relationship with the Lord.



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!

Diocese of New Ulm Reorganization Update

February 19, 2020, was the deadline for those who have filed sexual abuse claims against the Diocese of New Ulm or parishes within it to approve or reject the bankruptcy settlement plan. Claimants were mailed balloting materials, including the plan of reorganization, in late December. The outcome of the vote will be determined on or around March 10, 2020.

If claimants approve the plan, and the bankruptcy court judge confirms the plan at a hearing on March 10, then the case will be settled. At that point, the phase for distribution of funds to claimants will begin. Settlement payments will be paid to claimants out of an independently-run trust.

As detailed in the plan of reorganization, the \$34 million settlement will be funded by contributions from insurers, the diocese, and all parishes within the diocese, regardless of whether they had claims against them. Our parish, along with every other parish in the diocese, will be contributing to this settlement. The combined contribution from all parishes is \$1 million. This is the right thing to do to provide for a fair settlement for those harmed and help survivors in their healing.

Bishop LeVair again asks that all clergy, parish and Catholic school leaders, and all local parishioners continue to pray for all those harmed and do whatever we can to help survivors in their healing. If you would like more information about the bankruptcy reorganization process, please visit <https://hopehealingandpeace-dnu.org/>.

New - Evangelization Committee

Presently, I am in pastoral discussions to implement a new committee at Holy Rosary that will be focused on evangelization. Presently, there are several members of the parish that have stepped forward on this new adventure to simply visit and connect with members of our parish family. Presently, our parish does an outstanding job visiting the sick, infirm and homebound of our parish. We also visit the homes of new parishioners when they join Holy Rosary. But who visits the parishioners that have been members for many years? There are many members of our parish who have never been called or visited for years or decades. And while it is not possible for the pastor to visit more than 800 homes; recall that Jesus sent out His disciples two by two to proclaim the Good News of salvation.

We will be having an initial meeting in the near future but are seeking people that would be willing to go out and to visit those from our parish who are young or young at heart; those who may be active or inactive in order to visit and to pray with them, visit with them and to make them feel ever more included in our Holy Rosary family. We are hoping that those who join this committee would visit one or two homes a month. This would come to about 15-20 households a year. We would have some 3-4 meetings a year to pray, review the visits and to address the progress of this committee. Lent is a wonderful time to step out of our comfort zone and to something more to build up the Mystical Body of Christ in our own backyard of North Mankato and Holy Rosary. If you are possibly interested please call either Darlene Schorn at 507-779-6751 or the Parish Office at 507-387-6501. "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in their midst."



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.

Fuel Fund

As this winter continues into another month, so do the utility bills. So far this year in 2019-2020, \$10,390.02 has been spent in heating our facility of Holy Rosary. The parish has taken in a total of \$7,115.00 to supplement our heat bill. Even if you do not have an envelope from the bulletin of a few weeks ago, 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.



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.



Lent is a Time for Liturgies

In my years as pastor, I have always strongly encouraged and invited people to make the 40 days of Lent more than just another 40 days in their life but truly 40 days of conversion by intensifying their prayer, their fasting and their almsgiving. Who of us can say that they pray enough or pray to much? What does the Church teach is the most "perfect" prayer? It is the Mass as all the elements of prayer exist in the Mass from prayers of petition to contrition, from thanksgiving and adoration.

As we are drawing ever closer to our last days on this earth and to (hopefully) the beginning of eternity with the Almighty; wouldn't it be wonderful spiritually, if it was said of us that we were devoted to the Holy Eucharist in not only that we came during the weekend out of *obligation*, but that we came during the week out of *oblation* and love for the Lord. I know, you have a hard time getting up in the morning and get going! I know you have other plans and commitments! I also know that it would be a little bit of a sacrifice to get up, get going, and get to Mass, at least on Mondays Thursdays and Fridays when the Mass is being offered here at Holy Rosary on a normal week. It would not be a sacrifice every morning, just 3 mornings a week. That sacrifice does not sound nearly as intense as carrying a cross and suffering and dying for sinners of the world, past, present and future. Who knows, maybe you might come to realize how much you need the Lord in His Eucharistic presence not just during Lent, but throughout the entire year! Happy Lent!



Women's Lenten Retreat

The Holy Rosary Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring a Women's Retreat on **Saturday, March 14th, 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.** at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. "Lord, teach us to pray...." Luke 11:1. Presenter Jackie Cesario invites you to set aside this day to nurture your prayer life and deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord. This will be a quiet day of prayer and reflection where you will be given opportunities to experience different methods of prayer. **Bring your bible and a journal.** There will be a \$5.00 donation for lunch. Please RSVP by March 6th to the Parish Office at 387-6501.

"Chocolate and Chamber Music" Fundraiser

The Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra will be holding their annual fundraiser, "Chocolate and Chamber Music," on Friday, March 13th, from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. in the Holy Rosary Parish Center cafeteria. There will be a variety of delicious desserts and appetizers, a silent auction, and wonderful music! Several small ensembles will be providing entertainment while you enjoy some delicious food! Tickets are \$15.00 and available at the Holy Rosary Parish office or online at www.mayso.net. See you there!



K. of C. Council #5551 News

March 12 - Planning Meeting
March 19 - Blood Drive
March 26 - General Meeting



Pedal Past Poverty - Thank You!



Thank you to the Holy Rosary Pedal Past Poverty team! Terri Compton, Dale Compton, Arlyce Anderson, and Bill Cahalan pedaled and raised \$900.00 for resources for the homeless in our community! Way to go!



Knights of Columbus Fish Dinners

This week's Fish Fry will be Friday, March 6th at St. John the Baptist church from 4:30 - 7:00 P.M.. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors, \$3.00 kids 5-12, and are available at the door.

Worship Committee - Thank You!

Thank you to the Worship Committee members as well as to all of you that came to help to dismantle our remaining winter decorations and to set-up the Lenten environment. The simplicity looks good. A special thanks to the members of the Worship Committee who took on the arduous task of going through all of the books in the pews and updating covers, cleaning out all of the extra papers and inserting the prayer for the Mass. It all makes a big difference. Our next major environmental work will be in about40 days...as we ready for the great season of Easter. Thank you everyone for your service. May God reward you all for your efforts! Happy Lent!



6th Annual BRUNCH with the BISHOP

A BENEFIT FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
Make a difference for Catholic families and Catholic education.

join Bishop John LeVair 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.



Support Affordable Housing

Join us Sunday, March 8, 11:00 A.M. at First Congregational UCC, 150 Stadium Court, Mankato. Jen Theneman, CEO of Partners for Affordable Housing and Chad Adams, CEO of Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership will speak on Mankato area short- and long-term housing needs. There are two opportunities for us to join Minnesotans to talk with our lawmakers about the need for more safe and affordable housing in our community. On March 11th and April 1st, Mankato citizens will be going up together to lobby our state legislators at the capitol on housing needs.



Little Dresses for Africa



Little Dresses for Africa is a Christian nonprofit organization that provides humanitarian relief to some of the most vulnerable of God's children: little girls. These dresses go as little ambassadors to plant in the hearts of little girls that they are worthy. You can be a part of this message!

Holy Rosary is looking to start a "Little Dresses for Africa" sewing group. They will meet the first and third Wednesday of the month at the same time as the regular sewing group, Wednesday 1:00 - 4:00 pm in the sewing room (lower level of the school building). The first meeting will be this coming **Wednesday, March 4th at 1:00 pm.**

The dresses are so simple to make! They come in a kit, with the pieces already cut and pinned, and all the materials needed to finish the dresses are included.

If you're not able to come during the day, but would still like to make Little Dresses, contact the Parish Office at 387-6501 and a Little Dresses kit will be provided to you. You can sew it at home at your convenience, and when you're done, simply return it to the parish office. If you have any other questions about Little Dresses, please contact Marilyn Streit at 507-380-1469.

Joint Religious Legislative Coalition "Day on the Hill" Information Meeting

On Sunday March 15th at 11:00 A.M., at First Congregational UCC, 150 Stadium Court, Mankato, Anne Krisnik, executive director of Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) will speak on What JRLC Does and How We Can Make a Difference at Day on the Hill at the State Capital.

JRLC's Day on the Hill, April 1st, is an opportunity for people of faith from around the state to join together, be inspired, learn about critical issues, meet with our legislators and have an impact at the State Capitol.

JRLC is the largest, most inclusive interfaith public interest group in Minnesota, mobilizing religious communities to influence public policy and advocate for social justice in Minnesota. Sponsoring members are the Minnesota Catholic Conference, the Minnesota Council of Churches, the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas and the Islamic Center. The Minnesota Conference UCC is a sponsor of Day on the Hill.

Council of Catholic Women Meeting Minutes
Holy Rosary Catholic Church
February 4, 2020

Eleven C.C.W. members met on Tuesday, February 4th, 2020. President Terri Compton called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M.. Dolores Portz led an opening prayer for consecrated persons.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the December 3rd meeting were distributed. There were two corrections. The minutes were approved as corrected. **Treasurer's Report:** Julie shared the treasurer's report. The balances include: \$10,095.52 checking; \$1,477.60 savings; \$6,101.69 C.D.; \$17,674.81 total cash on hand. The treasurer's report was approved and filed for audit. **Correspondence:** Thank-you notes have been received from the following: Benjamin and Ashley Paul, Options for Woman-Mankato, Committee Against Domestic Abuse, Mankato Birthright, Pearl Gohla, Father Paul, and Rose Wilson. We also received the Options for Women-Mankato newsletter.

Commission and Coordinator Reports

Spirituality Commission: Dolores encouraged everyone to keep praying the Prayer for Attending Mass Weekly. **Service Commission:** Julie invited ideas for service projects. Arlyce shared that the C.C.W. service projects are Mary's Meals and Works of Mercy. **Leadership Commission:** No report. **Reverence Life Coordinator:** Dolores distributed Darlene's report. The Diaper Drive will continue for two more weeks. The drop-off sites will be removed from church before Lent. Please read this week's, *The Quill and the Cloth*, where Father Paul describes his visit to the Options for Women Center. **Legislation Coordinator:** Dolores shared Darlene's report on the January 22nd Ecumenical Prayer Service at the Cathedral in St. Paul, which was led by Bishop LeVoi. *The Prairie Catholic* provides additional details. On January 24th, over 600,000 people were at the U.S. Capitol in Washington DC, including some from St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. On January 19th, Darlene joined about 12 others in downtown Mankato to pray outside the train depot for an end to abortion. **Scholarship:** Arlyce informed us that scholarships are available to attend the St. Augusta Province conference which will be held June 19th and 20th. The deadline to register is March 1st. The national conference will be held in Arlington VA. later this year, and scholarships for this conference are \$800.00. **Funeral Committee:** Maxine shared that there have been no funerals since our last meeting. Ideas for the social hall changes were discussed.

Sewing Group: Marilyn reported the loom is still being repaired, and the other loom is running out of warp. Mary Grams is organizing a February 11th meeting from 6:30 - 8:00 P.M. to kick off *Crafting for a Cause*. They will make Valentines to donate to Connections Ministry and discuss future plans. A motion was made and seconded to purchase two new sewing machines from Knit and Sew. Motion carried.

Old Business

Holy Rosary Parish Christmas Party: Approximately 160 meals were served at the December 7th Christmas party. **Advent Bake Sale:** Our profit from the December 7th-8th bake sale was \$847.00. Arlyce delivered the extra food to homebound parishioners. **Deanery 1 Board Meeting:** Terri, Dolores and Arlyce attended the Deanery 1 Board meeting, which was held January 19th in New Ulm. Topics of discussion included the Spring Gathering and updating the bylaws and standing rules. **N.U.D.C.C.W. Annual Report:** Terri asked for input on the New Ulm Diocesan C.C.W. Annual Report. Ideas for speakers at future Holy Rosary C.C.W. meetings were discussed. **N.U.D.C.C.W. Woman of the Year:** Our C.C.W. has submitted a C.C.W. member for consideration.

New Business

N.U.D.C.C.W. Board Meeting: The next N.U.D.C.C.W. Board meeting will be held February 8th at Bird Island. Arlyce will attend. **Deanery 1 Spring Gathering:** The Deanery 1 Spring Gathering will be held March 19th at Springfield. Arlyce encouraged everyone to attend. There will be a sign-up sheet at our March meeting. **Lenten Retreat:** Dolores is checking on dates and speakers for our Lenten Retreat. **Financial Requests:** We will donate \$500.00 to the Friends of San Lucas. **Other:** Marilyn shared an article about Little Dresses for Africa which highlighted the many countries where the dresses have been delivered. Arlyce recently returned from Guatemala and encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming fundraiser which will benefit Friends of San Lucas.

Next Meeting: The March meeting will be on Tuesday, March 10th, at 6:30 P.M. in Conference Room 1.

Upcoming Events:

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 10th

Deanery 1 Spring Gathering – March 19th in Springfield

There being no further business, Dolores read, the Serran Prayer for Vocations as our closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M..