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## March 8, 2020

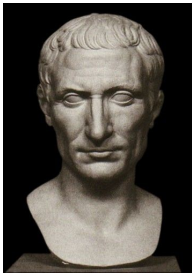
### 2nd Sunday of Lent



**Rev. Paul van de Crommert**  
**Pastor**

# the Quill and the Cloth

***"And He was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as white."***  
**-St. Matthew**



In Latin we would say, "Eides Martiae." In English we would say, "Beware of the Ides of March." I recall in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, sitting in Latin class, and Fr. Mike Cotone, who was introducing us to that March day, to the "Ides of March." The Ides of March, when corresponded with the ancient Roman calendar comes out to March 15<sup>th</sup> (next Sunday to be exact). For the ancient Romans, it was a day for settling debts with another person. It was also on this day that Brutus killed Julius Caesar, as he was fearful that Julius wanted to be more than a democratic leader of the people but actually wanted to be the King of the Roman Empire. As Julius Caesar was stabbed by his friend, his last words in Latin were "Et tu Brute?" In English (with the implication): "And you also Brutus, have betrayed me?"

***It is amazing how quickly things can change. As we have changed seasons from Ordinary Time to the season of Lent; I am still pastorally amazed, after all of these years of serving as a priest, how people can change their ways for the better and pick up their spiritual cross of prayer, fasting, almsgiving and service with such enthusiasm. For yesterday, on my day off, as I was catching up on cleaning in the rectory, doing laundry and finally ironing shirts that I had worn last summer when I was in Colorado; I was thinking how many people have responded spiritually during this Lent of 2020, and have seen the spiritual light.***

For example, our appeal for more liturgical ministries and service on our various committees beginning on Ash Wednesday has produced some pretty wonderful results. **It looks as though we will be gaining some 10 new altar servers; 2 more choir members; 3 more Education Committee members, 9 Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist; 4 more members for our newly forming, Evangelization Committee; 32 households to bring up the gifts: (that will cover almost 25% of this ministry for the entire year); 12 new lectors; 6 new members to the Pastoral Council; 4 more Rosary Leaders; 1 new song leader/cantor; 13 more ushers; and 13 new**

**Worship Committee members. WOW! From just the appeal on Ash Wednesday we gained 105 families/members who have stepped forward in faith to serve and there are still more forms coming in as I write these words. We had ordered only 25 books for adult faith sharing that began this past Wednesday, and this week we placed another order to double that amount because we are already anticipating some 50 people that will be participating this year, which is also excellent and those numbers will also continue to grow! It looks as though our light is shining at Holy Rosary on the other side of the Minnesota River.**

In today's Gospel from St. Matthew, the light of God did not shine on the Son of God but rather shone out from Him. The miraculous Transfiguration of Christ was not just a fancy parlor trick, but it was a spiritual lift or enlightening before the Lord would be led to the cross and die for the sins of the world past, present, and future. As quickly as the Lord changed in appearance from a regular human being to radiating in divine holiness; He would change again to be ravaged by the heavy cross and dying on the hill of Calvary, outside of the city of Jerusalem.

Likewise, I was also thinking of all of the wonderful changes that are taking place in and around our parish. We are again seeing progress on our front entrance; daily Mass attendance has nearly doubled during this season of Lent; Faith Formation has had a good and faith-filled year; parish stewardship is up from a year ago; fuel costs are down from a year ago; more repairs and updates are being planned for our interior space, etc., etc., etc.

But just as Christ radiated this supernatural light on the Mount of Transfiguration before the light of life left Him as He hung upon the Cross at Calvary; so too, it appears that this potential pandemic cross of sickness, disease and even death as the coronavirus works its way through the western hemisphere could also turn all this positive Good News into bad news. For it appears that many people who possess underlying health issues, such as the elderly, the infirm and even some normally healthy souls might see death. How quickly things will change in the life of our own parish if people are hesitant to go out in public or are scared of coming together in groups due to this contagious virus.

**The Good News is that the more things change, the more they stay the same. Just as so many spiritually good things are happening in our midst, it all could change overnight. But even if a pandemic does occur, at the same**

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## Pasta with the Padres is THIS 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. Joe Kunkel and Bully Pulpit will provide entertainment and the spaghetti will be delicious. See you there!



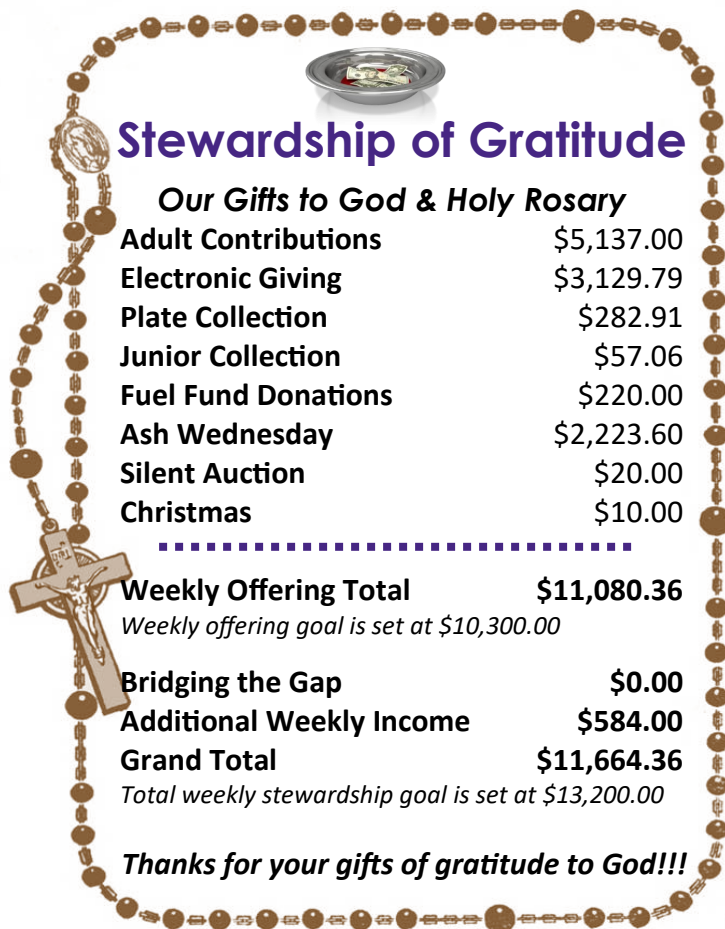
## Upcoming Parish Events

- **Pasta With the Padres** - Sunday, March 8th, 4:00 - 7:00 pm, St. John the Baptist church
- **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
- **CCW Deanery 1 Spring Gathering** - Thursday, March 19th, 4:30pm, St. Raphael's, Springfield, MN
- **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

## "the Quill and the Cloth" continued...

time, it will all eventually pass and life will return again to normal. For just as Christ was transfigured and then went through the torture of the Cross; Christ also turned the stone away and celebrated the light of the resurrection. In this Lenten season may we be on our guard both spiritually and physically, so that we might keep our soul healthy from the spiritual sickness of sin and our bodies healthy from sickness and death caused by this new flu; so that we might continue to praise Christ in this life and one day praise Him forever in His celestial home in everlasting life. Happy Lent!

  
Rev. Paul van de Crommert  
Pastor



## Stewardship of Gratitude

### Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary

Adult Contributions	\$5,137.00
Electronic Giving	\$3,129.79
Plate Collection	\$282.91
Junior Collection	\$57.06
Fuel Fund Donations	\$220.00
Ash Wednesday	\$2,223.60
Silent Auction	\$20.00
Christmas	\$10.00
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<b>Weekly Offering Total</b>	<b>\$11,080.36</b>
Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,300.00	
<b>Bridging the Gap</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Additional Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$584.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$11,664.36</b>
Total weekly stewardship goal is set at \$13,200.00	

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

## Stewardship of Gratitude

We are having a good year of stewardship in terms of our "treasure" as our income again is extending beyond our expenses at this time. However, that could all change for people that give a weekly offering through the envelope in the collection basket if a pandemic should occur. Now might become a good time to consider being an electronic giver. There would be no need to handle money or a pen (*that might carry the virus*) and would insure that the local needs of the church would still be met.

We are also having a good year of stewardship in terms of "talent" as more than 105 responses have come in from our appeal form asking for parishioners to sign up for the various ministries and committees for our parish of Holy Rosary. (*It is not too late to turn in your form.*) Thank you to all of you that stood up in faith to fill out the form and assist the parish through the sharing of your talents.

The call of Lent is to pray, fast and give. Thank you for seeing this more as a line that you hear at church but a motto to live by for yourself. As always, thank you for your gifts!!!

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, March 8: 1st Sunday of Lent

4:00 - 7:00 pm - Pasta With the Padres - St. John the Baptist Church

### Monday, March 9: *[Saint Frances of Rome, Religious]*

8:05 am - Rosary

8:30 am - Mass - Lawrence Karpinsky†

### Tuesday, March 10: Lenten Weekday

No morning Mass

### Wednesday, March 11: Lenten Weekday

9:15 am - Mass at Oak Terrace - Roy Toegel†

1:00 pm - Sewing Group

6:00 pm - Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-8

6:00 pm - Lent Faith Sharing Group - Church lower hall

### Thursday, March 12: Lenten Weekday

8:05 am - Rosary

8:30 am - Mass - Frances Lyons†

### Friday, March 13: Lenten Weekday

8:05 am - Rosary

8:30 am - Mass - Mary McGraw†

5:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 14: Lenten Weekday

4:30 pm - Rosary

5:00 pm - Mass - Valerie Twomey†

### Sunday, March 15: 2nd Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - Rosary

8:00 am - Mass - Melvin Pelzel†

9:30 am - Rosary

10:00 am - People of Holy Rosary

12:00 - 2:00 pm - Confirmation Class



## Weekend Ministry Schedule March 14th & 15th

### Readers:

5:00 pm Cindy Gawrych

8:00 am Linda Olson

10:00 am John Holden

### Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm Karen Winters, Jim Theuninck

8:00 am Terri Compton, Michelle Ellingworth

10:00 am Curt & Donna Stanke

### Altar Servers:

5:00 pm Brendan Isenberg, James Younge, Ryan Rooney (C/B/B)

8:00 am Timothy Cain, Joseph Cullen, Matthew Helget

10:00 am Dennis Muga, Abi Lang, Ryan Hacker (C/B/B)

### Presentation of Gifts:

5:00 pm Mary & Cora Miller

8:00 am Dave & Cathy Neve

10:00 am John & Kate Huiras

### Ushers:

5:00 pm Jacob Voracek, Steve & Barb Enderle, Dan Voracek (Head Usher)

8:00 am Dean Cullen, Craig Amundson, Jim Levandowski, Arlyce Anderson (Head Usher)

10:00 am Isaac Kolstad, Steve Kaiser, Teresa & Blaine Kolstad (Head Usher)

### Rosary Leaders:

5:00 pm Vince Guertin

8:00 am Arlyce Anderson

10:00 am Ryan Howe

### Music Ministry:

5:00 pm Kathy Jo Johns/Vicki Galli

8:00 am Corrine Ort/Kurt Schroeder

10:00 am Julie Gruber/Janelle Campeau

### Money Handlers:

5:00 pm Tom & Mary Clare Wyrowski

8:00 am Patti Sjulstad

10:00 am Sherry Henrickson

### 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



## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*"The spiritual virtue of a sacrament is like light; although it passes among the impure, it is not polluted."*

- St. Augustine

## Welcome to Holy Rosary!

Are you new to the area and would like to join our growing Holy Rosary parish family? Just go to [holyroarynorthmankato.com/membership-registration](http://holyroarynorthmankato.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!



**This Week's Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
*Special Intention of Dave & Cathy Neve*



## Faith Formation

### Signs of Spring - Faith Formation Finishing Up!



As we begin the month of March, we might be mindful that the number of classes for Faith Formation are quickly winding down. As we looked at the calendar this week, after this past week's class for grades 1-8; we having only 5 remaining classes before we close out the Faith Formation year at the end of April. *(\*Please note that we will not have class either on Wednesday, March 25th, due to the week of Spring Break or on Wednesday, April 8th, due to Holy Week.)*

As I shared with my Confirmation students last Sunday, we are now down to our **last two classes** prior to our Confirmation with Bishop LeVoor on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Both in grades 1-8 as well as in grades 9-10, our students have generally been very good about attending class faithfully each week and being open to learning and growing in their faith. That is a great blessing! Equally, our Confirmation students are in a good position, as most of them have almost all of their Diocesan requirements fulfilled and they can avoid the stress of trying to race to get the requirements completed at the last minute. That too is a great blessing! PLEASE NOTE THAT FAITH FORMATION CLASS FOR GRADES 1-8 WILL MEET THIS WEEK AS WELL AS CONFIRMATION WILL MEET A WEEK FROM SUNDAY ON MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> FROM 12:00 to 2:00 P.M.



### Thank You - Catholic United Financial

As Pastor as well as Faith Formation Director I extend my thanks and appreciation to catholic United Financial for their recent donation of a \$500.00 grant towards our Faith Formation program. This money has been used for our Confirmation program and most specifically for a "high-tech" blackboard that was installed in our main floor classroom. The board is made of a black glass and uses specific writing instruments for use on the board. *(I think even the students were impressed.)* It will be used extensively in the years ahead for our Confirmation program and Adult Education programs. Thank you Catholic United Financial for such a practical and useful gift to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.



### 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. Recently, our insurance provider is 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 and are not left unattended.

Therefore, we have eliminated the traditional flame-burning candle, with a realistic, battery operated tea-light candle. In addition to being much safer, they also require much less work and maintenance. 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!



### Deanery 1 C.C.W. Spring Gathering

The Deanery 1 C.C.W. Spring Gathering will be Thursday, March 19th, at St. Raphael's Church In Springfield. Registration is at 4:30 P.M., Mass at 5:00, P.M. Dinner at 5:45 P.M. and the speaker will begin at 6:30 P.M.. The speaker will be Michelle Zehnder Fischer, Nicollet County Attorney who is also a member of Holy Rosary Parish. Michelle has worked for Nicollet County for almost 25 years and will speak about the issues surrounding family law and her work on behalf of children. Please sign up in the parish office by Friday, March 13th. There will be carpools available so you will not have to drive. The \$10.00 cost will be paid by the Holy Rosary C.C.W.

### Benefit Dinner for Craig VanLoy

A benefit dinner is being held for Craig VanLoy (brother of Sherry Henrickson) to help the family with expenses as he undergoes cancer treatment. It will be Saturday, March 28th from 3:30 - 7:00 P.M. at the Wabasso Community Center.



## 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, Dan Telshaw, Charles Wesely, Craig Van Loy, Delores Haubrich, Dave Neubert, Joe Galli, Kent Durenburger, Mark Spangler, Betty Goettlicher, Agnes Morgan, Tim Brown, Anne Doyle, Kathy Dehning, , 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

<b>Monday</b>	James & Debra Kuderer
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jeff & Karls Giesen
<b>Wednesday</b>	Chad & Angela Luscomb
<b>Thursday</b>	Kevin & Misty Thompson
<b>Friday</b>	Gail Kitt
<b>Saturday</b>	Michael & Diane O'Dea
<b>Sunday</b>	Lyle Pearson



### 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:	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38 (230)
Tues:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12 (231)
Weds:	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28 (232)
Thurs:	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31 (233)
Fri:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 (234)
Sat:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (235)
Sun:	Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 (28) Pss III



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](mailto: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.

- "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



**CCW**  
Council of Catholic Women

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

Well, our "Tent City" is on the move. The two tents that were in front of the main entrance is now down to one tent and another tent has been erected where the future church sign will be. The foundation for the church sign has been completed and now the cinder block wall where the electronic sign will be installed has gone up. Next, the cinder block will be faced with the blond brick. Slowly, but surely, the work is getting done. Will the project be completed by Easter??? It would be wonderful and quite a "transfiguration." Thank you for your continued support of this ongoing project!



## Becky Buller, Award Winning Bluegrass Artist Coming to Mankato

Becky Buller, two time Grammy Award winning bluegrass fiddler and composer, will be playing a concert with the Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, March 22nd at 3:00 P.M. at Mankato East High School. Ms. Buller is a MAYSO alumni, having played in the group in the 1990's and will be inducted into MAYSO's Hall of Fame.

The concert will feature orchestral arrangements of some of Ms. Buller's songs, along with works by Mozart, Beethoven and John Williams. Tickets are \$15.00 and are available in the Holy Rosary parish office or online at [www.mayso.net](http://www.mayso.net).

## 2020 ECHO FOOD SHELF COLLECTION

- Amount Collected in 2020: \$327.00
- Total Amount Collected: \$18,091.17



## 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: \$21,940.00  
Due: \$33,183.26

One-Time Diocesan Bankruptcy/Litigation Appeal:

**COMPLETED** Pd. to Date: \$10,000.00  
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: \$290,257.68**

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



## 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 too 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. Mass is being offered here at Holy Rosary on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. It would not be a sacrifice every morning, just 3 mornings a week to come to morning Mass. 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!



## Two Rivers Community Orchestra Concert

The brand new Two Rivers Community Orchestra in New Ulm is proud to present their inaugural concert on Saturday, March 21st at 2 P.M. at the State Street Theater, 1. N. State Street. The concert will feature works by Gustav Holst, Mozart, Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov and others. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, and 18 and under are free.



## Baptism!

Our prayers and best wishes go out to Todd and Nikki Randall on the occasion of the Baptism of their son, Maddox Dean Randall.

May the Baptism of this child, in the waters of new birth, be the beginning of a life-time relationship with Jesus Christ. Blessings to you today and always!



## Soul-nourishing Practices for Lent

### *Fast from busyness.*

Take a slow walk around a neighborhood park or other natural place. Listen to the sounds around you—of nature, of people, of silence—and let your soul find rest in the moment.

### *Fast from emotional exhaustion.*

When feeling a soul-draining emotion, such as resentment, hurt, anger, or fear, give yourself time and space to let it rise and then subside. Don't judge, bury, or ignore it, but let it play itself out before choosing a way to respond.

### *Fast from negativity.*

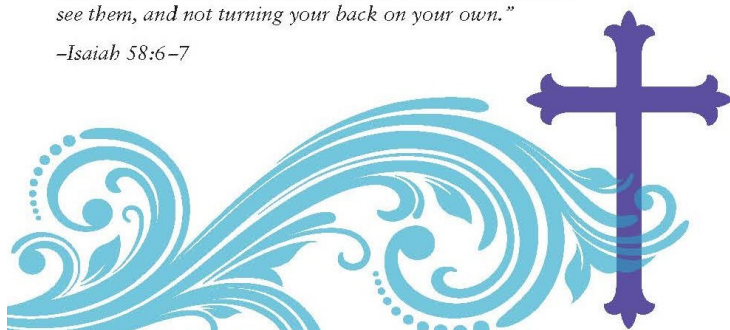
Pay attention to times when you find yourself indulging in skepticism or sarcasm, cynicism or contempt. Make a conscious effort to turn your thoughts around to something positive, hopeful, and life-enhancing.

### *Fast from verbal violence.*

Look for ways to replace hurtful words with healing ones. Be mindful of abstaining from television shows, films, books, articles, and other forms of media that are filled with hateful, judgemental, or cruel words, images, and actions.

*\*This, rather, is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; Setting free the oppressed, breaking every yoke; Sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; Clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own.\**

—Isaiah 58:6–7



## 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. There are many members of our parish who have never been called or visited for years or decades. And while it is not possible to 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. If you are 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."



## Boy Scout Troop #29 Spaghetti Dinner

Boy Scout Troop #29 will be hosting an all you can eat spaghetti dinner on Monday, March 9th from 4:30-7:00 P.M. at Holy Rosary. On the menu is spaghetti, garlic bread, green beans, applesauce, pickles, dessert and beverages. Cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors, and \$4.00 for children 5-12, under 5 are free. Take out is available.



## Knights of Columbus Fish Dinners

This week's dinner is a Shrimp Fry, and will be Friday, March 13th at Sts. Peter and Paul's church from 4:30 - 7:00 P.M.. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors, \$4.00 kids 5-12, and are available at the door.



## 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 \$7,335.00 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.



*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.

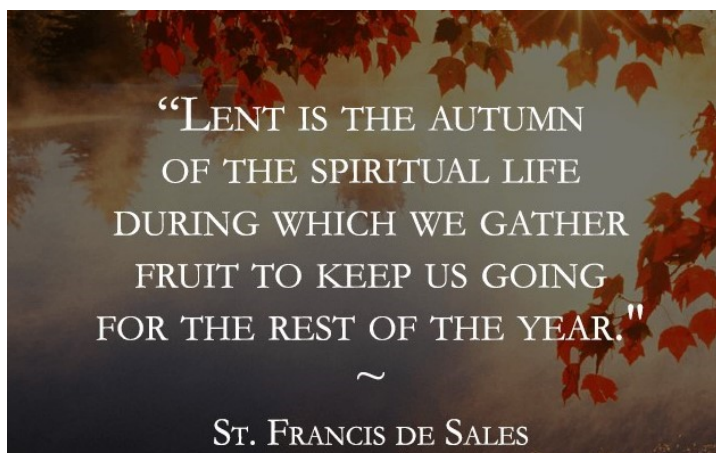
## Birthright Raffle

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

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



## Is a Pandemic Possible? Are We Prepared?

Although it is still uncertain if the coronavirus will reach pandemic proportions, if this illness spreads throughout the United States and the upper Midwest, it will certainly curtail our extra-curricular activities and would include our church and worship activities in various degrees.

Catholic Mutual of Omaha, has recently sent to all of the parishes that they provide insurance coverage to, some recommendations to help stop the spread of the virus. Most of these points are pretty much common sense and practical precautions, as we prepare for the eventual spread of this outbreak. (*\*Holy Rosary has already implemented # 1 and #3 at this time.*)

1. Holy Communion should not be distributed under the form of the chalice.
2. Receiving Holy Communion on the tongue will be strongly discouraged.
3. Shaking of hands should stop and be replaced with greeting the person and/or bowing to them out of respect at the sign of peace or by greetings after the liturgies.
4. Seating could be done in alternate rows.
5. Anyone appearing sick would be invited to return home.
6. There might be a limit placed on the number of people attending a baptism/funeral/wedding.
7. In the event of multiple deaths or a severe outbreak, a full Funeral/Memorial Mass would not be done or a funeral luncheon, but instead a brief, grave-side service be held, with a possible Memorial Mass at a later time.
8. Parish gatherings, meetings, classes, etc. would be either postponed or cancelled.
9. Catholic Schools would follow the lead of the public school system as to whether classes would be held.
10. Confessional boxes/rooms would not be used.
11. Holy water would not be available in the fonts or for distribution.
12. Collections would be done through a basket with a handle and not being passed from one person to the next.
13. People who are vulnerable and who have other underlying health issues would be strongly encouraged to stay at home.
14. Extraordinary Ministers would not be bringing Holy Communion to the sick or homebound for a period of time.

May we pray to St. Joseph the patron of the sick and dying that we might be spared from such a terrible outbreak! Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us!