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HOLYROSARYNORTHMANKATO

March 15, 2020

3rd Sunday of Lent



Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor

the Quill and the Cloth

The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" – For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.

-St. John



Last weekend I compared the Jewish understanding of a "mountain" to our understanding today of the "moon". Just as the moon is a far-off, distant place, that only a select few go to visit; so too in ancient times, a mountain was also a far-off, distant place that a select spiritual people visited from Moses to the Messiah.

This week I am proposing another comparison to get into the mindset of the ancient, biblical Jew. The Chinese coronavirus has the ability to destroy our health and even bring about death; and so we in turn must isolate ourselves physically by avoiding people who appear sick and even to keep a polite distance from those people who appear healthy. In biblical times the Jewish people kept a polite distance and did not associate with the Samaritan people. The reason for this was because the Samaritans were a mixed race of Jews as they had intermingled with foreigners. Not only was the "race" now mixed but also their "religion" became "mixed", as it was a blend of both Judaism and idolatry. Just as we avoid sickness today in order to prevent the "death of the body", so the Jewish people avoided the Samaritans to avoid a kind of spiritual sickness, in order to prevent the "death of their soul".

That is why this lengthy Gospel account from St. John is so remarkable. For Jesus as a Jew goes and talks with a "woman", in "public", who is "not His spouse" and is a "SAMARITAN"!!! Why does the Lord do this? It is for the same reason that every doctor wants every patient to be healed. CHRIST WANTS ALL MEN AND WOMEN TO BE SAVED AND NOT JUST A SELECT FEW. Likewise, we want all people to be spared of this Chinese coronavirus regardless of what nationality they might be from Russians to Iranians to Chinese.

While we make physical preparations for the upcoming pandemic to our region that is already a pandemic in our world; may we pray in this season of Lent that this pandemic will pass and that we will be spared from severe sickness and death. I offer the following reflection on prayer that was recently prayed in the Divine Office from St. John Chrysostom.

Prayer is the Light of the Spirit

"Prayer and converse with God is a supreme good: it is a partnership and union with God. As the eyes of the body are enlightened when they see light, so our spirit, when it is intent on God, is illumined by his infinite light. I do not mean the prayer of outward observance but prayer from the heart, not confined to fixed times or periods, but continuous throughout the day and night.

Our spirit should be quick to reach out toward God not only when it is engaged in meditation; at other times also, when it is carrying out its duties, caring for the needy, performing works of charity, giving generously in the service of others, our spirit should long for God, and call him to mind, so that these works may be seasoned with the salt of God's love, and so make a palatable offering to the Lord of the universe. Throughout the whole of our lives we may enjoy the benefit that comes from prayer if we devote a great deal of time to it.

Prayer is the light of the spirit, true knowledge of God, mediating between God and man. The spirit, raised up to heaven by prayer, clings to God with the utmost tenderness; like a child crying tearfully for its mother, it craves the milk that God provides. It seeks the satisfaction of its own desires, and receives gifts outweighing the whole world of nature.

Prayer stands before God as an honored ambassador. It gives joy to the spirit, peace to the heart. I speak of prayer, not words. It is the longing for God, love too deep for words, a gift not given by man but by God's grace. The apostle Paul says: "We do not know how we are to pray but the Spirit himself pleads for us with inexpressible longings."

When the Lord gives this kind of prayer to someone; he gives him riches that cannot be taken away, heavenly food that satisfies the spirit. One who tastes this food is set on fire with an eternal longing for the Lord: his spirit burns as in a fire of the utmost intensity.

Practice prayer from the beginning. Paint your house with the colors of modesty and humility. Make it radiant with the light of justice. Decorate it with the finest gold leaf of good deeds. Adorn it with the walls and stones of faith and generosity. Crown it with the pinnacle of prayer. In this way you will make it a perfect dwelling place for the Lord. You will be able to receive him as in a splendid palace, and through his grace you will already possess him, his image enthroned in the temple of your spirit."

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Pastoring During a Pandemic

Pastoring during a “world-wide” pandemic will be challenging, if not a major pastoral problem. Across this country, sporting and social events are being postponed and even cancelled. As I write this moments before the bulletin deadline, the Free Press reported this morning of now 5 cases of coronavirus in Minnesota and the decision to shut down the University of Minnesota. In addition, I was planning to have a Mass next Friday at Monarch Meadows along with an Anointing of the Sick, but public events there have been suspended. Yesterday I was at The Pillars (an assisted living residence), and was interviewed before I could proceed in the building.

Since it appears that receiving the Sacrament of the Sick will be severely limited or even curtailed completely in the days and weeks ahead, I will be having a Communal Anointing of the Sick this Monday morning at 9:30 A.M. in the main church. I was anticipating doing a second and third anointing on Wednesday and Friday at Oak Terrace and Monarch Meadows, but **both facilities have informed the staff that they are SUSPENDING ALL PUBLIC EVENTS within their facilities for the security of their residents.**

With the start of the new week, as has been happening across the country with other Dioceses, I am pastorally suspending all distribution of Holy Communion to the homebound (not only at our institutions but also in people’s homes), until further notice. I am also requesting that those who follow the devotion of receiving Holy Communion on the tongue would refrain from doing so until after this pandemic crisis has passed. The Church has a long-standing tradition that if you feel unworthy to receive Holy Communion in the hand, you are allowed to make a spiritual communion.

In the event that our public/private schools may be closed, we of course will no longer hold Faith Formation classes. We are down to four remaining classes for grades 1-8 and we are down to our last 2 classes for Confirmation. If in the near future classes in the public/private school are cancelled, we will conclude our Faith Formation program for the year for grades 1-10, even though we have some remaining classes.

At morning Mass I noticed people of various ages sneezing and coughing and blowing noses. If you are feeling at all under the weather, PLEASE STAY HOME!!! When you come up to receive Holy Communion, a good

“Pastoring During a Pandemic” continued...

number of people come so close to me that they are hitting my distribution plate with their hands or will be so close that they are having an open hand under my plate of distribution. Please be conscious of keeping a polite distance and to know that even if you are not sick or have symptoms, you may be a carrier of the virus. This past week in Washington D.C., an entire Episcopal congregation was asked to self-quarantine due to the fact that the pastor was carrying the virus and may have spread the disease during the distribution of Holy Communion. The pastor thought he had the flu and felt he was recovering from it, and decided, unwisely, to celebrate several services. A short time later this Episcopalian priest was hospitalized. I am unaware of his present status. So....let the worshipper beware.

From the Office of the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support of this collection serves Jesus in disguise in some of the most marginalized communities in our world.

For migrant farmworkers in California’s San Joaquin Valley, workdays during the grape harvest begin at 6:00 a.m. and last until 7:00 p.m. Some workers have lived in the valley for years, renting nearby trailer housing, and others live in towns nearby. Still others are recent migrants from Mexico and Central America. Catechists and lay ministers serve all these workers by visiting migrant camps near the vineyards where they work. They bring religious instruction and share prayer, theological reflection, and Catholic social justice teaching about the inherent dignity and rights of migrant workers like the people they serve.

Through funds from the collection, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ program for the pastoral care of migrants, refugees, and travelers collaborates with local dioceses to visit and attend to the needs of underserved migrant farm workers and others who live on the margins.

Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many around the globe. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year. To learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Support the collection, and answer the knock of Jesus in disguise.

In Christ,

The Most Reverend John M. LeVoir Bishop of New Ulm

The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 15: 3rd Sunday of Lent

12:00 - 2:00 pm - Confirmation Class

Monday, March 16: Lenten Weekday

9:05 am - Rosary (note time change)

9:30 am - Communal Anointing Mass - John Klaseust

Tuesday, March 17: [Saint Patrick, Bishop]

No morning Mass

Wednesday, March 18: [Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church]

No Mass at Oak Terrace

8:05 am - Rosary

8:30 am - Mass at Holy Rosary - Anne Buesgenst

1:00 pm - Sewing Group/Little Dresses Sewing Group

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

6:00 -6:30 pm - Lent Faith Sharing Group - Church lower hall

6:30 pm - Faith Formation - Stations of the Cross - Everyone is welcome!

Thursday, March 19: SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

No A.M. Mass due to Mandatory Priest Meeting – Diocesan Plan for Parishes – St. Mary's Willmar

10:00 – 3:00 P.M. (*Fr. is required to attend.)

Friday, March 20: Lenten Weekday

8:05 am - Rosary

8:30 am - Mass - Louis & Barbara Wieseler†

5:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 21: Lenten Weekday

4:30 pm – Rosary

5:00 pm – Mass - Mark Atchley†

Sunday, March 22: 4th Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - Rosary

8:00 am - Mass - Ricky Gish†

9:30 am – Rosary

10:00 am – People of Holy Rosary

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!



Weekend Ministry Schedule March 21st & 22nd

Readers:

5:00 pm Liam Rooney
8:00 am Cathy Neve
10:00 am Chris Cain

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm Tom & Mary Clare Wyrowski
8:00 am Mary Homan, Arlyce Anderson
10:00 am Maxine Davis, Sherry Henrickson

Altar Servers:

5:00 pm Anna Voracek, Anne Wingert, Zach Chelstrom (C/B/B)
8:00 am Ben Ellingworth, Duram Kelly, Quinn Kelly
10:00 am Andrew Kohrs, Mark Larson (C/B/B)

Presentation of Gifts:

5:00 pm Steve & Barb Enderle
8:00 am Paul & Karen Harguth
10:00 am Steve Behm Family

Ushers:

5:00 pm Karen Winters, Tom Rheaume, Roger Steinbach, Bob Meyer (Head Usher)
8:00 am Leroy Gappa, Bill Fasnacht, 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 Choir/Michael Steimel
8:00 am Kathy Jo Johns/Michael Steimel
10:00 am Lori Christiansen/Vicki Galli

Money Handlers:

5:00 pm Jim Theuninck
8:00 am Dolores Portz
10:00 am Money Handler Needed

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:

Fuller Family



Faith Formation

Signs of Spring - Faith Formation Finishing Up!



Faith Formation classes will meet this week on Wednesday. Please note there will be NO Faith Formation classes on Wednesday, March 25th due to spring break, and no classes on Wednesday, April 8th due to Holy Week. In the event that the public school closes due to public health concerns, I will be suspending all religious instruction for the remainder of the academic year and will resume in September.



Upcoming Parish Events

- **Stations of the Cross** - Fridays, 5:30 pm, Church
- **Lenten Faith Sharing Group** - Wednesdays, 6:00 pm, Church lower hall
- **CCW Deanery 1 Spring Gathering** - Thursday, March 19th, 4:30pm, St. Raphael's, Springfield, MN
- **Lenten Communal Penance Service** - Sunday, March 29th, 3:00 pm, Church
- **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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



"The desire is thy prayers; and if thy desire is without ceasing, thy prayer will also be without ceasing. The continuance of your longing is the continuance of your prayer."

- St. Augustine

Parish Communal Penance Service

Our annual Lenten Penance service has been scheduled for Sunday, March 29th at 3:00 pm at Holy Rosary. There will be multiple priests from the Diocese of New Ulm in attendance for the service for the individual celebration of the sacrament. Please note this on you calendar and plan to attend. "Go in peace. Your sins are forgiven."



Stewardship of Gratitude

Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary

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| Adult Contributions | \$7,169.50 |
| Electronic Giving | \$1,242.06 |
| Plate Collection | \$253.00 |
| Junior Collection | \$34.82 |
| Fuel Fund Donations | \$300.00 |
| Easter Flowers | \$35.00 |
| Rental Income | \$1,350.00 |
| Church remodel | \$250.00 |
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| Weekly Offering Total | \$10,634.38 |
| <i>Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,300.00</i> | |
| Bridging the Gap | \$0.00 |
| Additional Weekly Income | \$132.00 |
| Grand Total | \$10,766.38 |
| <i>Total weekly stewardship goal is set at \$13,200.00</i> | |

Thanks for your gifts of gratitude to God!!!

Stewardship of Gratitude

Thank you for your gifts of stewardship. A good number of bishops around the country are giving direction to their priests as our country prepares for a pandemic. Again this week I am posting a list of directives both from Catholic Mutual of Omaha, as well as additional items that I have come across in my reading. Maybe in a week or so we might hear of something in this regard from our Diocese of New Ulm.

Needless to say, if the churches will be asked to shut down (as they are already in Italy), it will greatly affect stewardship. (*More than ever, it would be good to be an e-giver). As we prepare for a pandemic may we also prepare spiritually through prayer. The Church has faced far more serious wide-spread sickness through the centuries but still survived. I have every confidence that we will survive this one as well. In the meantime, keep praying!



SINCERE SYMPATHY

To the family of Laurice Telshawt
-May she rest in peace.



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!

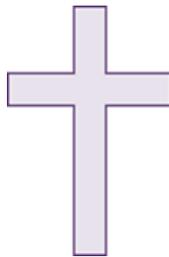
For Those Who Are Ill & Special Needs

Arnie & Eileen Wadkamper, 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, Mark Spangler, Betty Goettlicher, Agnes Morgan, Tim Brown, Anne Doyle, Kathy Dehning, Mary Coleman, Taylor Grill, Annabelle Giroux, Mary Forsyth

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 Marilyn Rieff
Tuesday Mary Braam
Wednesday Terry & Merry Wolford
Thursday Anne Doyle
Friday Tony & Emilee Shaikoski
Saturday Blaine & Teresa Kolstad
Sunday James & Marie Trautman



For Those in the Military

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| 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: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30 (237)
 Tues: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35 (238)
 Weds: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19 (239)
 Thurs: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a (543) Pss Prop
 Fri: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34 (241)
 Sat: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14 (242)
 Sun: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 (31) Pss IV

It's a great time to check out Loyola! Contact acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org or 507.388.0615 for more information.

Preschool Enrollment for 20-21 is OPEN now. Kindergarten Round-up is on March 19th at 4:00 pm or 6:00 pm. Enrollment K-12 is always open at Loyola.

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 Dr, Mankato.

LUCKY 20 RAFFLE - Twenty chances to win! Grand Prize Winner \$10,000, one \$5,000, one \$1,000, two \$500, and 15 \$200 winners. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Drawing will be held Monday, May 11, 2020. Need not be present to win. Tickets \$100 each, can be purchased by asking your favorite Loyola student or by calling 507-388-0600.

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.

- 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.



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.



Stepping Up in Faith

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



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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.

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.):

68% COMPLETED Rec'd. to Date: \$22,440.00
 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: \$290,887.68

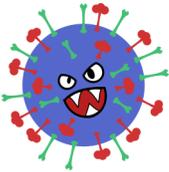
Apostolate Stewardship 2019-2020: \$301,630.94



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!



Are We Prepared For a Pandemic?

This week, the World Health Organization has declared the novel coronavirus outbreak a pandemic, which is defined as the “worldwide spread” of a disease.

The following are 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, #2, #3, #11, #12, #13, #14, and #15 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.
15. The Presentation of Gifts will no longer be brought up from the back of church.

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!

Great Job 4th Grade Students!

On Wednesday, March 11th, the Fourth grade class and their parents from Holy Rosary’s Religious Education program spent their class time packing and sorting for Mankato’s Backpack Food Program. They packed over 250 bags. They also gave the program over \$150.00 that was donated by students and their families from all of the grades at Religious Ed. We are so proud of their contribution to our community and to the kids in their schools during this Lenten season.



Easter Flower Envelopes

Attached to this week’s bulletin is an envelope to assist in defraying some of the expenses for the flowers and the decorations that adorn our sanctuary. We certainly welcome your stewardship support. Please include on your check, or with your cash offering, who you wish to remember (please note if living or deceased) through your stewardship. Again this year, we will publish the donor’s name as well as who they wish to remember in a special way this Easter. The deadline for turning in monies in order to have the memorials published will be Friday, April 3rd, by 12:00 pm noon. Thank you so much!



Fish Fry & Bake Sale Postponed

I have made a decision as Pastor that the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry and the C.C.W. Palm Sunday bake sale scheduled for Friday, April 3rd, and the weekend of April 4th and 5th will be postponed for public health safety. Stay tuned, they may be held at a later date as conditions allow. Thank you for understanding and helping everyone stay safe!

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 \$7,635.00 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.



Think Spring! Think RECYCLE SALE!

Thoughts of spring are in the air and that means soon it will be time for the **Holy Rosary C.C.W. Recycle Sale!**



Let your friends, relatives, and fellow parishioners know

We are now accepting donations of:

- Gently used clothing (no underwear)
- Household items in good condition (no electrical)
- Decorative items / small furniture
- Yard and garden; flower pots / containers
- Hobby, puzzles, cotton yard goods / craft supplies
- Tools / sports / fishing equipment

Bring your items to the Holy Rosary Parish Center (school) between 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday and until 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. Place your items at the head of the stairs to your right, just inside the front door – you will see a sign. Thank you for your generosity! The sale will be the first Friday/Saturday in May. For questions or to volunteer to help at the sale, call Mary Grams at 507-327-6479.

Job Opportunity at Bethany College

Bethany Lutheran College is currently taking applications for full-time custodian work in the men's residence hall. This position is responsible to the Director of Facilities for maintaining a clean, safe, and comfortable environment for student learning, relaxation, and recreation. Salary range is \$13.00-\$14.00/hr with comprehensive benefits package. Please visit the "Bethany Jobs" page on the Bethany Lutheran College website for more information or to apply.



Pasta with the Padres Thank you!

This year's **Pasta with the Padres** was another enormous success and we cannot thank you enough for the wonderful support given by our Catholic parishes. We had over 90 volunteers, served nearly 600 people and, when all is counted, will bring in over \$10,000 in much needed funds for ECHO Food Shelf. This amount will be proportionately matched by Minnesota Foodshare. Pasta with the Padres is a lot of fun and is a major fundraiser for ECHO. We are forever grateful for your help.

P.S. As pastor, I arrived towards the end of the event. I was told by the leadership that their revenue and attendance was up a great deal from the previous year. I was also told that of the volunteers, around half were from Holy Rosary Church alone. That is remarkable and so in keeping with the Lenten call to give sacrificially, especially in the spirit of almsgiving to those that are in need. Thank you for sharing your stewardship of talents! May God reward you!

Need a Religious Gift for Confirmation or First Holy Communion?



The Ss. Peter and Paul gift shop in Mankato has a very nice selection of gifts for Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA. You can shop any time during office hours on weekdays and after all Masses on the weekends. The store is in Xavier Hall, 501 North 5th Street, Mankato. We look forward to helping you find just the right gift.

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.

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March 19 - Blood Drive
March 26 - General Meeting



SINCERE SYMPATHY

To the family of **Don Miller†**, father of **Merry Wolford**.
-May he rest in peace.