



# Holy Rosary Catholic Church

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## April 19, 2020

### Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday



*Saint Sr. Faustina, whose apparitions of Jesus Christ  
inspired the devotion to the Divine Mercy.*

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

## the Quill and the Cloth

***“In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”***  
**– St. Peter**



**St. Faustina**

Happy Easter on this Second Sunday of Easter! Also, Happy Divine Mercy Sunday, as we seek the Lord's precious mercy, in these difficult times.

The spiritual intensity of Holy Week is now in the rear-view mirror. I am writing this column on late, Easter Sunday afternoon. While for many people it might not *feel* like Easter (*as they have not had the opportunity to practice their faith because they were not able to attend Mass*); it might also not *look* like Easter either! For as I am typing these words, it is snowing heavily outside my window, *feeling* more like Christmas, than Christ coming back from the grave on Easter morning. **From worship to weather, it certainly has been a weird Holy Week and Easter!**

Now, all that being said, I must say I have had a *Happy* Holy Week and a Blessed Easter, even though there was virtually no congregation in attendance. Normally, when I celebrated Holy Week, which I have done more than 30 times; I am usually *anxious* when Holy Week arrives and I am *relieved* when Holy Week is past. As a spiritual leader, I know *what* I am supposed to say, but this year (*only for me now*), it was not so much *stressful*, but for once it was very *spiritual*. For as pastor, I was spared all the rehearsals, the organization, much administration, the meetings, the endless hours of decorating, (*as much as I like being in the mix of all of those things*); but there was something special about just focusing on the essentials... the prayers and the preaching... and not much more. But, don't get me wrong, it was still a 40+ hour week! (*On Good Friday, I did spend much of the day taking things down and decorating for Easter. But even that work possessed an intense tranquility, as I worked quietly by myself and finished up washing the entire sanctuary floor by hand...yes on my hands and knees...a good penance I might add....and pulled the church door shut at 11:00 P.M.*)

Last Saturday, at around 9:00 P.M., for the first time, I

celebrated the Easter Vigil by myself. As I walked into the decorated sanctuary, I was thinking to myself that celebrating this most solemn of nights solo seemed spiritually silly. But, as I began with the simple lighting of the Paschal candle and said the blessings over the candle, then sang "Light of Christ" as well as the Exsultet, which rang through the empty church, it was ... well.... *religiously romantic*. That Easter Vigil liturgy which I celebrated all alone, was not lonely. I felt like a young person again, when I would go into our hundred year old silo on the farm, and practice singing the Exsultet, as the acoustics were so incredibly good in there, in preparation for singing that evening in my home parish of St. Anne's. Back then in high school, I might have scared a couple of stray pigeons who were nesting in the upper wooden rafters of that old silo. Last Saturday, my solo singing may have scared a stray walker, who was taking the dog out for one final stretch of the legs.

So this week, we not only celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter, but (*initiated by St. Pope John Paul II*), Divine Mercy Sunday. The roots of Divine Mercy Sunday rest in one of the great religious that rose up in modern times and was canonized a saint, as recently as 1993. For Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska, a young woman of Polish descent, already had the desire to become a religious sister as early as age seven. She had grown up in a poor family, the third youngest of 10 children. When she came of age to enter religious life, she experienced a good deal of rejection for entrance into her vocation, but she persevered. She was finally accepted into the community of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland.

Once in her religious community, she was assigned mainly domestic duties because she only had 3 years of formal education. So, as a religious sister, she spent her time cooking, gardening and answering the door as a porter. Although she lived a very routine and ordinary life, she spent much of her free time in prayer and contemplation, with an intense devotion to the Holy Eucharist and the Blessed Mother.

One day, St. Faustina experienced a miraculous appearance of the Lord. The appearance was one neither Sister Faustina, nor any soul who had belonged to the Church had ever seen before this time. From the apparition of the Sacred Heart of Christ shone two rays. One ray was *red*, representing the Blood of Christ. The other ray was *pale* or *clear*, representing water along with five simple words, "Jesus, I trust in you." St. Faustina, who kept an extensive diary of spiritual reflections, wrote the words Jesus told her: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish".

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**“The Quill and the Cloth” continued...**

I have had St. Faustina’s diary in my possession for many years and it is an intense and complex spiritual work. But believe it or not, when her spiritual diary was first published, the book was listed on the *Index of Forbidden Books* by the Roman Catholic Church for 20 years. Amazing! Now, all these years later, Sr. Faustina has become St. Faustina and her spiritual diary has been read and reflected on by hundreds of thousands of Catholics around the world. Presently, there is a spiritual campaign to give her the glorious title of “Doctor of the Church.” I have little doubt that this simple sister and complex saint who was spiritually intense, will one day soon be given this great spiritual title.

As Paul Harvey use to write, “And now you know the rest of the story,” in this case, the story of Divine Mercy Sunday. May the Lord have mercy on us physically and spiritually as we are still in the midst of this ongoing pandemic crisis. Stay Healthy! Stay Home! Stay Holy! Have a good week!



Rev. Paul van de Crommert  
Pastor



## Stewardship of Gratitude

**Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary**

<b>Adult Contributions</b>	\$4,935.00
<b>Electronic Giving</b>	\$2,829.68
<b>Easter Collection</b>	\$5,971.00
<b>Front Steps</b>	\$150.00
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	\$25.00
<b>Junior Collection</b>	\$24.00
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<b>Weekly Offering Total</b>	<b>\$13,934.68</b>
<i>Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,300.00</i>	
<b>Bridging the Gap</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Additional Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$345.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$14,279.68</b>
<i>Total weekly stewardship goal is set at \$13,200.00</i>	
<b>Thanks for your gifts of gratitude to God!!!</b>	



## Stewardship of Gratitude

Although we cannot gather in person for worship, we can still watch from our screens on our laptops, smartphones or computers. And even though we cannot pass the basket in person, many of you are still giving either electronically or through the United States Mail. Last week was a good week of stewardship in part because many of you have the tradition of giving during the time of the Easter season. Thank you for your contribution, as our weekly and monthly expenses continue to come and must be paid.

Our parish recently prepared and had processed the small business loan that was put out by the Federal Government. I am of the understanding that this loan is more like a grant; and if the money is used properly for payroll, it will not have to be repaid. This monetary amount would be similar to the monies the Federal government is giving to most of the households in this country due to the financial hardships interred through these weeks of quarantine during the pandemic. I am convinced that we will receive this payment and will help “Bridge the Gap” from what we have not been receiving from many of our usual givers.

Speaking of “Bridging the Gap,” it presently stands at 0.00, which is not quite accurate. I have decided to leave it at that point for right now for a couple of reasons. 1. I anticipate future monies coming from the Federal Government that will, in fact, “Bridge the Gap” to a good extent. 2. I feel it is discouraging at this time to put this figure out right now when many households are out of work or living on a very fixed income. I plan to disclose the actual “Bridging the Gap” as we come closer to the end of the Fiscal Year of 2019-2020, perhaps in June. Maybe, by then, we will have begun to return to some normalcy. I guess we will have to wait and see. In any event, as always, THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS!

*P.S. For those of you that are contributing by mail, particularly for those who contribute \$250.00 or more in a single gift, you have, for several years been receiving a letter along with a personal note from this pastor as the law requires. However, no matter the amount that you give during the time of this pandemic, we will be putting out a letter, letting you know that we have received your gift through the mail and expressing our gratitude for your sacrificial offering. If you are like me, I don't like to give and then wonder if it was received or not. Even in spite of these tough times, you are showing good gratitude to our good God and Holy Rosary Parish! Again, THANK YOU!!!*

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, April 20: Easter Weekday

Private Mass - Mark Atchley†

### Tuesday, April 21: [Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church]

Private Mass - Jane Petrie

### Wednesday, April 22: Easter Weekday

Private Mass - Tom Rykhust†

### Thursday, April 23: [Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr]

Private Mass - Peter & Jelaine Schreiner Family

### Friday, April 24: [Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr]

Private Mass - Tim & Pat Brown Family

### Saturday, April 25: St. Mark, Evangelist

Private Mass - Aurelia Gawrych†

### Sunday, April 26: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Private Mass - The People of Holy Rosary



**BE PATRIOTIC - STAY AT HOME!  
BE HOLY – SAY YOUR PRAYERS!**

### Prayer to End the Pandemic



Let us pray dearly beloved, for a swift end to the coronavirus pandemic that afflicts our world, that our God and Father will heal the sick, strengthen those who care for them, and help us all to persevere in faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



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



### If You Would Like a Parish Bulletin Mailed to You - Please Let Us Know!

Thank you to everyone who let us know that they would like a bulletin mailed to them or they would access it online. **It is not too late to return the postcard if you wish to receive a hard copy of the bulletin.** If you have misplaced your postcard, you are welcome to call the parish office and let us know you'd like a bulletin sent to you.



### A Prayer for a Spiritual Communion

*Lord Jesus, come into my heart right now. I believe that You are present in the most Holy Sacrament at the altar. I love You above everything on this earth; even more than myself. I desire in my heart to receive You right now into my soul. Even though I cannot receive You sacramentally at this time, I ask of You in prayer to come spiritually now into my heart. Lord, You know that I love You as if You were here with me and I join my heart to Yours. Even though we are separated through Your divine body, and my human body, may I never be separated from You within my soul. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

### Parish Office Hours Reduced



***We are reducing the parish office hours at Holy Rosary to just 4 days a week.*** So, the office will be closed throughout the weekend and including Monday, giving our staff a three-day-weekend and keeping the building vacant. You are welcome to leave a message on our voicemail throughout the weekend and including Mondays until further notice.



### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*"Love always involves responsibility, and love always involves sacrifice. And we do not really love Christ unless we are prepared to face His task and take up His Cross."*

*-William Barclay*



### SINCERE SYMPATHY

**To the family of Dane Christiansont, great-nephew of Dennis & Marge Haga.**

*-May he rest in peace.*



## Faith Formation

### The Problem of Scheduling and Studying



I told the catechists and shared with my students at the start of the academic year that schedules, at their very best, are *tentative*. Well, no truer words were spoken this year as the Faith Formation schedule was shattered with the spread of the sickness of the coronavirus.

If life had been “normal,” then presently we would have been down to our final 2 classes of Faith Formation at this time in the midst of April. We would have been celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation as well as First Holy Communion this weekend. Now, the best laid plans and schedules have now been suspended.

I would like to continue to ask that parents (*who are the primary educators of the faith according to the Catholic faith*), who are directing the studies of their students in the remaining weeks of this academic year, to also spend some time studying some religion each day. Giving a bit of time for religion could be as simple as taking the time to read out loud the “*Quill and the Cloth*” from this very bulletin (*for the bulletin is not just for adults as so many students seem to think these days*), or to read a passage from scripture each day that normally is not heard at the weekend liturgies. How about reciting the Rosary daily and each family member would take on the responsibility of leading this central prayer of our faith. There are so many things that can be done religiously and spiritually, not just during this time of a pandemic, but also when we are living the normal everyday life routine.

***I recently read that the work of “home-schooling” is not going very well in many American homes. For across the country, according to one report, only 60% of students are actually spending time in studying the main subjects of the grade they are presently attending in school. It is believed that 40% of American students have done little or no instruction at all since the schools have closed due to the pandemic. That is academically frightening and is a major academic problem. (\*I also know of clergy, like students who are neither writing sermons, celebrating the sacraments daily, nor putting***

***out any newsletters and bulletins for their faithful. This is also a problem.)***

One of the keys to success spiritually and physically for a student, spiritual leader or anyone who wants to survive this time of sickness is to have genuine structure in our day to day lives. We need to be self-starters, and if we cannot be self-starters now, when will his happen? I think that there was an advantage of growing up on the farm and in rural America years ago. Many of us growing up were quarantined and we did not even know it. For throughout the months of summer on the farm we spent the entire week at home simply doing work, making our own fun, and saying prayers as a family with the high point of going to Mass on Sunday morning.

Maybe from this pandemic we will learn what is really most important in our lives; namely our faith and our family. Keep studying! Keep praying! Make sure to shut off the screen from television to the smartphone to the computer. Happy Easter!



### High School Graduates and Parents

Did you know that 80% of students stop practicing their faith at some point during college (from a recent NEWMAN CONNECTION internal study)? But together we can change this!

NEWMAN CONNECTION’S High School outreach program helps keep college students practicing their faith by connecting them to their local Catholic Campus Ministry at the college/University or Trade School that they are attending.

When students sign up with NEWMAN CONNECTION, their information will automatically be sent to the Catholic Campus Ministry at the school of their choice. The Campus Ministry can then reach out to the students upon their arrival on Campus. This has shown great success in recent previous years. Contact Dolores Portz at [dolpor@hotmail.com](mailto:dolpor@hotmail.com) or go to [newmanconnection.org](http://newmanconnection.org) for more information. The Newman Connection is a service of the local Mankato Serra Club.

### Holy Land Collection

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic concerns Pope Francis has approved the proposal that the Collection for the Holy Land for the year 2020 to take place on Sunday, September 13, near the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.





## 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, Betty Goettlicher, Agnes Morgan, Tim Brown, Anne Doyle, Mary Coleman, Taylor Grill, Mary Forsyth, Dave Grams

**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 & Julie O'Hara
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ronald Schimek
<b>Wednesday</b>	Charles & Mary McLaughlin
<b>Thursday</b>	Brian & Bethany Gangelhoff
<b>Friday</b>	Denise Longhenry
<b>Saturday</b>	Patrick & Joyce Shain
<b>Sunday</b>	Wayne & Jean May



#### 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:	Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8 (267) Pss II
Tues:	Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15 (268)
Weds:	Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21 (269)
Thurs:	Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36 (270)
Fri:	Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15 (271)
Sat:	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20 (555) Pss Prop
Sun:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35 (46) Pss III

Loyola Catholic School is closed amid the COVID-19 concern until further notice. Throughout the coming weeks, Loyola Theology teacher Alex Nuy will be continuing his Friday prayer service online. You can find it on Fridays on Loyola's Facebook page, or on Alex's YouTube channel. We welcome you to join us!

#### LUCKY 20 RAFFLE - UPDATE

New drawing date: June 30, 2020. As we continue to navigate these uncertain times, please consider asking those you are connecting with to support Loyola. Loyola depends on the income from this fundraiser, more now than ever. Raffle details: 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. Need not be present to win. Tickets \$100 each, can be purchased by asking your favorite Loyola student or by calling 507-382-8089. Due to the stay at home order, no physical turn in or drop off of tickets/money until lifted. You may still mail your stubs/checks to: Loyola Catholic School 145 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato, MN 56001

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

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

### Be An Evangelizer!

Consider calling at least one person who would appreciate hearing your voice during these times of quarantine. Tell these people that you will pray for them. Write a letter of encouragement or to compliment someone on something that they have done for you. Write a thank you letter for something you have received in the past. There is no expiration date on saying thank you or expressing gratitude! These are things we can do from home that lifts people's hearts. Encourage people to view the Masses that are available on-line as well as our Masses of Holy Rosary. Even a pandemic cannot stop us from being proclaimers of the Good News of Christ's death and resurrection!



### SINCERE SYMPATHY

To the family of Chuck Frost†

*-May he rest in peace.*



### Stepping Up in Faith

Collected this week:	\$150.00
Received to date:	\$109,442.22
Goal:	\$175,000.00

Well! Well! Well! It is amazing what a difference a week will make. I have to say that the sound of saws and hammers was music to my pastoral ears. Last week there were good crews coming in on a daily basis to work on our front entrance and we took leaps and strides ahead. It was most encouraging to see the proverbial "light at the end of the tunnel," that is coming into focus.

As I predicted, the project would not be completed by Easter, and with our Easter blizzard, the plans to pour concrete on Monday of Easter week is most likely not going to happen. In fact, the forecast for Easter week is cold and not very spring-like. So, I will predict that we will not see much progress on the front entrance this week. However, I am hoping that we will have the project completed or nearly completed by the time that we return to celebrate Mass in Church either in the later part of May or the early part of June. I guess that we will have to wait and see.

If you are in a generous mood, any donations to the project are still welcome. I have to say that I am very pleased with the progress and how things are shaping up. In the design that I had proposed to the architect, I did not want the work to look like something that was added on in 2020, to a church that was built in 1950. The new addition looks very seamless to me and could very well have been what the entrance might have looked like back in 1950, with some wonderful, hidden, high-tech features. Thank you for your support both in your words and your stewardship!



The new sign is taking shape.

Workers are preparing forms to pour the concrete for the steps of the church.

