



# Holy Rosary Catholic Church

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# July 12, 2020

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

## the Quill and the Cloth

***“But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”***

**- St. Matthew**



Maybe not *thirtyfold*, but certainly over the last *three* to four weeks, the workload has increased for myself as pastor, particularly when it comes to working in the office and doing desk work. During the height of quarantine (as I mentioned in past bulletins), I caught up on much of the physical work around the rectory and the church. However, with the return to public Masses outside, the celebration of the sacraments, and the start up of meetings, the mental and spiritual work has intensified.

It was nice this week to receive two notes from parishioners who took the time to thank me for the pastoral work I have been doing to keep folks informed of their faith community here in lower North Mankato. One parishioner wrote a card that said, in part, “...Just wanted to thank you for all you are doing for Holy Rosary.....We do appreciate all you are doing to keep people engaged.” Another parishioner wrote a few days earlier, “...During these trying times we want you to know it has been a comfort to see the church and you during your virtual Masses...Thank you for all you do and all the ways you have adopted to life these last few months...”.

Those little notes to me are like “*spiritual seeds of kindness*,” that only take a moment to write and equally a moment to read, but they have the ability to produce such a great harvest of happiness and brighten an otherwise pretty ordinary day. Once upon a time, I was a pretty good letter writer. If there is anything that the pandemic has brought out in me again, it is the return to writing letters. No day seems to pass in recent memory that I am not sending out a letter of condolence, comfort, congratulations, or gratitude for something that has been accomplished in the church or the parish. So, notes like I just mentioned, are really just wonderful little seeds of the spiritual life that strengthen our souls as well as the souls of people around us.

One of the members of our parish lay leadership has repeatedly mentioned to me that sometimes I do more

than I need to do in the parish, that my busyness as pastor is somewhat self-induced. I even have priest friends who question the time that I spend each week preparing the weekly bulletin, Sunday sermons, or writing this column. One of my friends, who is clergy, has commented that frequently coming up with a guitar song which ties in with the sermon is a lot of work, liturgically limps, and is certainly not worth all the effort!

Well, I will admit that from writing personal letters to parishioners, to working much of my Wednesdays on the bulletin, or working with those six strings of my guitar to play a song, it is all a lot of work and may seem insignificant to some; yet, I still believe these things all have the potential of being “*spiritual seeds*.” And, if they are planted properly in the heart of just the right person, may produce the harvest of faith the scriptures so often speak about to us!

***All of us have had the experience where someone whom we know, reminds us of some statement we have said, or action that we have performed, months or years earlier that has touched them deeply. As they recall that moment which moved them (if you are like me), many times we don't remember those words or that event because it was so small and insignificant to our own soul. But it is those small, insignificant “spiritual seeds,” which in the future, can bring about for others the great harvest of holiness and lead us to heaven and hopefully, everlasting life.***

***I don't believe that those Rochester Franciscans who exuded such joy back in the 1970's and 1980's in the parish that I grew up in as a boy, even realized that they were planting small seeds of the spiritual life through the simple songs they were playing on the guitar for grade school students in C.C.D. I do believe the goodness of the sisters, and the guitars they played, were like simple seeds of the spiritual life sprinkled out on us as youth, so many years ago, which stirred up within me my interest in the sacramental priesthood, and even in playing the guitar later in adulthood.***

From the prophet Isaiah in this weekend's first reading, to the parable of the sower in the Gospel from St. Matthew, we are reminded of the importance of sowing the seeds of faith. So, in the seeds of spirit and song, this weekend I will be singing a song about seeds entitled, “**The Garden Song.**” The song was written by David Mallett back in 1975, and made famous in part by ....you guessed it ..... John Denver.

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This week, try to plant some seeds of faith and goodness in those around you, so that we might all, one day, be sharers in heaven and everlasting life. Have a healthy and holy week!



*"The Garden Song" by David Mallett*



*Inch by inch, row by row, Gonna make this garden grow, All it takes is a rake and a hoe, and a piece of fertile ground.*

*Inch by inch, row by row, Someone bless these seeds I sow, Someone warm them from below, till the rain comes tumbling down.*

*Pullin' weeds and pickin' stones, man is made of dreams and bones, Feel the need to grow my own, cause the time is close at hand.*

*Grain for grain, sun and rain, find my way in nature's chain, Tune my body and my brain, to the music from the land.*

*Plant your rows, straight and long, temper them with prayer and Song. Mother earth will make you strong, If you give her loving care.*

*An old crow watching hungrily, from his perch in yonder tree, In my garden I'm as free, as the feathered thief up there.*

*Inch by inch, row by row, someone bless these seeds I sow, Someone warm them from below, till the rain comes tumbling down.*



Rev. Paul van de Crommert  
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**Congratulations!**

Our prayers and best wishes go out to Patrick Zenk and Karen Arneman on the occasion of their Wedding Mass this past Friday evening, July 10<sup>th</sup>, here at Holy Rosary. The couple has been in preparation for this great day of celebration for a long time, and we wish them all the best in the years ahead as husband and wife. May God, who has begun his good work in them, bring it to fulfillment. Congratulations Pat and Karen on your nuptials!



## Stewardship of Gratitude

**Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary**

<b>Adult Contributions</b>	\$8,356.50
<b>Electronic Giving</b>	\$1,851.62
<b>Plate Collection</b>	\$166.68
<b>Junior Collection</b>	\$15.00
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<b>Weekly Offering Total</b>	<b>\$10,389.80</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>\$1,180.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$11,569.80</b>
<i>Total weekly stewardship goal is set at \$13,200.00</i>	

**Thank you for your gifts of gratitude to God!**

**Stewardship Correction**

*Last week's "Stewardship of Gratitude" should have read \$0.00 for Bridging the Gap as opposed to \$5,533.00.*

**Stewardship of Gratitude**

Let me start out with a profound "Thank You"! Even though we have been under house arrest in this prison called a pandemic these last months, many of you still showed your tremendous power of stewardship as we concluded the Fiscal Year of 2019-2020 in the black. The exact amount of "black" is still being finalized, as we are receiving the last of the bills and paying off the major project of repairs on the exterior of the church. My pastoral hope is that the financial report for the year of 2019-2020 will be available for you to be reviewed by the close of this month.

We are starting out the new Fiscal Year of 2020-2021 well by reaching our budgeted needs, even though we are in the heart of summer and also in the heart of this pandemic. A bulk mailing is being sent out from the parish office in the coming days that will include a summary of overall parish financial giving in the middle of this calendar year and also an opportunity to review your own personal contributions from January to June of 2019 and 2020. The amount we give is not the only important thing in the realm of stewardship, but also the regular practice of giving is equally important. As always, thank you for your gifts!

## The Week Ahead

**Monday, July 13:** [Saint Henry]

**\*5:00 pm - Mass** - Merle Braamt† (note time change)  
 7:00 pm - Finance Council Meeting - Church lower level

**Tuesday, July 14: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin**

Private Mass - Lyle & Katherine Pearson

**Wednesday, July 15: Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

6:00 pm - Mass - Bonnie Varuska†

**Thursday, July 16:** [Our Lady of Mount Carmel]

6:00 pm - Mass - Peter & Jelaine Schreiner Family

**Friday, July 17: Weekday**

6:00 pm - Mass - Tom Rykhust†

**Saturday, July 18:** [Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest; BVM]

3:00 pm - Recorded Mass - People of Holy Rosary Parish (**Reservations are REQUIRED for this Mass.**)

*\*Please call the parish office if you would like to attend - we would like to make this Mass for those over 65 or who have health issues.*

5:00 pm - Mass - Ray Wibstad†

**Sunday, July 19: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 am - Mass - Harv Suedbeck†



## Faith Formation

### Confirmation Is Rescheduled - For November, 2020

Last week, I received a call from the Diocese to reschedule celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Diocese was offering two dates that were very early in the school year with little or no chance to have a couple of refresher classes, to make up for the fact that our instruction ended abruptly. This also left insufficient time for either a rehearsal or an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession, much less attend a Mass or two prior to the Confirmation Mass. So, a more user-friendly date that was mutually agreed upon was Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. (*\*The Bishop is only making Wednesdays, not weekends, available for the make-up Confirmations that had been cancelled due to the coronavirus.*)

In the event that the pandemic becomes a problem and school or services might be shut down again, we would then go to our standard April date. My hope is that the November 11<sup>th</sup> date will work for us and that we will not have to wait until 2021 to confirm our Confirmation candidates. Parents and students, please mark this new date on your calendar. Most likely, if/when Faith Formation resumes in the fall, we will be having a few one hour classes in September and October as we prepare for Confirmation in early November.

-Father

### Recorded Masses - Update

I have repeatedly had people call, write, and even ask me on the street these past couple of weeks if I will be ending the recorded Masses in the near future. The answer is "NOT YET!" When we reach the point that most people are comfortable going out to eat, or traveling to the lake, etc., then I will bring those Masses to an end. But for right now, the recorded Masses will continue as so many of you are staying close to home. It costs Holy Rosary a minimum of \$150.00 to pre-record just one of these Masses. Perhaps you might like to sponsor one of these broadcasts that goes to so many homes each week. **The number of views has reached over 6,500.** If you are not able to attend Mass publicly, keep watching on your computer or laptop. Keep praying!



### Upcoming Parish Events



•Finance Council Meeting - Monday, July 13th, 7:00 pm, Church lower hall

*(\*Individual appointments can be made for The Sacrament of Reconciliation or the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office.)*



### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*"The vegetable life does not content itself with casting from the flower or the tree a single seed, but it fills the air and earth with a prodigality of seeds, that, if thousands perish, thousands may plant themselves, that hundreds may come up, that tens may live to maturity; that, at least one may replace the parent."*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**Diocesan United Fund (D.U.F.) Diocesan Priest Pension Fund/ Medical, Care Comp Ins, and Priest Care Fund:**

**Paid to Date:** \$1,217.00  
**DUE:** \$83,446.38

**Annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal (D.M.A.):**

**Paid to Date:** \$0.00  
 (\*Last year's goal): \$33,183.26

**Loyola Catholic School Assessment:**

**Pd to Date:** \$2,200.00  
**DUE:** \$160,057.53

**Total Paid to Date 2020-21: \$3,417.00**  
**Apostolate stewardship for 2020-21: \$278,887.17**

This week we took a step forward in stewardship as Loyola received in the past Fiscal Year of 2019-2020 an additional gift on behalf of Holy Rosary from Molly Fields in the amount of \$2,200.00.

Since Holy Rosary had already completed our stewardship goal, this amount (although paid in the previous fiscal year) would be counted towards our stewardship amount for the new fiscal year. We are most grateful to those individuals who wish to support both our area Catholic School as well as our local parish stewardship efforts. As always, thank you for your gifts!

**Saturday Night Faith!**

Last weekend, I returned to celebrating three Masses, with a slight time change. I celebrated the 3:00 P.M. recorded Mass, a newly introduced 5:00 P.M. outdoor Mass, and on Sunday morning, the 10:00 A.M. outdoor Mass. While the 10:00 A.M. is quite well attended with perhaps 150 souls or more; I was most interested in how many people would attend the newly re-introduced 5:00 P.M. I would safely say that we were a bit shy of 50 people, and it did not seem to take away many (if any), of the people that have been attending on Sunday morning.

The Good News is that between our three liturgies last weekend, we approached some 200 Mass goers, the largest Mass attendance since last March, over 4 months ago. However, we are still seeing at least 50% fewer worshippers than we would normally be seeing if there was no pandemic. As educators are actively planning to have students return to the classrooms this fall, I would think that coming to Mass now as a younger family with grade school and teenage students in the great outdoors might be a first good step to acclimating to a more formal environment of personal growth and learning this fall. Many adults and teens are holding down jobs and going to various places of business this summer. It is reported that the risk of spreading Covid-19 is *much* lower outdoors than indoors. There are plenty of shady places to sit at a distance on the street as well as even VIP places on our rectory and church lawns. Maybe you might come this weekend! Keep praying.



**Sprinkled With Thanksgiving!**

As the work on our front steps, as well as the yard work that has been done this spring is being finished, you may have either read in this bulletin or seen while attending our outdoor Masses, that the parish has installed an in-ground sprinkler system. Our lawns were in rough shape, especially on the north side of the church and rectory despite our valiant attempts to improve them. We would like to share with you that the installation of those sprinklers and the system itself was the generous donation of Tom and June Rieff, the owners of Green Care. We are most grateful to Tom and June, as members of Holy Rosary, for this most generous gift. We are already seeing a great improvement in the condition of the lawn as the new sod is getting settled in and the new grass is beginning to emerge and take hold. Thank you again, Tom and June, for this most generous gift. May God reward you in this generous act of stewardship.

**Bulletins by Mail - Let Us Know!**

Since we have now started regular public Masses, please let us know if you no longer need a bulletin mailed to your home. Please call the parish office at 507-387-6501 if you are receiving a bulletin after Mass and can be taken off the mailing list. Thank you so much!



**LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is close to announcing a plan for schools to open for the 2020-21 school year. A task force has been working on guidelines for a safe return to school for our students, staff, and families, as the health and well-being of our school community remains our utmost concern. As we receive more details from DOW-R, we will be sharing them with our families and the Loyola community.

Nominations are open for the Schola Hall of Fame, recognizing exceptional supporters of Loyola Catholic School. Each year, the Schola Foundation honors outstanding individuals who have contributed significantly to the betterment of Loyola Catholic School and whose positive contributions in their communities, churches, careers and/or alma mater exemplify Loyola's core values. If you know someone who should be honored, please fill out the nomination form by July 6th, found at [www.scholafoundation.org](http://www.scholafoundation.org). Recipients of the award will be honored at a reception on September 21, 2020.

Due to the fact that we canceled our in-person Kindergarten Round-up this spring, we have created a **virtual Kindergarten Round-up!** Please check out "Welcome to Kindergarten" at [www.loyolacatholicschool.org](http://www.loyolacatholicschool.org)

Interested in enrolling for the 2020-21 school year? Call us! 507.388.0600

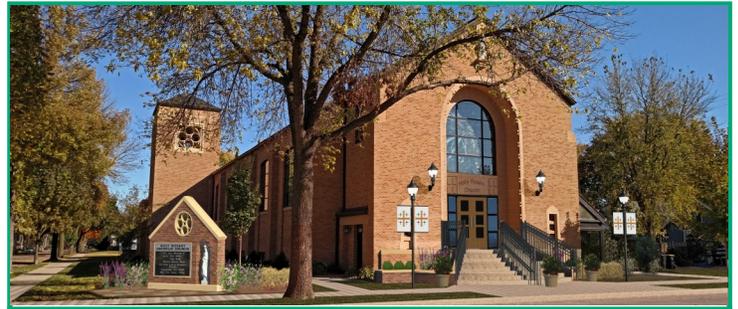
**LUCKY 20 RAFFLE**

The drawing was held on June 30, 2020! Thank you to all who participated in this year's Lucky 20 Raffle! We appreciate your support. 904 tickets were sold this year! Special thanks goes out to all of our awesome sellers! We COULD NOT have done this without you! For a list of this year's winners, check out the Loyola website [www.loyolacatholicschool.org](http://www.loyolacatholicschool.org)

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.*



**Stepping Up in Faith**

<b>Collected this week:</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
<b>Received to date:</b>	<b>\$172,574.00</b>
<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>\$280,462.00</b>

This will be the last time that I will be writing this column involving our "Stepping Up in Faith" campaign. We have been very blessed by the faithful of Holy Rosary who have contributed a total of \$172,574.00 for the work that has been done on the exterior of the church. This is a sizable amount of stewardship and the largest project done on the church, perhaps since the installation of the church stained glass windows some 20 years ago.

All that remains to be completed on this phase of work on the church is the installation of the lighting. Our project manager has informed me that the lighting is being held up. The lighting is back-ordered, but should be arriving in the very near future. As I stated previously, I anticipate that this final phase of the project will be completed by the close of this month.

In consultation with the members of the Finance Council and the trustees of our parish, we are now embarking on another basic infrastructure project. Our air conditioning system, most especially the exterior chiller system, is outdated, breaking down, energy inefficient, and noisy. The full consensus of the Finance Council and the trustees several weeks ago is to remove, replace, and relocate the system in this new fiscal year. It is the hope of the council that this work will be completed in the weeks ahead. This will be a point of discussion at our meeting this Monday evening.

Once again, thank you so much for "Stepping Up in Faith" with your most generous stewardship. May God reward you with an abundance of His graces for all that you have given to Holy Rosary through your time, talent and treasure. Thank you for your gifts!

## The RECYCLE SALE is coming!



After quite a delay, the Holy Rosary C.C.W. will be most likely be having a sale in mid to late August. **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. 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! For questions or to volunteer to help at the sale, call Mary Grams at 507-327-6479.



**This Week's Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
*Martha & Leonard Dutkiewicz*



### Need a Mask?

Reusable cloth masks are available for purchase in the Parish Office during normal business hours.

### Upcoming Blood Drive

There will be a blood drive at the American Red Cross location in Mankato, located at 105 Homestead Dr., on **Thursday, July 16th from 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm**. For more information or to book your appointment, please go to : [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Donate blood, save lives! Thank you!



**American Red Cross** | Blood Services



## 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 Wadekamper, Mary Kelly, Molly Viehweg, Mary McVicker, Steve Drummer, Ruth Fitterer, Steve Fitterer, Delores Haubrich, Dave Neubert, Joe Galli, Betty Goettlicher, Tim Brown, Anne Doyle, Dave Grams, Kathy Fredrickson, Will Shumacher, Mickey Meyer, Carol Boruff

**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>	Jon & Darcy Bormann
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jon & Suzanne Breitenstein
<b>Wednesday</b>	Fred Baumberger & Elizabeth Elton
<b>Thursday</b>	Marc Weber
<b>Friday</b>	Patricia Thul
<b>Saturday</b>	Donna Appel
<b>Sunday</b>	Pamela Haugum



### 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: Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34—11:1 (389)  
 Tues: Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24 (390)  
 Weds: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27 (391)  
 Thurs: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30 (392)  
 Fri: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8 (393)  
 Sat: Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21 (394)  
 Sun: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30 (106) Pss IV