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HOLYROSARYNORTHMANKATO

October 11, 2020

Twenty Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor

October 4th was the
Feast of St. Francis!

the Quill and the Cloth

***“Brothers and sisters: I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance.”
-St. Paul to the Philippians***



There is no doubt in my mind that Giovanni Francesco Bernardone, better known to us as St. Francis of Assisi, read those words above from St. Paul, some 800 years ago, in Latin, while praying the Sacred Scriptures. To read the biography of St. Francis, is to read about a life where he lived both with a huge *abundance*, as his father and family were wealthy cloth merchants. On the other hand, having gone through a great conversion after being a military soldier and a prisoner of war, Francis choose to live a life of humble *austere* poverty.

Francis experienced a mysterious, mystical moment in his spiritual life in an old Italian church, (really a chapel), where the future saint heard the Lord speak to him through the crucifix saying the words: *“Rebuild my Church!”* Of course, the young Francis took the Lord literally and started to rebuild the little ramshackle church of San Damiano where he had heard the voice of God. Eventually, Francis got it right. ***God was not wanting Francis to rebuild structures but rather souls.***

To the embarrassment of his family and most especially his father, Francis took his faith very seriously. He began to live the gospel, not in a casual way, but truly as Christ intended, by living literally as the Lord had commanded us. Francis began to dress in rough, ragged clothing, begging from door to door for his basic nutrition — to the point that his father saw him as a nuisance to the community and an embarrassment to the family. So, Francis’ father had the young man brought home and put in chains until he would come to his senses. Pleading with his mother to let him go, Francis’ mother had pity on her poor son and allowed him to return to a life of poverty and prayer out in the open wooded areas and the surrounding hillsides.

Although some of the local people of Assisi thought Francis was insane, there were others who were very inspired with his spiritual life and the intimate connection he had with his incarnate God. By the year 1209, Francis started to attract followers, even though he had simply

wanted to live a life largely in solitude with the Savior. In the years that followed, the number of followers continued to grow. **The order of St. Francis was founded on the principles of *poverty* of possessions but an *abundance* of prayer and charitable works.** The Franciscan life is based on a simple statement that Jesus stated in the Gospels: **“Leave all and follow me.”**

It is not well known if St. Francis had a love for music. However, when St. Francis was still young, and before he had entered into military service, he had become interested in French troubadours, wandering musicians who improvised poetic songs on stringed instruments for the people. Troubadour songs were mainly about love and war. Sometimes the songs were humorous.

Just as there is no doubt in my mind that St. Francis extensively read and prayed the words I quoted from St. Paul at the top of this column; I also believe from his celestial perch in heaven, he would have been partial to the particular song that was produced by John Denver many years ago. It was one of Denver’s lesser known songs, but I feel one of his most inspiring. The song is entitled: *Boy from the Country*. (**However, do not confuse this song with his more popular song, “Country Boy”!*) *Boy from the Country* is a song about the life of St. Francis, which I only became aware of after moving to Mankato six years ago. My hope is to play this song (and a couple of others) for you on the weekend of November 7th and 8th. I include the words of this song below as we honor the great St. Francis of Assisi in October, and most especially on his feast day that was on October 4th! Stay well!

Boy from the Country

***Because he called the forest brother
Because he called the earth his mother
They drove him out into the rain
Some people even said the boy from
the country was insane***

***Because he spoke with fish in the creek
He tried to tell us that the animals can speak
Who knows, perhaps they do,
How do you know they don't
Just because they've never spoken to you***

***Boy from the country, he left his home when he was
young; Boy from the country, he loves the sun***

***He tried to tell us that we should love the land
We turned our heads and laughed***

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"The Quill and the Cloth" continued...

*See we did not understand
Sometimes I think that the boy from the country
Is the only one who sees
Because the boy from the country
Doesn't want to see the forest for the trees*

*Boy from the country, he left his home when he was young;
Boy from the country, he loves the sun.*



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Recorded Mass Update

The success of the recorded Masses has certainly surpassed all of my pastoral expectations. Since we first started the recorded Masses last March, the response has been very encouraging. **As we go to press this week, there have been more than 8,500 views.** Since the last time we reported the statistics of people attending Mass virtually on August 16th, we have received an additional 1,000 views. It is remarkable that people are continuing to faithfully watch the Mass over these past months.

Of course what I wrote in this first paragraph is all Good News! The Bad News is that in the near future, our wonderful videographer Tony will be returning to work on the weekends. He is presently about a month away from returning to weekend work. It is my pastoral hope to continue to offer the recorded Mass weekly, but in order to do so, we need someone like Tony who has the equipment and the amateur ability to record our Masses with a good quality of sound and picture.

Do you know of someone who has the equipment and/or the ability to record our Masses come November of this year? It would be a shame if we could not record these Masses, as so many people from our parish and also outside the parish have come to watch these Masses religiously each week. We invoke the patronage of St. Clare, a religious sister who had an apparition of the Mass while lying sick in bed in her convent. She has been named the patroness of television! We invoke St. Clare's intercession that someone reading this article might refer us to a person who has the ability to continue to record the Mass for us each weekend with such good quality. A generous stipend is provided for recording the Mass for the parish. Please call the parish office if you know of someone or you yourself have the ability to record for us.



Stewardship of Gratitude
Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary

Adult Contributions	\$8,499.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,560.94
Plate Collection	\$80.00
Junior Collection	\$24.00
Festival Meal Tickets	\$460.00
Raffle Tickets	\$185.00
Bake Sale	\$10.00
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Weekly Offering Total	\$10,818.94
<i>Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,300.00</i>	
Bridging the Gap	\$0.00
Additional Weekly Income	\$938.00
Grand Total	\$11,756.94
<i>Total weekly stewardship goal is set at \$13,200.00</i>	

Thank you for your gifts of gratitude to God!

Stewardship of Gratitude

Thank you for your continued giving through the weekend offering. We continue to make progress on our November Festival that is being held a little less than a month from now on Sunday November 8th. Last year at this time, we had sold almost 200 dinner tickets. This past week, we sold about another 100 tickets, putting us at over 200 tickets sold. So, even though we are in the midst of the pandemic, we are having a mighty good response.

Our Annual November Festival on November 8th is Holy Rosary's largest fundraiser of the entire year. By the time you read this bulletin, you should have received a mailing of information regarding the festival as well as your five raffle tickets. **Please take a moment to fill out your tickets and return them through the mail, the weekend collection or stopping by at the Parish Center during office hours.** Thank you for your continued support.



SINCERE SYMPATHY

To the family Gina Sandbo†,
daughter of John & Faye Geurs
- May she rest in peace.

The Week Ahead

Monday, October 12: Weekday

5:00 pm Mass - Mary Braam & Lowell Sieberg

Tuesday, October 13: Weekday

Private Mass - Luvern "Buddy" Giefert

Wednesday, October 14: [Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr]

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES - MEA

6:00 pm - Mass - Merle Braam†

Thursday, October 15: Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

6:00 pm - Mass - Teresa & Pete von Ruder

Friday, October 16: [Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin]

6:00 pm - Mass - Frances Lyonst

Saturday, October 17: Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

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

5:00 pm - Mass - Bonnie Varuska†

Sunday, October 18: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - Mass - Mary McVickert



Upcoming Parish Events

- **Final Confirmation Class** - Sunday, October 11th, 1:00-3:00 pm, Main Church
- **First Reconciliation Informational Meeting** - Sunday, October 11th, 6:30 pm, Main Church
- **Knights of Columbus General Meeting** - October 24th
- **Faith Formation - Grades 1-5** - Wednesday, October 28th. 6:30 pm, school gymnasium
- **November Fest** - Sunday, November 8th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Church/School Gym
- **Confirmation Rehearsal & Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Tuesday, November 10th, 7:00 pm, Main Church (candidates and sponsors)
- **Confirmation Mass** - Wednesday, November 11th, 7:00 pm, Main Church

Council of Catholic Women News



CCW
Council of Catholic Women

Due to the pandemic, the C.C.W. Salad Luncheon will NOT be held this year. If you signed up to bring a dish, you will not need to prepare anything - but if you could, please consider helping with Grandma's Attic during the fall festival on November 8th instead. Call Mary Grams at 507-327-6479 if you would be willing to volunteer. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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

Paid to Date: \$10,714.89

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: \$90,000.00

DUE: \$162,257.53

Church Air Conditioning Update:

Pd to Date: \$0.00

DUE: \$108,750.00

Total Paid to Date 2020-21: \$100,714.89

Apostolate stewardship for 2020-21: \$386,887.17

This week we took a step forward in our required stewardship commitment towards the Diocese of New Ulm. While the parish is behind in the Diocesan United Fund, we are further ahead this year than we were last year. Last year at this time, the parish had paid out \$4,098.72. This week the parish paid out an additional amount of \$4,923.36, bringing us to a total of \$10,714.89. This puts us ahead of last year's total (but still 60 days behind Diocesan assessments). This is a credit to all of you who are generous with your stewardship gifts.

This week we did not contribute any parish funds for the stewardship commitment of the Catholic School. At this point the parish has contributed the healthy amount of \$90,000.00. Last year at this time, the parish had contributed \$108,571.57. So, at this point we are behind last year's contributions by \$18,571.57. Again, since we are this period of pandemic, I am pleased that the difference is not larger.

There was also a slight adjustment made to the contracted amount for the new air-conditioning system in the amount of \$108,750.00. The previous total was the general amount, whereas this total is the exact amount.

In short, we are a little less than \$12,000 behind last year's giving pace for the combined contributions to our Catholic School and Diocese of New Ulm. As always, thank you so much for your continued support of Holy Rosary in order that we can keep up these stewardship commitments to the Catholic Pastoral Center, the Catholic School and our Catholic parish facilities. Thank you!



NovemberFest - November 8th, 2020!

Fall Festival Fun Facts:

We continue to make good and steady progress on our 6th

Annual November Festival. This week the staff spoke to our caterer who informed us that other churches are also having good success with only a take-out dinner for their festivals. One smaller community south of Mankato sold nearly the same number of dinner tickets during this pandemic then they had the previous year prior to the pandemic. By all indications, the same might be said in another month here at Holy Rosary.

Dinner Ticket Sales:



As we go to press, we have sold just shy of 200 tickets with sales continuing daily through the parish office. The last day to order your meals is Friday, November 6th!

Silent Auction Success:

Our Silent Auction has now surpassed some 75 prizes, with the number increasing daily. You will begin to be able to review and to bid the Silent Auction items online beginning JUST ONE WEEK FROM THIS SUNDAY, ON OCTOBER 18TH! All you have to do is go to our web-site at www.holyrosarynorthmankato.com.



Major Mailing:

By now, all of you should have received our major mailing from the parish that included a letter of explanation of our upcoming festival, as well as just five raffle tickets for our ALL CASH PRIZE RAFFLE this year! Even more important than our take-out dinner is the stewardship that is generated by our raffle. Please take a moment to fill out your tickets and either drop them off at the parish office, through the weekend collections, or the U.S. Mail. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED THIS MAILING PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Our records might be in error or you might not be a



registered member of Holy Rosary.

November Fest Promotion:



Can you be an evangelizer for our annual festival? For those of you who pick up a hard copy of the bulletin, included is an insert for you to post at your work, public place of residence, store front, etc. If you read this bulletin on-line, would you print a copy or two and do the same to get the word out that our 6th Annual Festival is still on? Thank you!

Grandma's Attic:

Keep those quality used items coming! We have once again discovered that the Good News is that Grandma was a wonderful hoarder! Our school lunch-room is half filled with LOTS and LOTS of slightly used quality items.



THIS YEAR GRANDMA'S ATTIC WILL BE OPEN FOUR DAYS RATHER THAN JUST THE ONE DAY OF THE FESTIVAL!!! Grandma's attic will be opening the "attic doors" of our school gymnasium beginning on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, and Saturday November FROM 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.** On the day of the festival, November 8th, Grandma's Attic will be open from 9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. Come early while the selection is GREAT! We continue to welcome your slightly used items!!!

Grandma's Baked Goods:



While present conditions do not permit the parish to have a traditional bake sale where people bring to the parish home-baked items; we are permitted to prepare baked items in a controlled environment in our parish kitchen as other parishes in our Diocese have done. **We are already approaching 25 orders for baked goods!** Included both on our website as well as in our hard copy of the bulletin, you are encouraged to place your orders early. Payment is due when you return the order form, and the items will be ready for pickup on the day of the festival, or you can come by the parish center anytime during office hours during the week after the festival.



Faith Formation



This Sunday - 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting

This Sunday evening, a meeting will be held in the main church with all of our second grade parents from both our Catholic School and Public School that wish to have their son/daughter receive First Holy Communion. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the preparation and the celebration of the sacrament will be changing. For instance, students will be celebrating both the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as First Holy Communion individually when they are sufficiently prepared, rather than as a class, as in past years.

Since it is VERY difficult to catch someone up in a few minutes who have been absent from this important faith formation, your attendance is required. A brief letter of reminder was sent out at the start of last week. If you did not receive a letter, but wish to have your child begin this instruction, you are still welcome to attend the meeting. We hope to see all of you there.



No Faith Formation This Week - MEA

Due to MEA, there will be no Faith Formation liturgy or instruction this coming Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. Please note this was on your master calendar that was mailed out to you at the time of registration. Our next scheduled gathering will be held on Wednesday with grades 1-5, TWO WEEKS FROM NOW on October 28th at 6:30 P.M. If the weather is permitting we will be outside, otherwise we will be gathering in the school gymnasium. **We hope to see all of our grade 1-5 students on October 28th!** Stay safe! Have a great MEA break!

Diocesan Training Coming Up

The Diocese of New Ulm requires annually that a portion of class time be dedicated to instruction through the VIRTUS program. We are also required by the Diocese to inform parents publicly that If for any reason you **DO NOT** wish to have their son or daughter participate in this VIRTUS program as part of the instruction for grades 1-5 on October 28th, please call the Parish office prior to that particular Wednesday to inform us of this decision. Thank you!

Children's Liturgy of the Word



The children's Liturgy of the Word resumed last Sunday at the 10:00 A.M.

Mass in church. I noticed that as the children gathered in the back of the church there were several who came forth from their pews. They did seem a little disoriented as the children are used to coming to the front of church rather than gathering in the back by the baptismal font. The weather looks favorable at this point that we will have Mass outside this weekend on Grant Avenue. Regardless if the Mass is indoors or outdoors, we will continue to host the Liturgy of the Word at the 10:00 A.M. Mass. We hope to see our young people there!

This Sunday - Final Confirmation Class



It was wonderful to see almost all of our Confirmation candidates in attendance for class on September 27th. **The last and final "formal" Confirmation class will be held this Sunday, October 11th, in church (with proper social distancing and masks required).** Please call the Parish Office if for a serious reason you cannot be in attendance. Students are still responsible to make contact with Lorraine Klaseus to complete the Diocesan established Confirmation requirements. (*There are several students who have several areas to complete.) A letter is being sent home with the students who have not completed the Diocesan required service hours. As stated in the last class, Father is asking the parents to find chores around the home that could be performed to emphasize the need to be of service as a student and not to be served as is sometimes thought to be the case at this age of development. The signed form from parents must be completed before the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. In addition to the final class, Father will also be finalizing the final preparations and the rehearsal for the Confirmation that has been set for November 11th in the main church at 7:00 P.M. The rehearsal (with all available sponsors), will be held on Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 P.M. in the main church. (Masks will be required both for the rehearsal and the liturgy.) See you on Sunday!



This Week's Sanctuary Light Intention:

Merle Braam †

Thought For the Week

Francis of Assisi



Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received - only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.

AZ QUOTES

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!

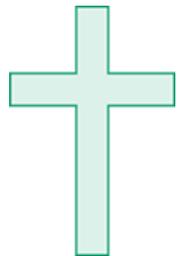
For Those Who Are Ill & Special Needs

Arnie & Eileen Wadekamper, Mary Kelly, Molly Viehweg, Steve Drummer, Ruth Fitterer, Steve Fitterer, Delores Haubrich, Dave Neubert, Joe Galli, Betty Goettlicher, Anne Doyle, Dave Grams, Kathy Fredrickson, Mickey Meyer, Jerry Winters, Kimberly Wegscheid, Karen Ezell, Craig Van Loy, Jim Levandowski, Nancy Elibert

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** Susan Hirvela
- Tuesday** David & Julie Collins
- Wednesday** Michael & Jennifer Kelley
- Thursday** Jeff & Jodi Egeland
- Friday** Cheryl Lind
- Saturday** Pamela Lloyd-Doronila
- Sunday** John & Karen Huettl



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: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Lk 11:29-32 (467)
- Tues: Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41 (468)
- Weds: Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46 (469)
- Thurs: Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54 (470)
- Fri: Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7 (471)
- Sat: Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12 (472)
- Sun: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21 (145) Pss I

LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Loyola welcomed K-12 students back to campus on Tuesday, September 1, and preschool classes started the second week of September. We are still accepting students in some of our grades; if you would like more information regarding enrolling at Loyola, please call 507-388-0600.

Wired to the Heart update

Loyola's annual Wired to the Heart event, originally set for mid-November will be postponed to Saturday, February 6, 2021. The committee will continue our planning for this fabulous event, whether it will be held in-person or virtually. Thank you for your continued support. Please watch for our event updates

Employment opportunities

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.

Loyola is also hiring a Director of Development to support and sustainably strengthen our Advancement Department. The Director will help assist in our fundraising efforts, manage and train current staff, and be a key player in our future campaign efforts. If you or someone you know is qualified for this position, 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.

Happy Birthday!

Happy 80th Birthday to twins Mary Braam and Lowell Sieberg on Monday, October 12th! May God continue to bless them with health, happiness and many more birthdays!

