



Holy Rosary Catholic Church

O F N O R T H M A N K A T O

November 1, 2020

All Saints' Day

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6TH
ANNUAL



**HOLY ROSARY
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
525 GRANT AVE
NORTH MANKATO, MN

**10:00 AM
FESTIVAL
MASS**

NEXT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 2020



BROASTED CHICKEN DINNER

FOR TAKE OUT -

LIMITED EAT-IN SEATING AVAILABLE

**PICK UP FROM 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM AT THE
PARISH CENTER**

ADULT: \$10.00 • CHILDREN UNDER 12: \$5.00

CALL 507-387-6501 BY FRIDAY, NOV. 6TH TO RESERVE YOUR TICKET!

GRANDMA'S ATTIC SALE

PARISH CENTER GYM

FRIDAY, NOV 6: 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, NOV 7: 7:30 AM - 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, NOV 8: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

ONLINE SILENT AUCTION

STARTS OCT. 18TH - GO TO:

HOLYROSARYNORTHMANKATO.COM

All Cash Raffle Drawing

at 2:30 PM in the Gym

Over \$6,000 in CASH prizes!

the Quill and the Cloth

“Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honor of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.”

- Entrance Antiphon for the Feast of All Saints



No doubt you have heard this funny and factual saying about people that like to fish and take a boat out on the water: *“It is said that the happiest day of an angler’s life is when he arrives home with a new boat in the driveway. They then go on to say that the second happiest day of this*

angler’s life is when someone answers his ad in the paper and purchases that same boat from him. “

I suspect as with the buying and selling of boats, the same could be said for the buying of a building such as a home. I know of people that are so excited when they purchase their first home, their dream home or their retirement home. I equally know that there is the same level of excitement when the relator contacts them and tells them that their house has been sold and it is under contract.

After getting back from retreat, it is always busy the first days I am home, as you try desperately to try and catch up for the time that you spent away. Wednesday turned out to be a long day and that is why at almost 11:30 P.M. I am still writing this column. I spent a good part of today with the security system fellow who was trying to repair and update the rectory security system that was not working properly when I returned home. My home computer is about seven years old and in computer years that would make it almost antique. So I had a serviceman updating and replacing parts of the computer today as well as both were asking me questions at the same time. Just before I left for retreat, the furnace fellow came and serviced the boiler and the bill was waiting for me when I returned. I never had the rectory chimney inspected or the dryer vent inspected since I arrived, (both are good places for a potential fire), and that required a service call. The rectory shingles are still in fine shape, but the north side had so much black mold growing on them, deteriorating the shingles prematurely, a service crew came recently to

wash the shingles down to insure their full life, (unless we get a severe hail or wind storm), which I experienced in a previous parish that had relatively new shingles. And the repairs go on and on and on.

I still have a dream of someday owning my own home as I head toward retirement. I am still saving up my stewardship for that day. Many people in the pew think that when a priest retires he can just go to some monastery or maybe some priest residence. But that is not the case for a Diocesan priest such as myself. Upon retirement, we must secure our own lodging, transportation, food, etc. on a limited pension I am holding off from owning a home as long as I dare, given the fact that my parents always tried to scare us that home ownership is not all that joyful. My parents always use to say a line in Dutch that rhymed in that language but it doesn’t in English. The line was: *“A house is a cross!”* The reason the Dutch say this is because the owner of a home (and even a pastor who is a good steward) is always working to repair and to maintain the structure. In English we have a similar idea with the philosophical question: *“Do you own your house or does your house own you?”* When I see folks with large homes, I often fail to see the beauty and much more the expense of maintaining the structure.

This weekend’s Gospel on the Feast of All Saints is the greatest sermon ever given in human history. For this weekend we hear the short, sweet and spiritual “Sermon on the Mount” or as we known better today as the “Beatitudes”. ***The Lord reminds us through the Beatitudes that if we want to be His true followers, like the saints of old, and build up our “spiritual home” in this world for the world to come, then we too need to know that it is all about “spiritual maintenance.” Just as a person is so happy when they buy a boat or a building such as a house and are still happy even though they have a big bill or a large mortgage to pay over the next decades; so too when we live in this world and have to pay the high price spiritually of suffering and sacrifice as a follower of Christ, we too should feel that same joy for our reward will be great in heaven. Just as a person is filled with happiness upon the closing or the sale of that boat or that building such as a house, so too we should be happy at the close of our life, for if we have been faithful to Christ, we will be rewarded with the great gift of heaven.***

One of the hardest lessons of life to learn is that we must constantly work to maintain the physical order around us, whether it is a boat, a building, or even the body that we were born with that houses our immortal soul. (Oh yeah, I have been doing some maintenance on

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"The Quill and the Cloth" continued...

this body of mine through several doctor visits, but I am not finding much joy in the bills, although the final physical results have brought me joy.) **The saints knew that being in a strong spiritual relationship with the Messiah required a lot of spiritual maintenance too, namely prayer, reception of the sacraments, penance and practicing of charity.** May we never tire of doing the physical and spiritual maintenance of our bodies and souls so that one day when we pass from this world, we might indeed, "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven!" In this month of November, maintain your spiritual relationship with your patron or favorite saint.



Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor



Thank You Worship Committee!

A special word of thanks to the members of the Worship Committee who took the time to decorate in my absence last week for the fall and to ready for our 6th Annual November Festival next Sunday. I had suggested that we might do a simpler form of decorating as we are still in the present circumstances of Covid-19. It was a nice surprise to see the sanctuary all set up for our new season and to ready us for the celebration of Thanksgiving that is (can you believe it), just about three weeks away. Thank you Worship Committee on a job well done!

Thought For the Week



"And so, my fellow Americans... ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country. My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man."

- John F. Kennedy



Stewardship of Gratitude
Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary

Adult Contributions	\$3,690.00
Electronic Giving	\$4,789.36
Plate Collection	\$67.00
Junior Collection	\$15.00
Festival Meal Tickets	\$295.00
Raffle Tickets	\$1,225.00
Bake Sale	\$247.00
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Weekly Offering Total	\$10,328.36
<i>Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,300.00</i>	
Bridging the Gap	\$0.00
Additional Weekly Income	\$305.00
Grand Total	\$10,633.36
<i>Total weekly stewardship goal is set at \$13,200.00</i>	

Thank you for your gifts of gratitude to God!

Stewardship of Gratitude

I am grateful as I review the statistics that we are doing as well as we are with our 6th Annual November Fest, even though we are still in the midst of a pandemic. (*Please take a moment to review our numbers and statistics for the festival on page 5 of this bulletin that is filled with November Festival news.) I hope that if you are like me, you are most pleased too with the progress we have made over these past few weeks with our 6th Annual NovemberFest. We are in the final lap of the festival and we need everyone's support either from a distance or inside our doors on Sunday. Please note that the deadline to order the chicken dinner is this Friday, November 6th; the last day to ordered baked goods is this Monday, November 1st; and that Grandma's Attic will be open this coming Friday, Saturday and Sunday in our former school gym. As always, I am most grateful for your relentless support, year in and year out for festival after festival! A special word of thanks goes out to all of our volunteers that are helping us out before, during and after the festival! Thank you for your gifts!

The Week Ahead

Monday, November 2: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

7:00 pm - All Souls' Day Mass - William & Bertha van de Crommert†

Tuesday, November 3: [Saint Martin de Porres, Religious]

Election Day! - Remember to vote!

Private Mass - Kathy Fredrickson

Wednesday, November 4: Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

6:30 pm Faith Formation Mass (Grades 6-9) - Main Church (All parishioners welcome!) - Lauryn Charlotte Freundl

Thursday, November 5: Weekday

6:00 pm Mass - Wally & Ester Zellmert

Friday, November 6: Weekday

2:00 - 6:00 pm - Grandma's Attic Sale - School Gym

6:00 pm Mass - Jane Petriet†

Saturday, November 7: Weekday [BVM]

7:30 am - 7:00 pm - Grandma's Attic Sale - School Gym

3:00 pm - Recorded Mass - People of Holy Rosary

4:30 pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation - Cry Room

5:00 pm - Mass - Don Theissent†

Sunday, November 8: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am - 2:30 pm - Grandma's Attic Sale - School Gym

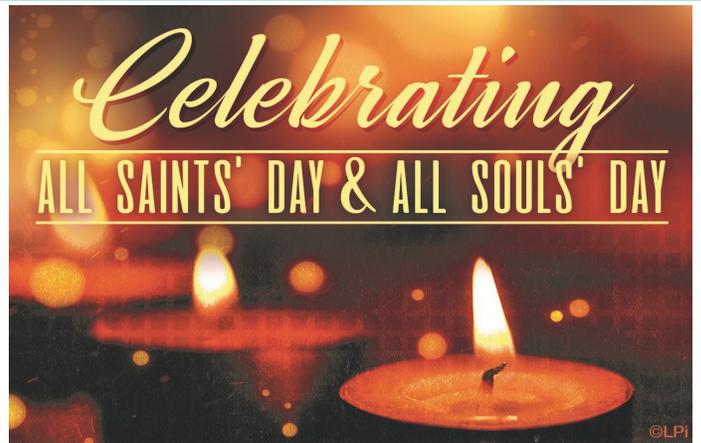
10:00 am - NovemberFest Mass - Evelyn Anderson†

11:00 am - 2:30 pm - NovemberFest - Take Out Meal, Bake Sale Order Pickup, & Silent Auction - School Cafeteria and Gym



Feast of All Souls - Remembering Our Dearly Departed

This week the Universal Church will be celebrating two GREAT FEASTS. This weekend, the Church will be celebrating the great Holy Day of the Feast of All Saints. On MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd, the Church celebrates the Feast of All Souls. On Monday, November 2nd, I am planning to have an evening Mass at 7:00 P.M. to pray for all of our loved ones who have passed in the past year. At the 7:00 P.M. Mass that Monday, the sanctuary will have a candle for all of our loved ones who have died from our parish of Holy Rosary in the past year. There are many of you reading this article that have lost loved ones, a spouse, child, parent, friend in the last years who you still desperately miss and remember and pray for daily. I would invite you to fill out the form below and for every five dollars that you give as an offering, we will light a candle in the sanctuary in front of the main altar during the month of November for each person that you wish to remember. (Envelopes will be also be included in the hard copies of the bulletin - you can use either the envelope or the form below for your sanctuary light memorial donation.) Thank you!



FEAST OF ALL SOULS SANCTUARY LIGHT



Name(s) of Departed _____

Given By _____

***We ask for a \$5.00 donation for each sanctuary candle. A candle with their name on it will be lit in front of the altar during the month of November. Please return this form to the parish office or return it in the collection basket. Thank you!*





NovemberFest - November 8th, 2020!

Fall Festival Fun Facts:

We are just **1 WEEK AWAY** from the **BIG DAY** — our **6th Annual November Fest(ival) on November 8th!** Even though we are still contending with Covid-19, I am most pleased with the progress that we have made and continue to make for this year's Festival! Specifically, as we are going to press with the parish bulletin, we have sold over **350 Dinner tickets**; we are approaching some **1,000 Raffle Tickets sold** (which is up from last year at this time), and we have received **110 Auction items** (that you can start bidding on NOW)! Wow! The stewardship of Holy Rosary is pretty impressive! Keep it coming! Thank you for your continued generosity!!!

Dinner Ticket Sales:

As we go to press, we have sold well over 350 tickets with sales continuing daily through the parish office. The takeout dinner (which you will be allowed to eat in the church social hall or on the grounds (weather permitting) will include Truffle Catering's broasted chicken (like we serve at the Vacation Raffle -- YUM!!!), cheesy potatoes, mixed vegetables, dinner roll and apple crisp for dessert. All of this for the price of just \$10.00. Children under 12 will be just \$5.00. **The last day to order your meals is Friday, November 6th!**



Silent Auction Success:

Our Silent Auction is now online! Go to <http://HolyRosary.givesmart.com> to view the items and place your bid! New items will be added as donations still come in.

Raffle Tickets:

Raffle ticket sales are still going strong! Perhaps the increase in our ticket sales to our Raffle Ticket is the result: 1.) An All Cash Prize Ticket 2.) Less Tickets to Fill Out. But whatever the reason, it is wonderful. The big question the day after the festival is always: "How many dinners did we serve?" But the real question that



should be asked is: "How many raffle tickets did we sell?" The heart of the stewardship rests largely in the area of our Raffle Tickets. What a wonderful thing if every parishioner would take the time to purchase those raffle tickets. Not only would you be helping a worthy cause but you also might have a chance to receive a return on your small stewardship investment. Keep them coming!

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, could you post the cover 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 lunchroom is half filled with LOTS and LOTS of quality items. **THIS YEAR GRANDMA'S ATTIC WILL BE OPEN THREE DAYS RATHER THAN JUST THE ONE DAY OF THE FESTIVAL!!!** Grandma's attic will be opening the "attic doors" of our school gymnasium beginning **THIS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH from 2:00-6:00 P.M., and Saturday November FROM 7:30 A.M. – 7:00 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!



Grandma's Kitchen 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 have already passed \$1,000 in sales! **The last day to place your order is November 2nd. 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



Grades 6-8 Faith Formation This Week

This Wednesday, November 4th, at 6:30 P.M., Faith Formation liturgy will be for grades 6-9. This event will be held in the main church. Masks will be required in the church. **ALL parishioners are welcome to attend.**

Confirmation Coming Soon!

- Confirmation Rehearsal – November 10th – 7:00 P.M.
- Confirmation Mass – November 11th – 7:00 P.M.



There are a few students who need to complete their service hours in the coming days. Please call Lorraine Klaseus at 388-4932 if you have any questions in this regard. This Diocesan requirement must be completed prior to the Confirmation Mass on Wednesday, November 11th.

Continue to attend Mass and we will see you at the **Confirmation rehearsal (with your masks) on Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 P.M. in the main church.**



In November We Give Thanks! Let Us Show Our Gratitude Through Giving!

I am inviting all of our Faith Formation students in grades 1-9 to bring canned and non-perishable food items to our Faith Formation gatherings as we begin the month of November. We have many people in the greater Mankato Community that are under-employed or unemployed during this particular time of the pandemic. There is no doubt anxiety in these families, not because when Thanksgiving Day arrives they are not sure what they will do with all of the left-overs, but rather because there is not sufficient food for the main course. We cannot begin to early in Faith Formation development to teach our young people of the importance of sharing and seeing that there are many others around us that are not as blessed as we are at this time in our life. At the close of November we will do a tally of how many pounds of food that has been brought in by our students and families for our local ECHO Food Shelf. (*We will also encourage the faithful to bring food items during the weekend Masses as well.) Let us be thankful at this time of Thanksgiving!

The First of our First Holy Communicants



Covid-19 has changed how we celebrate First Holy Communion. Rather than celebrating First Holy Communion as a class, the sacrament will instead be celebrated individually at a weekend Mass of the families choosing. The celebration of First Holy Communion is an inspiration to all who attend Mass, young and mature alike as it reminds all of us how important the sacrament is and that we “need to be like children” with “fear of the Lord” and “faith in the Lord” as we come forward to receive Him. This weekend we welcome for the very first time Isaac Behm, a third grader and the son of Steve and Isabelle Behm who will be receiving our Blessed Lord in his First Holy Communion at the 10:00 A.M. Mass. Congratulations Isaac on this most important spiritual day in your life!



This Week's Sanctuary Light Intention:
Gene & Shirley Brandt Family

Welcome to Holy Rosary!



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



LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

2020 Homecoming: Congratulations to the Loyola Homecoming Court:
 Rachel Kohlmeyer and Jacob Reynolds
 Mattea Skinner and Matthew Gartner
 Sadie Blace and Javen Tasler
 Anna White and Caleb Fogal

Wired to the Heart silent auction: The silent auction that we have all come to love will remain in November and will be offered as an online auction. Watch for details and your chance to bid on many wonderful, one of a kind items!

Employment opportunities: Loyola is seeking 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.

“Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it.”

-SUSAN B. ANTHONY



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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

Paid to Date: \$11,428.40

DUE: \$83,446.38

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

Paid to Date: \$0.00

(*Last year's goal): \$32,866.71

Loyola Catholic School Assessment:

Pd to Date: \$100,000.00

DUE: \$162,257.53

Church Air Conditioning Update:

Pd to Date: \$0.00

DUE: \$108,750.00

Total Paid to Date 2020-21: \$111,428.40
Apostolate stewardship for 2020-21: \$387,320.62

This weekend we pressed forward with our giving to the Catholic School in our “Stewardship Corner” as we pushed our goal forward of over \$100,000.00 by another 10% or another \$10,000.00. Although we have paid a sizable sum, we are still about \$15,500 behind what we had given to the school compared to this time last year. The Good News is that we are about \$5,000 ahead in our giving from last year to the Diocesan United Fund - which puts us about \$10,000 behind last year’s contribution totals at this time. Of course, the success of our Fall Festival aids greatly in being able to keep contributing to these areas outside of our parish borders. Have you turned in your raffle tickets? Have you purchased dinner tickets? Have you bid on our 110 auction items online? Do you plan to visit Grandma’s Attic in our gymnasium this coming Friday, Saturday or Sunday? The success of our 6th Annual November Festival will lead to the success in our ability to cover these financial commitments. Thank you for your gifts!

This Week’s Readings

- Mon: Any from no. 668 or from the Lectionary for Mass (vol. IV), the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016 Pss Prop
- Tues: Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24 (486) Pss III
- Weds: Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33 (487)
- Thurs: Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10 (488)
- Fri: Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 16:1-8 (489)
- Sat: Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15 (490)
- Sun: Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13 (154) Pss IV