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HOLYROSARYNORTHMANKATO

November 22, 2020

*Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe*



Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor

the Quill and the Cloth

“And now, bless the God of all, who has done wondrous things on earth; Who fosters people’s growth from their mother’s womb, and fashions them according to his will! May He grant you joy of heart and may peace abide among you; May His goodness toward us endure in Israel and deliver us in our days.”

-First Reading for Thanksgiving – Book of Sirach



I was faced with an early deadline from our publisher for the bulletin this week. So, on this Sunday afternoon,

November 15th, I

must decide if I am going to write about the upcoming great and final feast of the liturgical year of Christ the King, or to write about that lovely annual celebration with our family and loved ones of Thanksgiving? Hmmmm? Well, since I am already working on my sermon for the solemnity of Christ the King, I think I will share a few thoughts of the great national celebration of Thanksgiving.

I know that there are people that are mourning because the pandemic has created a problem for those that want to gather together from various parts of the world to party with either parents or other people around a common table. *(Hopefully, folks will heed the warning of the C.D.C and not gather as various households with the foolish thought that this illness will not come knocking on their door. For the virus is alive and well and all around us. In the last week, there have been more than 1,000,000 NEW cases in the United States alone!)*

My plans for Thanksgiving are first and foremost prayer and preparing to preach two Masses for Thanksgiving. The first Mass will be on the eve of Thanksgiving, Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00 P.M. and then a second Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 A.M. Since many of you who are wise will be staying close to home, how about coming to Mass? What could be more appropriate than coming to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, as “Eucharist” means “thanksgiving,” and to come and give thanks to God for all the blessings He has bestowed on us over these past 12 months?

Now you might be saying to yourself, “*What do I have to be thankful for? This has been a terrible year with a horrible pandemic. There is little or nothing to be thankful for and the holiday plans that I look forward to have all been ruined.*” Well, well, well, turn that sour face upside down. You have so much to be thankful for! First and foremost, you are alive and well enough to read these words! Our nation alone is approaching a quarter of a million people who have died from this dreaded disease that first emerged in the country of China. Speaking of countries, even though some 72 million Americans are not very happy or thankful with the recent presidential election, the United States is still the best place to live on earth. Speaking of living, what about that home you are living in at this time? Yes, a house is a cross to bear, and you are always spending money on repairs, utilities, insurance, etc., but most people around the world are quite envious of the homes we live in throughout our lives.

It is usually easy to be grateful in prosperity, but true gratitude, in its purest form, is when we can be grateful in adversity! The first Thanksgiving that took place back in October of 1621, is perhaps more in touch with our present troubles of the pandemic than most of us ever realized. When the pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, they were pleased to find land that had already been cleared, along with a beautiful little stream with sweet tasting water. What these pilgrims did not know and could not see was that the previous people that had dwelt in that clearing had in fact died in large part by a plague that had killed the entire previous community in that clearing. Ironically, this deadly epidemic became known early on as “Indian Fever.” However, while it is true that many Native Americans had died of this bacterial infectious disease, the origin of this illness was actually from western Europe, brought over to the new world in this case from an earlier shipwreck. The Native Americans saved two French sailors from the wreckage, who unwittingly brought the disease with them.

Those pilgrims that we still remember best on greeting cards and figurines, suffered that first year from much cold, hunger, sickness, disease and death. It is believed that 50% of the pilgrims died of hardship and ill health. Yet, even those who had lived on the soil they now called home, still gave thanks to God because they had experienced a good harvest that year.

Even if there is no gathering, no goodies from grandma, no getting a second helping of turkey; we can

“The Quill and the Cloth” continued...

still have a good Thanksgiving. Even in social isolation we can spiritually give thanks to God for all of the blessings we have received including life, right here and now in November 2020! Respect Life! Celebrate Life! Come and celebrate the “New Life” that Christ has given to us through the resurrection and the Holy Eucharist! See you on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning and for sure next weekend! Happy Thanksgiving! Happy Feast of Christ the King!



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Thanksgiving Envelope

As in the past, we are asking that you would make use of the enclosed envelope for Thanksgiving Day as well as the Thanksgiving weekend which is also the beginning of the Advent season. (You can also use your own envelope and write “Thanksgiving” on it.) As we have so much to be thankful for, perhaps you can show your gratitude in a small way through an extra donation so that our parish can stay on budget. Thank you for all that you give to benefit Holy Rosary!

Christmas Wreaths

Calvary Cemetery is now taking orders for Christmas Wreaths to be placed on your loved one’s grave. The cost is \$30.00. To order please call Terry Miller at 507-995-1010.



2019-2020 Holy Rosary Financial Report

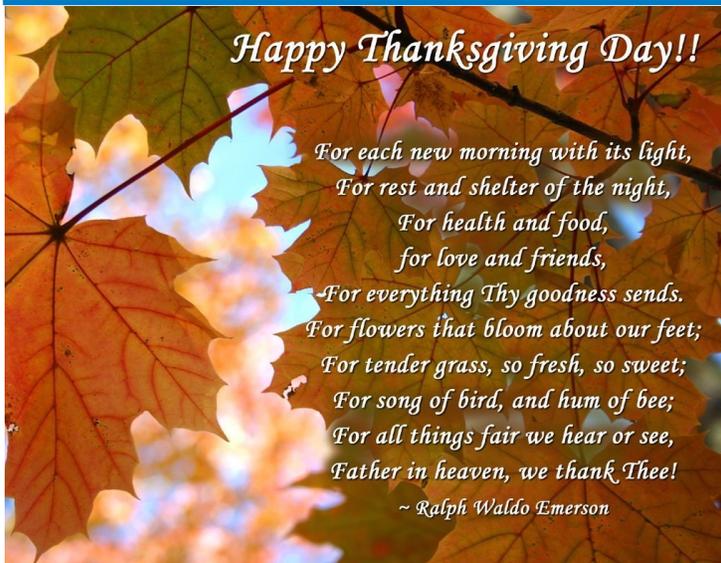
If you did not attend Mass last weekend or watch the Mass online, you also might not have seen a hard copy or a virtual copy of our annual parish financial report. You are encouraged to either pick up a hard copy of last week’s bulletin at the church entrances or at the parish office entrance. You also can go on-line and review the financial report in the parish bulletin for November 15, 2020. Thank you again to all of you that have shown your generosity of stewardship to your Church of Holy Rosary. As always, thank you for your gifts!



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, as well as our entire Faith Community, to bring canned and non-perishable food items to our gatherings through the months of November and December. We have many people in the greater Mankato Community that are under-employed or unemployed during this 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 leftovers, but rather because there is not sufficient food for the main course. We cannot begin too 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 to the weekend Masses as well.) Let us be thankful at this time of Thanksgiving!

Thought For the Week



This Week’s Sanctuary Light Intention:
Mariah Lager

The Week Ahead

Saturday/Sunday, November 21st and 22nd:

Holy Land Religious Good Sales

Monday, November 23rd: *[Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; USA: Blessed Miquel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr]*

5:00 pm - Mass - Ruth Voss†

Tuesday, November 24th: Saint Andrew Dűng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Private Mass - John Karpinsky

Wednesday, November 25th: *[Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr]*

No Faith Formation Grades 1-9

7:00 pm - **Thanksgiving Eve Mass** - Roy & Monica Dauffenbach†

Thursday, November 26th: Thanksgiving Day

Happy Thanksgiving!

Parish Office is Closed

9:00 am **Thanksgiving Day Mass** - John Klaseust†

Friday, November 27th: Weekday

Parish Office is Closed

12:00 pm - Mass - Jim & Cathy John† (note time change)

Saturday, November 28th: Weekday [BVM]

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

4:30 pm - **Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Cry Room

5:00 pm - Mass - Mary Katherine McGraw†

Sunday, November 29th: 1st Sunday of Advent

10:00 am - Mass - Shirley Schmitz†



Upcoming Parish Events

- **Thanksgiving Masses** - Wednesday, November 25th, 7:00 pm, Thursday, November 26th, 9:00 am.
- **CCW Meeting** - Tuesday, December 1st, 6:30 pm, church basement
- **Faith Formation - Grades 1-5** - Wednesday, December 2nd, 6:30 pm, church.



November - A Time to Give Thanks

Can you believe that the celebration of Thanksgiving is this week? As there will only be a virtual Ecumenical Thanksgiving service in North Mankato; I have decided to offer two Masses for Thanksgiving. **I will offer a Mass on Thanksgiving Eve, November 25th, at 7:00 P.M. and then again on Thanksgiving morning, November 26th, at 9:00 A.M.** I suspect that since people are being encouraged not to gather in small family groups of several households due to the pandemic, many more folks might decide to come to worship at Mass for this major holiday. *(Incidentally, we had a very nice attendance for the Holy Day of All Souls' and so it is for this this reason, I decided to offer another 7:00 P.M. Mass for Thanksgiving.)* I hope that if you have not left town *(as I suspect many of you will not be doing this year due to the virus)*, you might exercise the virtue of piety and pray in thanksgiving through the Mass for all of the blessings that God has bestowed on us in this year of 2020. **Please bring non-perishable food items for our local food shelf.** Happy Thanksgiving!!!



Holy Land Religious Good Sale This Weekend

A Christian Group from Bethlehem in the Holy Land is visiting Holy Rosary on Saturday and Sunday, November 21st & 22nd. Every year, they come to our Church to sell the olive wood carvings and crafts that are hand made by the Christians in the Holy Land. This is their main source of income.

You are encouraged to support these people by buying their beautiful olive wood carvings and crafts so you can help Christian families stay in the Holy Land.

Pray for the Christians in the Holy Land and please support them in order to keep our Christian bells ringing in the Holy Land. Thank you and God bless you.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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

Paid to Date: \$12,141.91

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: \$110,000.00

DUE: \$162,257.53

Church Air Conditioning Update:

Pd to Date: \$100.00

DUE: \$108,750.00

Total Paid to Date 2020-21: \$122,241.91

Apostolate stewardship for 2020-21: \$387,320.62



Faith Formation



No Faith Formation This Week

Although most of the public school classrooms will be going virtual, and in-class learning is being suspended, we will continue to meet with our Faith Formation gatherings in both grades 1-5 and 6-9. Our next Faith Formation gathering will be Grades 1-5 on Wednesday, December 2nd at 6:30 P.M. in the main church. Pastorally, I am suspending the in-classroom time with the catechists. Instead, we will be meeting together in church for Mass, along with instruction and perhaps a brief video as well that is age appropriate for our catechesis. Parents are encouraged to make ready the stewardship envelopes from their children's packets as a children's offering will be taken up each week as well. Happy Thanksgiving!



Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good.

MAYA ANGELOU



Confirmation Completed

Congratulations to the following students who were confirmed at Holy Rosary on Wednesday, November 11th.



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| Sierra Beaudoin | Emily Bloemke |
| John Calsbeek | Danielle Fischer |
| Brynn Grommersch | Ryan Hacker |
| Ambria Hoffman | Conner Hoffmann |
| Duram Kelly | Jenna Keltgen |
| Andrew Levandowski | Hannah Linnes |
| Evan Linsmeier | Michell McGraw |
| Sydney McGraw | Augustus Nelson |
| Madeline Riebel | Julia Schumacher |
| Zack Scholten | Anna Voracek |
| Ethan Westermann | James Younge |



LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

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!

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

Leading through Faith, Academic Excellence, and Service.

**Worship Committee Minutes
Holy Rosary Church
January 27, 2020**

The Holy Rosary Worship Committee met following the Christmas season on Monday January 27th. Nearly all of the members were in attendance at this meeting.

Pastor's Comments: Father's comments were brief but he extended a large amount of gratitude to the Worship Committee for all of their assistance through the holiday season. Once again, the church looked very beautiful through the efforts of the Worship Committee, the Knights of Columbus, and the other men and women who came to assist in the major work of decorating. Father concluded that we now are already looking ahead to the Lenten and Easter season which will soon be upon us before we know it.

Old Business:

Front Entrance: The money continues to come in for the "Stepping Up in Faith" campaign. As of September 30, 2019, the parish took in \$80,117.22. As of January 27th, 2020, the amount had increased to \$108,292.22, or an increase of \$28,175.00. Although a firm date has not been given by WEB Construction, the hope is that the project will be completed by Easter, although Father intimated that he is skeptical about the completion date, having worked on numerous parish projects in the past. What is promised and what is reality are usually two very different things. However, when the project is completed, it will be a great addition to the parish plant and campus. **Permanent Banners:** Father shared with the Worship Committee the computer renderings of what the completed sanctuary would look like with the two additional wall murals as well as a revised color for the sanctuary. The Worship Committee reviewed the work and approved of the proposed changes. Father shared that there is a benefactor who has expressed interest in covering the cost of this project. The challenge will be to get the artist on location to complete the work. Father hoped to have this project also completed along with the front entrance by Easter of this year if this is possible. This may not take place until later in 2020 or in 2021. **Lighting in Sanctuary and Sacristy:** A contract has been signed with BLK Electric to bring the sanctuary and sacristy lighting up to code. In large part, the electrical grid has not been addressed for some 70 years. There is also a need to improve and further increase the lighting in the sanctuary, and eventually in the main church as well, if this is feasible. There is also a need to light up

the main mural, as it is dark and has many shadows. The total cost is less than \$5,000 for both areas. **Sacristy Remodel:** Father wishes to see a major update of the sacristy in the summer of 2020. No bids have been sought out at this time. The cabinetry is still from pre-Vatican II days, with thin, narrow drawers for fiddle-back vestments, which the priest no longer wears. The drawers are continually filled with sawdust, as wood is rubbing on wood – an issue that cannot be resolved, as was attempted through a carpenter to wax the wood. A design for cabinetry could be done through St. Patrick's Guild and a local cabinet maker could build them. The plumbing and sink areas would be updated as well as address needed plastering and lighting that is also 70 years old, as some of the fixtures are having issues. A discussion was held, but no final decisions were made at this time. **Christmas Follow Up:** Father reported that the poinsettias this year were exceptional and were of top quality. Plans are in order to order flowers again from this business. Father suggested that when the new murals would be installed we would downsize the crib area so as not to scrape or damage the new paint and the newly installed murals. The Worship Committee supported this idea. A smaller nativity display would save both walls and backs. **Server Training:** Father, Lorraine and Timothy Cain have worked on training a new class of servers. Some of the new altar servers are older as well as 5th graders. It is nice to see interest with the older students and to see servers serve through their senior year of high school and beyond. Father is tentatively planning a server party for February 19th during Faith Formation time at 6:30 P.M. The Worship Committee agreed that choosing a Wednesday is a good time so that parents do not have to make two separate trips and it is also considered a church night.

New Business:

Decorating for Lent: The committee discussed the date and the time for decorating for the Lenten season. The date was set for Monday, February 24th at 6:00 P.M. **Easter Orders:** The Paschal candle has been ordered for Holy Week. Father asked if the palm orders should be downsized as there were numerous leftovers in the past. The committee agreed to downsize by about 20-25%. Flowers and candles used for Holy Saturday were also discussed. **Decorating for Holy Week and Easter:** It was agreed to decorate for Easter on Good Friday at 6:30 P.M. **Penance Service:** Father is working on finding sufficient priests for the penance service and the date will be

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Worship Committee Minutes continued...

determined on priest availability. **Holy Week Schedule:** Father asked if the schedule for Holy Week should be revised, but upon review the Worship Committee felt that the schedule should remain the same as in past years. **Lenten Booklets:** The Lenten booklets, *Five Minutes with the Word*, were discussed. It was agreed to order the same amount as in the previous Lents. There are many people who like these spiritual helps. **Stations of the Cross:** The dates and the times of the Stations of the Cross were reviewed. A consistent time was encouraged to promote a steady attendance. **Future Business:** Improvements to the Sanctuary, Sacristy, and Church will be discussed at a future date. **Next Meeting Date:** T.B.A. The meeting closed with prayer.

Canticle of Brother Sun and Sister Moon

Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord, All praise is Yours, all glory, all honor and all blessings. To you alone, Most High, do they belong, and no mortal lips are worthy to pronounce Your Name. Praised be You my Lord with all Your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, Who is the day through whom You give us light. And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor, Of You Most High, he bears the likeness. Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, In the heavens you have made them bright, precious and fair. Praised be You, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air, And fair and stormy, all weather's moods, by which You cherish all that You have made. Praised be You my Lord through Sister Water, So useful, humble, precious and pure. Praised be You my Lord through Brother Fire, through whom You light the night and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong. Praised be You my Lord through our Sister, Mother Earth who sustains and governs us, producing varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs. Praise be You my Lord through those who grant pardon for love of You and bear sickness and trial. Blessed are those who endure in peace, By You Most High, they will be crowned. Praised be You, my Lord through Sister Death, from whom no-one living can escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin! Blessed are they She finds doing Your Will. No second death can do them harm. Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks, and serve Him with great humility.

- St. Francis of Assisi

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, Betty Goettlicher, Anne Doyle, Dave Grams, Kathy Fredrickson, Mickey Meyer, Jerry Winters, Kimberly Wegscheid, Karen Etzell, Craig Van Loy, Jim Levandowski, Nancy Elibert, Cindy Gawrych, Marion Giefer, Lester Kopp, Vicki Galli.

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 Mary Warren
- Tuesday Jennifer Kruse
- Wednesday Gerald Lorentz
- Thursday Shirley O'Conner
- Friday Nancy Meyer
- Saturday Lawrence Schmidt
- Sunday Thomas & June Rieff



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 | | |

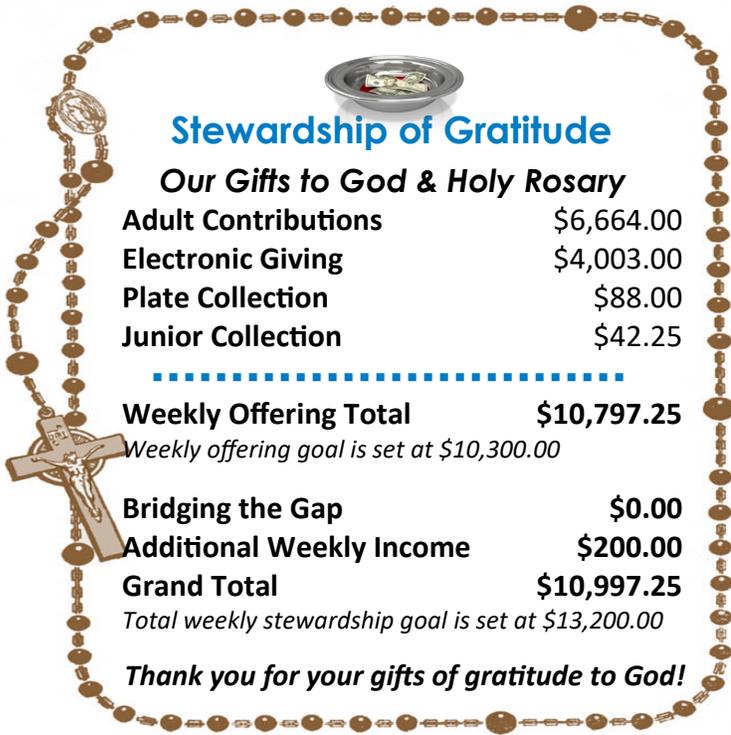
Prayer Chain



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: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4 (503) Pss II
- Tues: Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11 (504)
- Weds: Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19 (505)
- Thurs: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28 (506)
- Fri: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Lk 21:29-33 (507)
- Sat: Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36 (508)
- Sun: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37 (2) Pss I



Stewardship of Gratitude
Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary

Adult Contributions	\$6,664.00
Electronic Giving	\$4,003.00
Plate Collection	\$88.00
Junior Collection	\$42.25
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Weekly Offering Total	\$10,797.25
<i>Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,300.00</i>	
Bridging the Gap	\$0.00
Additional Weekly Income	\$200.00
Grand Total	\$10,997.25
<i>Total weekly stewardship goal is set at \$13,200.00</i>	

Thank you for your gifts of gratitude to God!

IN LOVING

memory

In Loving Memory
 The following names are those loved ones who are being remembered in prayer before the altar of God this past week. ***“Do with my body as you will. All I ask is that you remember me before prayer at the altar of God.”***
-St. Monica

Gina Sandbo	Deceased members of the
Lawrence Karpinsky	Boys Family
Gertrude Karpinsky	Jerome Ritter
Adrian Karpinsky	Ethel Ritter
Irene Beelinger	Robert Ritter
Edna Johnson	Vincent Ritter
LeRoy Karpinsky	Edward Ritter
Bonnie Varuska	Veronica Golheskie
Deceased members of the	Irene Riley
Portz & Wanzek Families	John Doyle

Stewardship of Gratitude

Dear Lord,
 For all that you have given us, may we be truly thankful! Amen.
 Happy Thanksgiving! Thank you for your gifts!



**Knights of Columbus
 Christmas Tree Lot is
 Opening This Week!**



The North Mankato Knights of Columbus #5551 Christmas tree lot will be located behind the Circle Inn, 232 Belgrade Ave, in North Mankato will be open: Friday, November 27th, 10:00am - 7:00pm; Starting Saturday, November 28th, the lot will be open 9:00am - 7:00pm on weekends and 4:00pm - 8:00pm on weeknights.

**Loyola Wired to the Heart Silent
 Auction**

The silent auction that we have all come to love will be offered as an online auction starting Friday, November 20th at 9:00 am and will close on Sunday, November 22nd at 9:00pm.
 To view items, go to: www.wiredtotheheart.com.

**Council of Catholic
 Women News**



In light of the governor’s recent address, and the ongoing pandemic, all C.C.W. functions and meetings have been cancelled until further notice. Please stay safe!

SINCERE SYMPATHY



To the family of Julian “Shorty” Snaza†.
-May he rest in peace.

**“Thankfulness
 is the quickest path
 to joy.”**

— Jefferson Bethke