



# Holy Rosary Catholic Church

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HOLYROSARYNORTHMANKATO

**January 24, 2021**  
*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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

# the Quill and the Cloth

***“O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honor in His holy place.”***

***-Entrance Antiphon 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***



***“Singing to the Lord”*** is written between 121 – 209 times in the Bible, depending on the version you are reading. This week, I have been rehearsing a song that was written by the liturgical song writer Marty Haugen back in 1982, and that we often sang in the seminary. The song is simply entitled ***Let Us Walk in the Light***. The opening words are: ***“Let us walk in the light of the Lord...”***

I recall my Father complaining to me one day, when he had already past his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, that he was finding it more and more difficult to walk any distance. He said: ***“You know Paul, I can’t even walk anymore to the edge of the farm on the gravel road.”*** (Now, the distance he was speaking about was a bit more than a half a mile walk one way.) To be that age and complain you can’t walk a mile by yourself, is well, pretty impressive to this fellow. I suggested that he take a walking stick or a cane along with him if he felt his legs were weak. To talk to my Dad about a cane, was like saying a four-letter curse word to his face. My Dad exclaimed, ***“I am not taking a CANE! CANES are for old people!”*** But as he walked less, his muscles and legs became weaker and weaker, and one day, a major fall landed him in the hospital and a surgery which largely prevented him from walking for the remaining two years of his life. Maybe he should have listened to his youngest son!?!

I am a walker, and if there is one thing I despise about Minnesota winters right about now, is that I cannot walk outside. With lots of ice on the majority of sidewalks and then a light layer of snow on top so you cannot see the ice, I remember the old expression, ***“You don’t have to be old to break a bone.”*** So, I find myself in the basement, bored as I walk on the treadmill, staring at white painted stone walls.

All this talk about *walking*, is that the common Good News word that links the prophet Jonah in the first reading to Jesus in the Gospel from St. Mark, is that they are both engaged in *walking*. Jonah is sent by God to walk through the great city of Nineveh to warn people of God’s almighty

punishment if they do not turn away from sin. In the Gospel from St. Mark, Jesus is not walking through a great city, but rather along the shores of the great Sea of Galilee, welcoming His first apostles into His little community of faith. Is that just coincidence? I do not think so!

From the First Reading from the Prophet Jonah, to the Gospel from St. Mark, and even to Psalm 25 between these two readings, we are hearing of various images related to walking. This is being told to us more than to simply add flesh and bone to the story. ***I believe that we are told of Jonah’s and Jesus’ ministry to others that involved a lot of walking, in order to emphasize that if we are truly to be proclaimers of the scriptural and the gospel message of Good News, it cannot be done passively. We need to be active in our faith and our ministry to others. How many people think that being a practicing Christian or Catholic only requires sitting passively in a pew, like a “pew potato” for an hour on Sunday (or in these days, on the couch in front of your T.V.) to be a follower of Jesus Christ?***

To be a Christian or a Catholic is far more than passively sitting in a pew on a Sunday morning or slouching on the couch in front of the television on a Sunday afternoon. The 4th verse of the song that I will sing this weekend says it best, ***“Let us bring forth your Kingdom on earth, show the spirit of love to all we meet.”*** As the pandemic slowly passes, may we become slowly more active to proclaim the Good News of the Almighty through our speech, our actions ....and maybe even through our singing!

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P.S. Enjoy the following reflections on the benefits of walking!

1. ***“An early-morning walk is a blessing for the whole day.”*** – ***Henry David Thoreau***
2. ***“All truly great thoughts are conceived while walking.”*** – ***Friedrich Nietzsche***
3. ***“A vigorous five-mile walk will do more good for an unhappy but otherwise healthy adult than all the medicine and psychology in the world.”*** – ***Paul D.White***

***(continued on next page)***

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

- 4. *“After a day’s walk everything has twice its usual value.”*  
– George Macauley Trevelyan
- 5. *“Thoughts come clearly while one walks.”*  
– Thomas Mann
- 6. *“The best remedy for a short temper is a long walk.”*  
– Jacqueline Schiff
- 7. *“We live in a fast-paced society. Walking slows us down.”*  
– Robert Sweetgall
- 8. *“Walking takes longer... than any other known form of locomotion except crawling. Thus it stretches time and prolongs life. Life is already too short to waste on speed.”*  
– Edward Abbey, “Walking”
- 9. *“Walking is good for solving problems — it’s like the feet are little psychiatrists.”*  
– Terri Guillemets
- 10. *“[Hiking] is the best workout!... You can hike for three hours and not even realize you’re working out. And, hiking alone lets me have some time to myself.”*  
– Jamie Luner

**Stewardship of Gratitude**

I am grateful pastorally, not only for the weekly stewardship but also the weekly attendance that is inching upward in our church. Perhaps as schools and restaurants are reopening and cases of Covid-19 appear to be somewhat declining in our area; we seem to see more and more folks getting out and about. Last Sunday at 10:00 A.M., we had a modestly good attendance. Today, on Monday, I had one of my largest daily Mass attendances to date with almost 25 folks. Faith Formation for grades 6-9 was stronger than it has been, and I predict a good attendance for grades 1-5 this Wednesday evening. Maybe, with the pandemic passing, we might feel more strongly about the importance about the passing on of the faith. I was recently speaking to a younger mother with several growing children from the parish who commented that perhaps their lives before the pandemic as a family were too oriented towards activities and not the Almighty. *“In the end”*, she said, *“our lives boil down to our families and our faith.”* I could not say it better myself.

We are holding our own in terms of stewardship and are getting our outside stewardship commitments covered. (Check out the “Stewardship Corner” comments.) Thank you for another good week of stewardship and to all of you who are sending in your offerings. As always, know of my gratitude for your gifts!



**Stewardship of Gratitude**  
**1/17/21**

**Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary**

Adult Contributions	\$3,871.00
Electronic Giving	\$2,103.65
Plate Collection	\$117.00
Junior Collection	\$36.25
Christmas Collection	\$2,400.00
DMA Refund	\$2,863.00
Fuel Income	\$120.00
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<b>Weekly Offering Total</b>	<b>\$11,510.90</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>\$109.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$11,619.90</b>
<i>Total weekly stewardship goal is set at \$13,200.00</i>	

**Thank you for your gifts of gratitude to God!**  
**May God reward your generous spirit!**

**Thought For the Week**



**SINCERE SYMPATHY**

**To the family of Nancy  
“Mickey” Meyert.**  
- *May she rest in peace.*

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, January 25th: The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

12:00 pm - Mass - John Rooney

### Tuesday, January 26th: Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Private Mass - Paul & Karen Harguth Family

### Wednesday, January 27th: [Saint Angela Merici, Virgin]

12:00 pm - Mass - Edna Johnson

**6:30 pm - Faith Formation - Grades 1-5 - Mass -**  
People of Holy Rosary Parish

### Thursday, January 28th: Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

12:00 pm - Mass - Roseann Reinhart†

### Friday, January 29th: Weekday

12:00 pm - Mass - Evelyn Anderson†

### Saturday, January 30th: [BVM]

4:30 pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation - Cry Room

5:00 pm - Mass - John Drummer†

### Sunday, January 31st: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - Mass - Marvin Wanzek†

**6:00 pm - 1st Holy Communion - Parent Meeting ,**  
**\*school cafeteria (\*note location change\*)**



### Upcoming Parish Events

- Faith Formation - Grades 6-9 - Wednesday, January 27th, 6:30 pm, church
- 2nd Grade Parents - 1st Holy Communion Meeting - Sunday, January 31st, 6:00 pm, school cafeteria (\*\*note location change\*\*)
- Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, February 17th - Masses @ 9:00 am, 12:00 pm, 6:30 pm
- Easter Sunday - Sunday, April 4th, 2021



### Ministry Schedule January 30th & 31st

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm Pat & Wanda Hull  
10:00 am Brenda Voracek, Ryan Howe

#### Ushers:

10:00 am Bob Wegscheid, Dan Voracek, Doug Helget, Jacob Voracek



**This Week's Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
Holy Rosary Parish

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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

**65% COMPLETED**  
Paid to Date: \$53,988.46  
DUE: \$83,446.38

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

**49% COMPLETED**  
Paid to Date: \$15,670.00  
Goal: \$32,866.71

Loyola Catholic School Assessment:

**COMPLETED**  
Pd to Date: \$162,257.53  
DUE: \$162,257.53

Church Air Conditioning Update:

Pd to Date: \$7,570.00  
DUE: \$108,750.00

**Total Paid to Date 2020-21: \$239,486.19**  
**Apostolate stewardship for 2020-21: \$387,320.62**

Again this week, we took a spiritual stewardship step or two closer to the completion of our Diocesan United Fund goal of \$83,446.38. This week we paid out two monthly payments of \$6,425.72 to the Diocese of New Ulm totaling \$12,851.44. The remaining amount we still need to pay to the Diocese has been reduced down to \$29,457.92. With less than \$30,000 to go, we will soon complete all of our outside commitments of stewardship, and then we can focus solely on our parish needs. We will be working to reduce the expenses incurred for the new air conditioning upgrades that were completed last fall, as well as the new security cameras and exterior lighting that was installed, and will be hopefully reinstalled this week by the time you read this parish bulletin, due to the fact that the wrong fixtures had been sent by the manufacturer.

This week a letter was sent out to all our registered parishioners informing them of the parish finances as this time as well as a statement of their contributions for the past 12 months. Of course, this letter is sent annually as you prepare to pay your taxes for 2020. If you did not receive this mailing or you feel your contributions do not match with our figures, please give the parish office a call and speak with our administrator Jim. (*Please remember that money given for such things as raffle tickets or dinner tickets cannot be seen as a donation to a non-profit organization.*) As always, thank you for your gifts!!!



## Mass on the Move

Holy Rosary parishioners are getting pretty versatile when it comes to moving around in different locations to attend Mass, whether it is inside or outside, virtual or in person. If everything goes as planned, we are planning to have a local electrician firm come in to do some major electrical work in the main church sometime in February. The work that they will be performing, will take about a week to complete. Therefore, at that time, we will plan on celebrating Mass in the school gymnasium where there will be a very good opportunity to social distance. You will again be welcome to bring your own seating or we will have chairs available for you at the main entrance. The second set of contractors will come in next to do wall repair and painting, so most likely we will be in the gym the following weekend as well. Right now, it is still fluid as we are trying to confirm when the workmen can come. We would like them to come right after so that we do not have to clean up the church professionally on two separate occasions.

There is never a good time to work in a church that is used on a daily basis. Perhaps this is as good a time as ever. In the event that the work goes through, we will be celebrating daily Mass in the lower social hall in church. Thank you for your patience.

## Baptism

Our prayers and best wishes go out to Tim & Marya Flynn on the occasion of the Baptism of their 4th daughter, Natalie Lavonne Flynn next weekend.



May her Baptism be the beginning of a life-long relationship with Christ & His holy bride, the Church! May God bless you all on this most joyful occasion!

Our eyes are in front  
Because it's more important  
to look ahead than to look back.  
Don't dwell on things in  
the past. Learn from them  
and keep MOVING forward..

## Faith Leaders Support the Use of COVID-19 Vaccine



In a growing consensus, religious leaders at the forefront of the anti-abortion movement in the United States are telling their followers that the leading vaccines available to combat COVID-19 are acceptable to take, given their remote and indirect connection to lines of cells derived from aborted fetuses.

One outspoken foe of abortion based in Dallas, Southern Baptist megachurch pastor Robert Jeffress, has called the vaccines a "present from God." "To ask God for help but then refuse the vaccine makes no more sense than calling 911 when your house is on fire, but refusing to allow the firemen in," Jeffress said via email. "There is no legitimate faith-based reason for refusing to take the vaccine."

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, which says fighting abortion is its "preeminent" priority, said last month that getting vaccinated against the coronavirus "ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community," according to a statement by the chairmen of its Committee on Doctrine and Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

- Associated Press, Jan. 11, 2021

## Fuel Fund Drive



It is that time of year again, in the midst of winter that we need to raise money to heat the church's city block of buildings through another Minnesota winter.

This year we have turned the temperature down in church by a few degrees and no one seems to have minded.

We were able to do this partially because the weather has been noticeably warmer over the past few weeks.

Last winter season, we spent a total of \$16,008.07 for heating our entire facility. So far this year, we have spent \$6,882.61, but we still have the rest of January, February, March, and dare I say at least part of April to go for heating our facility. Last year, we collected \$7,835.00 for our Fuel Fund. I hope we can do as well this year. So far, \$140.00 has been donated for fuel. I ask for your generosity again this year. You can use the envelope that was in last week's bulletin, or simply mark "Fuel Offering" on any envelope, or in the memo line on your check. As always, thank you for your gifts!



## Faith Formation



### Faith Formation This Week

Faith Formation will be held this week for grades 6-9 at 6:30 P.M. We have had a very good response the past two Wednesdays. As the public school has again resumed in-person learning, my pastoral hope is again to return to the dismissal rite not only at Mass but also during our Faith Formation Masses every other Wednesday for the lower grades in the future if possible. I will keep you posted. We hope to see many of our 6-9<sup>th</sup> grade students this Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>!



### Third Grade First Communicants

We have celebrated several of our First Holy Communicants over the past weeks with the families of our Third Graders. We still have a small number that have not celebrated their First Communion and may be waiting for later in the spring when the vaccine will have been more widely distributed. We will go at your pace. If you wish to celebrate this important sacrament in the near future, you are encouraged to call the parish office and to make an appointment. Thank you!

### First Holy Communion Parent Meeting

Our First Holy Communion parent meeting will be held on the last day of January, Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 P.M. in the school cafeteria. (\*PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN LOCATION.) Parents should be wrapping up and getting their son or daughter ready for First Reconciliation at this time. I celebrated this past week my First Reconciliation with our first second grader from this class. Please call the parish for an appointment and please inform the parish secretary when the best time I can reach you. Please prioritize this important mandatory Faith Formation meeting for your son or daughter. See you soon!



### Diaper Drive!

The C.C.W. is sponsoring their annual Diaper Drive during the month of January. Items most needed at this time are diapers (sizes 3-6), baby wash and shampoo, baby friendly laundry detergent, boy outfits sizes 24mo, 2T & 3T, educational toys for babies/toddlers, gas cards, and cash. Donations may be placed in the crib at the back of church during January. Monetary gifts should be placed in an envelope marked C.C.W. Diaper Drive. Items will be given to Options for Women and Birthright.



### Prayer for a New Bishop

Almighty God, Who by the Holy Spirit moves the hearts of Your people, direct the counsels of those who are appointed to choose a bishop for the Diocese of New Ulm, that we may be given a pastor who in faithfulness and wisdom shall lead Your people in the way of holiness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.*

### Echo Food Shelf - Food For the Needy



We continue to take in food for those that are in need during this time of pandemic. It was recently reported in the last week or two that in just the span of seven days, nearly one million Americans lost their jobs with women being on the forefront of the unemployed. Certainly through these remaining weeks of Ordinary Time and throughout the Lenten season, we will be collecting food at the weekend and daily Masses for those that are in need. ***This past week, we dropped off an additional 65 pounds of food bringing our total collection to 915 pounds. We are nearing the 1,000 pound mark which is most admirable.***

For those of you that attend Mass, as you head out the door and make the check list 1.) Car Keys 2.) Contribution Envelope 3.) Turned off the Stove ..... Oh Yeah.... I need to bring some food items for those in need. On behalf of those in need, "Thank You!"



**LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

**Save the Date - Wired to the Heart Virtual Event:**

Taking into consideration the health and safety of everyone involved, Loyola Catholic School's annual Wired to the Heart event, will be presenting its fundraising gala VIRTUALLY Saturday, February 6, 2021. Stay up to date on event details@wiredtotheheart! Thank you for your continued support.

**Admissions/Enrollment**

Are you looking for school options for next year? Give us a call to find out what Loyola is all about! Contact Kerstyn Cafarelli, 507-386-5399 or cafarelli@loyolacatholic.school.org for more information.

Preschool/PreKindergarten enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year will be open soon! Watch for details in the coming weeks, or visit our website: www.loyolacatholic.school.org for more information.

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

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



**Welcome to Holy Rosary!**

Are you new to the area and would like to join our growing Holy Rosary parish family?

Just go to [holyrosarynorthmankato.com/membership-registration](http://holyrosarynorthmankato.com/membership-registration) and download the registration forms to fill out. You can also send us your contact information and we will mail you a hard copy of those forms. Come join our parish family!

**K. of C. Council #5551 News**



January 28 - General Meeting  
February 11 - Planning Meeting

Meetings will be held at Desmet Hall in Fitzgerald Middle School across from Sts. Peter & Paul church.

Blood Drive: The KC's had a very successful blood drive on January 7th. The goal was 59 units, and 66 units were collected. Thank you to all who donated and worked at the event!

**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!

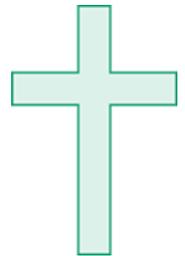
**For Those Who Are Ill & Special Needs**

Arnie & Eileen Wadekamper, Mary Kelly, Molly Viehweg, Ruth Fitterer, Steve Fitterer, Delores Haubrich, Dave Neubert, Betty Goettlicher, Anne Doyle, Dave Grams, Kathy Fredrickson, Jerry Winters, Kimberly Wegscheid, Karen Etzell, Craig Van Loy, Jim Levandowski, Nancy Elibert, Cindy Gawrych, Marion Giefer, Mary Lou Sahli, Julie Steinbach Lowe, Joan Karpinsky

**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** Jeremy & Sarah Goettl
- Tuesday** Mark & Pamela Weingartz
- Wednesday** Sharon Olson
- Thursday** Peggy Kreber
- Friday** Frank & Stacy Rutt
- Saturday** Vince & Catherine Guertin
- Sunday** Glenn Vershelde



**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   |                     |                |

**This Week's Readings**

- Mon: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18 (519) Pss Prop
- Tues: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 (520)/Mk 3:31-35 (318)
- Weds: Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20 (319)
- Thurs: Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25 (320)
- Fri: Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34 (321)
- Sat: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41 (322)
- Sun: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28 (71) Pss IV



**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.