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HOLYROSARYNORTHMANKATO

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor

Happy Holy Week!

the Quill and the Cloth

“Remember your mercies, O Lord, and with your eternal protection sanctify your servants, for whom Christ your Son, by the shedding of His Blood, established the Paschal Mystery. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.”

Opening Prayer – Good Friday



Who of us does not like to receive a greeting card in the mail? Who of us do not like receiving a gift on our birthday or some other blessed event in our life? Who of us are not accepting of a dinner invitation or an evening out? What do all of these things have in common? Certainly they are all acts of kindness towards us. But more than kindness, all of these actions are an indirect way of saying **“I AM REMEMBERING YOU!”**

If we take this idea to the spiritual level, we have all said

or heard these lines: *“Please remember me in prayer!”* or *“Pray for me and I will pray for you.”* *“Be assured of my prayers for you.”* Whenever we have some difficulty, some hardship, some heavy cross that comes our way; we invoke others to **REMEMBER US SPIRITUALLY IN PRAYER.** I am a little fearful that when those words are said by so many, it is as short-lived as saying how sunny it is outside.

In my second assignment as an associate pastor, the pastor, who now has passed, in my estimation was a spiritual man. He worked hard at administration and most nights he would work at his desk in the office until as late as 2:00 A.M. (*He did however take a two hour nap each afternoon!*) Since the offices were also in the rectory (not a great arrangement), the phone would constantly be ringing. Prior to the cell phone situation that we have today, parish business would take place in the kitchen, living room, or wherever there was a telephone.

On one occasion I was in the kitchen with the pastor. The phone rang and it was a parishioner who was sick and was going to have surgery. During the conversation, the parishioner on the other side must have said, *“Father, please pray for me.”* Rather than saying the usual response, *“Yes, I will keep you in my prayers,”* Father said instead, *“Well, let’s pray together right here and right now on the phone.”* This priest then proceeded to pray several Hail Marys, Our Fathers, and a Glory Be, right on the phone. It was not a bad idea as: A.) The prayers would not be forgotten to be said. B.) The Lord reminds us that where two or three are gathered (perhaps even on the telephone), He is in the midst of them.

With the start of Palm Sunday, we begin Holy Week of 2021! Speaking of remembering, I will always remember Holy Week of 2020, for it was a Holy Week that I largely celebrated spiritually in a solo sort of way. For outside of a small number of souls recording and assisting, I stood pretty much all alone. As we begin the Holy Week of 2021, we will be introducing congregational music and musicians, lectors, and of course ushers as we slowly head out of this pandemic time.

I feel sometimes the name “Holy Week” does not do justice to this most important week of the entire liturgical year. Growing up with parents from Europe, in Dutch, this week was referred to as the *“Goede Week”* or the *“Good Week.”* But if I were Pope for a day, I might consider changing the name of this most important week to a **“WEEK TO REMEMBER”** or even, **“A WEEK OF LOVE.”** ***To LOVE SOMEONE IN CHRISTIAN CHARITY IS TO REMEMBER THEM AND TO REMEMBER SOMEONE IS TO LOVE THEM IN CHRISTIAN CHARITY.”***

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("The Quill and the Cloth" continued...)

Just as one's wife might be deeply hurt when her birthday or anniversary is forgotten, and ***does not feel loved by the lack of remembering those sacred days of her life***; so too, ***I believe that Holy Mother Church is deeply hurt, dare I say the Savior Himself, when we do not take the time to RELIGIOUSLY REMEMBER in prayer these most sacred and solemn days of Christ's passion, suffering, death and resurrection during Holy Week.*** Can we say that simply remembering the Lord at Easter is sufficient? What about the sacrifice of the Mass that we celebrate on Holy Thursday? What about the sacrifice that we are called to remember for our sins and the sins of those around us on that sad and solemn Good Friday? There can be no Easter Sunday unless there is a Good Friday.

May this **"Holy Week,"** this **"Good Week,"** this **"Week of Loving Remembrance"** not be forgotten by our baptismal faith. May the grace that we receive by attending the Masses and services this week lead us one day to heaven and to everlasting life. **Happy Holy Week everyone!**



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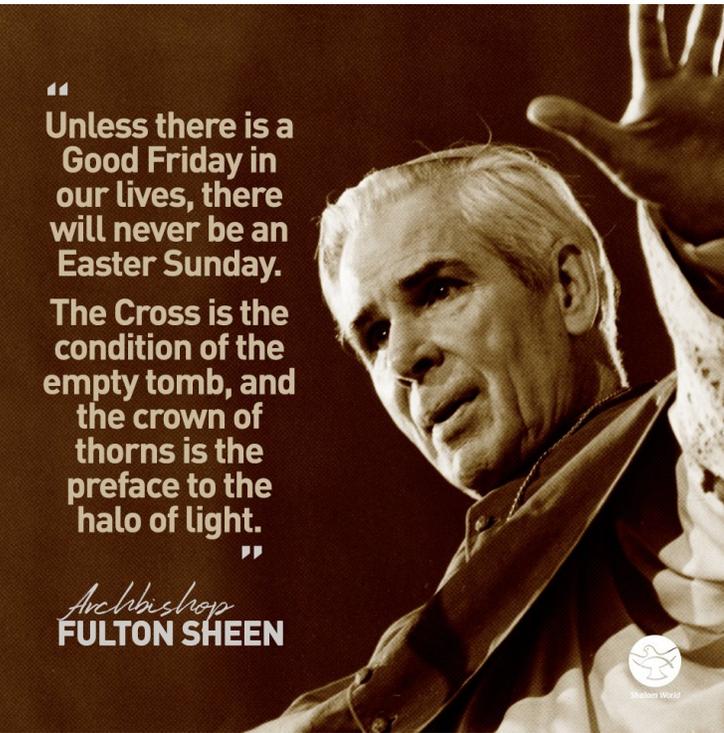


Stewardship of Gratitude
3/21/21

Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary

Adult Contributions	\$5,470.00
Electronic Giving	\$2,876.17
Plate Collection	\$125.00
Junior Collection	\$82.50
Vacation Raffle	\$100.00
Easter Flowers	\$365.00
Air Conditioning	\$1,890.00

Weekly Offering Total	\$10,908.67
<i>Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,300.00</i>	
Bridging the Gap	\$0.00
Additional Weekly Income	\$601.00
Grand Total	\$11,509.67
<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!	



Stewardship of Gratitude

This week we enter the holiest and most sacred of weeks as we celebrate Holy Week. Just as the winter is slowly passing and the buds are starting to swell, with leaves soon bursting forth; so too we are slowly coming to the close of the Fiscal Year of 2020-2021. As we close out the month of March, we are now financially coming to the final quarter of our fiscal year. It is a great blessing that we have completed our financial commitments to the Catholic School as well as the Diocese of New Ulm. Over the last few weeks we have made significant progress in our stewardship for our new air-conditioning system that was installed a short time ago.

In this final quarter, the only extra stewardship bumps is during Holy Week and the generous contributions of the faithful on the occasion of Easter. The second and final fundraiser of the year will be our Vacation Raffle that will be taking place in May, in our school gymnasium. We are already beginning to sell tickets as well as receive prizes for the silent auction. I pray that both our attendance as well as our stewardship will again be strong as we continue to do the work of the gospel and preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to our little area of the world in North Mankato! As always, thank you for your gifts!

The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 28st: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:30 am - Mass - Leon Wanzek†

10:00 am - Mass - John Drummer†

11:00 am – 5:00 pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:30 – 4:30 pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm - Evening Prayer and Solemn Benediction

Monday, March 29th: Monday of Holy Week

12:00 pm - Mass - Joe Cook†

Tuesday, March 30th: Tuesday of Holy Week

* 12:00 pm - Mass - Shirley Bishop†

Wednesday, March 31st: Wednesday of Holy Week

10:00 am - Mass at Oak Terrace - Merle Braam†

* 12:00 pm - Mass - Pearson Family

NO Faith Formation

Thursday, April 1st: Holy Thursday

7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper - Vonnie Martin

Friday, April 2nd: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

12:05 pm - Service

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross with Benediction

Saturday, April 3rd: Holy Saturday

7:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass - People of Holy Rosary

Sunday, April 4th: EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:00 am - Mass - Juliette Shamp† (*note time change)

10:00 am - Mass - Peter & Jelaine Schreiner Family†

Save the Date!



Yes, we will be bringing back our Annual Vacation Raffle after a 2-year absence, on Monday, May 17th at 6:00 P.M. So that we have a bit more room, we will be hosting this event in our school gymnasium. The evening will include FOOD, FUN, and FELLOWSHIP!

Tickets are now on sale and we have already sold a few! We also are welcoming silent auction items that are starting to trickle into the office. As we get into the month of April, we will begin in earnest to sell tickets and to encourage this great Holy Rosary get together! We hope to see you there!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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

COMPLETED Paid to Date: \$83,446.38
DUE: \$83,446.38

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

57% COMPLETED Paid to Date: \$18,695.00
Goal: \$32,866.71

Loyola Catholic School Assessment:

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

Church Air Conditioning Update:

39% COMPLETED Pd to Date: \$38,170.00
DUE: \$108,750.00

Total Paid to Date 2020-21: \$302,568.91
Apostolate stewardship for 2020-21: \$387,320.62

This week we took a another stewardship step forward as we contributed another \$3,890.00 towards our air-conditioning capital improvement. We are particularly grateful for a \$1,400.00 gift that we received this week from one of our parishioners! Thank you so much! These contributions bring us up another 4% closer to our goal. As I stated in previous bulletins, the plan is that all of our profits from our Vacation Raffle will go towards our air-conditioning fund. We still have three months to cover this basic capital improvement and I believe that it is a realistic stewardship goal. As always, thank you for your continued sharing of your stewardship gifts!



Upcoming Parish Events

- NO Faith Formation - Grades 1-9 - Wednesday, March 31st - Holy Week
- Parent/Student Confirmation Informational Meeting - Wednesday, May 5th, 6:30 pm, church
- Vacation Raffle - Monday, May 17th, 6:00pm, school gym/cafeteria (and outside, weather permitting)

SILENT AUCTION:

We are in need of Silent Auction items for the Vacation Raffle. If you have any new or gently used items you are willing to donate, please drop them off at the parish office or give Jim Theuninck a call at 345-6828. Thank you so much for your support!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Schedule for Palm Sunday

11:00am - 12:00pm

Betty Rykhus
Colleen Thompson
Ambrose Kodet
Janet Chicos

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

John & Lynn Wilson
Pat Roemhildt
Cathy Neve

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Pat & Wanda Hull
Dennis & Marge Haga
Donna Wenkel
Sherry Thul
Margaret Ayers
John & Donna Wolf

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Brenda Voracek
Diane McConnell
Gary & Yvonne Lager
Bob & Barb Wegscheid
Michelle Ellingworth
Curt & Donna Stanke

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Sandee Lindmeier
Jim & Sharon Theuninck
Frank & Beverly Boys
Sharon Lenz

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Terri Compton
Dennis & Janelle Eggersdorfer
Brian Eggersdorfer
Sandee Lindmeier
Steve & Shelly Bauer
Ann Michels



This Sunday –Palm Sunday A Time for Palms and Prayers!

As I have written and spoken about in the past few weeks, in addition to the three weekend Masses for Palm Sunday, after the close of the 10:00 A.M. Mass, I will have a formal exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you to those of you who have officially signed up to spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament. However, even if you have not signed up for a particular time, I hope that you and your household might do something so appropriate on this high holy day by still coming to church and spending some time to pray. What are we praying for you ask? We are praying for a return to the faith, not only because of this time of pandemic, but also for all of the past years when so many parishioners and people have remained Catholic only in name. So many times the faithful will comment both in recent days as well as decades; “Boy, there was not a lot of people in church!” Of course that is only a comment, but it is not a moment of conversion or evangelization. No, I think we need to pray more than ever for our loved ones, our beloved parishioners, neighbors and friends who have so casually excused themselves from the practice of the faith. Yet, these same people still often hope and believe in heaven.

Beginning at 3:30 P.M. I will be hearing individual confessions in the cry-room. We will close with a formal evening prayer and Benediction at 5:00 P.M. I overheard someone recently walking out of the church and saying: “What is this Benediction that the priest is talking about?” Simply put, Benediction is not the blessing from an ordained priest through the power of the sacrament that He received at the time of ordination — BENEDICTION IS THE ACTUAL BLESSING FROM CHRIST THE LIVING BREAD THAT IS PLACED IN THE MONSTRANCE. I would think that if we were truly believers in the Holy Eucharist, we would have to set speakers and chairs outside on this occasion if we *truly* believed this! Is anything you will be doing this Sunday afternoon *truly* more important and higher priority than this???

- Father



Renovation Report



As I write this on Monday, we are moving ahead on our interior plans for the installation of the canvas murals in both the sanctuary and the four niches of the four corners of the church where the statues reside. By the time you read this, the work in the sanctuary should also be completed. This past Monday, I received a call from our artist indicating that the artwork is completed and will be installed on Tuesday. What a wonderful piece of providence and almost a little miracle that these permanent decorations will be installed at a perfect time — the start of Holy Week with the celebration of Palm Sunday.

The picture above is of St. Joseph, who has been touched up, repairing a few small nicks he had incurred over the past 70 years. The statue was also cleaned and then a fresh coat of sealer was put on him. St. Joseph looks like a brand new statue, but still with that beautiful old world look. The statue of the Blessed Mother is also in the studio, as they are working on her halo. She is also being cleaned and will get a fresh coat of sealer. They are still such beautiful pieces of art and beautiful inspirations of faith.

All that remains to be done is finding some low maintenance plants for the planters on the main entrance and installation of the stone statue of St. Mary in our church sign area. The statue has arrived, but we are presently waiting for an installer to make this happen.

This will be the last “Renovation Report” for some time. Thank you again for all of your generous donations both in the present and the past to help improve and beautify our beautiful parish church. As always, thank you for gifts! Happy Holy Week!



Faith Formation



Faith Formation Update

Our Faith Formation program is winding down for the academic year. There are actually only THREE sessions remaining:

Wednesday April 14th – Grades 1-5 – 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday April 21st - Grades 6-9 – 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday April 28th -All Grades 1-9 - 6:30 P.M.
(Closing Session and Celebration!)

Parents with students in grades 8-9 will be sent a letter at the close of April, reminding them of our Kick-Off Meeting for Confirmation for the fall term. All students are EQUALLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE FINAL SESSION, PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT WILL BE ENTERING GRADES 9 AND 10 IN THE FALL, ALONG WITH THEIR PARENTS AND FAMILIES!

There were no clear directions for pastors when trying to lead your flock through a pandemic. But if there is one thing that we did seem to get right this past year was to hold these weekly gatherings of “Liturgy and Lessons” for grades 1-9.

PARENTS: CAN I ASK A FAVOR OF YOU? SINCE YOUR CHILDREN ARE BACK IN SCHOOL, BRING THEM TO MASS. IF THEY CAN BE 8 HOURS IN A SCHOOL BUILDING, CERTAINLY THEY CAN COME FOR AN HOUR OF WORSHIP ON THE WEEKENDS. JUST AS STUDENTS FALL BEHIND ACADEMICALLY WHEN THEY ARE NOT IN THE CLASSROOM, SO TOO CHILDREN AND ADULTS FALL BEHIND SPIRITUALLY IF THEY DO NOT TAKE HOLY COMMUNION IN THEIR HAND AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK. The bottom line is that we all want to get to heaven and the Lord who we claim that we believe was the Son of God told us that we need the Holy Eucharist. ***“Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life within you!” (St. John 6:53)***



HOLY WEEK/EASTER

Ministry Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 1st Mass at 7:00 pm

Lector: Mary Clare Wyrowski

Eucharistic Ministers: Brenda Voracek, Karen Winters

Ushers: Dan & Jacob Voracek

Music Ministry: Kathy Jo Johns/Michael Stiemel

Altar Server: Jonathan Hull

Good Friday, April 2nd Service at 12:05 pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom & Mary Clare Wyrowski

Ushers: Gary & Mary Zellmer,

Music Ministry: Tom Bachmann/Michael Steimel

Stations of the Cross & Benediction at 7:00 pm

Altar Server: Jonathan Hull

Easter Vigil, April 3rd at 7:00 pm

Lectors: Mary Clare Wyrowski, Brian Eggersdorfer

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat & Wanda Hull

Altar Server: Jonathan Hull

Ushers: Steve & Barb Enderle

Music Ministry: Tom Bachmann/Janelle Campeau

Easter Sunday, April 4th

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:00 am Maxine Davis, Terri Compton

10:00 am Darlene Schorn, Sherry Henrickson

Ushers:

8:00 am Arlyce Anderson, Sharon Lenz

10:00 am Blaine & Teresa Kolstad

Music Ministry:

8:00 am Corinne OrtJ/Kurt Schroeder

10:00 am Kathy Jo Johns/ Vicki Galli

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, Ruth Fitterer, Steve Fitterer, Dave Neubert, Betty Goettlicher, Anne Doyle, Kathy Fredrickson, Jerry Winters, Kimberly Wegscheid, Karen Etzell, Nancy Elibert, Cindy Gawrych, Marion Giefer, Mary Lou Sahli, Julie Steinbach Lowe, Joan Karpinsky, Marilyn Rieff, Lester Kopp, Mary Haley

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	Gregg & Laurie Cottingham
Tuesday	Dawn Baumberger
Wednesday	Shirley Williams
Thursday	Dana & Suzy Henricksen
Friday	Paul Butzer
Saturday	Joseph & Kim Enz
Sunday	Kimberly Brown



For Those in the Military

Nick Blace	Matt McGraw	William Backes
Jared Hiniker	Christopher Schmidt	Ben Barsness
Dana Schiller	Anna Drummer	Timothy Eick
Mark Hansen		

This Week's Readings

Mon: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11 (257)
 Tues: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 (258)
 Weds: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25 (259)
 Thurs: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15 (39)
 Fri: Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42 (40)
 Pss Prop
 Sat: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7 (41) Pss Prop
 Sun: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 (42) or Mk 16:1-7 (41)

Council of Catholic Women News



Holy Rosary C.C.W. will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, April 6th, at 6:30 pm in Conference Room 1.



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.*

Pedal Past Poverty

Partners for Affordable Housing will be having their annual "Pedal Past Poverty," a family-friendly, stationary bike race, on Saturday, April 24th, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, outside in the parking lot of the Blue Earth County building on the corner of Fourth and Jackson St. Holy Rosary would like to have a team again this year. Each team is asked to raise \$1,000.00. If you would be like to be on Holy Rosary's team this year, call Arlyce Anderson at 317-0617. If you would like to donate, your gift may be left at the parish office. Make checks payable to: Pedal Past Poverty. All funds raised support Mankato's two homeless shelters, the Theresa House and the Welcome Inn. Join today and get in on this FUN and FAMILY FRIENDLY activity!



Watch your thoughts: they become words.
Watch your words: they become actions.
Watch your actions: they become habit.
Watch your habits: they become character.
Watch your character: it becomes your destiny.

- Lao Tzu



LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

This year, Loyola is live-streaming many of our events for you to enjoy from the comfort of your home! Check out basketball games, school meetings, and various school events: <https://vimeo.com/loyolacatholicschool>

Admissions/Enrollment: Applications are open for the 2021-2022 school year! Apply now on our website: www.loyolacatholicschool.org to ensure your student has a spot at Loyola next year.

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.

**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 holyroarynorthmankato.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!



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 Sanctuary Light Intention:
Barbara Clyne†

