



# Holy Rosary Catholic Church

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## April 18, 2021

3rd Sunday of Easter



**Rev. Paul van de Crommert**  
Pastor

## the Quill and the Cloth

***“While they were still speaking about this, He stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. The He said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” And as he said this He showed them His hands and His feet.”***

**-St. Luke**

Happy Easter! The Holy Scriptures are so believable if for no other reason that they are so human. As I stated in my homily on Easter, that while the story of that first Easter is told in various ways, there are two details the 4 Gospels all agree upon. The first is that Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early on that first Easter morning. The second major point that all four evangelists agree upon is that, from the disciples to those devoted to the Divine Savior, many doubted and disbelieved that one could rise from the dead.

On this Third Sunday of Easter, we again hear of one of the post-resurrection stories in which the Lord appears to His disciples. That human element of doubt and disbelief is once again front and center in this story. As the Lord appears to them (*apparently in the flesh as he has flesh and bones, feet and hands and even eats some baked fish*), they are not only startled and scared, but they seriously take the negative road and say ***“WHOA, THERE STANDS BEFORE US A SCARY GHOST!”*** They could have said something more positive and responded with words such as: ***“WOW, THE SON OF GOD HAS COME BACK FROM THE DEAD!”***

What might be the spiritual lesson that St. Luke is trying to teach His listeners? I believe the Good News lessons are multiple. One of the strong spiritual messages St. Luke is trying to teach every generation that has read this passage for the past 2,000 years is that **IT SEEMS TO BE IN OUR HUMAN NATURE OR D.N.A. TO BE NEGATIVE, EVEN WHEN THE NICEST THING APPEARS TO US OUT OF NOWHERE!** Not only is this the case with Christ and the resurrection, but throughout the ordinary reality of our day to day lives.

For example, if you are like me, you have had the experience of buying an expensive gift for someone.

Rather than the person responding in a positive and happy manner, their weak humanity and negativity take over as they say, *“I cannot accept this! This was way too expensive. You are going to have to return it.”* Or, in the priesthood, this next one happens quite often. You reach out to someone who is in need in the spirit of true Christian and Catholic charity. Rather than that family or individual being grateful, they instead question your motives with the question, *“Why are you being so nice? What do you want?”* How does that expression go again? Oh, that’s right! *“No good deed goes unpunished!”*

I am sure there are lots of psychological reasons why we tend to lean towards the negative when something new or a new experience enters our life. But the writer of this column is not a psychologist, but simply a parish priest and pastor. I am not well enough versed on the psychological, but a bit more in the realm of the spiritual. That being said, I think we have gotten so good at being negative in the face of anything positive, because we are all the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve and still scarred by original sin. So, how do we get over the negative attitudes with an aptitude for the positive?



I recently came across an article from the Huffington Post by Renee Jain that I found most practical and certainly appropriate for this particular passage of the sacred Scripture when the souls who saw the risen Savior negatively saw a spiritual ghost rather than the risen Son of God! The article is entitled, *Why It’s So Easy to Be Negative (and What to Do About It)*. The article goes on to say that the reason humans tend to lean so often towards the negative versus the positive is not because we are the children of Adam and Eve, but more so because of ancestral evolution. *(I am not sure if I completely agree with that theory!)*

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

But what I liked about the article was some practical ways we might become more POSITIVE when we encounter the practical realities of our human life. The following is an excerpt from the article:

**1. Savor the good stuff.** Studies from the field of neuroscience indicate that, while negative events may be seared into your mind almost instantly, it takes 5 to 20 seconds to emotionally absorb positive events. When something positive happens in your life, stop and take several moments to bask in the joy of the event. Extend your positive experience with your senses; explore what you feel, hear, smell, touch, and see.

**2. Express gratitude.** Keep a gratitude journal and write down three good things every day that happened during the preceding 24-hour period. Writing down the good stuff can help you stay attuned to those things for longer periods of time. When something positive happens, celebrate! Give yourself permission to recognize the small victories of life, even when they seem mundane.

**3. Tune out for a while.** In the news business, they say, "If it bleeds, it leads," because negative events attract a greater audience. While it's great to stay informed, it is not necessary to consume negative news all the time. Try taking a 24 to 48 hour break from the news, and stick to headlines only, or research some good, hopeful news to balance your intake of current events.

**4. Make accurate judgments.** Part and parcel of the negativity bias is overestimating threats. Mother Nature would rather have us perceive something as more dangerous than it is so we react promptly. Rationally dissecting every instance in which we feel threatened isn't always realistic, but it is possible to neutralize this cognitive distortion. Give yourself a few minutes to distance yourself from what happened, and try to remain accurate in your interpretation of challenging events. Whether it is a performance evaluation or disagreement with your spouse, gather all of the data points, negative and positive, before making a judgment.

Have a safe and positive week! Oh yes, and Happy Easter!!!



Rev. Paul van de Crommert  
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**Stewardship of Gratitude**  
**4/11/21**

**Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary**

<b>Adult Contributions</b>	\$4,238.00
<b>Electronic Giving</b>	\$3,835.28
<b>Plate Collection</b>	\$107.00
<b>Junior Collection</b>	\$31.00
<b>Vacation Raffle</b>	\$1,300.00
<b>Easter Collection</b>	\$1,895.00
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<b>Weekly Offering Total</b>	<b>\$11,406.28</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>\$2,048.44</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$13,454.72</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!**

**Stewardship of Gratitude**

I have been reviewing our contributions for Easter over the past several years with the administrator. Five years ago, in the Fiscal Year of 2015-2016, the parish had taken in for Easter \$12,905.00. This year, to date, we have taken in for Easter a total of \$10,131.00, or a decrease from four years ago by about 22%. In recent years, we have seen a decrease in the Easter offerings, even before the pandemic. As I reported last week in this column, even the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has had to decrease his budget by a whopping 60 million dollars due to the decline in income. No doubt, this darn Covid-19 has played a part in the decrease in some of the numbers of stewardship. The loss of faith has had a larger decrease in stewardship as well. Most likely, if you are reading this, you are concerned or interested in stewardship and are a generous giver to Holy Rosary. So, perhaps I am preaching to the choir on this one. If you have not given for Easter, it is not too late. If you have given but could have given more, it is also not too late. And as always, thank you for your gifts!

## The Week Ahead

**\*\*Please note the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after any daily Mass and after Mass on the weekend.\*\***

### Monday, April 19th: Easter Weekday

**9:00 am - Mass** - Gene Nordby† (\*note time change)

### Tuesday, April 20th: Easter Weekday

Private Mass - Lorraine Farm†

### Wednesday, April 21st: [Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church]

**10:00 am - Mass at Oak Terrace** - Pearson Family

**Faith Formation Mass - Grades 6-9- 6:30 pm - Church**  
- Bob Ryan†

### Thursday, April 22nd: Easter Weekday

**12:00 pm - Mass** - Teresa Schwartz Family

### Friday, April 23rd: [Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr]

**12:00 pm - Mass** - Peter & Jelaine Schriener Family

### Saturday, April 24th: [Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr]

**11:00 am - Joe Galli Memorial Mass**

**5:00 pm - Mass** - Mickey Meyert†

### Sunday, April 25th: 4th Sunday of Easter

**8:30 am - Mass** - Gina Sandbot†

**10:00 am - Mass** - People of Holy Rosary Parish



### Ministry Schedule April 24th & 25th

#### Lector:

**5:00 pm** Cindy Gawrych

**8:30 am** Linda Olson

**10:00 am** John Holden

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

**5:00 pm** Jim Theuninck, Jane Younge

**8:30 am** Terri Compton, Sharon Lenz

**10:00 am** Ryan Howe, Karen Winters

#### Ushers:

**5:00 pm** Steve & Barb Enderle

**8:30 am** Bill Cahalan, Arlyce Anderson

**10:00 am** Bob Wegscheid, Doug Helget

#### Music Ministry:

**5:00 pm** Michael Steimel/Tom Bachmann

**8:30 am** Michael Steimel/Julie Gruber

**10:00 am** Vicki Galli/Jenny Chelstrom

### 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.):

**65% COMPLETED** Paid to Date: \$21,470.00  
Goal: \$32,866.71

Loyola Catholic School Assessment:

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

Church Air Conditioning Update:

**53% COMPLETED** Pd to Date: \$57,445.00  
DUE: \$108,750.00

**Total Paid to Date 2020-21: \$312,143.91**  
**Apostolate stewardship for 2020-21: \$387,320.62**

Well, this week we hit a bit of a stewardship milestone, as we broke the half-way mark for our new air-conditioning system, at 53%. Now, we can begin to make the descent down the mountain and hopefully recover the remaining monies before the close of the Fiscal Year at the end of June. At this point, we have about ten weeks to make this a reality. I have shared with the office that our whole focus now is on covering this air-conditioning bill. We do not have any more major expenses to cover in the parish at this time, except for the ordinary expenses of salaries, utilities, etc. In addition, we will be contributing all the profits from the Vacation Raffle towards this air-conditioning project upgrade. (*Hint! Hint! Have you bought your Vacation Raffle tickets yet? We still have a good number for sale! Stop by the parish office this week!*) Even though we are still partially in this pandemic, we are doing pretty well. As always, thank you for your gifts!

### 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!



## Vacation Raffle May 17, 2021

We have already sold more than 50% of our Vacation Raffle tickets and we are still 5 weeks away from the event! (It seems to me that folks are ready for a faith-based fundraiser!)

Please call the parish office for tickets. We will also be selling tickets at the weekend Masses! This year we will be having Truffles' turkey dinner with all of the trimmings (*NOT chicken as previously stated*). We will also have a Silent Auction, and we are receiving lots of great items, but we **WELCOME MORE ITEMS IN THE WEEKS AHEAD!**

The Vacation Raffle is a great time for **FOOD, FELLOWSHIP and FUN!** Because of the nature of this fundraiser, we only are able to sell a total of 200 tickets. In the years past, there were disappointed parishioners who thought that they could buy tickets at the last minute, but we were all sold out. So, I would encourage you to purchase your tickets sooner than later as they are again selling briskly. This year, we will be gathering in our school gymnasium which will be a bigger place to spread out. I am hoping that by the middle of May, masks will be optional! We hope to see many of you there!

## Thought For the Week

One encounter with Jesus Christ  
is enough to change you,  
instantly, forever.

Luis Palau

BrainyQuote

## K. of C. Council #5551 News

April 20 - Tent Crew Party, 6:30pm  
April 22 - General Meeting  
April 23-24 - Tootsie Roll Fundraiser  
May 1 - Highway Clean-up  
May 20 - KC Blood Drive - Belgrade Ave. United  
Methodist Church



## Upcoming Parish Events

- **Faith Formation - Grades 6-9 - Wednesday, April 21st, 6:30 pm, Church**
- **Memorial Mass for Joe Galli - Saturday, April 24th, 11:00 am, Church**
- **Final Faith Formation Gathering - Grades 1-9 - Wednesday, April 28th, 6:30 pm**
- **Parent/Student Confirmation Informational Meeting - Wednesday, May 5th, 6:30 pm, church**
- **CCW Mother's Day Plant Sale - Friday, May 7th - Sunday, May 9th, Grant Ave. - South Parking Area**
- **Vacation Raffle - Monday, May 17th, 6:00pm, school gym/cafeteria (and outside, weather permitting)**
- **Memorial Mass for Kathleen Dehning - Friday, June 25th, 11:00 am, Church**



## C.C.W. Mother's Day Plant & Pie Sale - Calling All Green Thumbs!

The C.C.W. will be holding their annual Mother's Day Plant Sale on Friday, May 7th, and Saturday, May 8th. The sale will also be open Sunday, May 9th, after the morning Masses. It will be located in the north parking area on Grant Ave. (look for the tent!) In addition to plants, there will be a variety of tasty pies available for sale - just in time for dinner with mom on Mother's Day!

There will be a variety of plants for sale from a local nursery, but we would ask **ANYONE with extra perennials, house plants, garden seedlings, etc. to consider donating them to the sale.** We have plastic containers available if you need them. Also, if you have extra plastic pots you no longer use, we would like those as well. Please bring these items to the parish office during our regular business hours. Thank you!





### Pray for a New Bishop

We in the Diocese of New Ulm continue to patiently wait for the appointment of our new bishop, which most likely be several more months. We anticipate the new bishop for our Diocese will be named later in 2021.

In the meantime, let us continue to pray that God will bless us with a holy and committed cleric to lead our ever-shrinking Diocese of New Ulm both in parishes and people practicing the faith. Let us pray...

*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 Housing will be having their annual "Pedal Past Poverty," a family-friendly, stationary bike race, on Saturday, April 24th, from 11:00 am to 4:00 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. 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!

### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest." (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2) As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries, consecrated life in all its forms, secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life. 2021 is the **58th Anniversary** of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.



### Faith Formation

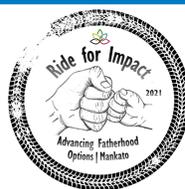


### Faith Formation - Home Stretch!

This Wednesday on April 14<sup>th</sup>, grades 6-9 will be gathering at 6:30 P.M. in church. The following Wednesday, grades 1-9 will gather for "Liturgy and Lessons" also at 6:30 P.M for our FINAL SESSION on Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> !

**Wednesday April 21<sup>st</sup> - Grades 6-9 – 6:30 P.M.**  
**Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup> -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 AS WELL AS THOSE WHO WILL BE ENTERING GRADES 9 AND 10 IN THE FALL, ALONG WITH THEIR PARENTS AND FAMILIES!**



### Options for Women - Ride For Impact Fundraiser

Calling all motorcycle, car, trike, rat rods, custom performance, and 4X4 enthusiasts of all kinds ... join us at the Ride for Impact as *Options for Women Mankato* launches their newest program to support fatherhood. The event is Saturday, May 22nd at 9:00 am at Unique Specialty & Classic Cars (formerly Lowe's) parking lot. The cost is \$20.00 per vehicle. For more information go to: [supportoptionsmankato.com/ride-for-impact](http://supportoptionsmankato.com/ride-for-impact).



### SINCERE SYMPATHY

**To the families of Mary Haley† and Julie Lowe†.**  
*- May they rest in peace.*



### Crusader Golf Classic

Monday, May 17, 2021, Mankato Golf Club. This event is a four-person scramble golf event friendly enough for the weekend golfer but challenging enough for the competitive player! The event includes great golf, numerous games and prizes, and a fun-filled day on the course. All proceeds support Loyola's scholarship fund! Register now at [www.crusadergolfclassic.com](http://www.crusadergolfclassic.com)!

### Rockin' on the Hill

Saturday, July 17, 2021, on Good Counsel Hill. Save the date for Mankato's premier summer bash, supporting Loyola Catholic School! Gates open at 5pm. Rockin' on the Hill is an annual music festival featuring great live music, food trucks, traveling boutiques and more! For additional information visit [www.rockinonthehill.com](http://www.rockinonthehill.com) and follow us on Facebook @rockinonthehill \*We will be adhering to COVID-19 guidelines, watch our website for updates.

### Alumni news

Thanks to the generous support of our families, parishes, alumni, and friends, Loyola awarded more than \$500,000 in tuition assistance scholarships this school year! The Loyola community believes that access to the life-changing benefits of a Catholic education should never be prohibited by financial hardship. Thank you for helping us welcome more students to your parish school! **Admissions/Enrollment**

Preschool Spotlight: 5 Half Day Preschool - Hours: 8am-11am, Monday - Friday This half day program is designed for children who are ready to experience more in a school setting. Appropriately designed curriculum is tailored to fit and nurture the needs of 4-5 year old children. Children will be introduced to experiences in problem-solving, critical thinking, and reasoning. We provide opportunities to grow in all areas of development: physical, linguistic, social, emotional, and mental. Academics focus on handwriting, math, alphabet, and library time. Outside time, phy-ed are also part of the curriculum. **\*Children must be 4 years old by September 1\*** For more information, please contact Kerstyn Cafarelli at [admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org) or 507-386-5399

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

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



**This Week's Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
*Merle Braam†*

## 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, Joan Karpinsky, Marilyn Rieff, Lester Kopp, Bob Meyer, Marge & Dennis Haga

**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

<b>Monday</b>	John & Tracie Huiras
<b>Tuesday</b>	Philip & Janet Larson
<b>Wednesday</b>	Bill Fasnacht
<b>Thursday</b>	Gerald & Shirleen Gulden
<b>Friday</b>	Margaret Goettlicher
<b>Saturday</b>	Randy & Gale Wersal
<b>Sunday</b>	Kevin Ling



### 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		

### 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:	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29 (273)
Tues:	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35 (274)
Weds:	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40 (275)
Thurs:	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51 (276)
Fri:	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59 (277)
Sat:	Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69 (278)
Sun:	Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18 (50) Pss IV