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May 23, 2021 Pentecost Sunday



**Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor**

the Quill and the Cloth

“When the time of Pentecost was fulfilled, they were in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.”

- First Reading from the Acts of Apostles



Happy Pentecost! I would think that by now you would know after all these years what the word *Pentecost* really means, and no, it does not have anything really to do with the Holy Spirit. The word *Pentecost* comes from a Greek

word which looks and sounds almost the same as the word we use today. The word is *Pentekoste* and, in Greek, it literally means *Fifty*.

In the Old Testament, there was also a celebration of *Pentekoste* or the *Fiftieth Day* that, for the Jewish people, was known through the Feast of Weeks or also known as the Feast of the Harvest. This *Fiftieth Day* celebration was in honor of the first fruits of the spring grain harvest that occurred 50 days after the Passover.

While many of us might neither know, nor maybe have an interest in, the history behind this holy word of *Pentecost*; we come to the Holy Eucharist this weekend to celebrate the **FIFTIETH DAY AFTER CHRIST ROSE FROM THE DEAD ON EASTER MORNING**. For the ancient Jewish people, 50 was a very special number. When a Jewish family in biblical times had owned land for 50 years, the 50th year was called in Hebrew, *Yovel*. From this word comes the Latin, and later the English word, that we know as *Jubilee*.

We still today celebrate *Yovel*, *Jubilee*, *Pentekoste*, or *Pentecost*, if not always with spiritual enthusiasm, then with secular enthusiasm. For example, when we were young and we were given, perhaps on our birthday, a Kennedy fifty-cent piece, it was a cause for celebration. For many people, when they turn 50, it is a

watershed celebration. In the Netherlands, turning 50 is always a cause for a family gathering and party and this was still the case in this country with our family when the writer of this column turned his personal odometer over to 50. Within marriage, when someone celebrates their 50th wedding anniversary, we refer to it in relation to the most valuable of metals, namely *gold*. A 50th wedding anniversary is still often referred to today as the couple's *Golden Wedding Anniversary*.

Certainly, when we come to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, we are celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles through the forms of wind and fire. This is certainly a cause for celebration, as the Third Person of the Most Holy Trinity is fully revealed to the Apostles and the young Church. But the Feast of Pentecost is also celebrating in large part, that after all of the events of the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ, the multiple appearances of the newly arisen Messiah, and the miracles as well as the sufferings of the Apostles for proclaiming Christ risen, the young Church is still alive and well, and have made it to that momentous 50th day!

To celebrate Pentecost is certainly to celebrate the long-awaited presence of the Holy Spirit through wind and fire. At the same time, the celebration of Pentecost is also perhaps that the Apostles and the Blessed Mother first endured another 50 days. ***Endurance of the faith is certainly a cause for celebration.*** No doubt those 50 days may have seemed like a lifetime to those early leaders of the Christian faith, in relationship to all those deeply profound spiritual events that still are shaping our Church today.

There is cause for celebration in this month of May, as it appears that the worst of this pandemic may be behind us. This past Monday we held our annual Vacation Raffle, and it was quite something to see that we had a gym full of people without any masks visible. ***When you think back, those of us who have been members of the Church for over the past 50 years, have endured so much spiritually — from pandemics to a pile of other problems, from scandals and sufferings, from lawsuits and litigation, from the closing of institutions to our own intimate members of our immediate family closing their heart to the Catholic faith and attendance at Mass. But like the Apostles and the Blessed Mother on that 1st Pentecost, 50 days after the resurrection, WE ARE STILL HERE AND WE***

STILL BELIEVE! That is still a cause for celebration! So, I will say it once again! Happy Pentecost to all of you who believe in the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit! Have a great week!



Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor

Stewardship of Gratitude

This past week was a good week to belong to Holy Rosary parish in North Mankato. From God’s house to our Holy Rosary gym, we are seeing some pretty good crowds gathering. Last weekend, Mass attendance both at the 5:00 P.M. Mass as well as the 10:00 A.M. Mass were starting to reach towards a pre-pandemic normal. That is certainly a sight for sore eyes. It was equally good to see so many, about 75% of the congregation comfortable not wearing a mask, making the responses and the singing so much stronger! (**However, if you have not been vaccinated or have an underlying health condition, you are still asked to wear a mask at this time.*)

And while attendance is increasing, stewardship seems to continually stay strong. Again, this week we were able to break budget and also we were able to again pay \$10,100.00 towards our air-conditioning unit. (**A couple of you have mentioned that you would like it warmer in church. Others have told me that it is just right, and even a couple of you have said it could be cooler. Just as a married couple cannot decide in their own home on either temperature or the volume control of the television, try keeping it “perfect” for a couple thousand parishioners. If you are too cold, bring a sweater. But if you are too hot, dress lighter, but don’t undress! Ha!)* And with all kidding aside, thank you for your gifts!



Stewardship of Gratitude
5/16/21

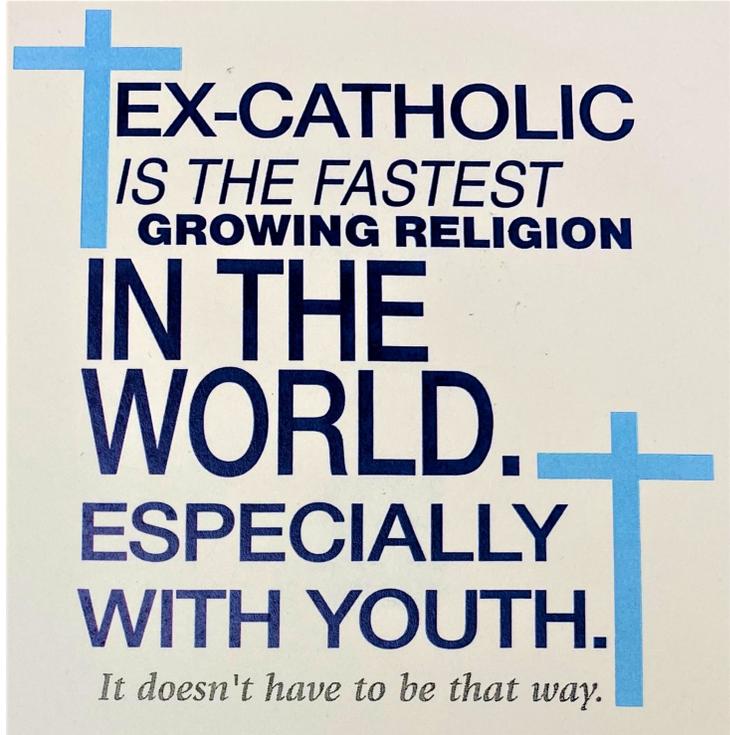
Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary

Adult Contributions	\$9,554.00
Electronic Giving	\$2,476.34
Plate Collection	\$122.00
Junior Collection	\$66.75
Vacation Raffle - Returned prizes	\$700.00
Vacation Raffle Tickets	\$150.00
Raffle/Silent Auction	\$1,472.00

Weekly Offering Total	\$14,541.09
<i>Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,300.00</i>	
Bridging the Gap	\$0.00
Additional Weekly Income	\$1,559.35
Grand Total	\$16,100.44
<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



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WITH YOUTH.**

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**Memorial Day Mass at
Calvary**

On Monday, May 31st, at 8:45 am, there will be a Mass at Calvary Cemetery for Memorial Day to remember all who have passed from this life. All are welcome to come. Father Andrew Whiting from Sts. Peter and Paul will be the celebrant. **There will also be a Memorial Day Mass at 9:00 am at Holy Rosary.**

The Week Ahead

Monday, May 24th: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

12:00 pm - Mass - Gina Sandbo†

7:00 pm - Pastoral Council Meeting - Conf Rm 1

Tuesday, May 25th: [Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin]

Private Mass - Jerry Nelson†

Wednesday, May 26th: Saint Philip Neri, Priest

10:00 am - Mass @ Oak Terrace - Clair Huettl†

12:00 pm - Mass - Dean Anthony Johnson†

Thursday, May 27th: [Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop]

12:00 pm - Mass - Dave & Judy Braam†

Friday, May 28th: Weekday

10:00 am - Mass @ Monarch Meadows - Fuller Family

Saturday, May 29th: [Saint Paul VI, Pope; BVM]

5:00 pm - Mass - Mildred Weingartz†

Sunday, May 30th: The Most Holy Trinity

8:30 am - Mass - People of Holy Rosary Parish

10:00 am - Mass - Valerie Twomey†

(Please note the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after any daily Mass as well as following all of the Masses on the weekend.**)**

Ministry Schedule May 29th & 30th



Lector:

5:00 pm Cindy Gawrych

8:30 am Cathy Neve

10:00 am Nancy Holden

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm Pat & Wanda Hull

8:30 am Arlyce Anderson, Sharon Lenz

10:00 am Curt & Donna Stanke

Ushers:

5:00 pm Dan Voracek, Jacob Voracek

8:30 am Gary & Mary Zellmer

10:00 am Blaine & Teresa Kolstad

Music Ministry:

5:00 pm Vicki Galli/Tom Bachmann

8:30 am N/A

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: \$21,720.00
Goal: \$32,866.71

Loyola Catholic School Assessment:

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

Church Air Conditioning Update:

87% COMPLETED Pd to Date: \$94,465.00
DUE: \$108,750.00

Total Paid to Date 2020-21: \$351,788.91
Apostolate stewardship for 2020-21: \$387,320.62

We have about five more weekends remaining before we bring a close to our Fiscal Year of 2020-2021. At this point, I have every confidence that WE WILL COMPLETE THE COST OF THE NEW AIR-CONDITIONING UNIT by the close of the present fiscal year at the end of June.

This week we contributed another \$10,100.00 to the cause of our air-conditioning. We have now covered 87% of the total cost with some 13% remaining to be covered over the next five weeks. I believe that we can realistically get this accomplished.

As we look ahead to the months of summer and a new Fiscal Year of 2021-2022, we are in need of repairing the foundation of the south side handicapped entrance that was installed at the time that the elevator was constructed back around the 1980's. Unfortunately, the greenhouse addition, that were set on pilings, are sinking, and for that reason we have been having trouble with getting the automatic doors open. We have removed the lintel and made some adjustments, but it will require new footings and the side glass-paneled entrance to be jacked up. This is a necessary project that will take place this summer at a cost of slightly under \$10,000.00. Another bid we had sought out was closer to \$20,000.00.

If we can find the right contactor, I am looking at the possibility of cleaning the interior stonework of the church this summer. When I arrived as pastor seven years ago, Fr. Peter was giving me a tour of the facility and had mentioned that cleaning the interior stone was

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Stewardship Corner continued...

something he had hoped to accomplish during his tenure, but that it never did take place. Over the years, many hands touching the pillars as well as moisture issues have discolored and dirtied the stone. We are still looking at possible firms to do this work and are uncertain at this time as to what the cost would be for such a project. This will be one of several topics we will be discussing with the Finance Council in our June meeting.

You have been doing another amazing job of stewardship here at Holy Rosary again this year, even in a pandemic. Know that every dollar you donate is greatly appreciated. And as always, thank you for your gifts!



Upcoming Parish Events

- **Pastoral Council Meeting** - Monday, May 24th, 7:00 pm, Conf. Rm 1
- **Memorial Day Mass** - Monday, May 31st, 9:00 am, Church
- **Communal Anointing Mass** - Monday, June 7th, 4:00 pm, Church. Catered dinner to follow.
- **Memorial Mass for Kathleen Dehning** - Friday, June 25th, 11:00 am, Church
- **Finance Council Meeting** - Monday, June 28th, 7:00 pm, Conf. Rm 1



Mass in the Park – Set for Sunday September 19th!

We are returning to our full experience of our annual “Mass in the Park,” as Holy Rosary has done for 17 years. Even last year, we were still able to celebrate an outdoor Mass and a bag lunch, although it was on our parish grounds and not in Wheeler park. But the GOOD NEWS is that we will again be in Wheeler Park, in our usual place, as we just recently reserved the space. We will again be celebrating the Mass at 10:00 A.M. with a complimentary picnic to be served following the event. Even last year, when the pandemic was raging, we estimated between 250-300 people were in attendance. Hopefully, this year we will go back to our normal 500-600 in attendance. I know it sounds like a long way off, but September 19th is only 18 weeks away. Please mark your calendars now for this fun and faith-filled day. And as always, pray for GOOD WEATHER, which we have been blessed with virtually every year in recent memory! See you then!



Vacation Raffle

It was so nice to see such a fine crowd gather in our school gymnasium this past Monday for our annual Vacation Raffle. **The fellowship and enthusiasm of the faithful was nothing short of being fantastic. It felt far less like a fundraiser and felt more like a family reunion as people were in such a need to socialize and to celebrate the freedom of masks and to make up for the lost time that we had been spending in isolation and social distancing.**

Thank you to all who volunteered for the occasion, setting up, taking down, as well as planning the event. Thank you to our administrator Jim Theuninck, who was once again the mastermind behind this year’s event. Thank you to all who donated items for the Silent Auction, as well as those that made purchases. *(*I understand that there was some confusion between the online and in person bidding. Our apologies! Hopefully this issue will all be worked out long before we have our next silent auction this fall at the time of November Fest!)*

All in all, it was a great evening and a great time to reconnect, as well as raise a few more dollars for our air-conditioning unit that is quickly being covered financially. It appears that hosting this event in the school gymnasium versus the church social hall makes much better sense, as I heard several favorable comments as I was going from table to table as pastor. Needless to say, it was a great fund-raiser both in terms of stewardship as well as sociability. And as always, thank you for your support and the sharing of your time, your talent, and your treasure.



Welcome to Holy Rosary!

Are you new to the area and would like to join our growing Holy Rosary parish family? Just go to our website, holyrosarynorthmankato.com 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!





Faith Formation



Baccalaureate Weekend

This week a letter was sent to all of our graduating seniors of Holy Rosary to let them know that we will be having a modified celebration of their great academic accomplishment of completing 12 years of education within our community of the greater Mankato area through either the Catholic or public school systems.

In honor of this achievement, we have designated the weekend of June 5th and 6th, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, as our Baccalaureate weekend. Rather than the traditional march down the main aisle in their graduation gowns as a class, we are instead inviting our graduates and their families to gather at any of the three weekend Masses on the weekend of June 5th and 6th. **At the close of the liturgy, our seniors will be invited to come forward to the altar, to receive a special blessing from the pastor and then to receive a spiritual gift to aid them on their future journeys through further education, work force, or military service.**

The following seniors that are registered members of Holy Rosary include:

Ryley Bernardy
Grace Cain
Alec Eesley
Carson Fischer
Logan Huiras
Matthew Keltgen
Faith Larsen
Emma Niederegger
Janessa Poncin
Emma Riebel
Megan Rosebauer
Madelyn Vosberg

Lauren Cahalan
Timothy Cain
Anna Egeland
Ben Griebel
Griffen Johnson
Rachel Kohlmeyer
Maya Newberry
Braeden Otto
Logan Radunz
Katie Rooney
Jonathan Verschelde
Trent Warmbold

Our congratulations to them and to all of our seniors in high school college and yes even those graduating from kindergarten! Best wishes for a future filled with good health, happiness and of course, holiness!



Parent/Student Confirmation Meeting for 2022

The year 2022 sounds like a long way off, but it is only months away as it is already next year! Can you believe it?

We had a good but not a complete response of potential students for our Confirmation program that will begin this fall in September. (We have a potential of some 35 students for Confirmation this fall if we had 100% spiritual support!) I know that it is difficult for some households to think about September and the starting of spiritual classes when we are right now just in the month of May. I also understand that there were some families who had schedule conflicts in this busy springtime of the year. However, I was most grateful to the majority of the parents and the students that were in attendance and were both attentive and responsive to the program that is beginning for their Confirmation son or daughter.

For those of you that were not in attendance, please call the parish office to schedule a time that you can come in at your convenience for an hour to review the video to meet with Father and/or the staff, to review the video and pick up the informational materials. We have again the makings of another great opportunity to grow and be formed in our faith, as our young people prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation that will make them adult members in the Catholic faith. May you all have a blessed summer and we will see you at Mass.

Attention High School Graduates!

Did you know that 80% of students stop practicing their faith at some point during college? But together we can change this! NEWMAN CONNECTION'S High School outreach program helps keep college students practicing their faith by connecting them to their local Catholic Campus Ministry at the college/University or Trade School that they are attending.

When students sign up with NEWMAN CONNECTION, their information will automatically be sent to the Catholic Campus Ministry at the college/university/trade school of their choice. The Campus Ministry can then reach out to the students upon their arrival on Campus. This has shown great success in recent years. To find out more, go to: newmanconnection.org or contact Dolores Portz at dolpor@hotmail.com. The Newman Connection is a service of the local Serra Club.



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, Marion Giefer, 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

Monday	Marian Volk
Tuesday	Erich & Heather Penkert
Wednesday	Michael & Ann Ryan
Thursday	David & Sandy Mutch
Friday	Rose Wilson
Saturday	Randy & Gale Wersal
Sunday	Dorothy Sandvig



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: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Jn 19:25-34
 Tues: Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31 (348)
 Weds: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Mk 10:32-45 (349)
 Thurs: Sir 42:15-25/Mk 10:46-52 (350)
 Fri: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Mk 11:11-26 (351)
 Sat: Sir 51:12cd-20/Mk 11:27-33 (352)
 Sun: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20 (165) Pss Prop

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 outdoor community music festival featuring great live music, food trucks, spirits, pull tabs, traveling boutiques and more! For additional information visit www.rockinonthehill.com. *We will be adhering to COVID-19 guidelines, watch our website for updates.

Lucky 20 Raffle

Fourteen days left! Details of the raffle: Grand Prize Winner \$10,000; One (1) \$5,000; One (1) \$1,000; Two (2) \$500; Fifteen (15) \$200. Winners will be drawn Monday, June 7, 2021. Need not be present to win. If you would like to support Loyola's mission by purchasing a ticket, please contact Loyola to purchase a ticket: 507-388-0600 Thank you!

Alumni news

On Sunday, May 24th, Loyola's class of 2021 will become alumni! Please keep each of them in your prayers as they graduate and move into their next phase of life. We are proud to share that all graduates will be enrolling in post-secondary education. Every dollar given to our Crusader Fund allows Loyola to provide need-based tuition assistance scholarships for our families. To help us allow even more children to discover the Loyola difference please contact Brian Thomas or Matt Fink at (507) 388-0600 or at development@loyolacatholicschool.org.

Admissions/Enrollment

Please email our admissions associate, Kerstyn Cafarelli at admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org, or call 507-386-5399 for more information or to schedule a tour.

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

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This Week's Sanctuary Light Intention:

Josephine Rooney†