



# Holy Rosary Catholic Church

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## June 13, 2021

### Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

## the Quill and the Cloth

***“Jesus said to the crowds: “This is how it is with the Kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how.”***

***-Gospel of St. Mark***



Growing up on the farm, the field crops each year produced usually about the same yields of corn and beans, unless of course there had been excessive rain, drought, or the occasional hail storm. Over the years, the yields were slowly increasing due to hybridization of the crops. There was a time a few decades ago, that 100 bushels of corn per acre was an exceptionally good yield. Today, 100 bushels per acre would almost be considered by some producers as a crop failure. For instance, today's modern combines have monitors that track how much corn is being taken in any particular area of the field. I understand in talking with some of my former parishioners, that sometimes the combine monitor will exceed 300 bushels per acre in an exceptionally perfect part of a field.

Since we had a number of fruit trees at home on the farm (*mostly apples of several varieties*), we already knew back then that some years it was a good year for apples and other years we had little or no apples at all. I am still learning in my old age about agriculture, since the fruit trees that I planted on the east side of the rectory are still teaching me things from peaches, to pears, to plums. For example, peach trees (*unlike apple trees*) are self-pollinating. Last year, I had a number of peaches, but the squirrels harvested them all by the time they were the size of an acorn. This year, there are a lot more peaches, and I learned if you put a smooth piece of metal about 3 feet high around the tree, it will keep the squirrels away, but then there will be the issue of the birds!!!

One thing I was not aware of, is that the regular deciduous trees from maples, to oaks, and many other trees in our yards and gardens have certain years when the conditions are just right and they will produce an abundance of seeds. Every few years some species of trees and shrubs (like fruit trees) also produce a bumper crop of their seeds or nuts. The collective term for this abundance

of seeds is referred to as a mast year. ***So, it has not been my imagination (or yours for that matter), that no sooner you sweep the sidewalk this year in 2021, it is again covered with an abundance of maple, elm and so many other seeds and flowers from trees. It appears that we are experiencing here in the greater Mankato area, a “mast” year!***

***As now our long list of liturgical solemnities, celebrations and seasons are past and we have returned to Ordinary Time; it seems certainly appropriate that the green vestments seem to match up with the start of this summer season, where both outside in our gardens and lawns, as well as in God's house we hear in the gospels and the other readings this week about the start of plant life from a shoot of a cedar to seeds.***

Seeds were sacred to the people of ancient times. If there were no seeds in their homes, there was no seed company, garden center, or home improvement store to run to and pick up some more seeds to plant. The lack or abundance of seeds was as fundamental as life and death. And as sacred as seeds were in biblical times, they were equally as mysterious.

I recall during my first year of major seminary, I made a private retreat at the abbey at St. John's University in Collegeville for a week as part of our spiritual formation requirement. In this private, directed retreat, I met each day with a monk who told me wonderful spiritual stories, including this particular one that I will never forget. Years earlier, he had served in a rural parish before returning to the abbey. While serving in that parish, he had met and befriended a wise old farm woman. One day when the priest stopped by her farm one spring, she was planting her garden. As they were visiting while she was planting, she asked the monk: ***“Since you are a spiritual man, explain to me that if I plant a carrot seed next to a cucumber seed, it still knows how to come up as a cucumber or a carrot?”*** The monk began to explain her question away with biology. The woman dismissed the monk's mind-numbing answer and said, ***“The reason why those seeds know how to come up the way that they do is because they were given that mysterious power from their Creator!”***

So, it seems to make sense that our Savior would use the image of seeds to explain the mysteries of salvation and this future existence we hope for in the Kingdom of God. Since I have been in junior high, I have always had some sort of garden. When I was in seventh grade, I started a sizable garden on my own and raised all

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sorts of vegetables and flowers that my Mother did not raise or want to raise. I sat on cold winter days paging through the Gurney's Seed and Nursery catalogue, calculating how I could stretch the little cash that I had to spend on seeds. *It was slightly shy of miraculous for me to plant new seeds and to see plants I had never seen before break through the soil and grow, producing fruit and flowers I had never experienced in my life.*

*In that same miraculous and natural way, I believe that is how it will be at the end of time. I believe that just as we were hidden for centuries in the mind of God before our conception and birth, and when we return to our eternal rest for ages to come; one day (if we have been faithful to Christ and His bride the Church), our souls too, like young seedlings, will begin to crack the ground from where we were planted in the earth. Miraculously, the Messiah will raise us up and we will be, in fact, that harvest of justice for the Kingdom of Heaven, and share with Him and all the holy ones in everlasting life!* Have an extra-ordinary week!



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**Thought For the Week**



*"Every child is a grain of mustard seed – at once relatively small in the scope of the world, but having within them the power to shape the very course of human existence."*  
- Anonymous

**Sanctuary Light Intentions**

We are in particular need for intentions for the Sanctuary Light that burns in the Sanctuary below the Cross. Each intention is \$5.00 for one week, and is printed in our parish bulletin. If you are willing to help in this area of spiritual stewardship, it would be greatly appreciated. Envelopes may be found in entrance areas in the church, and can be returned to the parish office or through the collection baskets. Thank you very much!




**Stewardship of Gratitude**  
**6/6/21**

**Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary**

Adult Contributions	\$10,171.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,849.70
Plate Collection	\$362.00
Junior Collection	\$24.75
Vacation Raffle	\$50.00
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<b>Weekly Offering Total</b>	<b>\$12,357.45</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>\$1,766.61</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$14,124.06</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**

Two more weekends are all that remains of our Fiscal Year of 2020-2021. As strange as the year was, as we were recovering from the sickness of the pandemic, it was also rather remarkable when it comes to stewardship. When the pandemic broke out in 2020, we all needed to make many adjustments to our lifestyle, our spiritual life, our studies, and even our stewardship. While it was all a struggle at first, we finally seemed to catch on how to do all of these things in a new and different way. I am profoundly grateful to all of you who not only contribute weekly or regularly, but also those of you who have taken up the cause by contributing through electronic giving. Personally, the first time I became an electronic giver was when I arrived as pastor here at Holy Rosary. It is amazingly easy and has made me a better and more consistent giver to the parish. Although it is a little early, as we still have two more stewardship weekends before we close the books on this present fiscal year; all I can say is these three things: 1.) THANK YOU! 2.) THANK YOU! 3.) THANK YOU!

## The Week Ahead

**Monday, June 14th: Weekday**

12:00 pm - Mass - Joe Cook†

**Tuesday, June 15th: Weekday**

12:00 pm - Mass - Bonnie Varuska†

**Wednesday, June 16th: Weekday**

No daily Mass

**Thursday, June 17th: Weekday**

No daily Mass

**Friday, June 18th: Weekday**

No daily Mass

**Saturday, June 19th: [Saint Romuald, Abbot; BVM]**

5:00 pm - Mass - Merle Braam†

**Sunday, June 20th: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am - Mass - Pearson Family

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

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



### Upcoming Parish Events

- Summer Spirituality Splash - Wednesday, June 23rd, 6:30 pm, home of Jim & Darlene Schorn, 2323 Northridge Dr., North Mankato
- Memorial Mass for Kathleen Dehning - Friday, June 25th, 11:00 am, Calvary chapel
- Finance Council Meeting - Monday, June 28th, 7:00 pm, Lower social hall
- Summer Spirituality Splash - Wednesday - July 7th, 6:30 pm, home of Pat & Karen Zenk, 16 Sarah Circle, North Mankato
- Summer Spirituality Splash - Wednesday - July 21st, 6:30 pm, home of Gary & Mary Zellmer, 1591 Sharon Dr., North Mankato
- Summer Spirituality Splash - Wednesday - August 4th, 6:30 pm, home of Bob & Barb Wegscheid, 149 Creekside Dr., Mankato
- Summer Spirituality Splash - Wednesday - August 18th, 6:30 pm, home of Blaine & Teresa Kolstad, 508 Wood Dr., Mankato
- Mass in the Park - Sunday, September 19th, 10:00 am, Wheeler Park

### 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:

COMPLETED Pd to Date: \$108,750.00  
DUE: \$108,750.00

Total Paid to Date 2020-21: \$366,073.91  
Apostolate stewardship for 2020-21: \$387,320.62

### Ministry Schedule June 19th & 20th



**Rosary Leader:**

5:00 pm Steve Enderle  
8:30 am Elmer Heirigs  
10:00 am Donna Wolf

**Lector:**

5:00 pm Brain Eggersdorfer  
8:30 am Linda Olson  
10:00 am Nancy Holden

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

5:00 pm Pat & Wanda Hull  
8:30 am Terri Compton, Arlyce Anderson  
10:00 am Mike & Diane O'Dea

**Ushers:**

5:00 pm Dan Voracek, Jacob Voracek  
8:30 am Gary & Mary Zellmer  
10:00 am Doug Helget, Bob Wegscheid

**Music Ministry:**

5:00 pm Michael Steimel/Jenny Chelstrom  
8:30 am Kurt Schroeder/Tom Bachmann  
10:00 am Vicki Galli/Julie Gruber



## Recorded Masses are Roaring to an End

We have received word from the Diocesan leadership that on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, Catholics will once again be under the obligation to attend one Mass each weekend. (\*Please read this week's insert)

For many of us as priests and pastors, we welcome this decision by our bishops. For as people are able to travel, vacation attend sporting events, attend school and work, should we not also be able to live out our Catholic faith for an hour with the celebration of Holy Mass each weekend?



**June 27th will be the final Mass that we will record at Holy Rosary.** This has been a big undertaking week in and week out for nearly a year and a half. The parish spent a sizable amount of money at first to hire a videographer during those first months of the pandemic. Later, through the efforts of our parish office administrator Cindy, we were able to record the Masses ourselves with an amazingly good quality.

Since we started recording, we have had over 16,300 views. I noticed some Masses from a year ago are approaching 1,000 views, for just one Mass. My intention at this point, is to leave those Masses up indefinitely. Recording the Masses was of course a good solution to a spiritual problem when people from the parishes could not practice the faith. **But, with the passing of the pandemic, it is time to return to the Mass and to the sacraments in which we were baptized and which we have professed every Sunday that we believe.**

Don't forget that this summer we are having five outdoor neighborhood liturgies in which anyone from the parish is invited. (Please check the bulletin for further details.) As the Lord went out to the people, so too this priest and pastor is trying to do the same.



### 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](http://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!



## "In the Neighborhood" Summer Spirituality Splash: Five Summer Gatherings!

Recently at a pastoral council meeting, the council discussed the ongoing topic of evangelization. I proposed a series of outdoor liturgies in various parts of the greater Mankato area, which the council supported. Pope Francis had reminded his priests early in his pontificate to take on the "smell of the sheep." While serving in the country of Argentina, the future Pope would offer Masses and spiritual gatherings in the neighborhoods where his Catholic people resided.

**I am pleased to tell you that after announcing my intention to offer five of these Masses throughout the summer of 2021; we have hosts/hostesses for all 5 dates and times.** If you live in the neighborhood, and even if you don't live in the neighborhood and you want to come for a 35-45 minute Mass beginning at 6:30 P.M, followed by a light meal and social, we would love to have you attend. Come as a family! Come as a couple! Come by yourself! Meet the people from our parish that attend a different Mass than you normally attend. The following are the dates, hosts and addresses:

**Wednesday, June 23rd – 6:30 P.M -  
James & Darlene Schorn  
2323 Northridge Drive, N. Mankato**

**Wednesday, July 7th - 6:30 P.M.  
Pat & Karen Zenk  
16 Sarah Circle, North Mankato**

**Wednesday, July 21st - 6:30 P.M.  
Gary & Mary Zellmer  
1591 Sharon Dr., North Mankato**

**Wednesday, August 4th - 6:30 P.M.  
Bob & Barb Wegscheid  
149 Creekside Dr., Mankato**

**Wednesday, August 18th - 6:30 P.M.  
Blaine & Teresa Kolstad  
508 Wood Dr., Mankato**

What a wonderful parish we have that we have such wonderful volunteers that offered to host these events without even the pastor asking for locations. It seems Holy Rosary likes a good outdoor Mass! It should not only be a lot of FUN but is also a lot about our FAITH! We hope to see many of you there! Invite a friend!

- Father



## Faith Formation



### Calling All Catechists!

In the coming days I will begin the call once again for catechists, with the hope that by the close of July, I will have the entire volunteer staff in place. I know that a number of those who had been teaching two years ago have verbally indicated that they will return. That is certainly good news. Another piece of Good News is that that we have a lot of faith-filled people in our parish that I have come to know and respect over these past seven years who might be open to teaching.

My tentative plan is to have once a month our "Liturgy and Lessons," for both the lower and upper grades throughout the new academic year. This would mean that at most, catechists would teach just three hours in a month. (Many times there are other circumstances that even prevent those 3 hours from taking place.)

It would be wonderful if people of faith would take up the phone or talk to me after Mass, rather than me having to gently twist an arm or two to teach. I know that I already have at least the catechist for grades 9 and 10, as I am trying to set the holy example and plan to teach again this year. I believe that this will be the 24th Confirmation class I will be teaching as a pastor (yes, that is not a typo -24 times). As Jesus says to the apostles on the night of the Last Supper after washing their feet: *"I have given you an example, that as I have done, so now you also must do."* Call me!

-Father

### Rosary Leaders Needed



If you would be willing to lead the Rosary about once a month before any of the weekend Masses please call Arlyce Anderson at 317-0617. We are also in need of Rosary leaders for weekday Masses as well. Offering the Rosary at weekday Masses would be about once a week. Copies of the prayers we say will be provided to you. Please consider volunteering so that we are able to continue saying the Rosary before each Mass. Thank you for your help!

### The RECYCLE SALE is back!

The Holy Rosary C.C.W. will again be having their annual Recycle Sale in mid to late August.

**Let your friends, relatives, and fellow parishioners know!**

**We are now accepting donations of:**

- Gently used clothing (no underwear)
- Household items in good condition (No used electrical items - If they are new in the box, we can accept them)
- Decorative items / small furniture (No large exercise equipment)
- Yard and garden/ flower pots / containers
- Hobby, puzzles, cotton yard goods / craft supplies
- Tools / sports / fishing equipment

Please bring your items to the Holy Rosary Parish Center (school) between 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Place your items at the head of the stairs to your right, just inside the front doors – a sign will be posted. Thank you for your generosity! For questions or to volunteer to help at the sale, call Mary Grams at 507-327-6479.



### Communal Anointing Mass

We had an amazing response last Monday to our Communal Anointing Mass which had not been done since the parish was shut down in March of 2020! I believe that it was the largest attendance for this event since I arrived as pastor, with nearly 100 people in attendance. Although we had planned for 75 for dinner in the lower social hall, not everyone stayed after Mass, which was okay. When the meal was over, the catered food was almost completely gone! Good appetite is a sign of good health!

A special word of thanks to the staff for all of their work, especially Lorraine Klaseus, who called and invited over a 100 people to attend the event as part of her ministry to the sick and homebound.

Plans are in the works to host another Communal Anointing later this fall. As important and sacred that this Sacrament of the Sick is, do not underestimate spiritually the power of the Holy Eucharist, both during the week as well as the weekdays. Through the summer of 2021, we will continue to host the daily Mass largely at noon and review with the Worship Committee this fall to moving at least some of the Masses back to the morning. Thank you again for your generous act of faith last Monday!



**Lucky 20 Raffle**

Loyola's Lucky 20 raffle drawing took place Monday, June 7. Celebrity guest and morning radio show host TJ from Mix 99.1 KEEZ-FM did the honors of drawing the winning tickets. A huge thank you to all who sold and bought tickets! 914 tickets were sold by over 150 sellers! Congratulations to the winners!

**\$200 Winners:** Norm Torres, Ann Klasen, Megan & Tony Busch, Bill & Patty Oberle, Shane Stuhr, Lauren Crandall, Pam Westman, Suzana Harris, John Schmitt, Shane & Tamara Gibson, Beth & Greg Pooley, Katie Smentek, Rod Reinhardt/Tony Hartmann, Bernie Bastian

**\$500 Winners:** Kevin Doyle, Jerry Rausch

**\$1,000 Winner:** Joseph Cain

**\$5,000 Winner:** C.W. "Tim" Johnson

**\$10,000 Grand Prize Winner:** Matt & Ashley Versteeg

**Rockin' on the Hill**

Save the date for this year's Rockin' on the Hill Summer Music Fest: Saturday, July 17, 2021. Rockin' on the Hill 2021 Line Up: ●Tyler Herwig 5:00pm ●Them Pesky Kids 6:30pm ●Viva Knieval 8:00pm

Online tickets are now on sale! [www.rockinonthehill.com](http://www.rockinonthehill.com)  
Follow us on Facebook @rockinonthehill for more event details and updates! \*We will be adhering to COVID-19 guidelines, watch our website for updates.

**Admissions/Enrollment**

We are excited to say that Loyola is filling up fast! If you are interested in *discovering the Loyola difference* and how a Catholic education is a great investment, please contact Kerstyn Cafarelli at [admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org) or 507-386-5399. Applications are still being accepted, and financial aid is still available. Schedule a tour today!

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**This Week's Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
*Ken & Patricia Thiele*

**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, Margaret Goettlicher, Bob & Dolly Meyer, Mary Helen Kennedy

**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** Roberta Molitor
- Tuesday** Beverly Delyea
- Wednesday** Dustin Telshaw
- Thursday** Jim & Sharon Theuninck
- Friday** Nicholas & Lorri Rieff
- Saturday** Charles Maxfield
- Sunday** Gary & Marlene Peterson



**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: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42 (365)
- Tues: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48 (366)
- Weds: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (367)
- Thurs: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15 (368)
- Fri: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Mt 6:19-23 (369)
- Sat: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Mt 6:24-34 (370)
- Sun: Jb 38:1, 8-11/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41 (95) Pss IV