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HOLYROSARYNORTHMANKATO

July 4, 2021
*Fourteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*



Happy Independence Day!

**Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor**

the Quill and the Cloth

“A prophet is not with honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.”

-St. Mark



“Welcome!” How many door mats profess that word, before so many front doors? As door mats become ever more creative with various greetings from the sentimental to the insane, there is still something very sweet and simple when the mat before our

door simply says that two-syllable word: WELCOME!

However, I do not know of many mats before our Catholic church doors that carry the word WELCOME when people come into our houses of worship. Church signs, including our former church sign use to say, “ALL ARE WELCOME!” One church sign in Mankato that I pass while walking reads: “We are an AWESOME parish!” But those are just words and little more.

I was recently visiting with a Catholic from the greater Mankato area, who came to me after attending Mass to tell me that he did not feel welcome in another Catholic Church in the area for personal reasons. It is no doubt both disheartening to hear this reality, as either a parishioner or a pastor, that people do not feel welcome in a church where we claim, “ALL ARE WELCOME.”

When I have travelled out west for summer vacation, I have often made it a point to attend Mass in casual clothes, in order to experience what the average person experiences when attending Mass as a visitor in an unfamiliar but “welcoming” church. I will have to tell you, that I have not usually walked away with a warm fuzzy feeling when worshipping as a visitor in a Catholic Church, but instead a rather cold feeling of indifference. For instance, when I have attended Mass in Colorado, I have walked into church and have usually found the ushers talking with themselves or with some friend they know who walked through the door. Last year, I attended a Mass where the pastor in this Catholic Colorado church got up to preach at the time of the homily. He began to tell the congregation that the weather that Saturday was so beautiful he wished he could have just stayed on his deck in his shorts and not come to Mass himself. Oh my!!!

During the Masses that I have attended while I am on vacation, I tend to sing, not too loudly, but more so than so many around me who neither open a book, much less be open to singing a note or two. I can remember on several occasions that, while I’m singing, the people in front of me, mostly younger pre-school and grade school children, simply turn around and stare at me. I don’t find that to be the most welcoming until a parent abruptly turns them around.

I remember once while I was in Colorado, an older attractive woman, beautifully dressed, turned to me after a Mass I attended and said, “*You have a lovely singing voice. Can I ask you, are you a professional singer?*” I told her I was not a professional singer. She then asked where I was from, and I told her I was on vacation from Minnesota. She then asked if I was married and I told her I was not married. I could not help but smile when she said with all sincerity: “*It is none of my business, but I think that you should give some serious consideration to the fact that with your talent, God might be calling you to the priesthood.*” I thanked the woman and told her I would give it some serious thought! And so it goes!

The Good News is that this woman was really trying to be welcoming and was also one who was not afraid to evangelize in the highest order by inviting me to consider a priestly vocation. (By the way, I am still giving that priesthood thing some serious consideration after just having celebrated 33 years in the business.)

The Good News of today’s readings is all about being WELCOMING! Unfortunately, the BAD NEWS is that from the First Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel to today’s Gospel from St. Mark, the welcoming of the Israelite people, the chosen people of God, is at best pretty weak! The Prophet Ezekiel is welcoming of God coming into his heart and directing him in his vocation of service as a prophet, but the people, not so much. The Lord warns the prophet Ezekiel that the people He is sending him to are anything but welcoming. For we read: “***...I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day. Hard of face and obstinate of heart I am sending you.***”

Psalm 123 reminds us that we can very easily dish out a disastrous unwelcoming spirit to others and even the Almighty through our sin. Yet we expect the Almighty to be all welcoming of us when we call upon Him. For the response states: “***Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading***

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Stewardship of Gratitude 6/20/21

Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary

Adult Contributions	\$9,470.50
Electronic Giving	\$3,195.20
Plate Collection	\$202.00
Junior Collection	\$30.50

Weekly Offering Total **\$12,898.20**

Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,300.00

Bridging the Gap **\$0.00**

Additional Weekly Income **\$1,365.00**

Grand Total **\$14,263.20**

Total weekly stewardship goal is set at \$13,200.00

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

Stewardship of Gratitude

This weekend we celebrate as a nation Independence Day; when, 245 years ago, a group of brave men signed a Declaration of Independence, proclaiming our freedom from Great Britain. I hope and pray that it is a happy and holy Independence Day for all of you, as you gather with your family and your friends.

In terms of stewardship, we also celebrate our liberation from the Fiscal Year of 2020-2021, as with the close of June, we ended our 12 month commitment to that fiscal year. However, we are again confined to collecting for the needs of our parish and the broader community for 2021-2022. The time continues to fly!

We held a Finance Council meeting this past Monday after nearly a year-long absence. The Good News of that meeting was that we had a rather successful fiscal year. As we reviewed our expenses and our income, all of our bills are current. Our parish investments continued to see growth. The parish was also able to conclude the year in the positive. The Finance Council meeting concluded by the members being in full consent to add an additional \$100,000.00 of parish reserves to our Endowment Fund, of which the principal may never be spent by this administration or any future administration as long as the parish is in existence. However, any pastor can spend the interest or

Stewardship of Gratitude continued...

dividends. I have pastorally made the commitment not to spend any gains from this endowment account if at all possible. Over the past seven years, I have not had to spend any of the gains of the Endowment Fund, much less of the other parish portfolio through either the principal, or the interest/dividends. I thought this year might be the case that we would need to take money out of our parish reserves, since we spent nearly \$110,000.00 to improve our cooling system for our church. However, we were able to cover the cost through your generous donations within this past 12-month period. In addition to the new chillers, we also were able to perform some repairs, improvements, and decorating in the church that approached around \$50,000.00. This amount was also able to be covered in this past fiscal year along with about \$250,000.00 to both the Catholic Pastoral Center and our area Catholic School of Loyola.

Your stewardship is nothing short of amazing, even in the midst of our past pandemic. Thank you for your sacrificial giving. Thank you to all of you that have become electronic givers in this past year, increasing our electronic giving membership by some 15%!!! Thank you to those of you who will be electronic givers in the future. Almost 50% of our registered members contribute to Holy Rosary parish. This is a pretty impressive figure in this day and age when it was recently reported that Mass attendance has now reached an all time low across our nation of just 15%. I have said it before and I will say it again, WE ARE TRULY BLESSED HERE AT HOLY ROSARY. We have a wonderful core group of people who are deeply committed to see our parish not only succeed but to thrive! So, THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thought For the Week



"America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand."

—Harry S Truman

The Week Ahead

Monday, July 5th: [*Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; Saint Elizabeth of Portugal*]

Parish Office Closed

12:00 pm - Mass - Clair Huettl†

Tuesday, July 6th: [*Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr*]

Private Mass - Vincent Ritter

Wednesday, July 7th: Weekday

10:00 am - Mass @ Oak Terrace - Bill Sieberg†

6:30 pm - Summer Spirituality Splash Mass - Home of Pat & Karen Zenk, 16 Sarah Circle, N. Mkto - Don Theissent†

Thursday, July 8th: Weekday

12:00 pm - Mass - Barbara Kurtoglu

Friday, July 9th: [*Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*]

12:00 pm - Mass - Mary Haley†

Saturday, July 10th: Weekday [BVM]

5:00 pm - Mass - Peter Rooney

Sunday, July 11th: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am - Mass - Deceased Members of the Portz 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.**)**

Ministry Schedule July 10th & 11th

Rosary Leader:

5:00 pm Vince Guertin

8:30 am Elmer Heirigs

10:00 am Ryan Howe

Lector:

5:00 pm Vince Guertin

8:30 am Cathy Neve

10:00 am John Holden

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm Mary Clare & Tom Wyrowski

8:30 am Cathy Neve, Terri Compton

10:00 am Mike & Diane O'Dea

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 Julie Gruber/Tom Bachmann

8:30 am Lori Christansen/Mark Frahm

10:00 am Vicki Galli/Kathy Jo Johns



Upcoming Parish Events

- **Summer Spirituality Splash** - Wednesday - July 7th, 6:30 pm, home of Pat & Karen Zenk, 16 Sarah Circle, North Mankato
- **Margaret Goettlicher Memorial Mass** - Wednesday, July 14th, 11:00 am, Church
- **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
- **Education Committee Meeting** - Wednesday, August 11th, 6:30 pm, Lower Church Hall
- **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



Simon Ministries

This weekend we will be taking up a second collection to assist our area Catholic Church program known as Simon Ministries. Just as in the past, the parish collected thousands of dollars for the needs of our local area food shelf, so now Holy Rosary is trying to assist as a parish for the needs of those who are in need through the program "Simon Ministries."

This program assists those in the local community who are in need, by supplying them with personal care items, cleaning supplies, a ten-dollar Hy-Vee Food gift card, simple refreshments, as well as information about area resources. Excluding the time of the pandemic, the parish of St. John's is hosting a time once a week to help those in need from 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. in St. Matthew's Hall. The other Catholic churches have been contributing each month for this work. It was suggested that Holy Rosary would consider collecting donations each month for Simon Ministries as well. While you are still encouraged to give to the ECHO Food Shelf with your cash donations and non-perishable food items, as we begin the new Fiscal Year of 2021-2022, the first Sunday of the month Holy Rosary will be collecting for this ministry to help those in need in our area. I hope you will join me in contributing to the needs of our brothers and sisters in our own local community of Mankato. Thank you so much!



"In the Neighborhood" Summer Spirituality Splash

We had a most successful first attempt in celebrating our outdoor Mass in the neighborhood in our effort to evangelize. We had well over 50 people from the both the parish and neighborhood who came and prayed, and later participated in a light supper as well as lots of socializing in the front yard of Jim and Darlene Schorn in upper North Mankato. There were a lot of familiar faces, but there were also a number of new faces as well, which was the whole point. A couple people told me after the Mass and meal that they enjoyed the evening so much that they were planning to attend every one of these gatherings on Wednesday evenings!

So, how about you? Why not come for an hour or so. All you need to do is bring yourselves and a lawn chair. (**If you want to bring a desert to pass that would be fine too, but it is not required.*) I found it a great opportunity to actually talk with some folks besides a rushed hello on the weekend as people run out the door, or a fundraiser when you are busy with some other task.

As I was offering Mass on that front lawn it was wonderful to see people driving past and staring, as well as those out walking their four-legged friends wondering what was happening in their neighborhood. I think it was a great witness and these gatherings might get a very secular world to maybe think that there are a few people who still believe in the sacred. **See you THIS Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. at Pat and Karen Zenk's residence, 16 Sarah Circle, North Mankato.**

Future gatherings will be:

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



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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

Paid to Date: \$0.00

DUE: \$89,576.81

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

Paid to Date: \$0.00

Goal: TBD

Loyola Catholic School Assessment:

Pd to Date: \$0.00

DUE: TBD

Total Paid to Date 2021-22: \$0.00

Apostolate stewardship for 2021-22: TBD

To see these new stewardship goals for the coming Fiscal Year of 2021-2022, is, well, nothing less than a little intimidating! I always wonder, with a little lack of faith, where all of this money is going to come from for the Catholic School and the Catholic Pastoral Center, much less for our parish Church of Holy Rosary. But through God's good graces and your generosity, we always somehow find a way to cover all of these costs.

This year the Diocese has increased their assessments by 1%, or the actual dollar amount from last year by \$834.47. The Catholic School assessment last year came to \$162,257.53. As our number of students attending the Catholic School is slightly decreasing, our assessments are also slightly decreasing, as this year we will have 40 students enrolled at Loyola.

I am hoping in the near future to give you a fairly accurate bid on the work that we anticipate to perform in the church in the summer of 2022. At this point, we have only some preliminary figures. We also are anticipating the soft goal from the Diocese of New Ulm regarding the annual appeal. I wish I could tell you that it will be a light year for our stewardship, but I do not think that this will be the case. Recently, one of my former parishioners called and said I should return to my former assignment, as there was again a lot of structural work that needed to be done. I politely passed on his proposal, as we have much more work to perform on our parish before we are all caught up. Thank you for all that you did last year to help us reach our goals for the Fiscal Year of 2020-2021. I have enough faith to say THANK YOU for all that you will do in the coming year to help us achieve our new stewardship goals. And as always, thank you for your gifts!

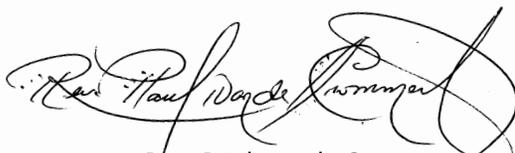
("The Quill and the Cloth" continued...)

for His mercy." In the Second Reading from St. Paul to the Corinthians, the apostle reminds us that when an unwelcoming spirit is waiting for us from others, that this should not bother us. St. Paul says that the "weakness of the welcome" can result in a spiritual strength for the soul that encounters this reality. St. Paul writes, **"Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong."**

In today's Gospel from St. Mark, the Messiah returns to his hometown of Nazareth. And while this young man from Nazareth has made it good in this world in many respects, he is not greeted warmly in a community where he lived for three decades. Rather, Jesus seems almost despised by the town folk of Nazareth, and the gospel states that the people question Jesus by asking: **"...Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given Him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands?"**

A priest recently commented to me about how easily people leave a parish or join another one. While many faithful who remain in their parish are often quick to point out that the problem of departures is rooted solely in the pastor; this writer went on to muse that maybe the problem is more complicated than what people make it out to be. Maybe people's ease to leave a congregation involves the greater issue of welcome. This priest wrote, **"... If people come late to Mass and leave early like they are catching a movie, then there is no strong connection formed to the community of believers, much less the pastor. If some issue arises for them personally, the ease of walking away from a congregation could be compared to the experience of switching to shopping at another grocery store or going to a different mechanic to service our vehicle."**

May you reconsider being a person of "WELCOME" regardless if you are (or are not) a greeter, usher, or even a priest. If you see some soul that you have not seen before in church, go up after Mass and welcome them. He might not be a priest in street clothes, but he might be a friend you have not yet met, and maybe even an angel in disguise. May your week ahead be WELCOMING!



Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor



Faith Formation



Finding Those to Teach the Faith

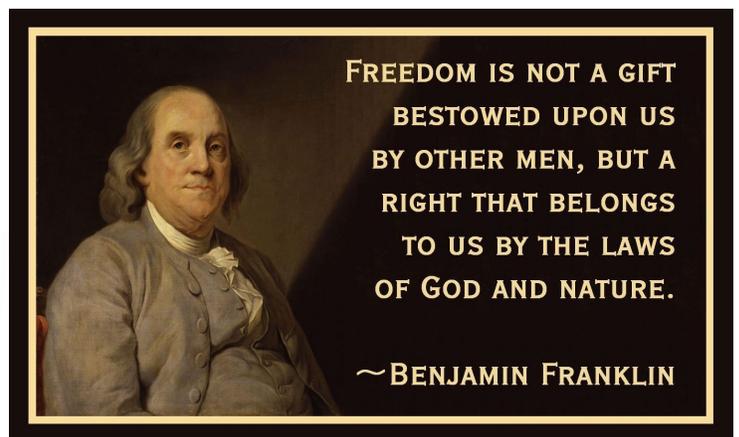
A week ago you may have read in the parish bulletin telling you of our plans for the fall semester for our Faith Formation program through our Education Committee minutes. Our plans for this fall are to return to a full in-class environment of learning and the passing on of the faith.

I am pleased to report that as we start the month of July, some 9 individuals are covering the various aspects of our program. I am about half-way in my recruiting process and still have some calls to make to those that have assisted the program in the past as catechists, to see if they will be returning. I am hoping to have the complete list of volunteers done before the month of July is completed. Thank you to all of you who have already said "Yes!" for this important area of ministry and essential tool for evangelization!

Pre-School Sunday School



Plans are also in the works again this September to begin offering a time of dismissal during the 10:00 A.M. Mass for our younger children. In the past years, we have had a great response to this program through the support of our younger parents. We hope that this will be the case again this year. Please watch the bulletin on this program for further details and updates!





Rockin' on the Hill

Join us Saturday, July 17, 2021 for Rockin' on the Hill, supporting Loyola Catholic School. Featuring great live music, food trucks, spirits, pull tabs and more! Get your tickets online at www.rockinonthehill.com or at any Mankato Hy-Vee or Cub Foods locations. Gates open at 4:30pm; 5:00pm Tyler Herwig; 6:00pm Them Pesky Kids; 8:00pm HEADLINER Viva Knievel. Mankato Brewery will once again be creating their one-of-a-kind Lemonade Rhubarb Beer. The rhubarb is hand picked from the gardens of Good Counsel Hill. Come and enjoy a taste of summer!

Advancement News: Loyola is hosting an alumni gathering prior to Rockin' on the Hill on July 17th. Come join the fun at 4:00 PM and reconnect with your classmates and friends! Want to have your class reunion at the concert? Contact Matt Fink or Brian Thomas at (507) 388-0600 for more information.

Admissions/Enrollment: Applications are still being accepted, and financial aid is still available. Schedule a tour today! Please contact Kerstyn Cafarelli at admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org or 507-386-5399 with any questions.

Employment opportunities: Loyola is currently accepting applications for the following positions: Full time high school English teacher; Part time morning bus driver: Loyola will soon be offering bus service to some of our students outside of the District 77 bus routes. We are seeking a driver for the morning route, with the potential of adding an afternoon route. \$18 per hour; Loyola will pay for a driver to get licensed. For more information, please contact Trudi Clements, 507-388-0606. For more information regarding open positions, please see Loyola's website: www.loyolacatholicschool.org.

**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:

Joe Breckner†

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, 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 Meyer, Mary Helen Kennedy, Leroy Gappa

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	Steven & DeeDra Vosburg
Tuesday	Dan & Trish Wingert
Wednesday	Patrick Bowen
Thursday	Jessica Barke
Friday	Shawn & Marcy Runing
Saturday	Christine Enevold
Sunday	Mary Forsyth



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 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26 (383)
 Tues: Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38 (384)
 Weds: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7 (385)
 Thurs: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15 (386)
 Fri: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23 (387)
 Sat: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33 (388)
 Sun: Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13 (104) Pss III



Father, I Cannot Hear You!

That is always an amazing thing for a priest or pastor to hear. *“Father, I cannot hear you!”* I know that I can be accused of many things but speaking to softly is not one of them. Through the generosity of the Knights of Columbus we have done substantial work to improve our sound system over the years. Our Bose speakers that are in the main church are the best in the business with a good, long life span.

However, I have heard from 3-4 folks who are concerned that people cannot hear the lectors, myself or the music at Mass. So, this week I had an expert in sound check out our entire system. I am guilty of being gone from the parish, and when I leave it seems that someone begins moving dials and switches and I come home to a rapidly adjusted system. But suffice it to say, the expert says that the system is in good working order with little or no adjustments required.

However, our sound man brought up a delicate topic that he has had to address in other Christian churches in and around the area. Congregations are getting older and people’s hearing is getting worse. While some people (like my Dad) could not accept that they might have hearing loss, but simply expected people to talk more and more loudly; other people have purchased expensive hearing aids with modest success. So, what is the solution to this hearing crisis?

I am in the process of ordering a unit that is hooked up to our main audio system. This will allow individuals to have their own hearing assistance device that is discreet but will give you clear sound as you adjust the volume to your own personal needs. The only drawback is that we are asking that you might purchase your own unit for sanitary reasons, especially in this post pandemic time. Secondly, the use of this discreet device is an admission to yourself that your hearing is not what it use to be even with an expensive hearing aid. More information will be forthcoming with the actual cost. Perhaps there is someone in the parish who might like to donate this device for the hearing impaired. The unit itself and installation is between \$2,500.00 to \$3,000.00. It seems like a modest price in order to hear better in our church.

As I have repeatedly said over the years; a sound system is only as good as the person who is speaking — if they are able to project their voice, as well as the good ears of those who are hearing the message. I introduced the same system in my former parish of St. Aloysius in Olivia with a great response. We hope that will be the case at Holy Rosary as well!

Lights... Camera... No More Action!



Last Saturday, on the vigil Mass for the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we recorded our last and final Mass in the wake of what was once a raging pandemic. The parish had recorded all of the weekend Masses and the great solemnities of the Church for more than a year. To date, the YouTube analytics show that the parish had exceeded 16,500 views, which is pretty impressive when you think about it. For every week I watch E.W.T.N’s “The World Over,” and while this is a national if not international professional broadcast, I have noticed that a day later, they have reached only some 4,000 views per episode.

This weekend the bishops have informed us that Catholics in our tri-state area are again under the obligation to attend Mass under the spiritual pains of sin (requiring the Sacrament of Confession), unless individuals have a serious underlying health condition. A good rule of thumb might be that if you are able to go to work, activities, or recreation, you would be a candidate to come to weekly Mass for a good hour. Recall the words of our Divine Lord to His followers in the Garden of Gethsemane: “Could you not stay awake even one hour with me in prayer?” See you at Mass!



The RECYCLE SALE is coming!

The dates and times for the Recycle Sale are:

- Wednesday, August 11th, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm – move in and setup
- Thursday, August 12th, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm - set up; 3:00 – 6:00 pm - Early bird sale open
- Friday, August 13th, 7:30 am – 6:00 pm – sale is open
- Saturday, August 14th, 7:30am - 12:00pm – sale is open; 12:00 – 1:00 pm - Free for All (*select items will not be offered for free*)
- Free for All will be open for 1 hour after each weekend Mass

House plants, perennials, and produce will be accepted beginning Thursday, August 12th. Handmade craft items can be brought any time, but be sure to price them. Service hours will be available for Confirmation and Loyola students during the times listed above. Thank you for all the donations already brought in – keep it up! Bring your donations to the Parish Center cafeteria any time between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday-Friday. If you have questions or would like to volunteer on any day/time listed, call Mary Grams at 507-327-6479. Thank you.



Christmas in July

No doubt, you have all heard the expression, "Christmas in July"! Many times this expression is in relationship to retailers who are having big sales of items in the heat of summer that one can lay-away for the holidays in the coldness of December!

Well, the reason I entitled this article "*Christmas in July*," is because a few weeks back, one of our parishioners called the parish office to inform the staff and myself as pastor that there would be a Christmas concert featuring the music of John Denver in Rochester, MN, on Saturday, December, 4th. As we talked about it in the office, we thought it might be a good chance to build parish community and spirit, by purchasing a number of these tickets and to offer them to our own parishioners for resale at the same price that we purchased them. It was then decided to make this evening concert into a package and offer a chartered bus, tickets and then a pre-evening meal in a restaurant in Rochester. We have purchased 40 tickets, which would be enough to fill a bus. If there are not enough takers from Holy Rosary, we believe that there are other people in the area who would be interested in going with us. (*Suffice it to say, I will be getting a substitute for that Saturday night.*) I think it would be great fun. We have gotten some of the best seats in the house as we were one of the first folks to purchase tickets. We hope in the next week or two to work out the details of the actual cost including transportation and possibly a pre-paid meal. *At this point, please call the parish office to reserve your tickets right now.* My guess is that they will go pretty fast. Ah yes, Christmas in July. "*See the sunlight through the pines. Taste the warmth of winter wine. Dream of softly falling snow! Winter snow! Aspen glow*"! (507-387-6501)

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 simply send us your contact information via an easy-to-use form and we will mail you a hard copy of those forms. Come join our growing Holy Rosary parish family!



FREE Family Fun!! Mankato Area Community Band

The Mankato Area Community Band plays Tuesday evenings at Sibley Park at 7:30 pm (at the band pavilion near the animal barns). ***The concerts are FREE and are very family friendly events!*** Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy some live music. The band plays a variety of music, from Sousa marches to Broadway show tunes. It's a great way to expose kids to music! The FREE concerts will be held at Sibley Park at 7:30 pm, on Tuesday, July 6th & Monday, July 12th. Hope to see you there for some fun music!

Free Depression Help for Older Adults



Depression is a true and treatable medical condition, not a normal part of aging. However older adults are at an increased risk for experiencing depression. Depression is not just having "the blues" or the emotions we feel when grieving the loss of a loved one. It is a true medical condition that is treatable, like diabetes or hypertension.

PEARLS is an evidence-based program offered by VINE to reduce symptoms of depression and improve quality of life for those age 65+ living in Blue Earth, Nicollet, and Le Sueur counties. PEARLS provides confidential high-quality mental health care for those who want to improve the way they feel. During 6-8 sessions over a 6-month period, participants will work with a VINE coach on learning problem-solving skills and behavioral techniques. There is no cost to this program thanks to a Live Well at Home grant from the MN Department of Human Services. For more information, contact Glenda at (507) 386-5571.

