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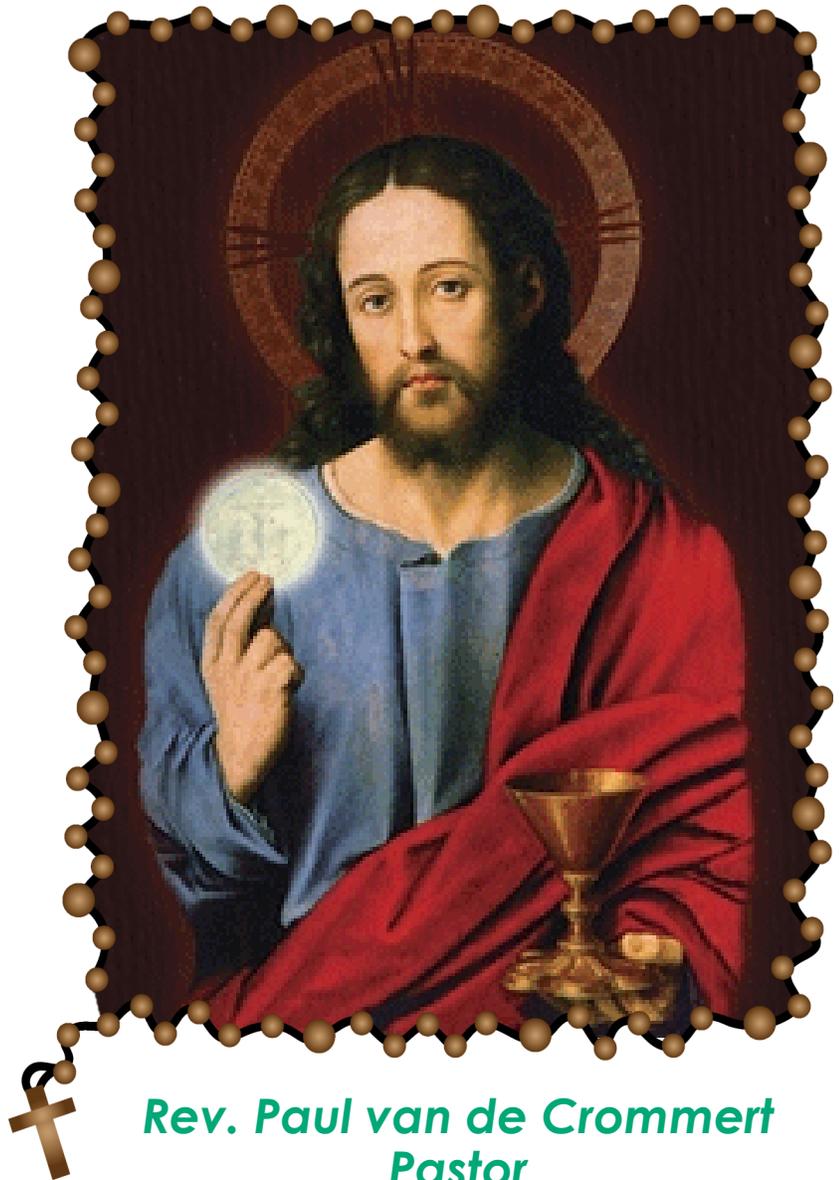
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 HOLYROSARYNORTHMANKATO

August 8, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor

the Quill and the Cloth

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

- St. John



In these last weeks, we have been hearing a lot about food in our faith experience as we have attended Mass. ***For all people and all generations, food is at the heart and soul of our existence. Likewise, the Eucharist is also at the heart and the soul of our spiritual existence.***

Occasionally, I do take the opportunity to go out to eat, particularly when there is a personal visitor or two that comes to town. Although it happened on the spur of the moment, two priests and one of my former altar boys passed through town this week on their way to a national meeting on Church law. At the end of the meal, I was asking my former altar boy (from my first assignment) how his children were doing. He said that they were doing well. When I asked their ages, he told me that his oldest two children were teenagers, ages 16 and 13. It was striking to me, in that moment, how much water had passed under the bridge in his life as well as mine. It was about the age of his present children, that this father, then a teenager himself, had moved with his family to my first pastorate and he began serving at Mass.

As I stated in earlier in this article, the ***"Eucharist is at the heart and the soul of our spiritual existence."*** From the Holy Eucharist flows so much of what we experience and tangibly see manifested in the Church. Shortly before I would become a first time pastor and move out to the western edge of the Diocese of New Ulm (as you are aware by now), I served for a summer here at Holy Rosary as a seminarian in major theology. Some three decades ago, all four parish grade schools were running and in full operation. St. Peter and St. Paul's parish was ready to embark on a major restoration of their church and was the largest and longest standing parish in the greater Mankato area. The Jesuit priests were still a visible presence in the community, and had been for almost a century. The school across from their church was filled with life each fall. The School Sisters would also embark on major updates and

repairs with a new front entrance, a remodel of their chapel, main entrance, etc. It appeared, by all accounts, that the School Sisters of Notre Dame were settling in for another century and were going nowhere. It appeared that Mankato would be the sisters' final home until the Second Coming of Christ.

How quickly things change in a span of just a few short years. The four grade schools and Fitzgerald stand largely empty or are rented out to other entities. The last of the Jesuits left about the time that I arrived as pastor seven years ago. The beautiful Church of St. Peter and St. Paul is looking a little worn for its wear, and could probably use a bit of a refresher, if the stewardship was strong enough. Sadly, the School Sisters announced their departure from that holy hill, which they've inhabited for a century, with the facility to be sold to the highest bidder, be they sacred or secular.

Growing up on the farm in the summer, early Sunday evenings was a time to *drive around* to look at the crops and to see the farmsteads and judge their neatness or messiness. That family tradition is still in me as I enter into the youth of old age. When the weather is reasonable (*and last Sunday evening was a perfect evening*), I go walking around for several hours on foot until it gets dark. (**Last Sunday I walked about 12 miles.*) If there is one thing that I like about the Mankato area, it is that there are so many places to walk. My Father was a walker as well, and perhaps that would explain in part his great longevity. He would often say to my Mother, or maybe anyone who was in ear-shot, in the early evening: *"I am going to check the weather!"* Translated: *"I am going to go for a walk and have a cigarette or two or three!"*

So, Last Sunday (*of course with no cigarettes as I don't smoke*), I hiked up the hill from the School Sisters as I have done many times before, and walked around the entire building complex. It is like going on a mini-retreat, passing the shrines of Our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette kneeling in prayer and amazement, Good St. Joseph by the hall named after him, and then down the old road that used to lead up to Good Counsel for many years, but now is largely overgrown.

The picture at the top of this column is one I took last Sunday. Isn't that church (*excuse me, chapel*) just a stunning piece of architecture, built to stand for hundreds of years? Walking past that church, it felt more like a walk of Christ on the Via Dolorosa to Calvary. How painful to see a developer possibly purchase this property in the future and to see the chapel decommissioned and used

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The Last Spiritual Plunge!

As a parish family, we are most grateful to Bob and Barb Wegscheid for so graciously hosting our last Wednesday outdoor Mass. We had a perfect evening and a wonderful attendance of nearly 80 people.

Our last Summer Spirituality Splash will be held on Wednesday, August 18th, at 6:30 P.M. at Blaine and Teresa Kolstad’s residence at 508 Wood Drive, in Mankato. We are most grateful to the Kolstads for hosting this final event of the summer season.

It is so wonderful to see the fellowship following the Mass, and to see people enjoying a meal along with lots of socializing. In short, we are building community. So how about you? Haven’t you been in isolation long enough due to Covid-19? Isn’t it time that you might have some FAMILY TIME that is centered around the spiritual life and not just sports or shopping? You might be surprised at how much you enjoy getting together to pray and participate in a common meal. Come on! You are not that busy! I bet the television won’t run away from home if you don’t sit and watch it for one evening! You might be surprised that you will have enjoyed the evening more than sitting in the living room with the one-eyed wonder of technology!! See you next Wednesday at 6:30 P.M.!



Thought For the Week

“A Christian on leaving the holy place moved by the holy thoughts that have been aroused in him by the sight of the ceremonies he has seen, and the prayers that he has said, ought to say to himself: ‘I have just come from assisting at Holy Mass, a God has immolated Himself for me; He has shed His Blood for the

salvation of our souls; what more could He do? Oh! how miserable I am, I who for so many years have refused Him my heart, which He has created for Himself and which He asks of me only in order to make it happy. I have just celebrated the praises of God with this same mouth that I had often sullied by all sorts of sins. Oh! my God, shall I always then beg from creatures the peace they are powerless to give me! My tongue shall it serve sometimes to praise You, sometimes to mispraise You. No, Lord, I now wish only to bless and to love You.’”

- St. John Vianney



Stewardship of Gratitude 8/1/21

Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary

Adult Contributions	\$5,859.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,890.83
Plate Collection	\$176.00
Junior Collection	\$32.62
Assumption - Holy Day	\$5.00

Weekly Offering Total \$7,918.45

Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,300.00

Bridging the Gap (2021-2022) \$2,381.55

Additional Weekly Income \$666.00

Grand Total \$8,829.45

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

“All too often we regard stewardship simply as a matter of our giving to God, but this aspect is secondary. Before we can give, we must possess, and before we possess we must receive. Therefore, stewardship is, in the first place, receiving God’s good and bounteous gifts. And once received, those gifts are not to be used solely for our own good. They must also be used for the benefit of others, and ultimately for the glory of God the giver. The steward needs an open hand to receive from God and then an active hand to give to God and to others.”

—Murray J. Harris



John Denver Tickets

There are still a limited number of tickets available for the John Denver Christmas concert on Saturday, December 4th in Rochester. No money is required at this time, but simply the reservation. Call the parish office at 507-387-6501 to reserve your tickets. It should be a fun evening of entertainment and community building.

The Week Ahead

Monday, August 9th: *[Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr]*

8:30 am - Mass - Dean Anthony Johnson

Tuesday, August 10th: Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

No Mass

Wednesday, August 11th: Saint Clare, Virgin

10:00 am - Mass @ Oak Terrace - Sylvia Willmont

6:30 pm - Education Committee Meeting - Lower Church Hall

Thursday, August 12th: *[Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious]*

12:00 pm - Mass - Deceased Members of the Dauffenbach Family

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Recycle Sale Opens - Gym

Friday, August 13th: *[Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs]*

8:30 am - Mass - Diane Sieberg†

7:30 am - 7:00 pm - Recycle Sale - Gym

Saturday, August 14th: Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

7:30 am - 12:00 pm - Recycle Sale - Gym (12:00 - 1:00 pm - Free for All)

5:00 pm - Mass - David Rykhus

Sunday, August 15th: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

10:00 am - Mass - Gina Sandbo†

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

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: \$153,150.75

Total Paid to Date 2021-22: \$0.00

Apostolate stewardship for 2021-22: \$242,727.56

Ministry Schedule Aug 14th & 15th



Rosary Leader:

5:00 pm Steve Enderle

8:30 am Arlyce Anderson

10:00 am Jeanette Barsness

Lector:

5:00 pm Brian Eggersdorfer

8:30 am Linda Olson

10:00 am Nancy Holden

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm Pat & Wanda Hull

8:30 am Terri Compton, Michelle Ellingworth

10:00 am Maxine Davis, Julie Schoettler

Ushers:

5:00 pm Mark Weingartz, Karen Winters

8:30 am Arlyce Anderson, Craig Amundson

10:00 am Bob Wegscheid, Doug Helget

Music Ministry:

5:00 pm Julie Gruber/Mark Frahm

8:30 am Lori Christiansen/Kathy Jo Johns

10:00 am Janelle Campeau/Tom Bachmann

Upcoming Parish Events



- Education Committee Meeting - Wednesday, August 11th, 6:30 pm, Lower Church Hall
- CCW Recycle Sale - Thursday, August 12th - Saturday, August 14th, Gymnasium
- Summer Spirituality Splash - Wednesday - August 18th, 6:30 pm, home of Blaine & Teresa Kolstad, 508 Wood Dr., Mankato
- Faith Formation Open House - Wednesday, September 15th, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- Mass in the Park - Sunday, September 19th, 10:00 am, Wheeler Park
- Faith Formation Opening Mass & Ice Cream Social (ALL Grades) - Wednesday, September 22nd, 6:30 pm - Church
- Finance Council Meeting - Monday, October 4th, 7:00 pm, Conf. Rm 1
- November Fest 2021 - Sunday, November 7th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.





Faith Formation

Good News! Good News!



Since the call to being a catechist is a call to being a proclaimer of Good News, I have Good News to share with our Faith Formation families. As of July 26th, I have been able to secure all of the catechists and volunteers for our fall Faith Formation program for the 2021-2022 academic year. I was recently visiting with one of our parishioners, Mrs. JoAnn Borchert, in assisted living, who worked in a leadership both in the parish and Diocesan level. We had a lovely visit, and she admitted that even years ago, finding catechists was always a challenge. I am so pleased that those men and women who have stepped forward are strong believers in their faith and have a sincere love for the Holy Eucharist! What else do you really need to be an effective catechist?!

Of course I will be teaching the high school grades in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2022. I believe that I have been able to put together a most competent and committed group of Catholics for teaching catechesis to our young people. In advance, I want to thank all of the men and women that have stepped up in faith and have turned the words of faith into action. I am looking forward to having the students back and the lights on in school on Wednesday evening with active learning in the faith taking place.

Little Ones - Liturgy of the Word

Our Liturgy of the Word for our little ones will once again resume this fall, beginning on Sunday, September 12th, at the 10:00 A.M. Mass. Toddlers all the way to second grade are encouraged to participate. The children gather before the altar and then go downstairs to read and participate in the Sacred Scriptures at a level that they can understand. There are also activities that are done in about the 20-25 minutes that they are downstairs in the lower hall. Spread the word! We hope again that many of our young families and will have their children participate.



Faith Formation Countdown! 6 Weeks Away- September 22nd!

In the middle of August, a registration packet will be sent to all of our parents who are registered and have children in grades 1-10. The packet will contain the annual registration form, the first semester schedule, the list of the catechists who will be teaching this fall, as well as other important information. Our first official gathering of all of our Faith Formation students will be held on Wednesday evening, September 22nd at 6:30 P.M. This evening will be for both parents and students, beginning with Mass, followed by an Ice Cream Social as well as for final registrations and a ministry fair to sign-up for various ministries both for Mass and other ministerial needs. May this important family night be the beginning of a year of growth in faith and love of the Lord that will be HAPPY, HEALTHY and most of all HOLY!

Education Committee - Needs You!

Do you have children in Holy Rosary's Faith Formation program? We would love to have you be a member on our Education Committee, which largely plans for our Faith Formation program on an annual basis. Our parents play an important leadership role in giving practical direction to our program, so that it is both user friendly for our families as well as the students that attend classes each week. The Education Committee has been meeting (normally) about four times a year. Is God calling you to greater server in the parish? Serving on a parish committee is a great way to help spread the gospel and also a good way to meet some people that are also working on this thing called holiness. Call the parish office and ask for Father for more information or if you are willing to help us in this matter. The Parish Office number is 507-387-6501.



Education Committee Meets This Week

A reminder that the Education Committee will meet this week on Wednesday, August 11th at 6:30 pm in the lower church hall. We hope all the members will be able to be in attendance for this important meeting.

for some secular purpose, or worse — taken down in the name of progress. (**If that is the case, you might see me protesting in front of this stunning spiritual landmark.**)

If you are still patiently reading this, you might be saying, **“Well, it is just all a sign of the times. We are living in a changing culture. Religion and religious life is no longer a priority for so many people, even those who profess a belief in Catholicism.”** Perhaps. But perhaps it is because we have lost our central love of the “Bread of Life,” the Holy Eucharist.

Every time we miss (through our own fault) partaking of the Holy Eucharist for just an hour a week because of work, vacation, sports, or simply to sleep in, we put another nail in the coffin of Holy Mother Church. Every time bishops permitted a priest to celebrate the Holy Eucharist knowing that they were living a scandalous life, just to keep the clerical numbers up and a priest at the altar, they put another nail in the coffin of Holy Mother Church. Every time bishops looked the other way when there were extreme violations against the liturgical laws of Holy Mass, another nail was put in the coffin of Holy Mother Church. When men and women’s religious orders drifted away from their central apostolates established by their founders, to pursue their own interests and desires and the Eucharist was no longer at the heart and soul of their daily existence, they put another nail in the coffin of Holy Mother Church. When married couples choose to “limit their families,” and saw the marital relationship rooted more in money than the Messiah, and not to welcome the children as the Creator wanted to give them, it was but another nail in the coffin of Holy Mother Church. When older parishioners who could attend daily Mass, but choose not to in lieu of morning coffee with friends or the morning paper, it was another nail in the coffin of Holy Mother Church. And as the present generation is marrying under the forms of destination weddings, civil ceremonies, and same-gender ceremonies, these too are but more nails in the coffin of Holy Mother Church.

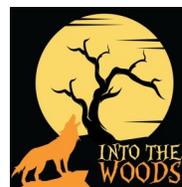
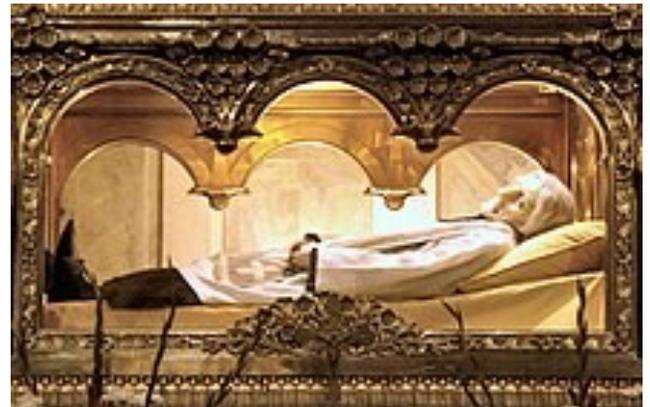
This past Wednesday, the Universal Church celebrated the feast of arguably the greatest pastor the world has ever seen. In fact, he was given the title of the “Patron Saint of Parish Priests,” St. John Vianney. This French man found school hard and almost never made it to ordination. He was sent to the edge of his Diocese, in a less than prestigious parish. He was ostracized and criticized by the priests. The sacristy, the altar, the vestments, and the church lay in tatters and the people did not come to Mass, much less go to confession. St. John Vianney rolled up his sleeves, began to put the church back together, bought new vestments

and altar cloths, filled his home with books and sacramentals, and preached fearlessly the gospel. By the end of his life, people came from all over Europe on pilgrimage to meet this living saint. When he died and later his body was exhumed, he was incorrupt and now can be seen in a glass coffin above the altar. He knew as well, that it all boils down to the love for the “BREAD OF LIFE,” the Holy Eucharist.

This great saint said among many things these words: **“...THE EUCHARIST IS THE SACRAMENT OF LOVE. IT SIGNIFIES LOVE. THE EUCHARIST IS THE CONSUMMATION OF THE WHOLE SPIRITUAL LIFE.”** Amen!!!



Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor



State Street Theater Presents - Into the Woods

Into the Woods is presented by the Protean Players Friday, August 13 through Sunday, August 15, 2021 at the State Street Theater in New Ulm.

The story follows a Baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King’s Festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk. When the Baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a Witch’s curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse. Everyone’s wish is granted, but the consequences of their actions return to haunt them later with disastrous results.

State Street Theater Co. has adopted protocols that address social distancing and other related procedures for rehearsals and productions for audiences and actors alike.

For show times and to purchase tickets, go to: statestreetnewulm.org.



Congratulations to the following Loyola students for receiving AP Scholar awards: Joseph Huisken, AP Scholar of Distinction; Duram Kelly, AP Scholar; Rachel Kohlmeyer, AP Scholar; Marie Leonard, AP Scholar; Jacob Reynolds, AP Scholar with Honor; Madeline Roe, AP Scholar with Honor.

School-Based Mentoring Program

Loyola Catholic School is participating in the YMCA School-Based Mentoring Program for the upcoming school year. The school-based mentoring program pairs Loyola Catholic School students with adult mentors for lunch once a week. For the students, it is an adult who will listen without judging, talk without preaching, and take a genuine interest in how things are going. In other words, a friend. If you are interested in volunteering to be a part of this program, please email Becky Gerdes, bgerdes@loyolacatholicschool.org.

Admissions/Enrollment

Loyola is adding spots to the 5 Day All Day preschool class! Please call Kerstyn Cafarelli at 507-386-5399, or email admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org for more information. This 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, linguistics, social, emotional, and mental. Academics focus on handwriting, math, alphabet, and library time. Outside time and physical education are also part of the curriculum.

Employment opportunities

Loyola is currently accepting applications for the following positions: Full-time Director of Finance and Operations; Full-time Special Events Coordinator; Full-time 3rd grade teacher; Full-time STREAM/STEM teacher; Full-time Preschool assistant teacher. For information about these positions, please visit the about us tab at www.loyolacatholicschool.org. 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. \$20 per hour; Loyola will pay for a driver to get licensed. For more information, please contact Trudi Clements, 507-388-0606.

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

Leading through Faith, Academic Excellence, and Service.



This Week's Sanctuary Light Intention:
John Klaseus†

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, Lester Kopp, Bob Meyer, Mary Helen Kennedy, Leroy Gappa, Dorothy Drummer, Aljean Ackerman

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** Valerie Smith
- Tuesday** Sharon Zellmer
- Wednesday** Lionel & Maureen Sorgatz
- Thursday** Jan Engelen
- Friday** Judith Neitge
- Saturday** Jeffrey & Mary White
- Sunday** Pat Goodrich



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: Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27 (413)
- Tues: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26 (618) Pss Prop
- Weds: Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20 (415)
- Thurs: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21—19:1 (416)
- Fri: Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12 (417)
- Sat: Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15 (418)
- Sun: **Vigil:** 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 (621) **Day:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56 (622) Pss Prop