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# Holy Rosary Catholic Church

OF NORTH MANKATO

**October 17, 2021**  
**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



"... and to give His life as a ransom for the many."

**Rev. Paul van de Crommert  
Pastor**



**"For the Son of man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for the many."**

-St. Mark



Last weekend, at the 10:00 A.M. Mass, the small children were invited forward for the dismissal rite to "Break open the Word", with the Sunday readings of Mass, that are simplified by the catechists, so that they will understand the readings at their age level. Last weekend, if you recall, was the story in St. Mark's gospel of the Jesus' encounter with the rich man. So, at the start of the Liturgy of the Word, again when a group of these young children came forward, I asked these little souls two simple questions before they left the church. I asked them: 1.) "How many of you would like to be rich?" All of the children raised their hands! 2.) Then I asked: "How many of you would like to be poor?" Not a single hand went up in the air.

From little on, it is amazing that we know the difference between being rich and poor, with its privilege and its pain. I believe that if this weekend, I would ask the children if they would want to be a king or queen with servants waiting on them hand and foot, or a servant who must always work and serve others; I suspect from those small children we would have a lot of princes and princesses, lots of future kings and queens!!!

When my parents entered into assisted care in the remaining two years of their life, my Mother, was most troubled by having people doing things for her. She was so used to being a spouse and mother that served others. If we came home late from the field, from college, or from the parish, she was more than willing to get up from the comfort of her easy chair, to make us something to eat, even if we insisted that we were fine. It bothered her in assisted living that someone came in to dust her furniture or make her bed. Then, when she realized that this was why her monthly costs were as high as they were, she finally said one day, "I am not hard up for work. If they want to do it since I paid for it, then let them clean things up." She also was fiercely practical. But even though she said those words, I am not quite convinced she wanted to surrender her life of service in her final senior years.

To know me is to know that I don't like being served, (*with the exception of having altar servers on the altar, which are slowly coming back one by one following Covid-19*), and as my Mother's son, I would rather do things myself. It feels odd, when funeral directors are standing by the car, when we head out to the cemetery and they are waiting for me and holding the car door open like I am the Prince of Wales. (*Maybe in the winter it might be okay when you have a long winter coat on, your hands full of things and you are trying to stuff all of that in the car.*)

I had a housekeeper when I first became pastor, out in the western part of the state when I was in my 20's. I felt it was the thing to do at the time, because after all, I was now a "PASTOR"! My housekeeper, Dorothy, was a lovely woman inside and out. She lived right across the street from the rectory and was spotlessly clean. But, when I left that assignment, I decided that I didn't want a housekeeper. I just didn't like the idea of having a type of servant when I was most capable to wash my own clothes and vacuum my own rugs. Likewise, my pet peeve is when people call me "SIR," inside or outside the parish. I have never before been called "SIR" as often as I have been since I have moved to Mankato. I have never felt the formality of being called "SIR", since I have not forgotten my rural upbringing. Calling me "Father" is fine, or if you are not Catholic, "Paul", but NO "SIR" please; unless of course I am knighted by the Queen of England for my music like "SIR PAUL McCARTNEY"!!!

*But there are a lot of people out there that would rather be "served" than to "serve". Today's Gospel from St. Mark, is once again so believable because the sons of Zebedee want the prestige and power that includes having a place at the right and the left of our Precious Lord when He reigns as the King of Glory. Of course, these naïve men think that it is only a matter of time and Jesus will have this great and powerful kingdom here on earth. But we all know how the story of Christ's earthly life ends on Calvary. So, it is for that reason that Christ asks them ultimately if they are also prepared to suffer.*

*The lengthy passage concludes with Christ calling His followers to a life, not of ease, but of extreme suffering; not a life of being served but rather to serve; not a life of earthly riches, but rather poverty. The words of Christ are almost identical to Isaiah in the first reading. Recall again, the words of this great prophet who says in the same spirit of sacrifice and service to others: "...through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear." There is no doubt that these words of Isaiah are not only a foreshadowing of the coming of*

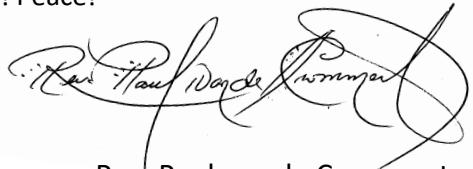
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**(“The Quill and the Cloth” continued...)**

**Christ but also a foreshadowing of any soul that is serious about their spiritual life and sharing one day in the Kingdom of Heaven!**

A priest told us on retreat years ago that every pastor is “only one accusation away from being removed from ministry”. It is a scary thought! Although many priests have been justifiably accused, there have also been many priests in this country and around the world that have been falsely accused. One of my priest friends of this Diocese of New Ulm, commented on the phone that if he had been falsely accused, but was removed from the parish, he said he would find a job and, “work as a janitor somewhere”. He said to me, “I am not that proud that I couldn’t get my hands dirty”. He also noted that some cleaners are paid \$25.00 an hour or more, which is more financially beneficial than being called “Father” these days. When he asked me what I would do if I were forced to step down, I told him I most likely would do the exact same thing. I suppose that is why we are friends, as we are like-minded. God forbid that should ever happen to either of us!

**May this week ahead be a week of serving others in the name of the Savior!** As always, have a good and service-filled week!!! Peace!



Rev. Paul van de Crommert  
Pastor

**Welcome!**

Again this week we are blessed to welcome another new household to Holy Rosary. As pastor, I invite you to welcome with me Katie Kaminski and her daughter, Bryleigh. Katie is employed at the Mayo Clinic here in Mankato and the family resides here in North Mankato. We are so happy that they have chosen Holy Rosary as their new parish home.

Are you new to the area and would like to join our growing Holy Rosary parish family? Just go to [holysaraynorthmankato.com/membership-registration](http://holysaraynorthmankato.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!

**Stewardship of Gratitude**

10/10/21

**Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary**

<b>Adult Contributions</b>	\$6,349.00
<b>Electronic Giving</b>	\$2,540.53
<b>Plate Collection</b>	\$320.00
<b>Junior Collection</b>	\$57.25
<b>Raffle Prize Money</b>	\$250.00
<b>Dinner Tickets</b>	\$505.00
<b>Raffle Tickets Sold</b>	\$335.00
<b>Air Conditioning</b>	\$100.00
<b>Weekly Offering Total</b>	<b>\$10,456.78</b>

*Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,300.00*

**Additional Weekly Income**      **\$4,323.82**

**Grand Total**      **\$14,780.60**

*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**

We are now just **THREE WEEKS** away from the **BIG DAY** of our **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Festival called November Fest (ival)**. We have received at this time **almost 40 baskets/items for our Silent Auction**, which has now gone on-line as of this past Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, so that you can start bidding as soon as possible! (See the bulletin insert for further details.) As I write these lines, **we are only a few tickets away from 200 dinner tickets sold**, but we still need to make up some serious ground to get to 400-500 dinner tickets! **WILL YOU HELP SELL/PURCHASE dinner tickets for your family and friends???** We are starting to get some nice items in for our NEW Country Market! Keep those quality used items coming!!! **OUR FIRST RAFFLE TICKETS ARE BEING RETURNED!** **IF YOU DID NOT PICK UP YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS LAST WEEKEND THEY WERE MAILED OUT TO YOU THIS WEEK THROUGH A BULK MAILING!** PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE! TAKE A MOMENT TO FILL IN YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS AND RETURN THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THEY DO NOT GET MISPLACED OR LOST SOMEWHERE IN YOUR HOME! THE RAFFLE TICKET IS THE FINANCIAL KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR DAY! IF EVERYONE PURCHASED OR SOLD JUST THOSE FIVE TICKETS, WE WOULD HAVE AN AMAZINGLY SUCCESSFUL DAY. IF PEOPLE WITH TIME ON THEIR HANDS WOULD SELL OR PURCHASE ADDITIONAL TICKETS, WE ALSO WOULD HAVE AN AMAZING DAY! I have done some 30 festivals in my lifetime as a priest and pastor, and I know first-hand that a lot of things begin to happen in the last days or even the day before the festival! Anything you can do through either donations, or volunteering, or attending is all of great help! As always thank you for your gifts!

## The Week Ahead

Monday, October 18th: Saint Luke, Evangelist Feast

*Private Mass - Special Intention*

Tuesday, October 19th: USA: Saints John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, & Companions, Martyrs

*Private Mass - Marilyn Riefft*

Wednesday, October 20th: Weekday [USA: Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest]

*Private Mass - Deceased Members of the Dauffenbach Family†*

**No Faith Formation (Grades 1 - 8) - MEA Break**

Thursday, October 21st: Weekday

*Private Mass - Steve Rykhus*

Friday, October 22nd: Weekday [Saint John Paul II, Pope]

*Private Mass - Norma Neubert†*

Saturday, October 23rd: Weekday [Saint John of Capistrano, Priest; BVM]

**5:00 pm - Mass - Dolly Meyer†**

Sunday, October 24th: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:30 am - Mass - Peter & Jelaine Schreiner 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.\*\*)**

### Thought for the Week

#### Pope Critical of the Media

 "While he was in Slovakia, Pope Francis was recently asked: 'How do you deal with people who look at you with suspicion?' The Holy Father's answer reverberated across Catholic media. 'There is, for example, a large Catholic television channel that has no hesitation in continually speaking ill of the pope. I personally deserve attacks and insults because I am a sinner, but the Church does not deserve them. They are the work of the devil. I have also said this to some of them.'

Some papal critics see Francis' response as a cause for celebration. Viewing themselves as the gatekeepers of orthodoxy, they received his critique not as an indictment but as a badge of honor. These critics believe the channel - which many assume to be EWTN - must continue on the course the Holy Father denounced.

Meanwhile some papal supporters feel a sense of schadenfreude at seeing the pope's critics called out. They perceive elements of the channel as a standard bearer for racist, sexist and politically partisan ideologies. To them, the Holy Father snatched the cloak of orthodoxy from a pious fraud."

- Gloria Purvis - October 1, 2021

## Ministry Schedule October 23rd & 24th



#### Rosary Leader:

<b>5:00 pm</b>	Mary Braam
<b>8:30 am</b>	Elmber Heirigs
<b>10:00 am</b>	Donna Wenkel

#### Lector:

<b>5:00 pm</b>	Vince Guertin
<b>8:30 am</b>	Linda Olson
<b>10:00 am</b>	Volunteer Needed

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

<b>5:00 pm</b>	Brenda Voracek, Jane Younge
<b>8:30 am</b>	Arluce Anderson, Michelle Ellingworth
<b>10:00 am</b>	Curt & Donna Stanke

#### Servers:

<b>5:00 pm</b>	Anna & James Voracek
<b>8:30 am</b>	James Younge
<b>10:00 am</b>	Walter Michels, CBB; Emma Bernard

#### Ushers:

<b>5:00 pm</b>	Steve & Barb Enderle
<b>8:30 am</b>	Bill Cahalan, Julie Bigaouette
<b>10:00 am</b>	Brent Friedrichs, Isaac Kolstad

#### Music Ministry:

<b>5:00 pm</b>	Julie Gruber, Vicki Galli
<b>8:30 am</b>	Jenny Chelstrom, Tom Maidl
<b>10:00 am</b>	Kathy Jo Johns, Tom Maidl



This Week's Sanctuary Light Intention:  
*Dennis Hollund*

## Upcoming Parish Events

- No Faith Formation (Grades 1 - 8) on October 20th - MEA Break**
- CCW Salad Luncheon** - October 21st, 10 am - 2 pm (serving 11 am - 1 pm), School Cafeteria
- Faith Formation Class (1 - 8)** - Wednesday, October 27th, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM, School Building
- Confirmation Class - Sunday**, October 31st, Noon - 2 pm, Parish Center
- Faith Formation Class (1 - 8)** - Wednesday, November 3rd, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM, School Building
- November Fest 2021** - Sunday, November 7th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.
- Fall Communal Anointing Mass** - Monday, November 8th - 4:00 PM; (Catered supper to follow.)
- Annual Deceased Soul's Mass** - Sunday, November 14th - 10:00 AM Mass; (For parishioners & families that have lost a loved one in the past year.)



## Faith Formation

### Class! Class! Class!



It is nice to have the consistency of faith formation classes now on a weekly basis after more than a year and a half absence. It does my pastoral heart good to see all the lights on the second floor on Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M. Thank you to our catechists for their faithful hour long weekly service to the next generation of Roman Catholics!

### No Class Next Week!

Parents, do you know that next week is already MEA? It is true! As a result of this, there will be **NO FAITH FORMATION THIS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 P.M.** We will resume class of course next Wednesday for grades 1-8, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. I hope both the catechists and our students will enjoy their time off with their families.

### Confirmation Class is Coming!

Our next Confirmation Class will be held on Halloween Day. I have a few "Tricks" up my priest sleeve and also a "Treat", as I am aware that even in high school students like sweet things!!! Parents, we are asking our students to review what was studied some time ago (but some have forgotten). Some of our students still need some help with mastering the Apostle's Creed. This is an important prayer to learn in Confirmation as we are learning in class what it is we believe as Roman Catholics. Secondly, we are now working on the Hail Holy Queen! If you can help us help them master those prayers by October 31<sup>st</sup>, well, that would be a great SPIRITUAL TREAT for this catechist and clergyman! Thank you for your help!

### Class Mask Requirement -Grades 1-10

I recently spoke with one of our parishioners who is teaching in our public school system. I learned that there was a recent break-out of Covid-19 in one of our elementary schools. The virus is still out there. I also am hearing now and again where adults have had both of their shots, but are still breaking out with a mild to a moderate case of Covid-19. The Diocese of New Ulm reported that 3 of our priests recently came down with Covid-19, even though they had been fully vaccinated with their two shots. My point is not to instill fear but to be CAREFUL AND CAUTIOUS! Masks ARE REQUIRED in class for grades 1-10, for Faith Formation for those students that have not been vaccinated. Students are also welcome to wear a mask if they choose, even if they have been vaccinated! Let us not get complacent about Covid-19, until the virus is largely eradicated from our community and our country! Mask up! It is just a little penance to practice as we pray and study about our Precious Lord!



### Changing Times and Locations

In conversation with the councils and the staff, for the next 24-36 months we are basically relocating the parish kitchen and social hall to our former school building. Largely through the efforts of our administrator, Jim, we have refurbished our school cafeteria kitchen to make it a functional and usable space with all appliances and equipment repaired, replaced or updated. Nearly \$7,500.00 was spent to get the kitchen up and running for parish events and fund-raising.

I know for some people it might seem strange and they might feel a bit out-of-sorts when it comes to changing the location of our kitchen and social hall facility for this period of time. Depending on how our stewardship fares and the ability to seek out reputable contractors to perform the needed work both in our main worship space (that we hope to complete in the summer of 2022), and the kitchen and social hall in 2023; when these projects are completed, we will have updated two spaces that have not had serious attention since they were built or certainly in recent decades.

Actually, the use of the school cafeteria, kitchen and gym is a wonderful space for funerals and fundraisers as there are no steps into the facility. I am always on pins and needles when I see our older parishioners, who because of pride, do not want to take the elevator but decide to descend those steep steps to our lower hall.

I just wanted to inform you of our tentative remodeling plans at this time. I will keep you posted as things continue to develop. This week, we are adding to our "Stewardship Corner", another line-item of the work that we anticipate doing in the church next summer. It is the hope of the parish to be able to raise and save \$150,000.00 for the much needed work to the church flooring, pews, lighting and the completion of the interior painting. Anything you would like to give to this designated fund, would be greatly appreciated. As always, thank you for sharing of your time, your talent and your treasure.

### Are You a Victim of Sexual Abuse?

Anyone who has suffered sexual abuse by a priest or another person involved in Church ministry is encouraged to immediately report such abuse to local law enforcement, regardless of when it occurred, if it has not yet been reported. A listing of all county law enforcement and child protection agencies within the 15 counties of the Diocese of New Ulm is posted on the diocesan Web site at <https://www.dnu.org/report-abuse>.

Victims and survivors of abuse by clergy are also encouraged to contact the diocesan victim assistance coordinator or the bishop's delegate in matters pertaining to sexual misconduct at 1421 6th Street North, New Ulm, MN 56073, or by phone at 507-233-5313, for counseling or other assistance in healing.



## STEWARSHIP CORNER

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

Paid to Date:	\$22,999.36
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:	\$20,000.00
DUE:	\$153,150.77

### Holy Rosary Church Repair/Restoration:

Pd to Date:	\$200.00
Goal:	\$150,000.00

**Total Paid to Date 2021-22: \$42,999.36**

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

Because of a recent bequest of one of our late, great parishioners, we are now able to pay forward some of those required annual monies to both the Diocese of New Ulm, as well as our area Catholic School. Last week we were able to become completely current again with the various charges from the Catholic Pastoral Center in New Ulm. This week, we contributed a second \$10,000.00, to our Loyola commitment. Although we are still a great deal behind our contributions to Loyola from a year ago, in the recent weeks we are covering some serious stewardship ground. If it has been a while since you have given an offering through the Sunday offering, (or if you are not an e-giver), consider doing so in the days ahead. One of our hopes for the summer of 2022, is to complete the structural interior work of the church that has not been addressed in some cases, since the church was built back in 1950, such as flooring under the pews, improved lighting, completing the work of painting, etc. My pastoral hope is that we can raise and save from our Sunday offering this year about \$150,000.00. Any additional costs would be covered by the parish from our money that is being held in reserve for an occasion such as this one that is forthcoming. Thank you to all of you good stewards, for all that you do both for the good of the parish as well as the advancement of the ministries that we are serving both inside and outside of the parish boundaries. May God reward you!!!



## World Mission Sunday - October 24, 2021



The annual, worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions of the Church will be October 24, 2021. This important day in the life of the Church universal fortifies our understanding of our shared call to mission, bestowed upon us at Baptism.

Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday reflects the theme: "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). The Holy Father shares his zeal, reminding us that, "as Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves," as we "recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel." He invites us to speak of our faith!

World Mission Sunday provides us with that very opportunity. We can speak about our faith and respond to our missionary call - *through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and giving generously* to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of Faith on that special day. Your gifts support and sustain priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses worldwide. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## Fair Trade Goods



Gourmet Guatemalan Coffee is for sale in the parish office. Ground, whole bean & Dark Roast whole bean bags are available. Each bag is \$10.00 per bag.



## THE TIME TO GIVE BLOOD IS NOW



### Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be set up to collect units of Blood on Thursday October 21<sup>st</sup> 2021 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church between the hours of 12:00 to 6:00 pm. The need for Blood donations is forever growing and the eligible donors that donate regularly is shrinking, so if you are eligible, please consider taking time out of your schedule to donate so others can live a better life.

The need for collecting type O blood is very critical right now because there is a severe shortage of type O blood.

The Power Red donation machine will be set up for power red collections. Please go on-line at REDCROSSBLOOD.org and schedule yourself at a time that fits your schedule or call 1-800-733-2767 and the Red Cross will help you get scheduled in. Thank you for your past and present support, John Jagerson.



### Alumni News

Thank you to all who came to support Chris St. John as he received the Red Sheehan Award on October 13. It was also wonderful to see all our alumni and friends at the homecoming gathering prior to the football game! Please continue to watch the Loyola alumni Facebook page for upcoming events.

Loyola is looking for volunteers to help organize alumni association events. If you are interested in becoming involved, contact our alumni office at (507) 386-5392, or email [mfink@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:mfink@loyolacatholicschool.org).

### Wired to the Heart Gala

Do you have a creative idea for a silent auction item or gift basket? Loyola Catholic School is now accepting donations to support our Wired to the Heart Gala and the school's need-based scholarship fund, the St. Ignatius Scholarship.

To donate or learn more, please contact Carrie Kijenski at 507-386-5381.

### Honoring Loyola's Veterans

In honor of Veteran's Day on November 11, throughout the month of November, Loyola Catholic School will remember all those who served or are currently serving our nation in the Armed Forces. Pictures and service information will be displayed in Loyola's main hallway, and the school will remember our veterans and service members in prayer.

Family and friends of veterans and service members are encouraged to submit information through October 29. Please email Becky Gerdes, Dean of Academics, at [bgerdes@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:bgerdes@loyolacatholicschool.org) if you have any questions.

### Employment Opportunities

Loyola is currently accepting applications for the following positions: Business Manager, Kindergarten paraprofessional, Middle school paraprofessional, Elementary paraprofessional (PT), PT before & after school childcare assistants and PT bus driver. For more information about these positions, please visit the "About" tab at [www.loyolacatholicschool.org](http://www.loyolacatholicschool.org)

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

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## 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 Eilbert, Marion Giefer, Joan Karpinsky, Lester Kopp, Bob Meyer, Mary Helen Kennedy, Leroy Gappa, Dorothy Drummer, Aljean Ackerman, Donna Hollund, LaVaughn Drummer

**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	Tom & Kris Bachman
Tuesday	Peter & Danielle Backes
Wednesday	Clinton & Dana Bahe
Thursday	Patricia Balderas
Friday	Randy & Laurel Ballman
Saturday	John & Kathleen Banschbach
Sunday	Jessica Barke



### For Those in the Military

Nick Blace	Matt McGraw	Ben Barsness
Jared Hiniker	Christopher Schmidt	Timothy Eick
Dana Schiller	Anna Drummer	Zach Zernechel
Mark Hansen	Tanner Johnson	



### 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 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9 (661) Pss Prop
Tues:	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38 (474)
Weds:	Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48 (475)
Thurs:	Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53 (476)
Fri:	Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59 (477)
Sat:	Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9 (478)
Sun:	Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52 (149) Pss II

# THREE WEEKS TO THE FESTIVAL!!



**Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

Rosary to buy or sell all of your tickets. Every year so many people want to know, after the festival, how many dinners were sold, but **IT IS THE RAFFLE TICKET THAT BRINGS IN THE MAJOR REVENUE FOR THIS IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER! Sell! Sell! Sell!**

**2. Dinner Tickets:** The number of dinner tickets that we have sold continues to climb slowly but surely higher and higher. **We have sold ALMOST 200 DINNER TICKETS!** We have had good brisk sales. We are approaching the HALF-WAY point from previous years. With lots of encouragement over the next three weeks, perhaps you might buy and invite some of your extended family and friends to join you for dinner that is either DINE-IN or TAKE-OUT. Again this year we will be having a home-made chicken dinner with all of the trimmings. (**\*If you eat in, you are welcome to come back for seconds!**) The cost for tickets is just \$10.00 for adults and children 12 and under is only \$5.00.



**3. Silent Auction:** The large table of baskets that we had set out several weeks ago for our SILENT AUCTION ARE ALMOST GONE! WOW! (Of course you are most welcome to prepare your own basket for this area of the festival as well.) We had a packed table and now we are down to a small remaining number of baskets. **AT THIS TIME WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED SOME 40 BASKETS THAT YOU CAN NOW REVIEW ON-LINE AND START BIDDING FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP WORK AT HOLY ROSARY.** We are experiencing once again great progress in this area as in past years. Reviewing and bidding on these items is really a lot of fun as there is so much imagination and creativity that goes into each of the many baskets as well as the other items that are donated each year. **THE SOONER THAT YOU BRING THE ITEMS IN, THE SOONER WE ARE ABLE TO GET THEM ON-LINE AND THE BIDDING CAN BEGIN!** The link to bidding is: <http://e.givessmart.com/events/iwV> We welcome any items that are non-perishable! The more the merrier!

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The time is quickly drawing to a close, with **THREE WEEKS** to go before we will be celebrating our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual November festival. We have accomplished much, but there is still SO MUCH MORE that needs to be done. Please keep reading so that you might be informed of what has been happening on this major fundraiser and where you might be able to help!

**1. Raffle Tickets:** Our raffle tickets were available last weekend for you to pick up and the remainder have been mailed out this week. We have the exact same dollar amount as last year totaling \$6,200.00 in cash prizes. Thank you to all of you that have been so generous to donate towards our raffle ticket. Again, please remember that our raffle ticket for the second year in a row is an ALL CASH TICKET! Who out there does not like to win COLD HARD CASH? We again appeal to each and every household that is registered at Holy



# THREE WEEKS TO THE FESTIVAL!!

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**4. Country Market: "New this Year":** This year the Fall Festival Committee is doing something new. Grandma's Attic (which was full of cobwebs), is being replaced with a "COUNTRY MARKET". **WE WILL BE HOSTING THIS COUNTRY MARKET SALE FOR 3 DAYS - BEGINNING IN THE SCHOOL GYM ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>.** We will have different store fronts that will include PRODUCE (e.g.) vegetables, fruits, eggs, etc. We will be welcoming quality small kitchen and household items. (\*NO ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES OR CLOTHING PLEASE!!!) Perhaps a simple rule of thumb is this: "IF YOU HATE TO PART WITH IT BUT YOU NO LONGER USE IT OR HAVE A USE FOR IT, WE WANT IT! IF YOU CANNOT DECIDE WHETHER IT IS JUST TRASH OR POSSIBLE TREASURE, IT MIGHT VERY WELL BE TRASH! You are welcome to bring these items to our Country Market, STARTING RIGHT NOW, to our school building during office hours. A special shout-out of thanks goes to the ladies who helped prepare the preserves from the "Van de Crommert Vineyards". This year we had a great harvest of grapes and peaches. Just from a few vines and one tree, we have about 150 jars of homemade, sweet-tasting grape and peach jellies. If you really like the grape jelly from past years, wait until you try the peach jelly! It is BEYOND DELICIOUS! I took a jar home and it is by far the BEST PEACH JELLY I HAVE EVER HAD! It makes the jelly you buy in the store taste ....well.....watery! We welcome your fine canning and preserves as well. Thank you!

**5. Father's Furniture Market:** Father's Furniture Farm returns for THREE FULL DAYS too! Select items of quality furniture will be available. We already have some wonderful furnishings. Come say HELLO and come, be ready to HAGGLE!



**6. Poster Promotion:** Will you help us promote the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual November Fest? Posters are available in the back of church as well as at the parish office during office hours to post in your office, place of work and in your neighborhood! If you could help us to get the word out about our festival, that would be WONDERFUL! Thank you for promoting this main fund-raiser of Holy Rosary of the entire year!

**7. Plus:** - SO MUCH MORE...from BINGO TO GAMES FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS!!! **SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE NOW**



**AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.** Thank you to those of you who have already signed up to serve. IF YOU HAVE HELPED IN THE PAST, PLEASE GIVE OUR ADMINISTRATOR JIM A CALL IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP IN THE SAME AREA! (\*Our proceeds will go towards the reduction of our stewardship commitments to the Catholic Pastoral Center in New Ulm as well as our Area Catholic School of Loyola!) Help us help them!!! Thank you! See you on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November!



Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

## Holy Rosary Finance Council Meeting

### Holy Rosary Catholic Church

**October 4, 2021**

The Holy Rosary Finance Council met on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. The last meeting of the Holy Rosary Finance Council was held on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Following the opening prayer that was led by Father, the past minutes of the June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, meeting were reviewed and approved as read. Nearly all of the Finance council members were in attendance. There were no additional items added to the agenda. Two representatives from Northwest Mutual, Doug and Steven Helget, were present to review the parish investments as well as the parish endowment portfolio. The parish has seen an overall increase in parish investments over the past year from October 2020 to October 2021 by 7.5%. (*However, with the recent fluctuation of the markets, the month of September brought about a decrease in revenue by some \$30,000.00.*) A discussion ensued by the members as to increase the risk of the investments for a potential higher return. No final decision was reached. Some of the members were both for and concerned in moving the portfolio from a conservative to a slightly more progressive area. Father concluded by expressing his concerns as well at taking a higher risk with the endowment, but would take the suggestion under advisement with the administrator and Northwestern Mutual.

**Pastor's Comments:** The parish, with each passing week is slowly returning to normal ranging from a full Fall Festival with our November Fest(ival) planning under way, to finally seeing the return of our altar servers. However, Father admitted it is a slow uphill climb. Faith Formation is now again in session after a year-and-a-half of not having in-class sessions.

This past summer, in the new Fiscal Year of 2021-2022, the parish has completed three significant projects. The first is the foundational repairs done to the glass addition on the south side of the church that had been sinking. The total cost of the repair was noticeably less than the first bid that the parish received. The final cost of this foundational concrete work came to \$3,600.00. The south parking lot was also resurfaced at the cost of \$2,500.00. The parish kitchen (temporarily for the next year or two) is being relocated to the school kitchen area. This has also been at significant cost with total expenses and repairs coming to \$7,200.00. Father expressed his gratitude to both the Knights of Columbus and C.C.W, for their recent donations to assist in some of the repairs in this kitchen area.

The parish has been registering a sizable number of parishioners in the last weeks, with another household again joining the parish this week. Contributions in general are fairly consistent with past years, with one significant annual contribution being substantially decreased. This has resulted in lower percentage of monies being able to be sent to our required stewardship goals to both the Catholic School of Loyola and the Catholic Pastoral Center in New Ulm. Last week the parish paid out its first \$10,000.00 to Loyola and this week are now current with the Diocese by paying this week the amounts due for August and September.

Father indicated that he has no plans for any major expenses from now until June of 2022. Father indicated that he is hoping to save and raise between \$100,000.00-\$150,000.00 through the Sunday collections and additional contributions for the repairs that the parish is anticipating beginning next summer for the interior work of the main church through painting, flooring, lighting, etc. He may put off the work in the sacristy for another year or so, depending on the level of revenue being received in the coming months. He is still hoping that in 2023, the work on the lower social hall, kitchen, and bathrooms can begin and be completed by September of that year.

**Business: Phase II –Completion of the Repairs/Redecorating of the Church Interior:** At the last council meeting, the decision was reached to continue to seek out bids for the various areas of repairs and improvements for the church's interior. The hope is that by the summer of 2022, the main church flooring and carpeting would be updated after many decades or years. The pews are in need of refinishing, walls need to be painted, etc. Excluding any work on the sacristy, the total cost would be around \$150,000.00. More bids are being sought at this time. **Financial Report 2019-2020:** The annual financial report was reviewed by the council and will be published in the parish bulletin in the near future. The parish again concluded in the black for the seventh year in a row. **November Fest(ival):** \$6,200.00 was again raised for the raffle ticket for prizes. Tickets are now going to press to be distributed on the weekend of October 9th-10<sup>th</sup>. About 136 dinner tickets have been sold so far, or about 25% of the parish goal. **School Kitchen Update:** Over \$7,000.00 has been spent in getting the kitchen in school up and running as repairs and updates were done from the dishwasher to the cooler. Although the space is somewhat tighter than the lower social hall kitchen, the ventilation, etc. is all up to state code in the school but not in the church social hall. It is being anticipated that the lower hall and kitchen will be updated in the summer of 2023. (*\*It might be worth noting that the school kitchen, at its peak, was once able to feed daily as many as 500 students five days a week.*) The present kitchen arrangement is not a permanent arrangement, but has the advantage of serving people in a space where there are no steps or step flight of stairs to contend with in the school facility.) There being no further business, the meeting closed with prayer. **Next Meeting:** The next Finance Council meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2021.

# ATTENTION ALL MAKERS & CRAFTERS!

**Yes, that's you Ladies & Gentlemen**

Do you make handmade items that are practical, useful, unique, decorative, vintage, and in demand?

Do you bake items that taste so good people can't stop eating them?



Please consider donating one (or more) of your items for the new Country Market Place during our November(fest).

## Possible ideas include



canned goods	snacks	specialty breads
candies	cookies	cakes
antiques	jewelry	paper crafts
handbags	ceramics	home decor
soaps	candles	

Please attach your name and a suggested sale price to any craft items and bring them to the Parish Center any time starting now. (Please wait to bring perishable items to the school gymnasium until Friday morning, November 5<sup>th</sup> between 7:00 am and 1:00 pm.)

The sale starts Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm in the gymnasium. The sale will continue on Saturday from 7:30 am until 6:00 pm and on Sunday from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm.

Thank You all! Your generosity is exceeded only by your support of our efforts.

Questions? - call Mary Grams at 507-327-6479