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November 20th, 2022 *Christ the King*

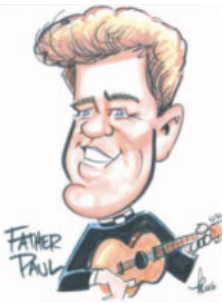


Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor



How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honor. To Him be glory and power forever and ever.

- Entrance Antiphon



I recall a member of my staff, two assignments ago, who belonged to a neighboring parish in our Diocese. I often asked how the Mass attendance was in their parish or what parish activity was taking place. One Monday morning I made a mighty big mistake and I asked this staff person what that pastor had preached on that previous weekend at Mass. The woman replied: **"LOVE! LOVE! LOVE! That is all we ever hear from that man Sunday after Sunday!"** I smiled and replied, **"There could be a lot worse topics than LOVE! He could talk every week about MONEY!"** This staff person was not amused!

Maybe they will say of me [or are already saying] is that all he does is sing, and all too often he sings those darn songs from Denver! Well, last weekend, my voice gave out as I was a bit under the weather. I will give the guitar a little liturgical rest until the Holy Spirit inspires me once again. But that having been said, I don't think I have over-exercised the topic of LOVE!?! Have I? But speaking of DENVER and LOVE, John Denver wrote a beautiful song of love that I sang recently at one of the weddings we had here at Holy Rosary. The song is entitled **"Perhaps Love"**. Perhaps you are old enough to remember this song. Allow me to share a bit of the lyrics on John's definition of love with you.

Perhaps love is like a resting place, a shelter from the storm. It exists to give you comfort. It's there to keep you warm. And in those times of trouble, when you are most alone, the memory of love will bring you home. Perhaps love is like a window, perhaps an open door. It is there to give you comfort. It is there to keep you warm. And even if you lose yourself and don't know what to do, the memory of love will see you through...etc.

If I were to ask you what LOVE is, I suspect that the definitions you would give would be as wide and as varied as the number of people defining that word. Depending on what version of the Sacred Scriptures you read, the word LOVE is mentioned anywhere from 361 to 551 times in the Bible. Perhaps the shortest definition of LOVE is written in St. John's Gospel, as the evangelist defines LOVE in just a word. For St. John writes, **"GOD IS LOVE"**! Perhaps the longest definition of love is written by that long-winded apostle Paul, [kind of like a pastor named Paul] who defines love for the Corinthian community in some 67 words: For

St. Paul writes, if you recall: **"...LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND. IT IS NOT JEALOUS. LOVE IS NOT POMPOUS. IT IS NOT INFLATED. IT IS NOT RUDE. IT DOES NOT SEEK ITS OWN INTEREST. IT IS NOT QUICK TEMPERED, AND IT DOES NOT BROOD OVER INJURY. IT DOES NOT REJOICE OVER WRONG DOING BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH. IT BEARS ALL THING, HOPES ALL THINGS, AND ENDURES ALL THINGS. LOVE NEVER FAILS..."**

So what can we conclude from the Christian and Catholic perspective as to what LOVE is from the longest definition of St. Paul to the shortest definition from St. John? Well, we first come to know the spiritual definition of LOVE is very different from society's definition of love. For far too often society will say that LOVE is about the SENSES and FEELINGS. But we, in the world of the SPIRITUAL, would say, that LOVE is less about the SENSES and much more about SACRIFICE, less about FEELINGS, and much more about FAITH!


On this Feast of Christ the King, we are not celebrating an earthly king or politician who will claim that they LOVE the LAND that they are LEADING, while enacting LAWS and LEGISLATION that are far from this thing called LOVE. ***Rather, what we celebrate religiously on this last and final feast of the liturgical year is that the Lord of Lords and King of Kings, Jesus Christ came to rule over our lives and our death in the most supreme form of love ever known on earth. And what is that SUPREME LOVE called. That supreme form of LOVE is simply called SACRIFICE.***

In the First Reading this weekend from the Second Book of Samuel, the greatest politician that has ever walked the saintly soil of the Holy Land, namely King David, is anointed the King of Israel. How is it that David becomes the King after King Saul? Simple! Sacrifice! Recall the words of the first reading that is spoken by the tribes of Israel; **"...it was you who led the Israelites out and brought them back"**. In other words, the Good News of the first reading is that "sacrifice begets sacrifice" or "leadership begets leadership".

Now, maybe after this explanation that I have just given you, today's Gospel account from St. Luke on the crucifixion of Christ on this great Feast of Christ the King won't seem so strange. For when Christ hung on the cross in SACRIFICIAL LOVE for sinners, Jesus revealed to the world that He was in fact that SUPREME SPIRITUAL RULER OF THE WORLD AND OF THE UNIVERSE.

May we aspire as spiritual followers of Christ the King, to follow Him in the ways of LOVE through a life of sacrifice and service so that one day we might share in His Eternal Kingdom in everlasting life! Happy Feast of Christ the King! See you next weekend at the start of the new liturgical year as well as the First Sunday of Advent! Peace!




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Baptismal Blessings!



Our prayers and best wishes go out to Michael and Lana Bramstedt on the occasion of Baptism of their daughter Greta this weekend. May the Sacrament of Baptism be the beginning of a life-long relationship with Jesus Christ and His bride, Holy Mother Church.

A Thanksgiving Prayer



We thank You for this bountiful feast to nourish us, friends and family to uplift us, and the glorious gifts of faith, hope and life itself.

Hear our Prayer this Thanksgiving for (add special intentions), as we remember those who hunger in body or in spirit.

Help us embrace our neighbor, especially those who are lonely, elderly, or infirm, as we discover new blessings of joy and oneness in Christ. Amen.



This Week's Sanctuary Light Intention:
Darwin Goodrich Family

Thought For the Week



Stewardship of Gratitude 11/13/2022



Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary

Adult Contributions	\$9,581.00
Electronic Giving	\$2,364.84
Plate Collection	\$558.00
Junior Collection	\$37.51
Raffle Prizes Donated back	\$125.00
Festival	\$101.16
Holy Day - All Saints	\$20.00

Weekly Offering Total \$12,788.51

Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,300.00

Additional Weekly Income \$1,382.20

Grand Total \$14,170.71

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

I am still in the afterglow of another successful November Festival. I was beginning to have my doubts a couple of weeks before the festival of its success and that we could be noticeably lower in gross and net profit. [Although we still have monies coming in, and I am required to get this bulletin done early due to our publisher gearing down for the Thanksgiving holiday] at this point I can tell you that our overall numbers are UP!!! YEA!

Last year, the gross income came to \$29,651.11. This year, we are still are receiving some additional monies but, we have already surpassed \$30,500.00!!! Yea! This is great news as the economy is not the greatest at this time. Equally, I have Good News to report that our Sunday offering is also up from a year ago, although loose plate and electronic giving is down. While we are still not even half-way into the new Fiscal Year of 2022-2023, we have the makings of a strong stewardship year, perhaps even stronger than last year. This will be wonderful as we will be able to set aside a good deal of money once again for the lower social hall, sacristy and restrooms.

Thanksgiving is only a week and a half away. I don't know if I will be eating turkey that day as I have no dinner plans at this point. But whatever I will do, I will have gratitude for the many material blessings God has bestowed on our parish of Holy Rosary these past 8 years. As always, thank you for your gifts!

The Week Ahead

Monday, November 21st : The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Thirty-Fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time) - Memorial

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Carol Hannick †

6:30 p.m. - **Finance Council Meeting - Conference Room #1**

Tuesday, November 22nd: - Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr - Memorial

Private Mass - Julie Lowe †

Wednesday, November 23rd: - [Saint Clement I, Pope & Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; USA: Blessed Miquel Agustín Pro, Priest & Martyr]

10:00 a.m. - Oak Terrace - Communal Anointing Mass - Cheryl Edwards†

1:00 p.m. - Sewing Group - School Building

5:00 p.m. - **Thanksgiving Eve Mass - Holy Rosary**

6:30 p.m. - **No Faith Formation Class**

7:00 p.m. - **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service - Belgrade Methodist Church**

Thursday, November 24th: - Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs - Memorial

8:30 a.m. - **Thanksgiving Day Mass** - Diane Sieberg †

Friday, November 25th: - [Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr]

10:00 a.m. - Monarch Meadows - Communal Anointing Mass Daniel McGarry †

12:00 p.m. - **Worship Committee - Take down/Set Up from Thanksgiving & for the Advent season**

7:30 p.m. - Knights of Columbus - General Meeting - Church Lower Hall

Saturday, November 26th: - Weekday [BVM]

5:00 p.m. - Mass - Ben Eggersdorfer †

6:15 p.m. - Baptism

Sunday, November 27th: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Roy & Monica Dauffenbach †

10:00 a.m. - Mass - People of the Parish

11:15 a.m. - Sacrament of Reconciliation

Upcoming Parish Events



- **Finance Council Meeting** - Mon. Nov. 21st, 2022; 6:30 p.m. - Conference room #1
- **Mass at Oak Terrace** - Wed. Nov. 23rd, 2022; 10:00 a.m.
- **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** - Wed. Nov. 23rd, 2022; 7:00 p.m. - Belgrade Methodist Church, North Mankato
- **Thanksgiving Eve Mass** - Wed. Nov. 23rd, 2022; 5:00 p.m.
- **Thanksgiving Day Mass** - Thur. Nov. 24th, 2022; 8:30 a.m.
- **Worship Committee** - Fri. Nov. 25th, 2022; 12:00 p.m. - Take down Thanksgiving & Decorate for Advent
- **Knights of Columbus Council** - Fri. Nov. 25th, 2022; 7:30 p.m.; General Meeting - Church Lower Hall
- **Mass at Monarch Meadows** - Fri. Nov. 25th, 2022; 10:00 a.m.
- **First Sunday of Advent** - Sun. Nov. 27th, 2022
- **Choir Rehearsal** - Mon. Nov. 28th, 2022, 6:30 p.m.; Choir Room
- **Mass at Oak Terrace** - Wed. Nov. 30th, 2022; 10:00 a.m.
- **Altar Server pre-Christmas Celebration** - Wed. Nov. 30th, 2022; Church Social Hall
- **First Friday Adoration** - Fri. Dec. 2nd, 2022;
- **Religious Goods Sale for the Holy Land** - Sat. Dec. 3rd, 2022 - [all weekend Masses]
- **C.C.W. Meeting & Christmas Party** - Mon. Dec. 5th, 2022
- **Holy Day of Obligation - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - Thur. Dec. 8th, 2022
- **Annual Parish Christmas Party** - [Free Tickets] Sat. Dec. 10th, 2022 - Following the 5:00 P.M. Mass, Sponsored by K of C & C.C.W. of Holy Rosary
- **Our Lady of Guadalupe** - Mon. Dec. 12th, 2022
- **Choir Rehearsal** - Mon. Dec. 12th, 2022, 6:30 p.m.; Choir Room
- **Loyola Board of Trustees Meeting** - Thur. Dec. 15th, 2022; 4:30 p.m. - Loyola main conference room
- **Choir Rehearsal** - Mon. Dec. 19th, 2022, 6:30 p.m.; Choir Room (if needed)
- **Holy Day - Christmas** - Sun. Dec. 25th, 2022

Welcome!



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!



Ministry Schedule November 26th & 27th

Rosary Leader:

5:00 pm Ann Michels
8:30 am Elmer Heirigs
10:00 am Donna Wolf

Lector:

5:00 pm Mary Clare Wyrowski
8:30 am Arlyce Anderson
10:00 am Liam Rooney

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm Patrick & Wanda Hull,
8:30 am Ann Michels, Terri Compton
10:00 am David Endres, Dennis Haga

Servers:

5:00 pm Joe Carruth, Lauren Jaqua
8:30 am Hannah Linnes
10:00 am Ryan & Aoife Rooney, Dennis Muga

Presentation of Gifts:

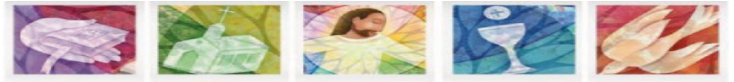
5:00 pm Dwayne & Mary Lou Witte
8:30 am Jim & Sharon Theuninck
10:00 am Jim & Darlene Schorn

Ushers:

5:00 pm Carol Boruff, Dennis Eggersdorger
8:30 am Peter Backes, Sharon Lenz
10:00 am Doug Helget, Brent Friedrichs

Music Ministry:

5:00 pm Julie Gruber, Cindy Gawrych
8:30 am Julie Gruber, Mark Frahm
10:00 am Vicki Galli, Mark Frahm



Faith Formation

Looking Ahead in November



Please note that there will be no Faith Formation class this Wednesday, November 23rd at 6:30 P.M. in anticipation of the Thanksgiving holiday. However, you are strongly encouraged as a family to attend the evening Thanksgiving service at Holy Rosary at 5:00 P.M., the Ecumenical Service at the Methodist Church on Belgrade at 7:00 P.M., or Mass on the morning of Thanksgiving at 8:30 A.M.! Although it is a little early....Happy Thanksgiving!



Welcome to Wednesday Night

We welcome Dennis and Janelle Eggersdorfer who will be working in the parish office on Wednesday nights during the time of Faith Formation. The Eggersdorfers have served in the past as catechists and we welcome them back to be part of our Wednesday night experience. Thank you Dennis and Nell for saying "Yes" to the service of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. May God reward you in your goodness!



- Father

Collection of Food Items for Those in Need



Both our religious education program as well as our parish from Holy Rosary are asked to donate food in the remaining days of November and throughout the month of December for those in our community who are suffering from food insecurity. As we all know, the price of groceries continues to climb. We are asking for you to contribute non-perishable food products. Please either bring them to class and to church on the weekends or weekdays as well as the Vigil for the Holy day of Obligation on December 7th! May God bless you in your goodness.



CHOIR SCHEDULE FALL 2022



The Holy Rosary choir will meet every other Monday. Choir rehearsals will be in the choir room unless specified otherwise. Our next scheduled rehearsal is Monday, **November 28th @6:30 p.m.** If you are unable to attend the rehearsal or Mass, please text **Cindy Gawrych** at **248-705-7772**. Thank you for sharing your talent with Holy Rosary!

Winter is a Time of Reading!



As the cold weather begins to set in, what could be more wonderful than to curl up with a good book? And what better books to read than something that spiritually inspires. Through the generosity of Doug and Rachel Helget, I have received two cases of two spiritual books that are yours for FREE! The first book is from Dr. Gregory Bottasro entitled, *"The Mindful Catholic"*. I recently preached on this book and it is an excellent and easy read. The second book I am not as familiar with, but I believe is equally as good. This book is entitled, *"Holy Moments"* – *"A handbook for the Rest of Your Life"* by Matthew Kelly. These books will be available on a table after the Masses as well as in the parish office during office hours while supply lasts. Our thanks goes out to the Helgets for this generous donation of spiritual enrichment!

Shepherd Field Group from the Holy Land

A Christian Group from Bethlehem in the Holy Land is visiting **our Church on Saturday and Sunday December 3rd & 4th**



They are coming to our Church once again to sell olive wood carvings and crafts that are hand made by the Christians in the Holy Land. This is their main source of income.

You can support these people by buying their beautiful olive wood carvings and crafts so you can help Christian families stay in the Holy Land.

Pray for the Christians in the Holy Land and support them so we all can do our part to keep our Christian bells ringing in the Holy Land. Thank you and may God bless you.

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Dedicated VINE volunteers deliver a nutritious noon meal each weekday to people living in North Mankato, Mankato, Skyline, LeHillier and Eagle Lake who find it difficult to shop for or prepare their meals. There are no age or income requirements; the program serves those in need of healthy nutrition. Meal recipients also benefit from a valuable safety check each day. If something is amiss, VINE staff quickly responds to get needed help. The meals include a variety of cooked meats, vegetables, salads, fruits and desserts. VINE receives no government subsidies and thanks to a long-term partnership with J.D. Truffles catering, we provide a delicious and affordable meal for the very low cost of \$4.25. Recipients are billed monthly and ACH withdrawals are available upon request. Call (507)387-4076 to sign up for VINE's Hot Meals on Wheels program or to become a volunteer to deliver meals one day per week.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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

48% COMPLETED Paid to Date: \$39,412.51
Due: \$81,457.85

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

0% COMPLETED Paid to Date: \$0.00
Due: \$35,206.42

Loyola Catholic School:

22% COMPLETED Paid to Date: \$35,000.00
Due: \$150,666.00

Church Social Hall/Sacristy:

1% COMPLETED Paid to Date: \$5,590.90
Goal: \$750,000.00

Total Paid to Date 2021-22: \$80,003.41

Apostolate stewardship for 2022-23: \$1,017,330.27

Stewardship Corner

We are starting to make some preliminary preparations for the work that we plan to do in the lower social hall, the bathrooms, as well as the sacristy. I have been put on the list for a cabinet maker that will construct the new cabinetry for the sacristy, next year. The earliest that cabinets can be made will be the middle of 2023. [Of course, you may have read or seen that the sacristy received a new flat roof, which we believe was the first new roof in 70 years, after many patches and repairs.]

Many months ago, we had put an order in for new front doors. During the Thanksgiving weekend, I will try and stop in at the local business to see what the status is on these doors, as they would be much more air-tight and will save money on the ever-rising fuel prices. I also will be visiting with this same company to get a bid on new windows for the lower social hall of church. From the outside it appears as if those lower windows were all new and replaced. However, only two of them are actually, new window units. This is an unforeseen cost, but the architect believes this is the primary reason that we are having moisture issues on those north and south walls. I suspect that we will need to order these windows this year, if we hope to have them installed by next summer. Someone once told me in Olivia when I was fixing up that parish plant, *"Anyone can build a building but it takes someone special to maintain it"*. Thank you for your support of our ongoing repairs and restoration of our seven-decades old church.

**THANKSGIVING
BLESSINGS**

Christmas Wreaths at Calvary Cemetery

Calvary Cemetery is now taking orders for Christmas wreath to decorate your loved ones grave. The cost is \$30.00. To order your wreath call Terry Miller at 507-995-1010



Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Lot Is Opening Nov 25th!



The North Mankato Knights of Columbus #5551 Christmas tree lot, located next to Circle Inn, 232 Belgrade Avenue in North Mankato will be open: Friday, November 25th and Saturday, November 26th from 9:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. Starting Sunday, November 27th and each Sunday through December from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Weekdays from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



K. of C. Council #5551 News

Friday, Nov 25th - General Meeting, 7:30 PM

PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED Virgin Mary



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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

Ruth Fitterer, Steve Fitterer, Dave Neubert, Kathy Fredrickson, Kimberly Wegscheid, Karen Etzell, Nancy Eilbert, Joan Karpinsky, Mary Helen Kennedy, Leroy Gappa, Aljean Ackerman, Dolores Haubrich, Brandon Winters, Jeremy Wyrowski, Craig VanLoy, Amy Johnson, Matt Etzell, Donna Schmit, Richard Kopachek, Anthony Kimathi, Pat Roemhildt, Tom Wyrowski, Justine Hiniker, Dave Grams, Barbara Hull, Susan Hirvela, Eleanor Wittrock, Pat Thiele, JoAnn Borchert

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	Jeffrey & Roxan Lang
Tuesday	Noel & Edith Lange
Wednesday	Craig & Laura LaPoint
Thursday	Judy LaPoint
Friday	Terry & Roxanne Larsen
Saturday	Cynthia Larson
Sunday	Phil & Janet Larson



For Those in the Military

Nick Blace	Matt McGraw	Ben Barsness
Jared Hiniker	Timothy Eick	Tanner Johnson
Dana Schiller	Anna Drummer	Zach Zernechel
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: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4 (503) Pss II
 Tues: Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11 (504)
 Weds: Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19 (505)
 Thurs: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28 (506) or, for Thanksgiving Day, any readings from the Mass "In Thanksgiving to God" (943-947)
 Fri: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Lk 21:29-33 (507)
 Sat: Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36 (508)
 Sun: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44 (1) Pss I

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Altar Server pre- Christmas Celebration



The days are melting away before the great feast of Christmas that is less than 36 days away [35 to be exact this Sunday, but who's counting?] and the social activities will soon be taking place.

I wish to honor in a special way our altar servers, as we are rebuilding our ranks after the pandemic. We have recruited a good deal of new servers that are still doing some "on the job training" as they are still learning the ropes. The goodness of our altar servers, are only as good as the parents who bring these young people to church, as well as to make sure that they are dressed and ready to go celebrate the Holy Eucharist.

Although we have had server celebrations in the past, **THIS YEAR I WOULD LIKE TO DO SOMETHING A BIT DIFFERENT! I AM NOT ONLY INVITING THE STUDENTS THAT ARE SERVING BUT ALSO THE PARENTS AS WELL. IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL FOR THE PARENTS TO ATTEND THIS CELEBRATION AS WE WILL SPEND A LITTLE TIME REVIEWING HOW TO SERVE AGAIN, REVIEW THE SCHEDULE, AND THE TIMES WHEN IT WORKS OUT BEST, AND TO HOPEFULLY COVER SOME OF THE BARE SPOTS WHERE WE ARE IN MOST NEED FOR ALTAR SERVERS.** And of course there will be delicious pizza, drinks, and dessert for everyone.

It seems that the best time to hold this server event is on a Wednesday during Faith Formation. So, at this point I am planning on holding this **SERVER and PARENT party on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, AT 6:30 P.M.** in the church social hall. **We also welcome any new potential altar servers in grades 5-12 to attend and to enjoy some pizza as well.** The remainder of the students in those grades will be attending the regular scheduled class. We are most grateful to our young people and their families who add to the beauty of the Sunday and Holy Day liturgies throughout the church year. See you all in our lower social hall of church on **NOVEMBER 30TH!**



Installation/Re- Installation of the Extra- Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist



Recently, the parish received from the Office of Worship the list of the 36 men and women who have been delegated by the Diocese of New Ulm only, to distribute Holy Communion at Mass as well as to the sick and infirm. All of those listed below have been trained but are required to be installed whether they are new or are continuing this ministry.

While it is difficult to find a weekend in which all the E.M.E's can be in attendance, it is most appropriate to have the installation of our new and returning EME's on the start of the new liturgical year, **the weekend of the First Sunday of Advent, November 26th-27th.** E.M.E's may attend any of the three Masses that weekend and will be invited forward for a brief ceremony of installation. If for some good reason, you are not able to be in attendance, please call the parish as another time will need to be scheduled.

The following are to be installed at the weekend Masses on November 26th and 27th at Holy Rosary!

Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion within Mass

Rick Gruber	Vincent Guertin
Patrick Hull	Ann Michels
Wanda Hull	Catherine Neve
James Theuninck	Maxine Davis
Brenda Voracek	Dennis Haga
Colleen Thompson	Sherry Henrickson
Karen Winters	Michael O'Dea
Dwayne Witte	Diane O'Dea
Mary Lou Witte	Julie Schoettler
Thomas Wyrowski	Darlene Schorn
Mary Clare Wyrowski	James Levandowski
Jane Younge	John Wilson
Patrick Zenk	Lynn Wilson
Karen Zenk	John Wolf
Craig Amundson	Donna Wolf
Arlyce Anderson	Cynthia Gawrych
Teresa Compton	Logan Kholmeyer
Michelle Ellingworth	
Sharon Lenz	

Holy Rosary Worship Committee Holy Rosary Catholic Church November 3, 2022

The Holy Rosary Worship Committee met on Thursday, November 3rd at 6:30 P.M. The attendance of membership was very "light". It was decided to "lightly" go over the business that needed immediate attention and to hold the other business for the next meeting.

Pastor's Comments – Worship Committee

Father reported that is amazing that it has been eight months since our last Worship Committee meeting. Maybe the time since our last meeting seems so much shorter, because we have been doing so many things in liturgy and worship at the church. Of course, first and foremost, the parish moved from upstairs to downstairs, and back upstairs as well for worship. Thank you to those from the Worship Committee that assisted with the move downstairs. The church is still a work in progress but a good deal of the work was again completed this week as the two statues were installed as well as the Stations of the Cross were restored and were returned to their rightful places.

The next phase for the church is less about worship and more about hospitality. Some of the leadership of the Knights of Columbus and C.C.W. have met and have visited some social halls and parish kitchens in the areas. There was a recent meeting with the trustees, the parish administrator, the C.C.W. chair, and Father to meet with the architect from YHR, Margaret Fallingstad. The architect listened and reviewed the recommendations. She has returned to work on some preliminary sketches and ideas for the redesign of the church kitchen, social hall, bathrooms as well as the church sacristy. At this time we are waiting for these drawings to be submitted back to the parish office from the company. Father is anticipating that the church would be totally completed in the early months of 2025.

The liturgy and the preparations for the Fall Festival, November Festival is almost ready. The "Cedar Creek Gospel Band" is again performing and will be returning to Holy Rosary on November 6th, after a 2 year absence due to the pandemic. These older men do an amazingly professional job when it comes to performing the music that they have prepared.

We are only 21 days out until Thanksgiving, and we are only 52 days away from Christmas. Father is grateful to Brian Eggersdorfer, who decorated for the fall and for Thanksgiving. Father met with some of the ministers from North Mankato to prepare for the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Prayer Service on the Eve of Thanksgiving. Dates will need to be set tonight for set-up and take down for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Business: Fall Communal Anointing: The Fall Communal Anointing was a great success again with an amazing attendance of 90 individuals. 70 people attended the dinner after the anointing. Presently, there are 523 registered members of Holy Rosary that are over the age of 60. There are presently 46 members of the parish in health care facilities. 81 greeting cards have been sent out to parishioners that are homebound/infirm/etc. The next Communal Anointing Mass has been tentatively set for Monday, June 12th, 2023 **Memorial Mass of All Soul's:** This Mass has been set for Sunday, November 13th, 2022. All families who have lost a loved one in the past year will be contacted to attend this Mass through the membership of the Worship Committee. **Dates for Exposition/Benediction:** The dates for Exposition and Benediction were set through January of the New Year of 2023. **Ministry Fair:** The Ministry Fair that was held in Lent of 2022, was a great success with ministries from altar server to lector welcoming many new members as well as additional members on our various parish committees. **Altar Server Party:** The parish is returning to having an altar server party in appreciation to our altar servers that volunteer to assist at the altar on the weekends. The event will be held during the time of Faith Formation on the Wednesday after Thanksgiving at 6:30 P.M. in the lower social hall in church. Pizza and refreshments will be served as well a gift for those that have served. **New servers are welcome.** *Last year's Confirmation class all served. Father is hoping that will again be the case this year with our present Confirmation class as it would fulfill the students 12-15 hours of community service if they serve through their senior year of high school.* **Decorating for Advent and Christmas:** The take-down for Thanksgiving, will occur on the Friday after Thanksgiving, in November beginning between 12:30 -1:00 P.M. The set-up for Christmas will take place on the 19th and 20 of December. **Organ Repaired:** The organ has been repaired, but Father recently learned from the organist the organ is experiencing new issues. The organ repair man will be contacted in the immediate future to further investigate the problem. **Ecumenical Prayer Service:** The Ecumenical Prayer Service for Thanksgiving will be held at the Methodist Church on Belgrade at 7:00 P.M. on the eve of Thanksgiving. Father will be leading the service.





Church of the Holy Rosary

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November 16, 2022

Dear Parents of Faith Formation Students in Grades 5-12,

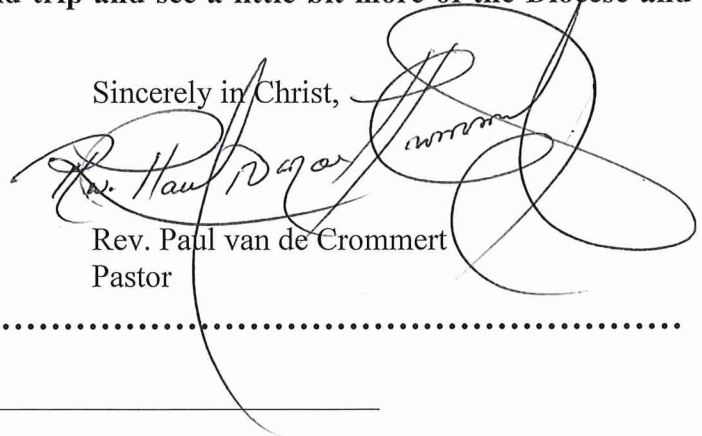
Our new Bishop Chad Zielinski has asked pastors to encourage the attendance at a youth night for grades 5-12, at St. Aloysius Church in Olivia, MN. on **Sunday, December 11th**. The evening would include FOOD, FAITH and FUN. It would be a wonderful time to meet and to hear our new Bishop from New Ulm. (See the colored poster on the back side of this letter.)

Your son/daughter has been instructed in Faith Formation recently in class and were told that if **the majority of their class will attend the event on December 11th, there will be no class on that following Wednesday, December 14th, for them.** The cost to attend is \$15.00 per student. If this amount is a hardship, the parish would cover the cost. **We would leave from Holy Rosary Church at 2:30 P.M. from the south side of the main school doors of Holy Rosary and would return about 8:30 - 9:00 P.M.** The parish would be chartering a bus, and the parish would assume the cost of the transportation.

Why should your son or daughter attend? For several reasons: 1.) This event would be a good chance to meet our new Bishop in person. 2.) It would be good to do something spiritual during the Advent season as we prepare for the great feast of Christmas and to deepen our young people's faith. 3.) It is inspiring to see young people come together from across our Diocese. 4.) I served in the parish of St. Aloysius, and it is a beautifully restored, historic church that is arguably the most beautiful church of the Diocese of New Ulm. [I would try and give a brief tour to our students from Holy Rosary that would attend this event.] **We do so much for sports and other activities, what would be wrong to do something for the church through this field trip and see a little bit more of the Diocese and grow in the faith?**



Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor



Student Name[s] _____

Payment Enclosed _____

I give permission for my child to attend this Diocesan event on Sunday, December 11, 2022.

Parent Signature _____



**The bus will depart from the front doors of Holy Rosary School building at 2:30 P.M.*

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December 11



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So, how can you help?

- Sign up to volunteer during the weeks of Thanksgiving Basket Distribution. You may reach Diane Deeren at (507) 317-1800 to arrange a time.
- Hold a food drive at your work place and collect Thanksgiving food items or monetary donations. Deliver donations to ECHO before November 11th.
- Sponsor Thanksgiving Baskets at \$25.00 each. Support ECHO; support a local family. Your donation will provide families in our community with a

Thanksgiving meal kit. Each kit will include a ham or turkey and other food items for their family. Partner with us, as we give families the opportunity to make memories on Thanksgiving Day.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Deeren".

Diane Deeren
Board Member, ECHO Food Shelf

Thanksgiving Basket Sponsorship

Donations of \$200.00 or more will be acknowledged on echofoodshelf.org, the ECHO Facebook page, and on site.

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Please, write "Thanksgiving Basket" on your check to designated for this project. If your donation will be not received by November 11th, please inform ECHO staff at (507) 345-7477 so that you may receive appropriate recognition.