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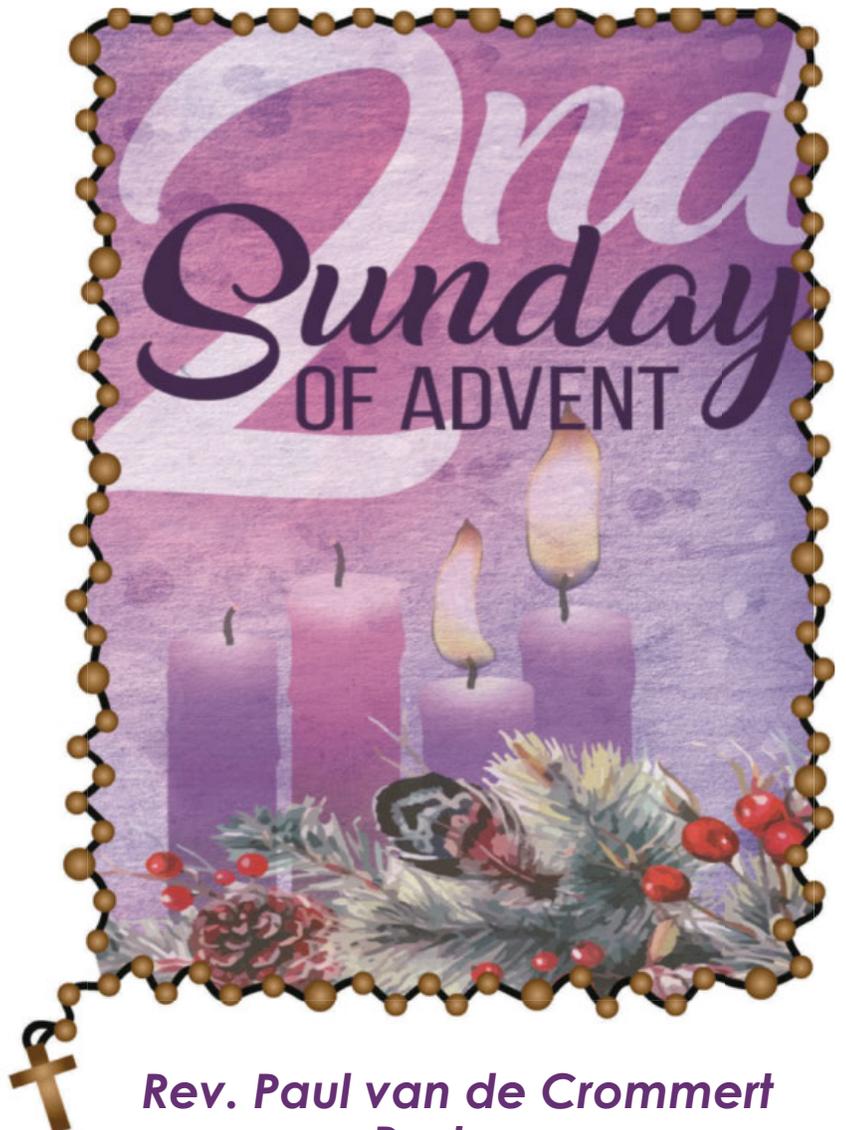
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**December 4th, 2022**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent**



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

# the Quill and the Cloth

**"On that day a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom."**

**- Prophet Isaiah**



I am writing this late on Wednesday afternoon, as the sun has just set, and soon the students will be arriving for another hour of faith formation. This morning as I got up and headed out to offer a morning Mass in one of our area care centers, when I returned home I witnessed a rare event from Mother Nature. If you recall, it was snowing huge snowflakes on Wednesday morning. If I did not know better, North Mankato might have looked like it was under glass in a snow globe. What made this natural site even more supernatural, was that the sun was out while these big flakes were falling. I remember on the farm we would sometimes get a shower of rain while the sun was still out. We were quick to say that little poetic line: "A SUN SHINY SHOWER WON'T LAST HALF AN HOUR". And those rain showers never did last a half-hour! I was reminded of those experiences back on the farm when I experienced today, for one of the first times [in my young life?] a snow shower while the sun shined. [A SUN SHINY SNOW SHOWER, WON'T LAST HALF AN HOUR.] That is true. That beautiful snow shower was over almost as fast as it had begun.

As we begin this new liturgical year and particularly the new liturgical season of Advent, it too is almost over before it has barely begun. For if you blink too many times during Advent, it will be almost gone. As we begin this Second Sunday of Advent, we are already more than 25% completed with the Advent season, and yet there is so much to do both spiritually and physically.

One of the things that should be practiced [but which is not a practice for MOST Roman Catholics] is the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For, recall last weekend I told you in my homily that the Church refers to Advent sometimes as a "Little Lent". For just advent we are called to intensify our time of PRAYER, FASTING and TO GIVE PENITENTIALLY; so too, Advent is a call, [although a briefer one] to also pray, fast and to do penance. So, one way we do penance during these seasons is by giving stewardship to the needs of the poor. But we are also called to do penitential acts for our poor, sinful selves, by spending a little time with the Lord and the priest to confess our sins.

**We Roman Catholics are unique as far as Christians go these days. We still hold that sins can only be largely forgiven sacramentally. [I know, you believe that you just**

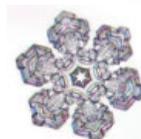
**have to tell God you are sorry and that is enough.] But if you are reasoning this way, then you could also make the argument against the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist: "I can say the words of consecration as easily as the priest can. If anyone can read and pray they can also make the Eucharist on their own coffee table in their bathrobe on Sunday morning!"**

I try to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation monthly. I suspect not all priests hold to that practice. I believe in the Sacrament of Penance, as I believe in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, or any other sacrament for that matter. To believe that you are free of sin and that you "do nothing really wrong", is an insult to the Cross of Christ and to Christ Himself. For you are ultimately saying that the Lord wasted His time when it came to you and your life of faith. Christ died only for people who did things wrong, not for perfect or nearly perfect people like yourself. So the Cross of Christ holds no meaning for you!

***In today's First Reading from Isaiah, the prophet speaks of salvation and Good News in relation to the image of a small shoot sprouting from a stump. Certainly, the inference is to the Lord, coming to us as a newborn child in that barn in Bethlehem. Faith is sometimes revealed in small but powerful ways. Each year during Advent and Lent, I give ample opportunities for the individual reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Like a little sprout of divine grace, growing on someone's soul, I always have a few souls each season come in the confessional to tell me somewhat sheepishly to this spiritual shepherd, that it has been ten, twenty, thirty or more years since they made an individual confession. You can see a certain spiritual shame on their face, but there is a part of me that sees in their humility something so spiritually attractive that you want to hug them and help them back into holiness and the sheepfold of sacramental grace.***

After these sacramental encounters, I usually ask them after we have completed the sacrament; "HOW BAD WAS IT?". Instinctively they will say that they feel good about coming back to the sacrament and should have come much sooner to confession. The precept of the Church says that we must receive the sacrament individually at least once a year. Some will do this, many will not. You can also survive on eating just one meal a day. A few will do this. Most of us will not.

**Read through the examination of conscience included in this bulletin. Ask yourself honestly if you are free of all of these sins. If you answer no, my next session of the Sacrament is this Monday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. Of course I am most open to hearing confessions after the Masses on the weekend as well as after the week day Masses. Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus, do not delay! Happy Advent!**



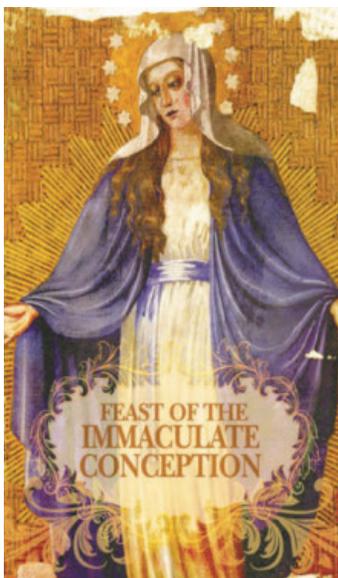
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### Stewardship of Gratitude

The most popular way to give to charity is still by cash or check. Gifts completed by December 31st will qualify for tax deductibility for the current year. Gifts of cash qualify for up to one-half of your adjusted gross income (AGI). You must receive an acknowledgement for gifts of \$250.00 or more. For more information about giving gifts of cash, please contact the parish office at 507-387-6501 and speak to Jim between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### December 8th - Solemnity of Mary

Save the date with the Blessed Mother for this Wednesday evening and Thursday, December 8th. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation and a Solemnity. You are required, as a practicing Catholic, to come and celebrate Mary's conception who was free of all original sin. Three Masses will be celebrated for the Holy Day, beginning on **Wednesday, December 7th at 6:45 P.M.** (Vigil Mass) and **Thursday, December 8th at 8:30 A.M. and 5:30 P.M.** Holy Mary Mother of God pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen



### Thought For the Week

*"As our nation seems to be fractured in many different ways, I urge you, your families and parishes to humble yourself in confession and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in prayer. Pray for unity and healing in our Church and world. This will be a great practice as we begin Advent preparing our hearts to receive Christ anew bringing healing, hope and unity to our families and parishes in the Diocese of New Ulm."*



- † Bishop Chad Zelenski

### Stewardship of Gratitude 11/20/2022



#### Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary

Adult Contributions	\$4,367.00
Electronic Giving	\$4,411.71
Plate Collection	\$164.10
Junior Collection	\$40.00
Christmas Flowers	\$100.00
Faith Formation Tuition	\$250.00
Silent Auction	\$1,119.00
Gifted Back Festival	\$275.00

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**Weekly Offering Total** **\$10,276.81**

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

**Additional Weekly Income** **\$1,069.00**  
**Grand Total** **\$11,345.81**

*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 11/27/2022



#### Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary

Adult Contributions	\$8,857.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,703.71
Plate Collection	\$506.00
Junior Collection	\$30.00
Silent Auction	\$111.00
Gifted Back Festival	\$25.00
Christmas Flowers	\$525.00

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**Weekly Offering Total** **\$11,757.71**

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

**Additional Weekly Income** **\$1,367.98**  
**Grand Total** **\$13,125.69**

*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!**

## The Week Ahead



**Holy Land religious goods sales this weekend. Help support the Christian/Catholic presence in the Holy Land.**

### Monday, December 5th : - Advent Weekday

- 8:30 a.m. - Mass - Carole Madison †
- 6:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 6:00 p.m. - C.C.W. Meeting & Pre-Christmas Party Preparations
- 7:00 p.m. - Sacrament of Reconciliation - Reconciliation Room

### Tuesday, December 6th: - [Saint Nicholas, Bishop]

Private Mass - Frances Kinnett †

### Wednesday, December 7th: - Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Memorial

- 10:00 a.m. - Oak Terrace - Pearson Family
- 1:00 p.m. - Sewing Group - School Building
- 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 6:30 p.m. - Faith Formation Class - School Building
- 6:45 p.m. - Mass - Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Fuller Family



### Thursday, December 8th: - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Solemnity [Holy day of Obligation]

- 8:30 a.m. - Mass - Mary Jo Levandowski †
- 5:30 p.m. - Mass - Clair Huttli †

### Friday, December 9th: - Advent Weekday [Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin]

- 8:30 a.m. - Mass - Jeff Willaert

### Saturday, December 10th: - [Our Lady of Loreto]

- 3:30 p.m. - Children's activities - School gymnasium
- 5:00 p.m. - Mass - Mary Braam †
- 5:00 p.m. - K.C./C.C.W Parish Christmas Party - School Building - Meal will be served after Mass
- 5:00 p.m. - C.C.W Advent Bake Sale - School Building



### Sunday, December 11th: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:30 a.m. - Mass - Thomas Len'ort †  
C.C.W Advent Bake Sale, after Mass in Church Lower Hall
- 10:00 a.m. - Mass - People of the Parish  
C.C.W Advent Bake Sale, after Mass in Church Lower Hall
- 11:15 a.m. - Sacrament of Reconciliation



## Upcoming Parish Events



- C.C.W. Meeting & Pre-Christmas Party Preparations - Mon. Dec. 5th, 2022
- Wrap Up Meeting for November Fest - Tue. Dec. 6th, 2022; 6:00 p.m. - Conference Room 1
- Faith Formation Class - Wed. Dec. 7th, 2022; 6:30 p.m. - School Building
- Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Wed. Dec. 7th, 2022; Mass - 6:45 p.m.
- Knights of Columbus Planning Meeting - Thur. Dec 8th, 2022
- Holy Day of Obligation - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Thur. Dec. 8th, 2022; Mass - 8:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
- 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
- C.C.W. Advent Bake Sale - Sat. Dec. 10th, 2022; 5:00 p.m. in school building in conjunction with Parish Christmas Party.
- C.C.W Advent Bake Sale - Sun. Dec. 11th, 2022; After the 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Masses - Church lower social hall.
- Diocesan Youth Gathering - Sun. Dec. 11th, 2022; 2:30 p.m.
- Our Lady of Guadeloupe - Mon. Dec. 12th, 2022
- Choir Rehearsal - Mon. Dec. 12th, 2022, 6:30 p.m.; Choir Room
- Faith Formation Class - Wed. Dec. 14th, 2022; 6:30 p.m. - School Building
- 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)
- Knights of Columbus General Meeting - Thur. Dec 22nd, 2022; 7:30 p.m. - Church Lower Hall
- Christmas Eve Mass - Sat. Dec. 24th, 2022; 3:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.
- Christmas Day Mass - Sun. Dec. 25th, 2022; 9:00 a.m.



**This Week's Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
Shirley Bishop †

## Ministry Schedule December 10th & 11th

**Rosary Leader:**

- 5:00 pm** Steve Enderle
- 8:30 am** Arlyce Anderson
- 10:00 am** TBD

**Lector:**

- 5:00 pm** Brian Eggersdorfer
- 8:30 am** Mark Frahm
- 10:00 am** Jim Schorn

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

- 5:00 pm** Dwayne & Mary Lou Witte
- 8:30 am** Craig Amundson, Jim Levandowski
- 10:00 am** Julie Schoettler, Darlene Schorn

**Servers:**

- 5:00 pm** Anne Wingert, Joe Carruth, Elizabeth Calsbeek
- 8:30 am** Hannah Linnes, Walter Michels
- 10:00 am** Emma & Mya Bernard, Isabel Huiras

**Presentation of Gifts:**

- 5:00 pm** Jim & Sharon Theuninck
- 8:30 am** Rich & Emily Miller Family
- 10:00 am** Bob & Barb Wegescheid

**Ushers:**

- 5:00 pm** Dan Voracek, Tom Rheaume
- 8:30 am** Peter Backes, Donna Wenkel
- 10:00 am** John Jagerson, Bob Wegescheid

**Music Ministry:**

- 5:00 pm** Kathy Jo Johns, Vicki Galli
- 8:30 am** Corrine Ort, Kurt Schroeder
- 10:00 am** Jenny Chelstrom, Lori Christiansen



## Faith Formation

### Two December Classes Remaining!



Believe it or not, we have only two remaining classes before the Christmas holiday. We will be holding class on Wednesday December 7th and December 14th. Students will report to class before 6:30 P.M. Parents next weekend are asked to report to Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation and their children will later join them on December 14th, we will focus on the Sacrament of Penance for the upper grades from 5-9, and perhaps brief party in each room at the end of class in anticipation of the great feast of Christmas! Happy Advent!



## 2022 Choir Schedule

The Holy Rosary choir will meet every other Monday. Choir rehearsals will be in the choir room unless specified otherwise. The next scheduled rehearsal is Monday, **December 12th @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!



## Ministry Schedule December 7th & 8th Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

**Lector:**

- 6:45 pm** Clare Escobar
- 8:30 am** Donna Wenkel
- 5:30 pm** Walter Michels

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

- 6:45 pm** Cathy Neve, Brenda Voracek
- 8:30 am** Darlene Schorn, Dennis Haga
- 5:30 pm** Patrick & Wanda Hull

**Servers:**

- 6:45 pm** Elizabeth Calsbeek, Lauren Jaqua, Carter Lang
- 5:30 pm** Dennis Muga

**Ushers:**

- 6:45 pm** Blaine & Teresa Kolstad, Isaac Kolstad
- 8:30 am** Arlyce Anderson, Jim Theuninck
- 5:30 pm** Mark Weingartz, Karen Winters

**Music Ministry:**

- 6:45 pm** TBD
- 8:30 am** TBD
- 5:30 pm** TBD



### Christmas Flower Donations



Attached to this week’s bulletin is an envelope for contributing towards our Christmas flowers that will adorn our sanctuary again this Christmas. [There is also an envelope for flowers in your stewardship packet.] As in the past, we will be publishing in our Christmas bulletin the memorials and remembrances of those for whom the flowers have been given in loving memory that have died or are simply a distance away. We would ask that you submit your stewardship and also your intention by no later than **Friday, December 17th at 12:00 PM.** Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! Do not delay!

### Simon Ministry Christmas



Simon Ministry, located at St. John The Baptist Social Hall, will be hosting a Christmas Party December 8th for those with limited income and those in need in the Mankato, North Mankato and Eagle Lake areas. We will offer a lunch and a chance for them “to shop” for themselves or for someone in their family from items donated by the 4 local Catholic Churches.

If you are interested in donating to this cause, we are asking for new, unwrapped items for mostly men and women (very few children). Suggested items: Large and short sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts all sizes, flannel shirts LG, XL, XXX, women’s clothing all sizes, socks and underwear, scarves, hats, gloves, backpacks, bath towels and washcloths. Gift cards of \$25.00 are also welcome. Items may be dropped off at the Parish Office or placed in the bin at the church entrance by **December 4th.**

### Welcome!



Again this week I am pleased to tell you that we have welcomed another new family to our growing Holy Rosary parish here in North Mankato. Please welcome with me as pastor **Richard & Ramona Meurer.** The couple are from Nicollet. Richard is a retired farmer and Ramona is a retired painter. Welcome to our parish family of Holy Rosary!

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

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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

**80% COMPLETED** Paid to Date: \$64,859.03  
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:**  
**47% COMPLETED** Paid to Date: \$55,000.00  
Due: \$116,515.20

**Church Social Hall/Sacristy:**  
**1% COMPLETED** Paid to Date: \$5,890.90  
Goal: \$750,000.00

**Total Paid to Date 2021-22: \$125,749.93**  
**Apostolate stewardship for 2022-23: \$1,025,373.88**

This week we moved ahead on two areas of stewardship commitment both for Loyola as well as the Diocese of New Ulm [Diocesan United Fund]. This week the parish contributed \$20,000.00 towards our Loyola commitment bringing us to 47% of our completed goal. In like fashion, the parish also pushed forward our stewardship commitment to the Diocese of New Ulm, by covering two more months of payments, totaling \$11,821.26. This pushed our percentage of commitment up by 15% to a total of 80%.

It is my pastoral hope that I will be able to complete the Diocesan commitment before the close of the calendar year. Then, through your continued great generosity, I might complete on or before March 1st, our commitment to our area Catholic School of Loyola. This would allow one-third of the Fiscal Year of 2022-2023 to solely build up our designated funds for our lower level. [We are still anticipating installing new front doors as the present [relatively new doors] are failing.] With the new monies raised in this fiscal year, I hope that we can install new windows in the lower level that are the primary cause of the moisture damage to the north and south walls, remodel the sacristy from 1950, and to have all of the architectural drawing reviewed and approved by our committees as well as the final approval from the Diocese of New Ulm on or before December 31st, 2023.

God is  
making  
a way

### 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



The North Mankato Knights of Columbus #5551 Christmas tree lot, located in North Mankato will be open:  
**Saturdays 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.**  
**Sundays 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.**  
**Weekdays 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**



### Hello from Loyola!



#### LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Don't miss the annual Loyola alumni basketball tournament! Join us on Saturday, December 17, 9 am- 4 pm in the Fitzgerald gym for this 5-on-5 tournament. There will be a social at Big Dog Sports Cafe in North Mankato after the tournament. Please contact Sam Carlson at [scarlson@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:scarlson@loyolacatholicschool.org) or Noah Rajtar at [noahrajtar@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:noahrajtar@loyolacatholicschool.org) for more information or to register! The activities calendar can be found under the activities tab on Loyola's website: [www.loyolacatholicschool.org](http://www.loyolacatholicschool.org).

Looking for a way to get involved at Loyola? We are always in need of substitutes for our front office as well as classroom substitutes! For information, contact [employment@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:employment@loyolacatholicschool.org)

Be sure to keep up will all of Loyola's happenings on social media! Find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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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!

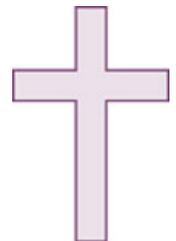
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Ruth Fitterer, Steve Fitterer, Dave Neubert, Kathy Fredrickson, Kimberly Wegscheid, Karen Etzell, Nancy Eilbert, Joan Karpinsky, Mary Helen Kennedy, Leroy Gappa, Aljean Ackerman, Dolores Haubrich, Brandon Winters, Jeremy Wyrowski, Craig VanLoy, Amy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

**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

<b>Monday</b>	Troy & Kim Leiferman
<b>Tuesday</b>	Steve & Sharon Lenz
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ann Leonard
<b>Thursday</b>	Tom Leonard
<b>Friday</b>	James & Susan Levandowski
<b>Saturday</b>	Suzanne Lewis
<b>Sunday</b>	Travis & Cassie Leitha



#### 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:	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26 (181)
Tues:	Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14 (182)
Weds:	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30 (183)
Thurs:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1L3-6, 11-12/Lk 1L26-38 (689) Pss Prop
Fri:	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19 (185)
Sat:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 (186)
Sun:	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11 (7) Pss III

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## Advent - Preparing for the Lord Penance - Sacrament of Reconciliation



The Season of Advent is a time to prepare for the Feast of Christmas but also the Second Coming of Christ as well as our own encounter with Christ at the time of our death. One great way to prepare for Christ in three weeks or forever is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is being celebrated regularly after the Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass, as well as after the Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass. [I am also celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation after the daily Masses during Advent on Monday – Thursday and Friday's [unless of course there is a funeral being celebrated]. I will also be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday's privately in the church at 7:00 P.M. ***[\*Please note that we are back in the Reconciliation Room and that the penitent can either celebrate the sacrament face-to-face, or behind the screen.]***

Additional times for confession besides the weekend include [at the start of the Advent season]:

**Monday - December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 P.M. - Reconciliation Room - H.R. Church**  
**Wednesday - December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. - Reconciliation Room – H. R. Church**  
**Wednesday - December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. - Reconciliation Room - H. R. Church**

Additional times for the sacrament will be later posted in this bulletin for the Advent season. *[Please use the handicapped or front doors of church when coming on these evenings.]* Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus, do not delay!!!

## Collection of Food Items for Those in Need



Both our religious education program as well as our parish from Holy Rosary are being asked to donate food 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.

## Attention All C.C.W. Ladies! The C.C.W. Advent Bake Sale is coming up on December 10th & 11th



All ladies who are willing and able are asked to bake and donate items to sell after the Masses on Saturday, December 10th, and Sunday, December 11th.

**Note:** Please bring items to the School Gymnasium beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 10th to be sold after the 5:00 pm Mass. The sale will be held in conjunction with the annual C.C.W./K.C. sponsored Parish Christmas Party which is being held in the school cafeteria and gymnasium with activities for all beginning at 3:30 pm.

**Note:** When bringing baked items or other goodies on Sunday, please take to the church social hall before the 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses.

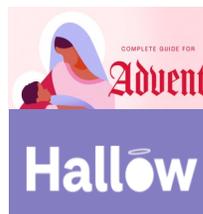
**Thank you** for your donations of baked goods and/or other goodies! See you at the Christmas Party and Bake sale!

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends

Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and discover the beauty of your relationship. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are Feb 17-19, 2023 in WINDOM, MN and Mar 25-26, 2023 in Owatonna, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [southmnwwme.org](http://southmnwwme.org) or contact Miki at [applications@southmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@southmnwwme.org) or 507-227-8229.



## Information on the Hallow App



Hallow is a Catholic prayer and meditation app that offers audio-guided meditation sessions to help us grow in our Christian faith, spiritual lives and find peace in God. There are over 6,000 different sessions on contemplative prayer, meditation, Catholic Bible readings, music and more.

This year, Hallow is the Advent Challenge. Pray every day leading up to Christmas with the cast of The Chosen in the Advent #pray25 using the Hallow app. The app can be downloaded in the Apple iTunes store or from the Google Play store. There was a flyer in last week's bulletin and bookmarks were set at each of the entrances with more information.



## Council of Catholic Women Meeting Minutes Holy Rosary Catholic Church November 7, 2022

The following C.C.W. members met on Monday, November 7th, 2022: Mary Grams, Arlyce Anderson, Dolores Portz, Marilyn Streit, Terri Compton, Darlene Schorn, Cathy Neve, Lynn Wilson, Lorraine Klaseus, Diane McConnell, Maxine Davis, Pat Heirigs, Sharon Lenz, Father Paul, and Donna Wenkel.

President Mary Grams called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. She led us in an opening prayer of thanksgiving for all who helped with November Fest. Mary then welcomed our guest speaker, Harrison Musser, outreach coordinator for Options for Women. Harrison explained their program designed to help students in grades 4 - 8 to develop healthy relationships. Harrison led us in a sample activity they use. They have presented this program in Lake Crystal and Maple River public schools and hope to expand to other school districts in the near future.

**Secretary's Report.** The minutes of the October 3rd meeting were approved following corrections to the Correspondence and Funeral Committee paragraphs.

**Treasurer's Report.** Terri shared the treasurer's report, explaining the cost of Fair Trade coffee has risen from \$10.00 to \$12.00 a bag. Balances include: Checking \$23,611.08, Savings \$1,482.21, and Variable Rate CD \$6,289.40. Total cash on hand \$31,382.69. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

**Correspondence.** We received a thank-you letter from Options for Women for our support of their 7<sup>th</sup> annual fundraising gala, from Birthright for the donated items, and from Feeding Our Community Partners for the opportunity to present at our October meeting.

### Commission and Coordinator Reports.

**Spirituality Commission.** Dolores Portz shared that this is Vocations Awareness Week. She shared replies she has received from some of the priests in the diocese.

**Service Commission.** No report.

**Leadership Commission.** Arlyce Anderson attended the National C.C.W. Convention this month. She felt there was nice representation from our diocese. Next year's convention will be in Salt Lake City.

**Reverence Life Coordinator.** Darlene Schorn spoke about the October 9th Options Gala, and explained that this year's 40 Days for Life campaign ended yesterday. She attended the MCCL Fall Gathering. Items are needed for gift bags for the Simon Ministry Christmas party. Vine Faith in Action is in need of drivers to deliver Meals on Wheels.

**Legislation Coordinator.** Darlene Schorn encouraged everyone to vote tomorrow.

**Scholarship Coordinator.** Arlyce Anderson does not yet have the scholarship forms.

**Communication Coordinator.** No report.

**Funeral Committee.** Maxine Davis reported no funerals at church since we last met, although Father Paul has officiated at multiple funerals at other locations.

**Sewing Group/Just Do It Crafters.** Mary Grams expects the sewing group to be more active after Christmas. Some members have expressed an interest in a rug making class.

### Old Business

**Fall Festival.** Mary expressed a huge thank you to all who donated items, worked tirelessly to sort and mark, set up and then worked at the Country Marketplace, Sale, and Sweet Shop.

**Kitchen Committee.** Father Paul shared we will likely need a new sprinkler system in the church basement. He expects a realistic completion date in 2025, in time for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Money spent on the recent church renovations was all new money and not taken from reserve funds. Father Paul is looking into consecrating the church.

**Pie Making.** On November 3rd, members gathered and baked 16 apple pies. Fresh baked cookies and breads were made Friday morning before the Sweet Shop opened.

### New Business

**Family Fun Fest/Parish Christmas Party.** The proposed family fun fest is on hold for now. Mary Grams will contact those who have expressed an interest to see if they will assist with the December 10th Parish Christmas Party youth activities. The Parish Christmas Party will again coincide with the Advent Bake Sale.

**December 5th Meeting/Pre-Christmas Party preparations.** Our December 5th meeting will include a catered meal. We plan to stuff approximately 70 Christmas gift bags for Simon Ministries. Marilyn is checking to see what items would be best to include. We will also discuss a possible rug making class and cutting quilt squares.

### Upcoming Events

C.C.W. meeting and Christmas Party, December 5th. Bring another C.C.W. member. Agenda items are invited.

Parish Christmas Party, December 10th, in conjunction with C.C.W. Advent Bake Sale

Dolores Portz led our closing prayer, a prayer for vocations. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Wenkel  
Secretary

# Holy Rosary Parish Christmas Party



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022**

**\*Complimentary Meal will be served after the 5:00 PM Mass in the School Cafeteria**

**Adult Meal:** Pork Loin Sandwich with Apple BBQ Sauce, Green Beans, Applesauce, Chips, Brownie

**Children's Meal:** Mac 'n' Cheese, Hot Dogs with Bun, Applesauce, Chips, Brownie

*Pick up your tickets (Adult & Child) from the ushers after Masses or from the Parish office until Dec. 4th*

**\*Santa & Mrs. Claus will visit and handout goodie bags for the kids after the meal!**

**\*Children's Activities begin at 3:30 PM in the School Gymnasium**

## Children's Activities include:

Cookie Decorating

Ornament Making

Christmas Playhouse Decorating  
& Other Assorted Crafts & Games



## \*C.C.W. Annual Advent Bake Sale

-After the 5:00 PM Mass in the School Gymnasium

-After the 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM Masses in the Church Lower Hall



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Saturday, December 10th – after the 5:00 Mass

Located in the *school building* along with  
the Parish Christmas Party



Sunday, December 11th – after the 8:30 AM &  
10:00 AM Masses

Located in the *church lower social hall*

***All women of the parish, if they are able, are asked to donate baked items for our bake sale. Please bring the baked goods to the school on Saturday, December 10th between 9:00 AM–5:00 PM.***



## Reflection for the Second Sunday of Advent

by Bishop Chad Zielinski

We continue our Advent journey with the movement of God's grace who desires to draw ever close to us and fill us anew through the re-birth of his Son, Christ our Light. I shared a story during the first week of Advent of a man, lost in an arctic blizzard in Northern Alaska, who kept his eyes fixed on a distant flicker of a light. During this holy time of reflection and anticipation, we, too, keep our eyes fixed on a light, the light of Christ, born anew on Christmas Day. As we prepare our hearts and homes to receive him anew, no matter how tiny the light, Jesus will crowd out the darkness.

St. Charles Borromeo reminds us of this graced season of Advent: "The Church asks us to understand that Christ, who came once in the flesh, is prepared to come again. When we remove all obstacles to his presence, he will come, at any hour and moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with him the riches of his grace."

When we recognize the obstacles that sit in the darkness of our lives, we can become frustrated and lose hope. What are those things that fill our hearts and homes? Are there injustices done to us in the past? Are we guilty of imposing injustices on others? Do we feel we come from a disadvantaged position in life due to socio-economic status, racial oppression, physical challenges, academic challenges, traumas due to no cause of our own, and the list goes on. In other words, it may seem like we have been dealt a "crummy hand," and it is hard to imagine a way forward.

Christ's mercy is a light and a powerful grace that can move mountains. He asks that we recognize the obstacles that fill our hearts and homes and hand them over to him. He who is mighty and strong will lift these burdens and pour forth grace and healing. This is done most beautifully in the sacrament of reconciliation.

In the first reading from Isaiah 11, a promised hope is brought forth as he shares a prophetic vision of the coming of our Savior: "On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom." This beautiful blossom of beauty, goodness, and truth is Christ himself. Isaiah is filled with a spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and fear of the Lord, who will come forth to judge the world with justice. There is a sense of a new order that is completely different from the world. Isaiah describes images of nature that are disordered from the effects of original sin but restored to a holy order: a child playing with a cobra, a wolf hanging out with a lamb, and a lion eating hay with an ox. In the natural world, these kinds of things do not happen. However, the vision of Isaiah is the light of Christ invading our hearts and homes. It is Christ's grace taking what seems impossible to move or change and completely re-ordering things so that we will have light and peace. It is a holy order of God's justice, and Jesus himself will be the source of this new order. This is good news for rejoicing!

Friends in Christ, may we not hesitate to open the door to our hearts and homes to usher in a new order of light and peace as Christ can do the seemingly impossible. May we be that companion on the journey, that flicker of a light in the darkness to a brother or sister who cries out for a new order of peace and light.

Thanks for the honor of joining you on this Advent journey!

Your companion on the journey,  
Bishop Chad Zielinski

## SACRILEGIOUS COMMUNION

For Catholics to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion while in the state of mortal sin (having committed a mortal sin which has not been confessed and forgiven in Sacramental Confession) is itself a mortal sin - a mortal sin of sacrilege.

St. Paul in *First Corinthians* expressly warns against this sin when he says: "Therefore whosoever shall eat this bread, or drink the chalice of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man prove himself: and so let him eat of the bread, and drink of the chalice. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh judgment to himself, not discerning the body of the Lord." (*1Cor 11:27-29*).

Today, when most Catholics do not go to Confession from one end of the year to the next, and when in a sizeable parish it is not unusual for there to be under ten Confessions per week, and yet when it comes time for Communion at Sunday Mass, virtually everyone in attendance receives Communion, it can be presumed that many people - human nature being what it is - are receiving Holy Communion unworthily, i.e., while in the state of mortal sin.

Prior to approximately 1960, it was the norm for practicing Catholics to go to the Sacrament of Confession once a week, or at least once every two or three weeks (whether or not they had a mortal sin to confess), and afterwards to receive Communion on Sunday. Prior to that time, the number of Confessions approximately equalled the number of Communion. About half of a parish would receive Communion on a given Sunday.

Presently, however, there are hardly any Confessions, and the reception of Communion is almost universal. Granted, many of those weekly Confessions in previous years were probably Confessions of venial sins (not mortal sins), and thus they were not strictly necessary before Communion, yet we must admit that mortal sin has become far more commonplace today, and so it would only be a person wearing rose-colored glasses, one who wants to redefine the whole concept of sin, who would say that mortal sin has become so rare that only a handful of parishioners each week have need of Confession before receiving Holy Communion. (That handful who do go to Confession are likely to be the most devout and least sinful members of the whole parish.)

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## CONFESSING MY SINS

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"O God, have mercy on me a sinner."  
(Lk. 18:13)

"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."  
(Jn. 1:29)

"Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven..."  
(Jn.20:23)

"You are to be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect."  
(Mt. 5:48)

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(Pray to God the Holy Spirit for His light and His grace.)

1. Examine your conscience.
2. Be sorry for your sins; try to have the perfect sorrow of love.
3. Make a firm resolution not to sin again, to avoid the near occasions of sin.
4. Tell all your sins in the confessional and receive absolution.
5. Say your penance promptly.

## **EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE - HOW IS MY DAILY STRUGGLE?**

*(Check over: the Ten Commandments of God; the Six Commandments of the Church; the Christian Virtues; the Duties of your state in life)*

1. Did I fail to love God...to pray? Have I doubted or denied my Faith? Was I careless in saying my prayers? Read books against the Catholic Faith?
2. Did I curse or swear? Did I use God's Name in vain: lightly...carelessly...by blasphemy? Do I use profane language? Have I insulted a sacred person?
3. Have I missed Mass through my own fault? On Sundays? Holy Days? Was I late for Mass or did I leave early without a good reason? Allow my children to miss Mass? Did I omit my Easter Duty? Or my yearly Confession duty? Was I easily distracted at Mass? Did I do unnecessary servile work on Sunday?
4. Did I honor and obey my parents? Others with lawful authority? Have I talked back? Failed to help at home? Been sad or sour? Neglected my children's religious education? Failed to lead them to Mass...to frequent confession? Failed to spend time with my family? Separated or divorced civilly without consultation according to the mind of the Church?
5. Was I angry...resentful...kept hatred in my heart? Did I fight...give bad example or scandal? Did I fail to correct in charity? Permitted or encouraged an abortion or mutilation (vasectomy, etc.) to avoid children?
6. Did I consent to impure glances? Passionate kisses? Sinful touches?
7. Was I immodest in dress or behavior? Did I read impure books or magazines? Am I guilty of masturbation (impurity with self), fornication (pre-marital sex), adultery (sex with a married person) or birth control (by pills, devices; withdrawal)? Do I avoid laziness, gluttony, idleness, and the occasions of impurity?
7. Did I steal? What or how much? Did I return it or make equal restitution? Did I waste time at work, in school, at home? Am I stingy? Do I gamble excessively? Neglect to pay my debts promptly? Do I live poverty of spirit and detachment? Have I supported my church regularly?
8. Have I lied, gossiped? Talked about another behind his back? Do I always tell the truth? Am I sincere? Did I reveal secrets that should have been kept confidential? Am I critical, negative or uncharitable in my talk?
9. Have I consented to impure thoughts? Have I caused them by stares, bad reading, curiosity or impure conversations? Do I neglect to control my imagination? Do I pray at once to banish such bad thoughts and temptations?
10. Is my heart greedy? Am I jealous of what another has? Am I envious of him because I don't have what he has? Am I moody? Gloomy? Do I work, study and keep busy to counter idle thoughts? Is my heart set on earthly possessions or on the true treasures in Heaven?

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