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**Holy Rosary Catholic**

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**February 19, 2023**  
**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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



**Happy Spring!** Well, in these last days it has been wonderful to welcome the warmer temperatures and to see the snow piles shrinking. There is hope here in the frozen north of Minnesota that spring might once again happen. As we anticipate the physical springtime in Minnesota, so too we anticipate spiritually the coming of the Lenten season. *[Recall, that the word "Lent" literally means "springtime".]* **And just as the springtime is a time of renewal of the natural order, so too each Lent is an opportunity to be renewed in the supernatural order through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.**

**Believe it or not, Ash Wednesday is only days away. This year Ash Wednesday falls on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, or this Wednesday.** Each year we are blessed with strong attendance, most especially for the afternoon Mass, as well as the early evening Mass. Our Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday will be the same as last year. **On Ash Wednesday there will be a morning Mass at 8:30 A.M., followed by an afternoon Mass at 4:30 P.M. The evening Mass will be held at 6:45 P.M. [Faith Formation students in grades 1-9, are asked to report to the school on Ash Wednesday at either 4:15 P.M. or 6:30 P.M.]** Parents are strongly encouraged to attend Mass on Ash Wednesday. Their children will be brought over to church by a catechist before the start of the liturgy. If the parents are in attendance, their son/daughter may join them. Otherwise, these students will remain with the catechist and return to school for parent pick up at @ 5:30 P.M. or 7:45 P.M. respectively.]

**I call your attention to the fact that Lent is a perfect time to return to the faith.** May this Lent in 2023, be one that you will always remember. Although our parish is being blessed with both an increase in attendance and stewardship in these recent months, there are still so many out there that are still suffering from the spiritual virus after the pandemic of **"Covid-casualness"**. Recall St. Luke's gospel 13:14: **"Strive to enter through the narrow gate. Many I tell you will try to enter but will be unable."** While I have always prayed as pastor for my congregation, one of the priests of our Diocese told me recently that at every Mass [in the petitions] he prays

specifically for baptized Catholics that do not practice their faith. I have been doing this spiritual act for the last few weeks at Holy Rosary and it appears to be working. I have been seeing greater attendance and more faces that I have not seen for some time! Praise God!

An older woman who had not been at Mass since before the pandemic, recently came up to me after Mass and acknowledged that she had been away for years. She commented, *"Father, I have not seen the church since it has been restored. It inspires me."* I guess, whatever it takes to bring you back to the faith!

In addition to the weekend Masses, there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 5:30 P.M. [We will also be having Stations of the Cross for our students during Lent on a Wednesday evening during Lent.] Parents will be asked to be in attendance, but all parishioners will be welcome as well. **I strongly encourage those who are able to attend daily Mass on Monday's and Friday's to consider doing so at 8:30 A.M. I also will be offering Mass every Thursday at 12:00 P.M., followed by a light lunch [free will offering] followed by about 15 minutes of instruction on a passage of scripture.** This will take about an hour and if you have to run back to work that is fine. For those who have the time, there will be an opportunity for small group discussion in the lower hall for as long as they wish to be there. There is also another opportunity of adult education entitled **"Catholicism and Comedy"** that will be hosted as well during the Lenten season here at Holy Rosary. And of course I will be scheduling multiple times for the individual celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So, as you can see, there is lots happening here at Holy Rosary spiritually for the "springtime" of our faith.

**As I am praying for you, I ask for your prayers for the numerous candidates we have this year that are seeking full communion in the Catholic faith.** We have the makings of an amazing Holy Week and Easter Vigil. Let us make this Lent of 2023, life-giving for our spirits, so that we might see heaven and the promise fulfilled of Christ in everlasting life. See you next Wednesday!



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## Fuel Fund Drive

We have been receiving a very good response these past weeks to our Fuel Fund collection. Last year we were able to collect a total of \$7,998.10. This year I had set our goal at a modest amount of \$8,500.00 [the same as last year] even though we are spending so much more to heat our entire facility. *[I am dreading this upcoming bill in the days ahead].* I am pleased to report that your generosity of stewardship has stepped up a bit from last year. As to date, we have taken in a total of \$10,380.00. Although this year's amount has surpassed our modest goal, it is not coming close to covering all of our fuel expenses. The GOOD NEWS it is that the amount that we have received is a larger amount raised [to date] than last year, and it helps to keep our parish on target for a balanced budget. We still have many cold days ahead. *[The forecast is for colder days again next week.]* Needless to say, we are still welcoming your contributions towards the Fuel Fund in the days and the weeks ahead. And as always, **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS!!!**



## Stewardship of Gratitude 2/12/2023



### Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary

Adult Contributions	\$5,359.00
Electronic Giving	\$2,237.01
Plate Collection	\$581.79
Junior Collection	\$40.25
Fuel Fund Collection	\$4,350.00

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**Weekly Offering Total** **\$12,568.05**

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

**Additional Weekly Income** **\$1,215.81**  
**Grand Total** **\$13,783.86**

*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!**

## Save the Date -Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, 2023!

There will be 3 Masses offered on **Ash Wednesday** at Holy Rosary! The Mass times will be **8:30 A.M., 4:30 P.M. and 6:45 P.M.!** Plan now which Mass you and your household will plan to attend! **PRAY! FAST! GIVE!**



## Lenten Envelope



Included with this week's parish bulletin is an envelope for "Ash Wednesday". The threefold mission of Lent is to **PRAY MORE, FAST MORE, AND GIVE MORE!** For the past years, an envelope was attached to our bulletin for Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. We also gave these same envelopes out [and we will do so again this year] to our students in Faith Formation. For from little on and into our older years, we must learn and relearn that we are called to give. Selfishness does not have to be taught to us. It is in our very human natures as the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve to be selfish at times. However, to share the gifts that God has given to us, that is a virtue [a good habit] that must be taught. Please make use of this envelope as a family along with your young people in the parish.



## SINCERE SYMPATHY

To the families of **Bernie Bastian** †  
*May he rest in peace.*

## Stewardship of Gratitude

Again, this week we had strong stewardship both in terms of people giving of their time and talent to the weekend Masses through their attendance, as well as to the giving of their treasure. Thank you for your gifts. As we have concluded our commitment to both our area Catholic School as well as to the Diocese of New Ulm, we are now beginning in earnest to raise the percentages of our own projects that are being planned here at Holy Rosary in the months ahead through 2023. [Please see the stewardship corner for further details.]

This week I attended the Diocesan clergy conference with less-than-ideal weather. There is nothing more purgatorial for me than to drive for six hours through harsh, wet, and winter conditions. But it is not only a good opportunity to grow in adult spiritual formation but also to visit with some of the clergy that have gathered as well from across the Diocese of New Ulm. In the limited number of priests that I had talked to, because we are such a rural diocese and agriculture has continued to grow larger and larger, both in acreage as well as in production; communities and churches [as well as our Catholic schools] continue to see a continual decline in enrollment and attendance. One priest commented to me at this meeting that from the time that he served as an associate, to today serving as pastor, the student population of his large parish alone has decreased by about 2% each year or about 60%.

Holy Rosary has continued to see decreases in student population and also in demographic shifts due to death and relocation to other regions of the state and the nation. However, we are again blessed this week to welcome three new households to Holy Rosary. As always, thank you for your gifts!

## The Week Ahead

**Sunday, February 19th: SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:30 a.m.- Mass  
 10:00 a.m.- Mass  
 11:15 a.m.- Sacrament of Reconciliation  
**2:00 p.m.- R.C.I.A Meets TODAY!- Conference Room 1**

**Monday, February 20th: Weekday**

8:30 a.m.- Mass - Dorothy & Jerry Bren †  
**6:30 p.m.- Choir Rehearsal - School Building**

**Tuesday, February 21st: Weekday** [Saint Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church]  
 Private Mass - Kevin Kolstad †

**Wednesday, February 22nd: Ash Wednesday**

8:30 a.m.- Mass - Dorothy Wadekamper †  
 10:00 a.m.- No Mass - Oak Terrace  
 1:00 p.m.-Sewing Group - School Building  
 4:30 p.m.-Mass - Robert Mathias  
**\*6:30 p.m.- Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-9**

**[\*Faith Formation Students are asked to report to school at 4:15 p.m. or 6:25 p.m. Students will join their parents at the Mass if family/parents are present. Dismissal will be from church.\*]**

6:45 p.m.- Mass - Living & deceased members of Paul & Karen Harguth family.

**Thursday, February 23rd: Thursday of Ash Wednesday**  
 [Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr]

12:00 p.m.- Mass - Katherine McConnell †  
**Lenten Scriptural Studies [Lenten-Lunch-Lesson]**  
 4:30 p.m.- Loyola Board of Trustees Meeting - Loyola main Conference Room - [Fr. attends]  
 7:30 p.m.- Knights of Columbus - General Meeting

**Friday, February 24th: Friday of Ash Wednesday**

8:30 a.m.- Mass - Eileen Wadekamper †  
 10:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.- Viewing- Mankato Mortuary- Bernie Bastian †  
 4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.- Wake Service - Mankato [3:30 Service] Mortuary - Bernie Bastian †  
**5:30 p.m.- Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday, February 25th: Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

**11:00 a.m.- Funeral Mass - Bernie Bastian †**  
 5:00 p.m.- Mass - Conor Redig †  
 6:15 p.m.- Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Sunday, February 26th: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:30 a.m.- Mass - John Redig †  
 10:00 a.m.- Mass - Adeline & Orville Selio & family  
 Adult Lenten Enrichment- Following the 10:00 a.m. Mass  
 11:15 a.m.- Sacrament of Reconciliation  
**2:00 p.m.- R.C.I.A Meets TODAY!- Conference Room 1**



**This Week's Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
 Stacy Reichel

## Upcoming Parish Events



- ♦ **R.C.I.A Meets -TODAY!** Sun. Feb. 19th, 2023; 2:00 p.m. - Conference Room #1
- ♦ **Ash Wednesday - Wed. Feb. 22nd, 2023 - Save the Date**
- ♦ **Stations of the Cross** - Fri. Feb. 24th, 2023; 5:30 p.m.
- ♦ **K of C Meeting** - Thurs. Feb. 23rd, 2023; 7:30 p.m. - General Meeting
- ♦ **Adult Lenten Enrichment** - Sun. Feb. 26th, 2023; After the 10:00 a.m. Mass
- ♦ **Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion** Cathedral of the Holy Trinity - Sun. Feb. 26th, 2023; 3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Second Grade Parent Meeting for First Holy Communion** - Wed. Mar. 1st, 2023; 6:30 p.m. - Conference Room 1
- ♦ **C.C.W Meeting** - Mon. Mar. 6th, 2023; 6:30 p.m. - Conference Room 1
- ♦ **Bishop Lucker Lecture** - Mon. Mar. 13th, 2023; 7:00 p.m. - Church of St. Catherine, Redwood Falls

## Ash Wednesday Ministry Schedule February 22nd



### Lector:

8:30 a.m. Arlyce Anderson  
 4:30 p.m. Jim Schorn  
 6:45 p.m. Patrick Hull

### Eucharistic Ministers:

8:30 a.m. John & Lynn Wilson  
 4:30 p.m. Karen Winters, Mary Clare Wyrowski  
 6:45 p.m. Patrick & Wanda Hull

### Altar Servers:

4:30 p.m. Elizabeth Calsbeek, Isabel Huiras  
 6:45 p.m. Emma & Myra Bernard, Jack Thompson

### Presentation of Gifts:

8:30 a.m. Jim & Sharon Theuninck  
 4:30 p.m. Andrew & Shana Lang Family  
 6:45 p.m. Faith Formation Students

### Ushers:

8:30 a.m. Jim Theuninck, Bob Wegscheid  
 4:30 p.m. Blaine & Teresa Kolstad, Isaac Kolstad  
 6:45 p.m. Donna Wenkel, Confirmation Students

### Music Ministry:

8:30 a.m. Julie Gruber, Corinne Ort  
 4:30 p.m. Julie Gruber, Choir  
 6:45 p.m. Vicky Galli, Kathy Jo Johns

## Ministry Schedule February 25th & 26th

### Rosary Leader:

5:00 p.m. Marcie Cook  
8:30 a.m. Sharon Lenz  
10:00 a.m. Donna Wolf

### Lector:

5:00 p.m. Liam Rooney  
8:30 a.m. Linda Olson  
10:00 a.m. Mark Frahm

### Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 p.m. Dwayne & Mary Lou Witte  
8:30 a.m. Ann Michels, Jane Younge  
10:00 a.m. Jim Theuninck, Dennis Haga

### Servers:

5:00 p.m. Lauren Jaqua, Joe Carruth, Aoife Rooney  
8:30 a.m. James Younge, Isabella Reibel  
10:00 a.m. Colton Horkey, Cassie Tauer, Jack Thompson

### Presentation of Gifts:

5:00 p.m. Patrick & Wanda Hull  
8:30 a.m. Joel & Diane Brandel  
10:00 a.m. Jim & Darlene Schorn

### Ushers:

5:00 p.m. Steve & Barbara Enderle  
8:30 a.m. Arlyce Anderson, Jim Levandowski  
10:00 a.m. Curtis Peters, Kevin Thompson

### Music Ministry:

5:00 p.m. Adam Rogers, Kathy Jo Johns  
8:30 a.m. Kurt Schroeder, Corinne Ort  
10:00 a.m. Julie Gruber, Mark Frahm



## Faith Formation



### Second Grade Parent Meeting for First Holy Communion

There will be a **required** parent meeting for all parents of second-grade students in Faith Formation on **Wednesday, March 1st at 6:30 P.M.** in Conference Room 1. Father will lead the meeting and share with you important information regarding the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Both parents are strongly encouraged to attend if at all possible.



### First Reconciliation for Second Graders

Our second-grade Faith Formation class will soon be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation! Students have been preparing to receive the sacrament for the past few months. **Parents of second grade: When you feel your child is ready to receive the sacrament, please call the parish office to attend Mass and to set up a time to meet with Father after the 5:00 P.M. Saturday night Mass.** Your child will go to confession behind the screen due to continuing COVID concerns. Please keep the students and their families in your prayers.

### Choir Schedule Spring 2023



The Holy Rosary choir will meet every other Monday for rehearsals. The Choir rehearsals will be in the choir room unless specified otherwise. Our next scheduled rehearsal is Monday, **March 6th @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!

### Birthright Raffle



It is again time for the Knights of Columbus to co-sponsor its annual Benefit for Birthright Ticket Raffle. The proceeds go directly to our local Birthright office, which provides services such as confidential pregnancy testing, counseling, and ongoing support. Tickets are available at the parish office during office hours, or by calling David Mutch at 387-5406. The cost of each ticket is \$5.00. There are 5 prizes ranging in value from \$50.00-\$250.00. Please help support a worthy cause!

## Welcome!



We welcome this week three households to Holy Rosary this week. We welcome **Blake Hockert** who resides in Mankato and who is employed at Kato Engineering. Welcome Blake!

We also welcome Blake's mother to Holy Rosary, **Cynthia Ann Hockert**. Cynthia resides in North Mankato and is retired from full employment at Gustavus Adolphus in St. Peter. Welcome Cynthia! We also welcome this week, **Melinda Smith**. Melinda resides in Mankato and is employed at Ideal Insurance Agency. Welcome Melinda and to all our new members to our growing family of faith!

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



## Lenten Scriptural Studies Thursdays During Lent

[Liturgy --- Lunch --- Lesson]



This Lent as pastor I would like to offer a "lighter" form of scriptural studies. This would not be as heavy in "calories" [or should I say content] from a few years ago when on Sunday afternoons we gathered more than a hundred or so strong to study the history of the scriptures and all its historical background.

What I am proposing is that we would gather for Mass as usual at 12:00 P.M. on Thursdays [as I have been offering for some time now]. We have been having some of our strongest daily Mass attendance at these Thursday noon Masses of the entire week. Before Mass you are welcome to sign up for a sub and chips from "Jersey Mikes" if you wish. *[We will ask for a free will offering to cover the cost of the meal.]* You are also welcome to bring your own bag lunch if you wish. After Mass, you will be invited to briefly eat your lunch downstairs in the lower social hall as I change out of my vestments, and clear up things from offering Mass.

At 12:45 P.M. I will make a 15-minute presentation [on a passage of scripture] perhaps the passage that the Church prayed that day around the world, but maybe within the entire chapter. For those that need to return to work and have only about an hour lunch break, they could return to work. Those of you that are retired and/or have more time on your hands, would be welcome to break into small group discussions with some follow-up questions you could discuss if you wish that I would provide in a worksheet form.

**Now of course is the time to start thinking of what I am going to do seriously this Lent to enrich myself and make myself a better person spiritually.** While it is a good time to give up the sweets and some of the things we enjoy, how about becoming an adult person when it comes to Lent and not childlike saying I am giving up only candy or sweets. Don't allow the evil one to convince you that we do not have to do anything for the Lent with those lies: "I am too old", "I am too young", "I am too busy", "I have afternoon cards", etc. Now is the time to think, "How will I intensify my prayer, my fasting and my giving?" A little early but, HAPPY LENT!

## Thought For the Week



*By the sweat of your brow you shall eat bread, until you return to the ground, from which you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*

Genesis 3:19

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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

**100% COMPLETED** Paid to Date: \$81,457.85  
Due: \$81,457.85

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

**72% COMPLETED** Paid to Date: \$25,505.00  
Due: \$35,206.42

Loyola Catholic School:

**100% COMPLETED** Paid to Date: \$144,854.00  
Due: \$144,854.00

Church Social Hall/Sacristy:

**10% COMPLETED** Paid to Date: \$75,843.76  
Goal: \$750,000.00

**Total Paid to Date 2021-23: \$295,660.61**  
**Apostolate stewardship for 2022-23: \$1,011,518.27**

We are proceeding on our projects for the summer of 2023. This week I signed a contract for the front doors of the church. We had planned on replacing these doors more than a year or two ago when we were planning to redo the church's interior. Unfortunately, due to supply chain problems following the pandemic, the company could not come with either the glass or the hardware for the doors. After many months of delay, it was decided several weeks ago, to submit a new project form [unfortunately at a higher cost due to inflation]. Although it will still take months for the doors to arrive, the company representative has assured me that the doors will be installed around the time of June, or early this summer. Can you believe how long you have to wait for things these days? Of course we must pay forward for the project, so this week we paid from parish monies [not the monies we have set aside] a total of \$25,000.00.

We have also ordered this week new windows for the lower social hall, most of which are still original from 1950, and are of wood construction. We had to pay forward on this project a total of \$7,000.00. So between the necessary windows and doors, the total cost has come to an expense of \$32,000.00 for doors and windows at this time. [Nothing is cheap these days.]

So, this raises our total amount of "paid to date" for our project from \$43,843.76, to \$75,843.76. That is a nice jump to an even 10% of the total monies we intend to raise for the church. **In one week this has resulted in an INCREASE OF 3%!** Yea! As I stated in a recent bulletin, it was my pastoral hope to raise the amount of money for this project by 1% a week. We are off to a great start, and we still have the remainder of the month of February, all of March, April, May and June, to add to this designated account with new monies before we end the Fiscal Year of 2022-2023, at the close of June.

Your strong weekly offerings is making it possible to continue the improvements, updates, and restoration of our parish church possible. This week's envelope for Ash Wednesday is but another opportunity for us to pull ahead in stewardship. As always, thank you for your gifts!



## LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Loyola is hosting a student shadow day on Friday, March 10th for current k-8th grade students who are interested in exploring school options for next year. Guest students are partnered with a Loyola student in their grade and will experience the Loyola school culture through tours, classroom sit-ins, and activities. To register your student(s) please contact Ashley Braulick, Admissions Coordinator at [admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org) or call 507-386-5399. Loyola is flexible and open to tours and shadow days that fit your family's schedule at any time during the year. Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

Join us for the Loyola 2003 Boys' Basketball State Championship 20th Reunion on Friday, Feb 24th in the Fitzgerald gym and at The Loose Moose. We welcome back all players, coaches, teachers, and fans of the 2003 State Champions! Fitz will open at 5 p.m.; join us in the library for socializing and reminiscing. Old game tapes and pictures/scrapbooks will be displayed. There will be a section of the gym for the players, coaches, and their families to sit together during the game. At halftime the team will be recognized; pictures will be taken at halfcourt. After the game, head over to The Loose Moose for some food and beverages. It is also Senior Night for our Loyola Crusaders as we take on Sleepy Eye Public for the last home game of the season! Tip-off is 7:15 p.m.

We are halfway through Loyola's annual Lucky 20 raffle. Thank you to those that have sold or purchased tickets thus far! Your support of this important fundraiser is very much appreciated. If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, physical tickets can be purchased at Loyola or by calling Carrie Kijenski at 507-386-5381. Tickets are \$100 each. There are 20 chances to win: one grand prize \$10,000 winner, one \$5,000 winner, one \$1,000 winner, two \$500 winners, and 15 \$200 winners! The drawing will be held on March 17th, and winners do not need to be present to win.

Thank you for your support of our Lucky 20 raffle!

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 with all of Loyola's happenings on social media! Find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education in Mankato.

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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, Richard Kopachek, Anthony Kimathi, Pat Roemhildt, Tom Wyrowski, Justine Hiniker, Dave Grams, Barbara Hull, Eleanor Wittrock, Barbara Willis, Bernie Bastian, Julie Schoettler, Jesse Garza, Leo Vaske, Sr. Monica Wagner, Karen Rooney, Linda Rentschler, Ronald Freundl, Cindy Gawrych, Richard Linnes, Dolores Haubrich, Lana Bramstedt

**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>	Kristin Moore
<b>Tuesday</b>	Joel & Shawna Mueller
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roger & Mary Mueller
<b>Thursday</b>	Janice Mullerleile
<b>Friday</b>	Chunmie Mullen
<b>Saturday</b>	David & Sandra Mutch
<b>Sunday</b>	Elijah & Melissa Nelson



### For Those in the Military

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

### This Week's Readings

Mon: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29 (341)  
 Tues: Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37 (342)  
 Weds: J1 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:2--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (219)  
 Pss IV  
 Thurs: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25 (220)  
 Fri: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15 (221)  
 Sat: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32 (222)  
 Sun: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11 (22) Pss I

### 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.



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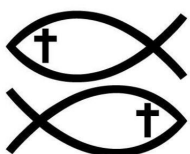
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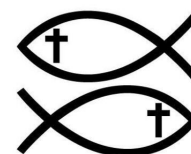
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## Adult Lenten Enrichment 2023

[Ash Wednesday is only 3 days away!]



Join us this Lent for Adult Faith Formation on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 P.M. or on Sunday's, after the 10:00 A.M. Mass during Lent. The series is produced by "Word on Fire", which may sound familiar to some of you as Bishop Barron, of the Diocese of Winona, started this evangelization media company some years ago on the west coast that has gone national. The program is entitled "*Catholicism and Comedy*", hosted by Jeremy McLellan. This adult enrichment is being developed and organized by some of our lay volunteers in our parish along with the cooperation of our Holy Rosary Social Concerns Committee. We are now for this FREE Series Social, taking registrations (either electronically via a simple Goggle Form which can be obtained through the QR code (just point camera at funky square and connect to page link connections) OR via paper copies that we hope to have available for all masses and which can be simply placed in the offering basket or given directly to Jim Schorn who is in charge of registration.

What will this series discuss? While this program does address comedy, the program gets into the very heart of modern life and how we think of play, leisure time, prayer, Sunday worship, and ultimately what it means to be a human in this modern world. Is there a uniquely Catholic understanding to comedy? Is humor part of the Catholic life? Can humor make us more human? Can jokes be a tool for evangelization? Are some jokes too offensive? Is nothing sacred? Is political correctness ruining comedy?

Jeremy's goal, in this seven part series explores the role of humor in the Catholic faith and how the seven cardinal virtues can help shape comedy and our Catholic experience. It should prove to be both entertaining and informative. Anyone is welcome to attend from Holy Rosary parish or any other church, regardless if you are active or inactive in your faith at this time. Mark your calendars now, beginning on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 FOLLOWING THE 10:00 A.M. MASS!**

For more information on this FREE  
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To register for this FREE Lenten  
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## Pasta with The Padres is Back!

After a 2 year suspension because of Covid, "*Pasta with the Padres*", the spaghetti supper fundraiser for ECHO Food Shelf, is back! It is sponsored by the four Mankato area Catholic churches, and this year will be held at **Ss. Peter & Paul's on Sunday March 5th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

### SIGN UP TO HELP WITH PASTA WITH THE PADRES!

Sign up sheets to volunteer for the 14th Annual "Pasta with the Padres" fundraiser are in the church entries and we need lots of volunteers to make it a success. The Dan Duffy Orchestra will entertain and the spaghetti will be delicious. Sign up to help and then plan to attend. It is lots of fun!

## Black & Indian Mission Collection Next Sunday!

Next Sunday, we will be taking up a collection for the Black & Indian Missions. The Black and Indian Mission Collection (BIMC) exists to help diocesan communities to build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God. For more information, please visit <https://blackandindianmission.org/> Please be as generous as you are able.



## Happy Birthday "Nonagenarian"!!!



Our prayers and best wishes go out to **Charlie Shamp**, on the occasion of his **90th** birthday. Wow! What an accomplishment! [Talk about perseverance!] As a parish family our prayers and best wishes go out to Charlie on his special milestone achievement. May God bless you with another 10 years so that we will see your 100th! May God bless you with good HEALTH HAPPINESS and most of all HOLINESS!!!

## Lenten Resolution Sheet



Included in this week's insert is a sheet explaining the Lenten season, The Percepts of the Church, fasting, etc. The Lenten season to deepen the virtues of prayer, fasting and giving. You are encouraged to review the sheet as a family or individually, as well as every member of your family.

For many Roman Catholics it is time to "come home" spiritually and get back to the basics of the spiritual works of charity and prayer, particularly the celebration of Mass each weekend. May this Lent of 2023 challenge us and encourage us to renew and to deepen our practice of the faith. PRAY! FAST! GIVE!

## CCW Reverence Life Commission Thank You



A special thank you to all parishioners who contributed to our annual CCW January Diaper Drive. We received donations of a total of 869 diapers, 786 baby wipes, 64 unique baby outfits, toys, lotions and other care items, and over \$100 in cash donations. These donations were distributed to both our local pregnancy care centers, Options|Mankato and Birthright who give hope for those in need. Your generosity toward Reverence of Life is greatly appreciated.

## Pedal Past Poverty

Pedal Past Poverty, the annual stationary bike pedaling event to support the homeless in the Mankato area, will be held Saturday, February 25th at the YMCA from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Holy Rosary Parish will once again be having a team. We are in need of 8 riders with each pedaling for 20 minutes. If you would be willing to be a rider, please contact Arlyce Anderson at 507-317-0617. Our goal is \$1,000 for the team. If you would like to make a donation please make checks to Pedal Past Poverty and drop in the collection basket or leave in the parish office. Thank you for your support of Partners for Housing.



## Lenten Spiritual Opportunities!

**Prayer:** Lenten booklets will be made available at the entrances on Ash Wednesday and into the Lenten season as long as they last. 300 of these booklets have arrived for your personal prayer life. There is a brief reflection that takes only a few minutes to pray each day. There is no charge for these pamphlets.



**Almsgiving:** Again this year, beginning on Ash Wednesday, students and their families, as well as all parishioners are invited to make use of Operation Rice Bowl to take home a "rice bowl" that is provided to collect [not just coins] but also bills and checks for the poor around the world. More than a 140 million of the poor around the world are helped through this program. These "bowls" will be returned during Holy Week, beginning on Holy Thursday!

## Daily Mass and Friday Stations of the Cross

Now that the winter is starting to fade, the days are getting a bit longer, and the sun is getting up a little earlier; perhaps it is time to make a little spiritual sacrifice [if we do not have to report to work] to come to morning Mass on Mondays and Fridays here in church. If you have a difficult time to get going in the morning, then how about coming to Mass at least once a week on Thursday at 12:00 P.M. [We are having some of our best attendance during the week on this day and we are having several visitors as well from other parishes coming to pray with us which is very nice.] So, how about you? Maybe you could do a little fasting, and in lieu of lunch come to celebrate Mass on Thursdays celebrate the liturgy, share a sandwich and some scriptural enrichment.



Stations of the Cross will be celebrated every Friday at 5:30 P.M. Last year, with each passing week, the attendance became stronger and stronger as I challenged the faithful to come at least once to the Stations during the course of the 40 days of Lent. Let us see how strong our attendance can be on the first time that we journey with our Lord through His passion, suffering and death at Calvary this Friday at 5:30 P.M.!

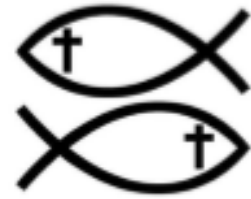
May this Lent be memorable because we have intensified our life of PRAYER and ultimately our relationship with our Divine Lord. See you in church.



## SINCERE SYMPATHY

To the family of Iris Blooflat on the passing of her son **Benjamin Clark †**  
*May he rest in peace.*

# *Directive for Lent and Life*



## **Precepts of the Catholic Church**

**The Precepts of the Catholic Church are a description of the absolute minimum actions required of Catholics regarding the Church.**

The Church uses these precepts to remind us that Christian life requires a commitment to prayer and active participation in the liturgy and sacraments. If we fall below this bare-minimum level, we can't rightly consider ourselves to be in full communion with the Catholic Church.

Each of these precepts of the Catholic Church is a requirement. Together with the Ten Commandments, they represent the minimum level of moral living. Intentional violation of the precepts or the Commandments is a grave matter, meaning a mortal sin.

## **The Precepts**

- 1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor.**

We must "sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord" (Sunday), as well as the principal feast days, known as Catholic holy days of obligation. This requires attending Mass, "and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days."

- 2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year.**

We must prepare for the Eucharist by means of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). This sacrament "continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness."

- 3. You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.**

This "guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy."

- 4. You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.**

"The fourth precept ensures the times of abstinence and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart." See below for more about fasting & abstinence.

- 5. You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.**

"The fifth precept means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability."

(These quotations are from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, in its section about the Precepts of the Catholic Church (#2041-3).)



Note that these precepts of the Catholic Church are required, unless you have a legitimate reason for not meeting them. For example: If you are sick, tending to a sick child, experiencing a blizzard, and cannot get to Mass, it is not a grave violation to miss Mass that day.

Children, the elderly, and pregnant or nursing women do not have to fast on normal fast days (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday).

### **More about fasting & abstinence**

One of the precepts of the Catholic Church requires fasting & abstinence as signs of repentance. Repentance means to turn away from sin and turn back to God.

Catholic spirituality traditionally includes in repentance some form of penance. Penance means some practice that lets us express sorrow for our sins and helps repair the damage that sin has caused.

Penance gives us important practice in resisting temptation, thereby strengthening us. It greatly strengthens a number of virtues, especially charity, and it greatly enriches life.

The Catholic Church has two official forms of penitential practices: fasting and abstinence. These are so important that they're one of the precepts of the Catholic Church.

Fasting is reducing the amount of food you eat below normal levels. Specifically, on fast days you may eat one full meal and two smaller meals, but those two smaller together should not exceed the amount of the normal meal. Snacking is also prohibited on fast days. All Catholics age 18 to 59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. You are still encouraged to fast and abstain if you are 60 years old or older. You are excused from fasting if you have a legitimate need to eat a normal amount of food on fast days. This includes: The sick or infirm, including handicapped or mentally ill people who need the nourishment or cannot make a free choice to fast

Pregnant or nursing women

Some manual laborers

**Abstinence** means not eating meat (fish is not considered meat in this case).

All Catholics 14 and older are required to observe abstinence on these days: Ash Wednesday, Good Friday (the Friday before Easter), and all Fridays in Lent.

In the U.S., it is still strongly recommended to observe Friday abstinence outside of Lent, but Catholics may choose to substitute another penitential practice or act of charity for these days.

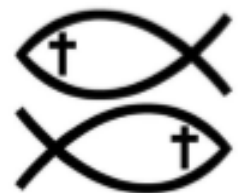
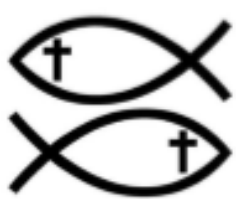
Please note that the **duty** to perform the tasks of your state in life takes precedence over the law of fasting in the precepts of the Catholic Church. If fasting honestly causes you to be unable to fulfill your required tasks, it is uncharitable to fast — the law of fasting would not apply in this case. (Consult with a priest if this is a concern to you.)

### **Go beyond the minimum!**

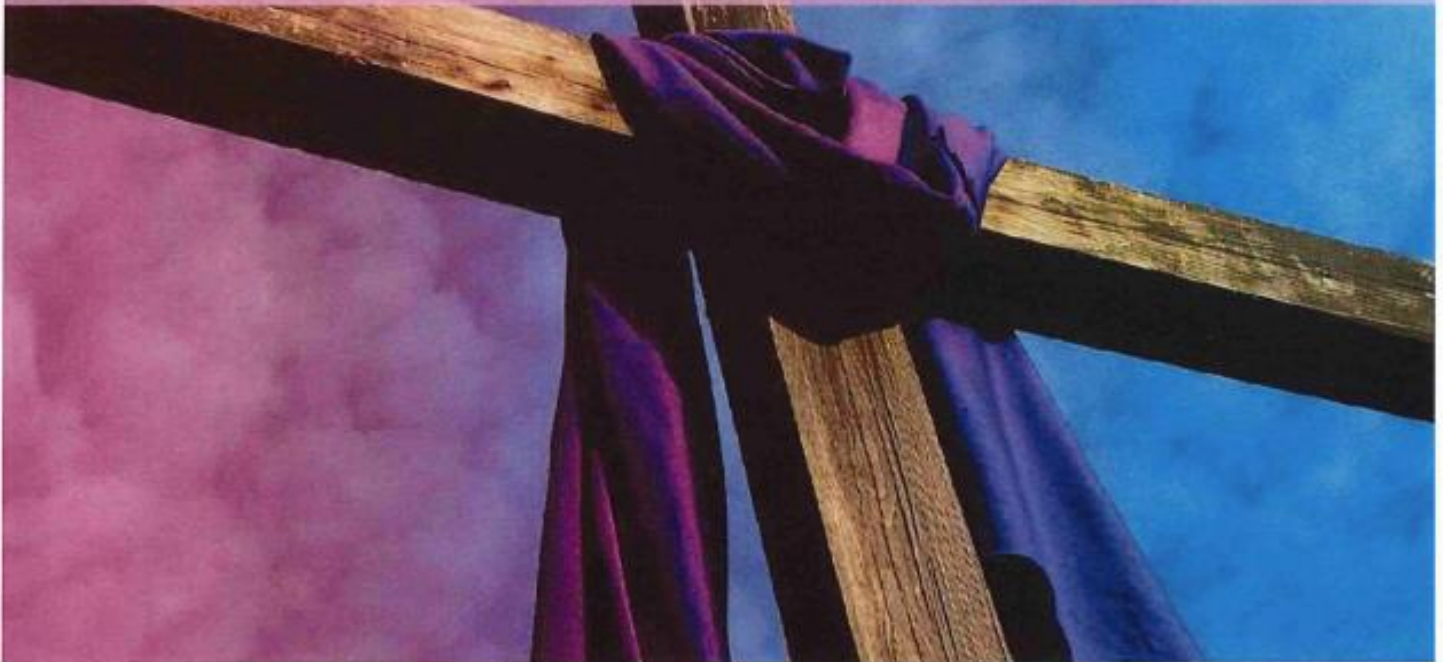
Always remember: the precepts of the Catholic Church are minimum levels of participation in the life of the Church. Out of love for Christ and a desire to advance in the spiritual life, you will normally try to do far more than they require.

Many people recommend that Catholics during season of Lent:

1. Attend Mass at least one more time a week.
2. Go to confession at least once during Lent, and find a regular confessor so he can give you better guidance.
3. Attend adult enrichment in the opportunities the parish provides.
4. Receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at every Mass, if you meet the guidelines for reception (are free from mortal sin, etc.).
5. Make a habit of practicing penitential and charitable acts beyond those required by the precepts of the Catholic Church.
6. Contribute as much as possible to the material needs of the local Church and the needy through local charities.
7. Abstain from unnecessary and unhealthy foods during Lent.
8. Prioritize the 3 sacred days of the church, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your generous support of the Black and Indian Mission Collection! The Black and Indian Mission Collection, established as the first National Collection in 1874, has proven itself to be a successful vehicle for sharing the resources of the Church's members to provide for the needs of our African American, Native American, and Alaska Native brothers and sisters.

Pope Francis reminds us that everyone is meant to evangelize. This Collection so clearly authenticates Pope Francis' call to us to work as a family to help all of our brothers and sisters and to share the Love, Faith and Hope of Jesus Christ. As we embark on another year of evangelization in the African American, Native American and Alaska Native communities, everyone is encouraged to make a difference by offering their prayers for the fruitful support of the missions in the United States and to consider expressing concretely their Christian solidarity through sacrificial offerings.

We all agree that never have the needs for African American, Native American and Alaska Native communities been so great especially during this unprecedented pandemic. History tells us that lasting change to a community can all come through faith, hope and charity. Please continue to support this mission of faith and hope by your most generous charity.

**Your support** provides the presence of missionaries here in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native missions, parishes, schools, religious education programs and the many, many diocesan programs and projects that strengthen the work of the Gospel. **Your partnership** places Bibles and catechetical materials in the hands of priests, consecrated men and women, and lay leaders. **Your sacrifice** impacts pastoral work across the country and addresses the need to train catechists, permanent deacons, and seminarians for future generations here in many of our neighborhoods and backyards. It is only through the constant generosity of everyone that evangelization efforts are multiplied a thousand fold.

In 2023, we ask everyone to make a sacrificial gift to the 2023 National Black and Indian Mission Collection and continue to support the evangelization efforts for African American, Native American and Alaska Native communities in the United States. Learn more about the Black and Indian Missions at [www.blackandindianmission.org](http://www.blackandindianmission.org) and help us invite all peoples to open the door of faith and begin the journey of a lifetime!

Thank you again for your generous support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



The Most Reverend Chad W. Zielinski  
Bishop of New Ulm

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Office of the Bishop

February 9, 2023

Dear Pastoral Leaders,

God calls each of us to a loving relationship with him. During Lent, we focus in an intentional way on turning away from sin and toward God to grow in this love. The Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help us do this. CRS Rice Bowl—Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program—invites us to practice these pillars while reflecting on the needs of our sisters and brothers and how we can respond in love to support them.

This year, journey with CRS to Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya to learn about the root causes of hunger and how families—with the support of faith communities like yours—are making sure they have nutritious food to thrive. Through stories, videos and lesson plans, your community will learn about our Gospel call to care for our common home so we can respond to global issues such as hunger and malnutrition and push back on climate change.

CRS Rice Bowl provides resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families, parishes and school communities while continuing to connect Catholics in our diocese with our global human family. I encourage you to order a CRS Rice Bowl poster to display in your communal space and enough Rice Bowls with Lenten calendars for each family in your community. These free materials are available in English and Spanish. You may also visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) or [crsplatodearroz.org](http://crsplatodearroz.org) to find additional resources, including:

- Devotions, like the Stations of the Cross, and prayers.
- Lesson plans, videos and activity sheets for Catholic school teachers and religious educators.
- Ideas for in-person or virtual community gatherings and simple Lenten meal events.

Thank you for inviting families in your faith community to join us on an enriched season through CRS Rice Bowl. Together, we can respond to Christ's call to help those in need and ensure everyone reaches his or her God-given potential.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



The Most Reverend Chad W. Zielinski  
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