

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

“At that time Jesus exclaimed: “I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones.” --- St. Matthew

In keeping with this weekend's gospel from St. Matthew on this 14th Sunday in Ordinary time, in which Jesus says:

“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth...” I too have been giving praise to Almighty God in my prayers when I received the call from Bishop John LeVoir on the morning of Holy Thursday this year, that he would be naming me the next pastor of Holy Rosary in North Mankato. How appropriate that I would

Church celebrates the birth of the Holy Eucharist as well as the birth of Christ's Holy Priesthood. The word that I have been telling my family and friends is *‘thrilled’*! I am *‘thrilled’* to be serving in this assignment and equally in the greater Mankato area.

I was born and raised in Minnesota and in the Diocese of New Ulm, until my parents bought a farm south of Marshall and north of Slayton. I grew up in a bi-cultural home as my parents immigrated from the Netherlands in the 1950's and made their living farming. They are now both retired but they are still living on the farm. I have three brothers and two sisters who are all married and working in various occupations from agriculture to art design.

I attended one year of Catholic school at St. Raphael's in Springfield in the Diocese of New Ulm. From there I attended public school for seven years in Slayton. I attended Crosier Seminary for high school and junior college, graduating from St. John's University with a major in American History and a minor in Philosophy in Collegeville. I attended the St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity of the University of St. Thomas for four years. I was ordained by Bishop Raymond Lucker on June 25, 1988.

It has been more than a quarter-of-a-century since I served for a summer in this parish as a seminarian, a year before my ordination to the priesthood. Father Ed Ardolf was the pastor at the time that I lived and worked in the parish. Although many people in the parish at that time have moved on or moved into eternity, as I have been studying the Parish Directory, I did recognize some familiar faces.

Since my ordination in 1988, I have served in five assignments and in ten parishes. After my ordination I served for 11 months as the associate pastor at St. Mary's in New Ulm. Then, Bishop Lucker assigned me to teach in the Catholic High School at Holy Trinity in Winsted and to also serve as the associate pastor. After just 14 months in Winsted,

Bishop Lucker was in need of a pastor out in the far western part of the Diocese. So, I was assigned just two years out

from ordination to St. Peter in Canby and St. Leo in St. Leo. I arrived at these parishes just 2 weeks before the start of the school year. There were many challenges awaiting me with these two parishes and a struggling Catholic School, but I enjoyed my years out west and I was only miles from the South Dakota border. I served in that assignment for ten years and would have stayed longer, but the call came for another move.

I was then assigned to St. Aloysius Church in Olivia. (Father Peter also served in this assignment for 11 years). Anyone familiar with the Diocese of New Ulm is familiar with Olivia's historic church. I bravely (or perhaps foolishly) took on the task of leading the faithful to a full restoration of the church. However, after 7 years, the historic church that is filled with some 50 Italian paintings and white Italian marble, was fully restored. I remained in that assignment for 13 years, having made the personal pledge to complete the stewardship for this project before my departure.

St. Aloysius in Olivia and Holy Redeemer in Renville was the longest place I have ever lived in my life, and so my departure was a sad one. For on Monday of Holy Week in 2013, Bishop LeVoir called me and asked me to become the 'Interim Administrator' of the 'Light of the World' Area Faith Community in southwestern Minnesota. I had served as a pastor for 23 years of four different churches, but to take on a pastorate of four churches and a Catholic grade school from P-6, in one sweep, was nothing less than *‘intimidating’*. Yet, the cooperation of these four rural congregations of St. Anne's in Wabasso, St. Mathias in Wanda, St. Mary's in Seaforth and Our Lady of Victory in Lucan was really wonderful. Although my assignment was only 12 months, we accomplished some wonderful work. Truthfully, there was a great deal of sadness of both priest and parishioners, with many promises of visiting the parish and the 'Big City' of Mankato in the future months.

My first order of business as the new pastor of Holy Rosary is in keeping with the recent words of Pope Francis for his priests. Pope Francis recently said: ***“The most important thing is the first proclamation: Jesus Christ has saved you. And the minister of the church must be ministers of mercy above all.”*** Have a great week! It's great to be here! May God bless you!

Rev. Paul van de Crommert, Pastor

With Gratitude:

I wish to express as the new pastor of Holy Rosary a public word of gratitude and appreciation to Father Peter Nosbush for his leadership these past 14 years as the pastor of Holy Rosary and equally for his many years of service as a Priest for the Diocese of New Ulm. Father has been an exceptional steward these

past years of the parish plant and has given of himself in spite of some of the health challenges he has had to face in the recent years.

I had the opportunity to know Father Peter a number of years back when he was serving as the pastor of St. Philip's in Litchfield. Over the years we have seen one another on occasion, exchanged Christmas cards, shared a meal or met at some Diocesan gathering. I feel privileged to come into an assignment for the first time in my priesthood in which the facilities are in such good order and there is such stability in the parish. (This has normally not been my experience in the past.) For this, Father deserves noticeable credit.

Father has been so gracious during the transition as he has given me so much of his time when I came to visit, or in talking with me on the phone. In many instances when priests are transferring parishes, you receive little more than the key and shown how to turn on the lights and the words, 'Good Luck!' Thank you Father (and the staff) for their gracious hospitality.

I have told Father Peter that "mi casa es su casa" (my house is your house). As pastor, I have given Father Peter permission to return to celebrate a wedding on August 9th here in the parish. Father will also be returning to cover a weekend for me (later this summer) when I take some time for summer vacation. So, even though Father Peter is 'retired', he is not 'removed' from the parish. May God grant Father Peter a well-deserved retirement and many years of good health and happiness.

--- Father Paul



Job Opportunity – Holy Rosary

I am pleased to report that we have a nice number of applications for the position of Administrative Secretary at Holy Rosary. This position requires an individual that is highly organized, can multi-task, is a self-

starter, people oriented, and professional. Computer proficiency is required. Basic accounting/bookkeeping knowledge is helpful. A competitive salary with benefits is being offered. Inquiries, letters of interest, and resumes may be sent on or before August 4th to:

Rev. Paul van de Crommert,
Holy Rosary Church
525 Grant Avenue, North Mankato, MN 56003



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

June 29	Sunday	Year/Date	Budget/Date
Adult (128)	\$ 8,051.12		
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Total	\$ 8,051.12	\$552,751.12	\$623,550
Junior	15.55	1,217.54	1,250
Plate	257.26	9,650.71	11,000
Mission	25.00	1,943.90	
Peter's Pence	439.00	449.00	
		\$599,640 - \$552,751 = \$46,889 below Budget	

Stewardship:

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest...For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." These words from this weekend's scriptures from St. Matthew speak not only to our soul but also to sound stewardship. The burden of stewardship is 'light' if we love. A young man is willing to make a great sacrifice, giving more than he can afford for a beautiful ring for his bride to be because he is in love with her. Likewise we lavish gifts on our children and grandchildren at Christmas and on the occasion of their birthdays, because we 'love' these little people. What we give in our offerings to our parish, is it a gift of "drudgery" "duty" or truly "divine love".

To meet budget expenses, we need \$11,991.00 each week in our Adult Envelopes – please help as you can!

Father Ed Ardolf Endowment Fund: 85% of earnings from this fund are given in grants to assist Holy Rosary families to pay tuition at Loyola Catholic Schools; our current fund balance is now at \$136,775. Thank you!

The Parish Website –

There is a new look to our website:

www.holyrosarynorthmankato.com and some new items. In some comments to the KC's last week, Bishop LeVoir shared that he regularly reads comments from Pope Francis. You can do this too by opening our parish website and looking at the right column. Here you will read the headings, Vatican News, and Catholic News Service. Each one lists different items of interest.

Prayers and Support for Isaac Kolstad

As a parish family of Holy Rosary, we continue to offer our ongoing prayers and support for Isaac and his family during this challenging time. The following is a direct link for Isaac and his family:

<http://www.youcaring.com/other/-22strong-for-the-isaac-molly-kolstad-family/177076>. Thank you for all the support and prayers – it is greatly appreciated.

Liturgical and Events Schedule July 7-13



Parish Office Hours – June – August – 9 am – 2 pm

Monday, July 7: Weekday

8:10 am – Rosary in Church
8:30 am – +Ray Drummer

Tuesday, July 8: Weekday

8:10 am – Rosary in Church
8:30 am – Liturgy of the Word/Communion Service

Wednesday, July 2: Weekday

8:10 am – Rosary in Church
8:30 am – +Lyle & Katherine Pearson

Thursday, July 10: Weekday

8:10 am – Rosary in Church
8:30 am – +Martin Meidl
6:00 – 9:00 pm – *Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament – ‘Come anytime, He is there for you substantially’ – All are welcome!*
7:30 pm – *Knights of Columbus Meeting*

Friday, July 11: St. Benedict, Abbot

8:10 am – Rosary in Church
8:30 am – +Chuck & Iola Orcutt

Saturday, July 12: Weekday

5:00 pm – Rosary in Church
5:30 pm – +Colleen Bianchi

Sunday, July 13: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am – Rosary in Church
8:00 am – People of the Parish
9:30 am – Rosary in Church
10:00 am – +Leonard Blaschko
Baptism after Mass

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Weekends: Saturday – 5:30; Sunday – 8:00 & 10:00
Holy Days & Weekdays (See Bulletin for Schedule)



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:30 – Reconciliation Room or by appointment.

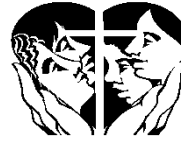
Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment, Pre-Baptism class required - 2nd Thursday of each of the following months: Feb. Apr. June Aug. Oct. & Dec. Call the Parish Office.



Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements for all marriages are to be made 6 months in advance. Pre-marriage instructions including the Pre-Marital Inventory Survey and Pre-Cana Days or Engaged Encounter are required.



Liturgical Roles

July 12/13

Lectors

5:30 pm: Joe Kunkel, JoAnn Borchert
8:00 am: Linda Olson, Cathy Neve
10:00 am: David Lamm, Roxi Lang

Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 pm: Gretchen Etzell, Dan Gowanlock
Patrick & Wanda Hull
Nicole Hull, Eileen Wadkamper
8:00 am: Terri Compton, Michelle Ellingworth
Margaret Ayers, Craig Amundson
Kurt & Liz Schroeder
10:00 am: Tom Koch, Darlene Schorn
Dawn Matz, Dennis Haga
Mark Traxler, Kathy Ulman

Altar Servers

5:30 pm: Jonathan Hull, Rolando Flores
Tyler Cromwell
8:00 am: Danny Collins, Carson Fischer
Ben Levandowski
10:00 am: Robbie & Elizabeth Meidl
Spencer Spaude

Ushers

5:30 pm: Blaine Kolstad, Tom Rheaume
Paul Stevens, Tim Benning
8:00 am: Chris Sturm, Bill Fasnacht
Carl Steffensmeier, Gary Zellmer
10:00 am: Brandon Bernard, Kevin Mettler
Bill & Pat Fetter

Presentation of Gifts

5:30 pm: Gary Lager Family
8:00 am: Peter Backes Family
10:00 am: Kevin Mettler Family

Music Ministry

5:30 pm: Anne Richardson, Alyssa DeBill, Lizzy
Megard/Jeanne Makela
8:00 am: Kathy Jo Johns, Nancy Evans/Vicki
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10:00 am: Lori Christiansen/Janelle Campeau



PRAYER CHAIN – If you, or someone you know, would like to be included, please call Karen Etzell, 387-7877.



Parish Mission Statement

With God our Father, His Son Jesus our model, and led by the Holy Spirit, we, the members of Holy Rosary, live in communion

with the Catholic tradition. Our mission is to unite faith, family and community through sacred worship, education, family life, social justice, outreach and responsible stewardship.

Parish Staff

- Father Paul van de Crommert, Pastor
- Deacon Russell Blaschko
- Sister Mary Anne Schaezner, SSND, Pastoral Associate
- Helen Dehen, Parish Administrator
- Maggie Bennett, Director of Faith Formation
- Paul Ahearn, Youth Minister
- Kevin Mettler, Youth Minister
- Lorraine Klaseus, Parish Secretary
- Sue Cashman, Faith Formation Secretary
- Kurt Evans & Kurt Schroeder, Maintenance

Parish Office/Rectory Phone: 507-387-6501

Loyola Catholic School

- President: Father Robert Schneider
- High School Principal: Mr. Sam Cotton
- Intermediate School Principal: Mr. William Schumacher
- Primary School Principal: Sr. Mary Beth Schraml, SSND



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Loyola never stands still even
during the summer months!*

As we reconfigure our office spaces at the Good Counsel Campus, we are in need of office cubicles. If you know of any business that has a few gently used cubicles to share, please contact us – 388-2997. Save the dates and plan to participate in these events sponsored by our Booster Club Activities:

- July 25 – Golf Tournament*
 - August 2 – Hoopin’ on the Hill*
 - August 16 – Mud Run*
 - September 26 – Crusader Bowl (Homecoming)*
 - September 27 – Alumni Golf Tournament/North Links*
- Needed: Substitute Teachers and Information Technology Coordinator for PS-Grade 12.*
The SCRIP Program benefits individual families as well as the entire Loyola Family; contact JoAnn Schlosser for information, 388-2997.

Our main office on the Good Counsel Campus will be open from 9 am – 1 pm throughout the summer months. For questions, admissions, to schedule a tour, please call 388-2997 or Sr. Mary Beth, mbschraml@loyolacatholicschool.org. We are proud to be your parish school and grateful for your support. May God continue to bless all those who make Catholic education in Mankato possible for all children who want to attend.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS...

For those who are ill:

- Mary Jane Ledwein, Tom Grausam, Don Haley, Betty Kotthoff, , Jan Schmidt, Doris Lorentz, Bill Goettlicher, Lenore Sweers, Dolores Spreter, Jay Brown, Ann Vetter, Richard Flynn, Jr., Krystal Portz, Lydia Meehling, Jan Brumm, Steve Fitterer, Chad Broviak, Chuck Grausam, Kathy Eggersdorfer, Isaac Kolstad, Nancy Marquardt, Gabriel Speckel, Barb Wegscheid, Shannon Murphy

For those in the military:

- Nick Blace
- Jared Hiniker
- Ann Winkler
- Dana Schiller
- Mark Hansen
- Alex Ek
- Timothy Eick
- Anna Drummer
- Matt McGraw
- Christopher Schmidt
- Jonathan Heintz
- William Backes
- Ben Barsness
- Sean O’Dea
- Daniel Fitterer



For our families:

- Monday Gerry & Linda Hiniker Family
- Tuesday NO MASS
- Wednesday Bruce Sheldon Family
- Thursday Joe & Marilyn Dwyer Family
- Friday Steve & Barb Enderle Family
- Saturday Dustin & Amber Telshaw Family
- Sunday Adam & Jennifer Chelstrom Family



*Sincere Sympathy
To the Kurt and Nancy Evans Family on the death of her mother, Doris Bakalyar.
--- May she rest in peace.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 7/6/14

- Mon: Hosea 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26
- Tues: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38
- Wed: Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7
- Thurs: Hosea 11:1-4, 8c-9; Matthew 10:7-15
- Fri: Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23
- Sat: Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33
- Sun: Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-2