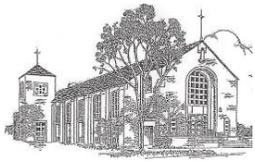


From the Pastor's Desk:



Thus says the Lord: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive gain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk."

-1st Reading – Prophet of Isaiah

I am writing this on a Wednesday afternoon. I had one of the parishioners call on Monday asking me if I liked a sweet bread that she had baked, to which I responded in the affirmative. She stopped by at the office with the loaf, and we had a nice little chat.

I received a call this morning from a parish family from another household from Holy Rosary, who invited me to a brief noon luncheon. Although we just met, we had a wonderful visit and a nice meal. I have been pleasantly surprised at how many of you have mentioned your desire for me to go out or to come to your home for a meal. I will gladly do this in the weeks ahead, as I get more settled and the office workload starts to slow down a bit (Since I have arrived five weeks ago, I have not left the city limits of Mankato.). But thank you for the invitations, your kindness and welcome are most appreciated.

There is some spiritual link between food and friendship. Food is an earthly and hospitable way of saying anything from "Welcome" to "I am sorry", to "Good-bye" to "Congratulations". For how often do we bring a plate of cookies to the new neighbor that moves in next door to us as a sign of welcome? How many times will we bring a hot-dish or a jello when someone is seriously ill or has died to say that "we are sorry" and that "we care"? Likewise, how often at the great moments of our life, such as our birthday, our wedding day, the day of graduation that we have food and especially cake? This is but another occasion in which food is used to "celebrate" the great moments of life.

On this weekend of the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the readings all reflect the "spiritual importance of food". From the First Reading from the prophet Isaiah to the Gospel from St. Matthew, food and the spiritual language of food is being addressed.

In the First Reading, the prophet Isaiah reminds us that our God is concerned not only with our souls, but also our stomachs. For we know well that grace builds on nature. We see this through the words of the prophet: "Heed me and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare."

The ancient Israelites knew that when the Messiah would come, he would reveal Himself, not only as person of blessing but also would supply them with a sufficient amount of bread. Recall that Moses revealed himself as a man of God as he supplied manna to the people from the heavens through the power of God.

So while St. Matthew tells us again the story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fish, it too is about the stomach and the soul. It reveals the Good News that our God has a character of concern for both our body and our soul. This gospel miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish, also reveals the Good News that Jesus was more than just a holy man, but truly God's only begotten Son.

Food speaks a powerful language of love. Who do we need to speak to through the powerful medium of food? Of course we believe as Roman Catholics that the Eucharist is the highest and most sacred form of the "food language" of love. How about inviting someone you know (either a family member or a friend) to Mass and then a meal? Evangelization can occur in many forms. Thank you for your gifts of food to me. See you at the most important "sacred meal" of all, the Holy Eucharist!!! God love you!

Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor

Stewardship:

July 27 th	Sunday	Year to Date
Adult (120)	\$ 7,491.00	
Electronic Trn.	\$ 3,271.00	
Total	\$10,762.00	\$42,495.25
Junior	\$ 13.67	\$ 57.07
Plate	\$ 417.71	\$ 1,281.96
<u>GRAND TOTAL: \$11,193.38</u>		

**(Our weekly budget is set at \$12,253)*

Stewardship:

Thank you for another week of good stewardship. The collection is quite good even though we are in the midst of summer. I had the staff check to see how our collection this year compared to a year ago at this time. I was pleased to see that we were up by almost a thousand dollars from the previous year of 8/28/13. We have a large facility and many needs. Thank you for being such good stewards. (P.S. A second piece of good news of stewardship is that we received from the Diocese of New Ulm this week a check from the "Christ our Life Campaign" in the amount of \$5,591.00. This money was designated for the windows that are in need of updating from our former grade school building. To date, we have taken in for the window account a total of \$18,076.00. Once we have reached a sufficient amount, we might be able to do one side and/or one floor of new windows, through the consultation of the Finance Council. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Holy Rosary Worship Committee:

Through the efforts of our Worship Committee chair-person, Cathy Klaseus-Neve, we are reworking our Worship Committee. We have already some new members stepping forward and we are still working for a couple more members. We are especially in need of a couple more men on the committee. If you might be willing to serve, we would love to have you. We are planning our first meeting in early September. There are many liturgical items that we need to talk about in the months ahead. I hope to have some six meetings a year. Please call Cathy or the Parish Office, 387-6501, if you think you might like to help with this important ministry.

Father Ed Ardolf Endowment Fund:

The Father Ed Ardolf Endowment Fund will give 85% of its earnings through grants to assist Holy Rosary families to pay tuition at Loyola Catholic Schools. Presently, our current fund balance stands at \$136,775.00. Thank you for all of your support.

Welcome:

We welcome three more households to our growing parish family of Holy Rosary. These families include: 1.) Andrew and Kayla Dickenson of Eagle Lake, 2.) Helena Mattison of North Mankato and 3.) Gary and Kathy Bakken and their children Joseph and Samantha from Eagle Lake. If you see someone at Mass that you have never seen before or someone who looks like they are a visitor, go up and welcome them and introduce yourself. Many people join and return to a parish due to the warmth and friendliness of a congregation. Our warm welcome goes out to these three new parish families. Welcome home!

Installation Mass – August 17th:

On Sunday, August 17th, at the 10:00 A.M. Mass, I will be officially installed as the 9th pastor of Holy Rosary with Bishop LeVoir presiding at that morning Mass. * At our Pastoral Council meeting this past Monday, we were informed that the Knights of Columbus and the Council of Catholic Women will be catering a breakfast for all the faithful that will attend that morning Mass on the 17th as we welcome and celebrate our new pastor, Fr. Paul van de Crommert. (*The complimentary meal will include an egg bake, fruit, rolls and beverage.) It will be a good time to visit with your Bishop and your new pastor. (Please take the time to call the parish office with a count if you have not signed up at the weekend Masses.) If you can see it in your heart to come, that would be nice. Mark your calendars! We would love to see you there!

Prayers and Support for Isaac Kolstad and All of our Sick and Injured:

Illness and injury is one of those human "crisis" that we all face personally as well as our family members. Let us continue to hold Isaac, his family and all those that we need to pray for in our parish during the difficult crosses that they are presently bearing. We pray that all of our sick and injured will experience the "resurrection joy" of healing. The direct link for Isaac Kolstad is: <http://www.youcaring.com/other/-22strong-for-the-isaac-molly-kolstad-family/177076>.

Annual Mass in the Park – September 7th

Plans are underway for Holy Rosary’s annual “Mass in the Park” that will be held the Sunday after Labor Day weekend on September 7th at 10:00 A.M. at Wheeler Park. Please mark your calendars and pray for nice weather. (I might as pastor even play a song or two!) We had a wonderful planning meeting recently and we have the makings of another great Mass and fellowship time with a delicious meal. Please watch the bulletin in the weeks ahead for more details. Please mark your calendars now! Let’s make this another great and memorable event for Holy Rosary!!!

Discernment Retreat:

The Office of Vocations of the Diocese of New Ulm is pleased to offer a “Discernment Retreat” with Bishop LeVoir and the seminarians of our Diocese on Friday, August 15th, from 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Schoenstatt on the Lake in Sleepy Eye. There is no cost to the participants. The day will include a Mass, prayer and presentations on discernment. There will also be time to enjoy some fun activities with the seminarians. For questions or more information you may contact our new Vocation Director, Fr. Matt Wiering at 507-359-2966 or Jeovana Michels at jmichels@dnu.org . Our Lady of the Clergy, please pray for us!

Loyola Catholic School:

Loyola never stands still even during the summer months. We are excited about implementing a new series for reading in K-5. As we reconfigure office space at the Good Counsel Campus we are in need of office cubicles; if you know of a business that has a few gently used cubicles to share, please contact us, 388-2997. The SCRIP Program benefits individual families as well as the entire Loyola family; contact JoAnn Schlosser, 388-0601. Please continue to encourage families to consider Loyola. For information, contact Sr. Mary Beth Schraml, 388-0618. Please support our efforts with your prayers.

Knights of Columbus News:

- August 14 – Planning Meeting
- August 23-24 – Softball Tournament
- August 28 – General Meeting

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, Kathy Eggersdorfer, Jean Weber, Isaac Kolstad, Nancy Marquardt, Gabriel Speckel, Barb Wegscheid, Shannon Murphy, Harriet Senesac, Mike Cashman

For Those in the Military:

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



For Our Families:

Monday	Tom & Nancy Neubert Family
Tuesday	NO MASS
Wednesday	Kathy Ulman Family
Thursday	NO MASS
Friday	Dean & Jenny Portner Family
Saturday	Patty Gooler Family
Sunday	Sylvia Bruender Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 8/3/14

Mon: Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 14:22-36
 Tues: Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matt 14:22-36
 Wed: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9
 Thurs: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 16:13-23
 Fri: Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Matthew 16:24-28
 Sat: Habakkuk 1:12-2:4; Matthew 17:14-20
 Sun: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

Liturgical and Events Schedule August 3 – August 10



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

Sunday, August 3: 18th 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 – +Sebastian & Gloria Lena
+Emmanuel Anthonisamy

Monday, August 4: St. John Vianney, Priest

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – +Colleen Bianchi

Tuesday, August 5: Weekday

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

Wednesday, August 6: Transfiguration of the Lord

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – +Chuck Grausam

Thursday, August 7: Weekday

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – Liturgy of the Word/Communion Service
- 10:15 am - +Martin Meidl (Pathstone)
- 6:00 – 9:00 pm – *Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament – ‘Come anytime, He is there for you substantially’ – All are welcome!

Friday, August 8: St. Dominic, Priest

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

Saturday, August 9: Weekday

- 5:00 pm – Rosary in Church
- 5:30 pm – +Henry Nowacki

Sunday, August 10: 19^h Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:00 am – Jack & Nancy Holden 50th Wedding Anniversary
- 9:30 am – Rosary in Church
- 10:00 am – +Donald Kremer
People of the Parish

PRAYER CHAIN

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



LITURGICAL ROLES

August 9th – 10th

Lectors

- 5:30 pm: Marsha Murphy, Steve Caron
- 8:00 am: John & Nancy Holden
- 10:00 am: Bob Wegscheid, Caroline McGowan

Eucharistic Ministers

- 5:30 pm: Jim Theuninck, Karen Winter
Mary Beth Nygaard, JoAnn Borchert
Eileen Wadekamper, Mary Caron
- 8:00 am: Michelle Ellingworth, Terri Compton
Gene Brandt, Cathy Neve
Kurt & Liz Schroeder
- 10:00 am: Curt Stanke, Darlene Schorn
Tim McGowan, Rebecca Gruenes
Mike & Diane O’Dea

Altar Servers

- 5:30 pm: Riley & Reid Gruenes
Jonathan Hull
- 8:00 am: Ben & Lauren Cahalan
Aidan McGraw
- 10:00 am: Jenna & Matthew Helget
Jacob Reynolds

Ushers

- 5:30 pm: Larry & Maggie Bennett
Scott & Brady Smith
- 8:00 am: Jim Levandowski, Bill Fasnacht
Craig Amundson, Chris Sturm
- 10:00 am: Tom Kohls, Steve Kaiser
Steve Fink, Kevin Mettler

Presentation of Gifts

- 5:30 pm: David Mutch Family
- 8:00 am: Rich Boruff Family
- 10:00 am: Ryan Spaude Family

Music Ministry

- 5:30 pm: Linda Rentschler/Jeanne Makela
- 8:00 am: Corinne Ort/Jeanne Makela
- 10:00 am: Lori Christiansen/Jeanne Makela