



From the Pastor's Desk:

He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."

-St. Matthew

Come on! Admit it! This is a strange gospel isn't it? I mean, here is a woman that comes to the Lord for genuine spiritual help. This Canaanite woman comes to the Lord who is seeking His help because her daughter is possessed by a demon. It seems (at first read) that the Lord does not want to help her or her daughter. What's more, it seems like the Lord is prejudicial and is implying that she is of the same caliber as a dog! Wow!

It has been often said that it is not always, "what you say, but how you say it", that makes all of the difference in the world. If it were possible to have a video recording of this particular Greek woman's encounter with the Lord, there most likely would have been a twinkle in the Lord's eye. For the Lord was using the prejudice of His time in a kind of spiritual "role play" to display how silly, sinful and selfish the mindset was of the Jewish people when dealing with the Gentiles.

The Jews of biblical times spoke with arrogant insult about anyone who was not of Jewish descent. The Jews would often say offensive names such as "Gentile dogs", and later about the early Christians as "Christian dogs". The dogs that we see today on the streets of North Mankato are well fed and groomed. (I believe it was the comedian Jerry Seinfeld who wondered if someone from another planet came to earth, they might conclude that today dogs were in charge and not people as humans follow behind the dogs with little baggies.) No, the dogs of biblical times were unclean scavengers of the street – lean, savaged and diseased. Shame on the Lord if he referred to the women in this way! Right?

Wrong! If you go to the original text from St. Matthew, the evangelist uses the word "kunarria", which were not the street dogs but rather those beloved pets that today we consider part of our families and we cry over when they pass on. The Lord was making fun of those who have prejudice towards

the Gentiles which is certainly Good News! The woman seems to play along, for as a Gentile, she must have sensed the "Savior's sarcasm" and goes along with the Lord's brief little role play teaching against prejudice.

Pope Francis, in his apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* writes about the importance of our widening our narrow-mindedness and self-absorption that destroys or strains our relationship with God or His Mystical Body.

This is what the Holy Father writes: *"Thanks solely to this encounter – or renewed encounter – with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being. Here we find the source and inspiration of all our efforts at evangelization. For if we have received the love which restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others?"*

A priest told us on a parish retreat years ago that we love the Lord as much as we like the person that we like the least. Who do we dislike or have a prejudice towards? Is it towards our next door neighbor? Is it towards men or women, black, white Latinos, homosexuals, Muslims?

May we realize that Christ is all inclusive when it comes to salvation as He died for all peoples, not just some people. So too, if we have been baptized with Christ, there should be no room in our hearts for prejudice or bias if we wish to share one day in the Kingdom of heaven.

Try to greet some people on the street this week that might hold different values or beliefs than you or I and see what happens? Have a good week!

Rev. Paul van de Crommert, Pastor

Stewardship:

August 10	Sunday	Year to Date
Adult (130)	\$ 8,328.00	
Electronic Trn.	\$ 3,627.25	
Total	\$11,955.25	\$ 65,557.50
Junior	\$ 34.27	\$ 111.53
Plate	\$ 275.05	\$ 1,919.91

GRAND TOTAL: \$12,264.57

**(Our weekly budget is set at \$12,253.00)*

Stewardship:

We had great week of stewardship as we made budget this week. Thank you for your gifts. Not only are the lay people called to be good stewards but also, we who are in leadership positions of the Church. This past Wednesday, through the direction of the Diocese of New Ulm, the parish books were audited by a professional accounting firm. Their results will be prepared with a report to the Bishop and later for the parish to review. Thank you for your gifts.

Installation Thank You:

We welcome and thank all of you who helped or participated in anyway at this weekend's 10:00 A.M. Mass for the Installation of myself as the 9th pastor of Holy Rosary. We thank Bishop LeVoir for his presence as well as my family that travelled a distance to be here. I also wish to thank the Knights of Columbus and the Council of Catholic Women for sponsoring the breakfast this weekend. As we go to press we are anticipating 400 to 450 for the breakfast following the Mass, with even more folks at the Mass. I also wish to thank the servers and singers and all who assisted in any way for the liturgy. I feel so welcomed and hope that you won't have to do another pastoral installation for many years to come. God bless and thank you so much.

Fr. Paul van de Crommert

Altar Servers – Pastoral Notes:

In the coming days I will be sending out as pastor some basic notes regarding serving to assist our servers when their turn comes up to serve in the weeks ahead. There are a few noticeable changes that are occurring at Mass and most notable after the reception of Holy Communion. In talking to Deacon Russ, I, as pastor will be planning to have a server meeting on a Wednesday evening in October in conjunction with our evening religious education classes. I also want to have that same evening a pizza party and recognition for your faithful service at the altar. You are all doing a fine job and we appreciate your service.

New Staff Member:

After 26 applications and 21 interviews, I am pleased to announce that we have a new member that will be coming on our staff. We welcome to our Holy Rosary Staff Mary Homan. Mary has accepted the position as our new Administrative Secretary and will be assuming this full-time position that will include covering the secretarial and accounting work of our parish. Mary has been working for nearly the past 20 years at Carlson Craft in a similar position. Mary is excited to begin her position beginning on September 1st. Mary was the very last person I interviewed. *(So the first shall be last and the last shall be first.) We are excited and pleased to have someone with such talents and gifts working for our parish.*

Faith Formation:

By now you should have all received copies of the registration form for Pre-School (ages 3, 4, & 5) and Grades 1 through Grade 11 (Confirmation). It is very important to return the completed form to us as soon as possible! Remember, too, that if you teach a regular weekly class, all of your children will receive free tuition. We will train you and give you as much help and support as you need or want throughout the year. If you are in need of another registration form or would like more information about teaching, please call Maggie at 345-6765 during the day or 345-7781 in the evening. Thanks!

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

We pray that all of our sick and injured will experience the "resurrection joy" of healing. We continue to pray for Isaac Kolstad and his family and his recovery.

Worship Committee:

We are nearly set with a newly formed Worship Committee consisting of men and women from various age groups of our parish. We are grateful To Cathy Klaseus-Neve for continuing to chair this committee. Our first meeting is being tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 17th at 7:30 P.M. Please call Cathy or the Parish Office if you would like to have something liturgical discussed at our upcoming meeting.

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. We are only THREE WEEKS AWAY from this "fun" and "faith-filled" gathering. (*I, as pastor am looking forward to this outdoor liturgy! It should be great fun.) A flyer is being sent out as a reminder. Please mark your calendars and pray for nice weather. (If we have inclement weather, the Mass will be at Holy Rosary Church.) We had a wonderful planning meeting recently and we have the makings of another great Mass and fellowship time with a delicious meal. Let's make this another great and memorable event for Holy Rosary!!

Loyola Catholic School:

Back-to-School Events: Orientation for 9th Graders and New High School Students August 17, 7 pm, and Orientation for Kindergarten and New Primary School Families, August 20, 6:30 pm, and Orientation for 4th Graders, 7th & 8th Graders and New Students in Intermediate Area on August 25 & 26.

High School Students begin classes on August 25. Conferences for Grades K-8: August 25 and 26 with the first day of classes August 27. Pre-School 'Hello' Days: September 2 & 3 with the first day of classes September 4 & 5. Our all-school 'Back-to-School Mass and rededication of our renovated School Chapel, September 3, 10:30 am.

Loyola Homecoming/Crusader Bowl – September 26. Please support our efforts with your prayers.

Knights of Columbus News:

- August 23-24 – Softball Tournament
- August 28 – General Meeting
- September 11 – Planning Meeting

Thanks to all who donated blood and worked at the Red Cross Blood Drive on July 30 – 70 units were collected!

Council of Catholic Women News:

- September 2 – 7:00 pm – 1st Meeting of the Year!
- Rummage Sale – October 10 – 8 am – 2 pm; set up will be October 9, 9 am (please – no Computers, TVs, Microwaves; Car Seats can be donated to Again Thrift and More). Thanks for all your help and items!
- Salad Luncheon – October 16 – mark your calendar!

Sympathy:

Our sincere sympathy to the Bob & Barb Wegscheid Family on the death of her brother, Donald Moll. May he rest in peace.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS...

For Those Who Are Ill:

Mary Jane Ledwein, Tom Grausam, Don Haley, 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, Lisa LaPoint Leland, Monica Haack, David Bruender, Marilyn Bastian

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	Valeria Bersaw Family
Tuesday	NO MASS
Wednesday	Don & Suzanne Beitzel Family
Thursday	NO MASS
Friday	Peter & Danielle Backes Family
Saturday	Tim & Ashley Braulick Family
Sunday	Jose Crespo Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 8/17/14

Mon: Ezekiel 24:15-24; Matthew 19:16-22
 Tues: Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matt 19:23-30
 Wed: Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16
 Thurs: Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14
 Fri: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40
 Sat: Ezekiel 43:1-7a; Matthew 23:1-12
 Sun: Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew

Liturgical and Events Schedule August 17 – August 24



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

Sunday, August 17: 20th 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 – Installation Mass – Bishop LeVoor Presiding

Monday, August 18: Weekday

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – +Pearl Skelly & Lydia Valdez

Tuesday, August 19: Weekday

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – Liturgy of the Word/Communion Service
- 7:00 pm - *River of Life* – Conf. Rm. #2

Wednesday, August 20: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – +Florence Lenort

Thursday, August 21: St. Pius X, Pope

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – Liturgy of the Word/Communion Service
- 9:30 am - +Lyle & Katherine Pearson (Oak Terrace)
- 4:30 pm – Loyola Trustee Meeting –(Fr. attends)
- 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 22: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Saturday, August 23: Weekday

- 5:00 pm – Rosary in Church
- 5:30 pm – People of the Parish

Sunday, August 24: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:00 am – +Leone Haefner
- 9:30 am – Rosary in Church
- 10:00 am - +Leonard Blaschko



LITURGICAL ROLES

August 23rd – 24th

Lectors

- 5:30 pm: Dan Gowanlock, Brian Eggersdorfer
- 8:00 am: Michelle Fischer, Mike Brumm
- 10:00 am: Roxi Lang, Laura Guetter

Eucharistic Ministers

- 5:30 pm Rick Gruber, Mary Beth Nygaard
Eileen Wadekamper, Paul Stevens
Karen Winters, Marsha Murphy
- 8:00 am: Craig Amundson, Peter Backes
Jim Theuninck, Mark Traxler
Margaret Ayers, Bernie Bastian
- 10:00 am: Tom Koch, Bob Wegscheid
Curt Stanke, Deb Stachon
Mike & Diane O’Dea

Altar Servers

- 5:30 pm: Grace Dehen, Jolee Slechta
Larkin Hansen
- 8:00 am: Austin, Grace, Ben Ellingworth
- 10:00 am: Jaiden & Jordan Moore
Jack Roering

Ushers

- 5:30 pm: Brandon Bernard, Larry Bennett
Tom Rheaume, David Kreuzer
- 8:00 am: Glen Vershelde, Bill Fasnacht
Carl Steffensmeier, Chris Sturm
- 10:00 am: Chuck Schoettler, Jim Barker
Bob Stachon, Steve Fink

Presentation of Gifts

- 5:30 pm: Gretchen & Karen Etzell
- 8:00 am: Jon Ellingworth Family
- 10:00 am: Kevin Filter Family

Music Ministry

- 5:30 pm: Myra Learn/Vicki Galli
- 8:00 am: Julie Gruber/Janelle Campeau
- 10:00 am: Lori Christiansen/Jeanne Makela