

From the Pastor's Desk

“Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.” He said in reply, “I will not,” but afterwards changed his mind and went.

-St Matthew

“Changing a practice or behavior” in our life to “changing our mind” on something is a difficult thing to do. No doubt, the older that we get, the more set we set in our ways. I would be dishonest with you if I did not admit that changing parishes, is an extremely difficult thing to do. Changing your residence to changing the relationships with parishioners you lived and worked with for so many years, and suddenly not to see or work with them is a spiritually painful thing.

This week we “change” the calendar already from the month of September to the month of October. This too is an emotionally “difficult change”. For while the fall colors are beautiful (and especially as we look out on the hills of beautiful Mankato), we dread the thought of another long winter. For I recall many an October that we closed out the month with a bit of snowfall!!!

As we change into this new month of October this Wednesday, it is not only a time to enjoy the “Fall” colors, but also to “fall” on our knees to recite the rosary. For October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, for which our parish here in North Mankato has its name. This year of 2014 is a special year for this universal devotion, for tradition holds that this year is the 800th anniversary of the Most Holy Rosary.

I hope that the name of our parish “Holy Rosary” is not the final word to our devotion to this powerful prayer that has had the power to avert wars and end cruel empires. I grew up in a home in which the recitation of the rosary was a daily occurrence. I have kept that devotion up in my own personal life, often when I am driving in the car or when I take an evening walk around the community.

I will be the first to admit that the excuse of not praying the rosary (or personal prayers for that matter) is the result of a time constraint. We are all quick to say as busy Americans, “I don’t have time!” And while this is only an excuse, this excuse perhaps has a little bit of merit given how much needs to be done in the course of our days. So, it is one thing to say, “I am too busy, but I am trying to pray the rosary myself or with my family on a regular basis.”

Unfortunately, I have been running into a new spiritual development when it comes to the rosary that is most disheartening. There are people now who simply do not want to say the rosary. I have heard people say in past years and as recently as just a couple of weeks ago; “I am not into the rosary!” Others have told me that they come only minutes before the weekend liturgy in order to avoid the

rosary being said. I had one cantor in a former parish that would deliberately wait outside of the church in order to even avoid hearing the rosary being prayed. What a spiritual shame!

Saint Pope John Paul II, Blessed Mother Theresa and thousands of other saints and holy people prayed the rosary with great devotion throughout their lives. Many of the religious, including the Rochester Franciscans, adorned their habit with the Holy Rosary. Could all of these holy men and women of our past had gotten it wrong? I think you know the answer to the question.

I appeal to everyone reading this column to begin again or to increase your prayers to the Blessed Mother and the many graces that flow from the recitation of the Holy Rosary. I appeal to parents to pray at least a decade (10 Hail Mary’s) with your children before bed. I appeal too, to our Catechists and Catholic School teachers to spend a few minutes in class teaching and praying at least some of the prayers of the rosary. I appeal to couples, both young (and not so young) to turn off the television or computer for a few minutes in the evening and to pray the rosary.

The Jesuits use to have that famous line, “TO JESUS THROUGH MARY”. We pray that as we draw closer to this universal devotion, we might not only deepen our love for the Most Holy Rosary, but to the Son of Mary, our Redeemer, who has taken away the sins of the world. PRAY THE ROSARY! Have a blessed and prayerful week! God love you!



**Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor**

Stewardship of Treasure

Adult (142)	\$ 8,570.00
Electronic Giving	2,781.25
Junior	13.79
Plate	266.00
Stole Fees	200.00
Votive Candle Offering	46.05
Building Rent	50.00
Dividends Received	16.43
Middle East Collection	5.00
Catholic University Collection	761.11
World Mission Collection	5.00
<u>Religious Education Tuition</u>	<u>475.00</u>
Grand Total	\$ 13,189.63

****(Our weekly budget is set at \$12,750.00)***

STEWARDSHIP

We had another fine collection this week. We once again “passed” our budgeted goal. Thank you for that! Of course, a budget is only a guideline. More income may be received than budgeted and expenses may be less than forecasted. All in all, you have done very well at the start of this new fiscal year that is 25% past at the close of September.

We have adjusted some of our stewardship numbers that I call your attention to at this time. I believe it is important that you see all of our income and not just the plate contributions. As a result, our overall weekly budgeted needs must be increased also, as our budgeted goal now reflects the entire budget and not just our Sunday offering goal.

We are now going to on-line banking for the first time at Holy Rosary. In the past, the electronic giving that was reported was an “estimated” amount, with the “actual” amount being reported at the close of the month. Now, we are able to see exactly the “actual” amount after the contribution has been deposited giving you, the reader, an “actual” amount that was taken in that week. The Good News in all of this is that when we do have a “5th” week in the month, there will still be an electronic giving amount to report, as the Finance Council has requested at their last meeting.

Thank you for your relentless giving. May God reward you!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

At our recent Finance Council meeting, we discussed the parish expenses and agreed that it would be beneficial to keep before you the largest expenses of the parish on an annual basis. Sometimes the faithful might wonder, where do all of our monies go that are given annually? The following are our three largest bills of the entire year that consume nearly half of the entire parish budget of Holy Rosary. These bills cover spiritual services outside of our parish involving our Catholic School System of Loyola and the Diocese of New Ulm. With these amounts, we will post what we have paid as the fiscal year progresses each week in the parish bulletin. Thank you again, for your good stewardship!

1.) Diocesan United Fund (D.U.F.) Diocesan Priest Pension Fund/ Medical Care and Diocesan Audit:

DUE: \$78,103.92
Pd. To Date \$19,525.98

2.) Annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal (D.M.A.) (*This is taken up this fall)

DUE: \$27,708.85
Pd. to Date: \$0.00

3.) Loyola Catholic School Assessment:

DUE: \$238,000.00
Pd. to Date: \$10,500.00

Total Assessments 2014-2015: \$ 343,812.77
Total Paid to Date 2014-2015: \$ 30,025.98

**FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS –
OCTOBER 4TH**



St. Francis, pray for us

This Saturday is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis is one of our most beloved saints in the Communion of Saints. We are blessed in the Mankato area and especially at our area hospital that greeting us in the entrance is a

stunning statue of St. Francis with “Brother Sun”. Although St. Francis never wrote the prayer to St. Francis (* I know, I am as disappointed as you are), St. Francis did write the following prayer that is entitled “Prayer Before a Crucifix”. “Most High and glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me Lord, a correct faith, a certain hope, a perfect charity, sense and knowledge, so that I may carry out Your holy and true command.” Amen

**CHILDREN’S COLLECTION-
STARTING OCTOBER 4TH-5TH!**



Mass can sometimes get quite long for young children. While some of our children are able to go to Break Open the Word, we welcome them and any of the young people to come and bring their offerings forward at the start of the collection. There are numerous parishes in and around our Diocese that have implemented this collection in the weekend Masses. The purpose is not for stewardship but a way to involve the young children and the grade school children more and more at Mass. We will be starting the “Children’s Collection” beginning on the weekend of October 4th-5th! The more that the children will become familiar with this idea, the more they will look forward to this part of the Mass.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, September 28: 26th 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 – +Helen Kremer

Monday, September 29: Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – +Colleen Bianchi
- 9:15 am – Bible Study – Conference Room 1*

Tuesday, September 30: Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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

Wednesday, October 1: Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – +Norman Wieseler
- 4 pm, 6 pm, 7:15 pm – Faith Formation*
- 5:15-6 pm – Youth Choir – Parish Center Choir Room*
- 7:30 pm – First Reconcil. Parent Mtg – Conf Rm 1*

Thursday, October 2: The Holy Guardian Angels

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – No Mass
- 10:15 am – Pathstone Mass – +Bernice Thurston*
- 6:00 – 9:00 pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Friday, October 3: Weekday

- 8:10 am – Rosary in Church
- 8:30 am – +Ann Anderson

Saturday, October 4: Saint Saint Francis of Assisi

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

Sunday, October 5: 27th 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
- 11:15 am – First Reconcil. Parent Mtg – Conf Rm 1*

MONEY COUNTERS FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER



The money counters for the next quarter are:
Bob Manwarren, Laverne Reichel, Vi Suedbeck,
Margaret Ayers & Renee Amundson
Thank you to those who have served the past 3 months!

Liturgical Roles – October 4-5

Lectors

- 5:30 pm:** Eileen Wadekamper & JoAnn Borchert
- 8:00 am:** Mike Brumm & Dolores Portz
- 10:00 am:** Roxi Lang & Mark Traxler

Eucharistic Ministers

- 5:30 pm** Brian Eggersdorfer, Karen Etzell
Gretchen Etzell, Paul Stevens
Dan Gowanlock, Karen Winters
- 8:00 am:** Kurt & Liz Schroeder
Steve & Mary Caron
Peter Backes, Terri Compton
- 10:00 am:** Mike & Diane O’Dea
Curt Stanke, Kathy Ulman
Tom Kock, Brent Friedrichs

Altar Servers

- 5:30 pm:** Jackson Dehen, Grace Dehen
Jolee Slechta
- 8:00 am:** David, Teresa & Tony Weber
- 10:00 am:** Andrew & Haley Kohrs, John Fink

Ushers

- 5:30 pm:** Tom Rheume, Bob Meyer
Larry & Maggie Bennett
- 8:00 am:** Craig Amundson, Chris Sturm
Bill Fasnacht, Gary Zellmer
- 10:00 am:** Jim Barker, Brandon Bernard
Shawn Reynolds, Bob Stachon

Presentation of Gifts

- 5:30 pm:** Bob & Dolly Meyer Family
- 8:00 am:** Leslie & Theresa Calsbeek Family
- 10:00 am:** John & Lori Daley Family

Music Ministry

- 5:30 pm:** Lori Christiansen/Jeanne Makela
- 8:00 am:** Tom Bachmann/Vicki Galli
- 10:00 am:** Kathy Jo Johns, Nancy Evans/Vicki Galli

PRAYER CHAIN

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



**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
RUMMAGE SALE**



Rummage Sale

Holy Rosary Annual Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, October 10th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. The time of set-up will be on Thursday, October 9th beginning at 9:00 am. You are welcome

to drop off items at the entrances of the church and, if you are able, to take them downstairs to the lower social hall. You are also welcome to stop by the office during the week and we will allow you to get into the church.

The women ask that you would not donate any computers, televisions, microwaves or car seats. These can be donated to Again Thrift and More. Also, due to insurance purposes, no electrical appliances of any sort can be accepted from toasters to blenders to hairdryers.

There are a growing number of boxes downstairs in the church social hall. Time to do your fall cleaning. Giving is a great feeling! You don't need bigger closets! We just need fewer items!

**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN SALAD
LUNCHEON AND BAKE SALE**

The C.C.W. Annual Salad Luncheon will be held on October 16th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The women will be hosting a bake sale and raffle as well. The cost of the luncheon will be \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Volunteers are also needed to make the luncheon a success – please call Sharon Lenz to volunteer your time and talent at 625-4566 – Thank you!

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING -
RESCHEDULED**

Holy Rosary Pastoral Council has been rescheduled for Monday, October 6th at 7:30 pm in Conference Room one. Please mark your calendars for our first meeting of the season.

WEDDING WISHES

Our prayers and best wishes go out to Kevin Fritz and Molly Robinson, who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage here at Holy Rosary this past Saturday. May their Wedding Mass be a day that they



always remember the love they vowed to one another and most of all to Christ, the bridegroom of the Church. Congratulations to you both.



**WELCOME – SR. ADELYN VOKAL,
SSND
VOLUNTEER STAFF**

Some of you may have seen Sr. Adelyn already at Mass or around the Church. Sister Adelyn has served with me for more than 20 years, first as teacher and musician, and later as principal and liturgist. Sister does a beautiful job working with our youth and especially our altar servers. She is presently meeting and training the returning and new servers in the weeks ahead and coming up with a new schedule at the request of our parents whom she has called. Sister will also be assisting on the Worship Committee and some work in and around the sanctuary. We are so pleased that Sister Adelyn will be willing to help us out on a part-time basis. Thank you Sister and welcome!

**1 Choir Director + “N:” Singers =
One Choir:**



Many of you have expressed to me as pastor over the past three months the desire to return to a parish choir that will lead us in song as in the past years. In consultation with the Worship Committee as well as the Finance Council, it was agreed that this would be a good thing to reignite for our parish.

I have hired as a part-time position Elaine Wolf to be our new director of the Holy Rosary choir. Elaine is from the Mankato area and is a gifted musician. Elaine plays the organ, piano as well as the guitar. We are so blessed that she has stepped forward to lead our congregation in song as Holy Rosary had a strong tradition of a choir in the past.

Although there are many details that need to be worked out, Elaine will begin the process of recruiting members. We are hoping to start a choir of both adult and high school members totaling between 20-25 members.

Sr. Adelyn Vokal, SSND will be assisting Elaine (on a volunteer basis) as the accompanist as well as to assist in the behind the scenes organization for the practices and scheduled times of singing.

The hope is to have the choir up and running by the First Sunday of Advent and to be ready to sing for at least one of the Masses at Christmas.

**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU
WOULD BE WILING TO BE PART OF OUR NEWLY
FORMED CHOIR! ST. CECILIA, PATRON OF
MUSIC, PLEASE PRAY FOR US!!!**

Thank
You

LANDSCAPING – THANK YOU!!

Our thanks and appreciation goes out to Thomas Rieff and his landscaping firm of “Green Care”. In the recent days Tom and I have reviewed the parish grounds and are beginning some “green renewal” around the church and the parish buildings. A number of you have told me that the rose bushes on the south west side of the church are dead. As of this week they have been removed and are in “rose heaven”. Landscaping takes time, but hopefully you will be pleased with the final outcome in the weeks and months ahead. Thank you for your patience.

contact Kathy Jo Johns, 387-4934 or kjowall@chartermi.net.



Bible Study continues every Monday at 9:15 am (after Mass). Anyone is welcome. We are studying the Gospel of Mark and using a book by Mary Healy from the Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture series. Books can be ordered for new participants. We will continue to meet in Conference Room 1. Questions? Call Sr. Mary Anne at the Parish Office.



LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

NWEA Testing is in its first of three test sessions for this school year. Students in Grades K - 8 are tested in Language Arts, Math and Reading.

Mid 1st Quarter will be Friday, October 3. Wow! The year is already flying by!

YOU'RE INVITED! Come to the Good Counsel Campus and tour the newly renovated Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger Chapel and hear about our Strategic Plan on Monday, October 6, at 7:00 P.M.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE



40 Days for Life Prayer outside Planned Parenthood: The fight for recognition of the humanity of the unborn is primarily a spiritual battle. Holy Rosary has been asked to help provide a constant prayer presence outside the clinic on 201 N. Victory Drive on Sunday, October 26. We are in need of volunteers who will commit to praying for 1 hour on the sidewalk across from the clinic. We will be praying between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm. This is a prayer vigil not a demonstration or protest. You may sign up at 40daysforlife.com/mankato or call Nancy Fasnacht at 507-317-2095, the Vigil Coordinator. To keep the vigil going without a break in hours, you can sign up on other days if that works better in your schedule. If you can't volunteer, please pray from now until November 4 when the official vigil concludes.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Are you new to Holy Rosary? Do you have a 2nd grader, an 11th grader, or older child/ren who have not yet received their 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist, and/or Confirmation? If you were not on our list to get the information for these sacrament years, and want that for your child/ren, please contact Maggie at 345-6765 or bennettm@hickorytech.net. Classes began on September 24, late registrations are always welcome! Parents – just a friendly reminder to pick up your elementary child/ren in the gym at the end of their session. Parents of the 6pm session children, please use the Sherman Street entrance only. Thank you!

K OF C COUNCIL #5551 NEWS

- September 27 – Tent Crew Party
- October 9 – Planning Meeting
- October 12 – Pancake Breakfast
- October 31-November 1 – Retreat – Sleepy Eye



. WELCOME



We welcome this week the Loosbrock family. Todd and Amy are from Mankato and are proud parents of two boys, Bennett and Brennen. We are so happy that you have joined Holy Rosary. May we always greet the stranger and the newcomer in our midst when we attend the Holy Eucharist! Welcome home

YOUTH CHOIR

We will be practicing on Wednesdays to coincide with the Faith Formation program. Practice will be from 5:15 – 6:00 pm in the Parish Center Choir Room. Any questions

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Again this year, Holy Rosary is providing the opportunity for people who might be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and exploring the option of becoming a Roman Catholic. The role of R.C.I.A. is to answer your questions about the Catholic Church and also the possibility of becoming a Roman Catholic at the Easter Vigil in the spring of 2015.

By expressing interest, you assume no obligation or commitment. You may be married to a Roman Catholic or simply have had a desire to learn more about the Catholic Church. Many times grown children have left the Church and are no longer practicing the faith. Some people who have drifted from the Church find that R.C.I.A. is a wonderful way to come back into the Church and into full communion!

Feel free to call Holy Rosary Parish Office at 387-6501 if you have interest. If there is sufficient interest, we will begin a class later this fall. Spread the word!

ROSARY LEADERS FOR OCTOBER

- Oct 5 – Paul Stevens, Margaret Ayers, Curt & Donna Stanke
- Oct 12 – Eileen Wadekamper, Sharon Lenz, Donna Wolf
- Oct 19 – Karen Etzell, Arlyce Anderson, Jeanette Barsness
- Oct 26 – Mary Helen Kennedy, Dennis McCabe, Darlene Schorn



Readings for the Week

- Mon:** Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51
- Tues:** Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Luke 9:51-56
- Wed:** Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62
- Thurs:** Job 19:21-27; Matthew 18:1-5, 10
- Fri:** Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16
- Sat:** Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24
- Sun:** Isaiah 5:1-7; Philipp 4:6-9; Matt 21:33-43



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, Kathy Eggersdorfer, Jean Weber, Isaac Kolstad, Nancy Marquardt, Gabriel Speckel, Shannon Murphy, Harriet Senesac, Lisa LaPoint Leland, Monica Haack, David Bruender, Marilyn Bastian, Isaac Kolstad

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

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| 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

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| Monday | Nathan Chandler Family |
| Tuesday | No Mass |
| Wednesday | No Mass |
| Thursday | Richard & Carol Arndt Family |
| Friday | Thomas & Diane Depuydt Family |
| Saturday | Bill & Heather Riegert Family |
| Sunday | Terry & Merry Wolford Family |

PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR ISAAC KOLSTAD AND ALL OF OUR SICK AND INJURED

This week I had the opportunity to visit with Isaac Kolstad and some of his family at the rehabilitation center. His progress is remarkable! Isaac was pleased when I mentioned to him how much progress he has made. Yet, there is still much more progress that needs to be made. Let us continue to keep this young man, his family and all who bear the cross of illness and injury in our prayers. May God bless them all!

OTHER HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

Parish Festival – St. Peter, MN

Church of St. Peter, St. Peter, MN, September 27-28, 2014. Featuring a silent auction on the 27th (3-8 pm), a café serving hot beefs, homemade pie, bake sale and candy sale (3-7 pm); wine and beer garden (6-8pm) in the courtyard. Sunday, a breakfast with French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit and beverage will be served from 8:30 am-12:30 pm with a drawing for the raffles at noon.

Hubbell Harvest Festival – Mankato, MN

Sunday, September 28, 10:30 am-2:30pm. Join us for great food, fellowship, and fun for the whole family! Activities include: Petting Zoo, 9-hole Mini Golf, Silent Auction, Sports Tent, Hayrides, Children's Games, and Much, Much More. LIVE MUSIC provided by: Carver Family Blue Grass, Jim Lawrence Orchestra, and Dueling Pianos. St. Joseph the Worker Church is located on the corner of Hubbell Ave. & W. 7th Street, Mankato.

Pancake Breakfast – Mankato, MN

St. John's Knights of Columbus, Mankato, MN will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, September 28 from 8:45 am – 11:30 am in Matthews Hall in the lower level of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. They will be serving delicious pancakes (plain and blueberry), eggs, meat, applesauce, coffee, milk and orange juice. Suggested donation is Adults \$5, \$20 maximum for a family.



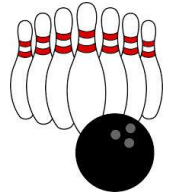
Mum Fest – Mankato, MN



SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Mankato, MN will be hosting their Mum Fest (Fall Festival) on Sunday, September 28, 2014 from 10:30 am – 3:00 pm. The day will include great food, bingo, face painting, pumpkins, music and games for all ages zero – 101. This is a great opportunity to show support for their parish and grow in fellowship with one another. Dinner

tickets 0-3 are Free, 4-10 are \$5, 11-Adults are \$10. See you there!

Church Bowling League



Dutler's Bowl in Mankato, MN is sponsoring a "Christian Fellowship Wednesday Night" church bowling league. There will be an organizational meeting on October 1st along with an optional potluck at 5:30 pm. A four person team is required at the cost of \$6.00 per person for two games and a \$2.00 shoe rental.

CHILDREN'S HOLY FIELD TRIP

The annual Children's Holy Field Trip will be on Wednesday, Oct 1 at 10:30 am at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New Ulm. Bishop John M. LeVoir is presiding at a rosary prayer service for children and any other interested individuals. It is open to the public, but schools, religious education programs, and home-schooled teachers are particularly invited along with their parents and teachers. Don't forget your rosary!

SACRED SPACE MINISTRY

Autumn Weekend of Prayer – Friday 7:00 pm, October 3 to Saturday 4:00 pm October 4, 2014. Presented by Sisters Mary Kay Gosch and Mary Jo Welter. "There is a time for everything and a season for everything." This Weekend includes time for reflection, sharing, input, space and time. Begin this season by pausing – *fall* into the living, loving God! Allow peace and quiet to restore, refresh and reinvigorate you. **Sacred Space Ministry, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato.** Fee: \$80, includes meals and accommodations. Adjustment made for commuters. Please register by September 29, 2014.

mjwelter@ssndcp.org or 507-389-4266.

LATIN TRIDENTINE MASS

The traditional Latin Tridentine Mass is celebrated at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Mankato on the First Saturday of each month. The next Mass is scheduled for Saturday, October 4th at 9am. A question and answer period with coffee and rolls will follow on the fourth floor. All are welcome!

**OTHER HAPPENINGS AROUND THE
AREA**

Country Luncheon – Cleveland, MN

The Church of the Nativity, Cleveland, MN is hosting their “Country Luncheon and Bake Sale” on Saturday, October 4th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 12 and under, and preschool is free.

DIABETES WALK

Step Out Walk To Stop Diabetes – Saturday, October 4th with check-in beginning at 8:00am at Sibley Park. Begin walking after you check in. All routes begin/end in Sibley Park. Routes take you along the river trail. Visit www.diabetes.org/mankato for more information.

SSND Annual Craft Fair and Garage Sale

Saturday, October 11, 2014, 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. Our Lady of Good Counsel Campus, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato, MN. Please join the School Sisters of Notre Dame at our annual Craft Fair & Garage Sale. The event features baked goods, jams and jellies, garage sale, ceramics, crafts, woodcarving studio, rosemary and plants. Breakfast, lunch and dessert will be available for purchase. The Food Booth is sponsored by St. Joseph Ct. #552 - Catholic Order of Foresters Matching Fund Program. Proceeds of the event will benefit the needs of our sisters.

**Death and Dying
Our Journey Toward Resurrection**

The Diocese of New Ulm Ethics Conference will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2014 from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. Cost of \$20 includes lunch. To pre-register, complete registration form on dnu.org web site and mail with your payment to: Ethics Conference 1421 6th Street N., New Ulm, MN 56073. The conference will focus on end-of-life issues in context of Church teaching and our current health care environment. Health care professionals, as well as all interested people of the diocese are encouraged to attend.

Senior High Youth Rally – New Ulm, MN

“Life. Accept the Challenge!” (Matthew 28:19). The Youth Rally is sponsored by The Diocese of New Ulm and will be on Sunday, October 26, 2014 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Keynote with baseball celebrity Mike Sweeney of the Kansas City Royals along with a new Catholic Band, The Thirsting & NET Team #11. It’s sure to be a good time! Contact Kevin or Paul in the youth ministry office.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



“Be of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing.” St. Paul challenges us to have in us the same attitude that is also in Jesus Christ. Start now by loving your spouse as Christ calls us to. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are October 10-12 in Buffalo & Jamestown, ND; October 24-26 in Rapid City, SD; November 21-23 in Prior Lake, East Grand Forks & Stewartville & December 5-7 in Duluth. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact John & Mary Beth Purdie at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-838-8178.

MISSION – SAN LUCAS

I would like to invite you to consider a mission trip to San Lucas, Guatemala - This mission is supported by the Diocese of New Ulm. This could be an experience of a lifetime. You will get to have an opportunity of learning, working and enjoying the Mayan people. They will touch your heart ! The dates of 2 upcoming trips are as follows: January 17th- January 25, 2015 - contact John Dickerman - 507-317-7711. February 27th - March 6th, 2015 - contact Marsha Murphy - 507-388-7961 or 507-381-7152 cell.

SENIOR DINING MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteers needed to deliver the noon meals to the seniors & disabled. You can choose your day, Monday through Friday, no weekends. Takes one hour or less. Start at 10:30am or can make arrangement times between 10:30am-12:00pm if you want to do on your lunch hour. Anyone 55 and older can receive mileage reimbursements through RSVP. If interested, call Shawn at 625-8970.

