



“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
 -St. Matthew

I recall studying for philosophy exams late at night at St. John’s University in Collegeville. How was I going to ingest 100 pages of notes into one single mind? Page by page, I summarized paragraphs into sentences and sentences into ideas. I was able to reduce 100 pages of notes from class into 3-4 sheets of paper. It worked and I was able to master the exam.

Preaching works pretty much the same way. I write pages of notes and ideas along with writings that apply to that gospel and homily. Then, I try to reduce the ideas down to a sentence. In the course of writing, a great deal of the information is edited out, even paragraphs I have typed in the final sermon are deleted, (which is painful to do), and try to keep my talk well under the 3-page, double and triple spaced writing in a 14-point size lettering.

Readers Digest and many other publications are successful as people want a summary and not the whole load of information. It seems to be our human nature (maybe because we are impatient or too busy) to want things abbreviated, even when it comes to faith and religion.

The early teachers of Judaism had 613 commandments connected to the Ten Commandments that Moses inscribed in stone on Mount Sinai. To help the people follow the Torah, rabbis attempted to summarize these multiple laws with short statements. One of the most notable rabbis, Hillel said: “What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor; that is the whole Torah, while the rest is a commentary on it; go and learn it.”

When the Jewish leadership posed the question to Jesus of “Which commandment of the law is the greatest?”, while the leadership was “testing” Jesus, perhaps they were not so much trying to “trip” Him up, but really trying to find out what kind of rabbi Jesus really was and how deep His spirituality went. The Good News is that Christ’s spirituality was so deep, it was DIVINE!

May we all realize that by our baptism, we have all been called to be teachers of the commandments and the Good News of salvation! Have a great week! God bless you. See you at Mass!

*Rev. Paul van de Crommert
 Pastor*

Stewardship of Treasure

Adult (148)	\$ 7,492.00
Electronic Giving	1,730.25
Junior	29.38
Plate	285.00
Building Rent	125.00
Loyola School Subsidy Donation	45.00
Faith Formation/Worship/Liturgy Donation	880.79
Grand Total	\$ 10,587.42

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

Special Collection

Mission Sunday	\$ 452.00
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STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your stewardship giving this week. This week our collection is a bit lower from both the budget as well as from a year ago. However, the Good News that we received at our Finance Council meeting this past Monday is that our contributions to date from a year ago are up by nearly \$8,500.00 or about 5%. Our expenses have also dropped by almost 14% or in excess of \$21,000.00. This is a margin from income/expenses by almost 20%! This is great! We will soon be beginning the Annual Diocesan Ministry Appeal in the month of November. Our goal has been set at \$ 27,708.85. Last year the parish did not achieve the goal and the remainder was taken from parish funds to pay the Diocese. In consultation with the Finance Council, we hope to achieve and to exceed our goal with any additional monies to be split between the assessments for the Catholic School and the Diocese. Thank you once again!

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY – OCTOBER 26, 2014

The reasons for the celebration of Priesthood Sunday should be obvious. The number of priests per Catholic has declined over the past 40 years. This makes it



more difficult for individual parishioners to establish a close relationship with any one particular priest. Without a priest, no parish is able to be a Eucharistic community. It is important to reaffirm the importance of the priesthood of Jesus Christ and its central place in the life of our Church. On this special day, let us pray for our priests, in praising God for their courage and their generosity. Make your appreciation for Fr. Paul known. A simple note, a smile or a phone call to assure him of your loving care and gratitude for his presence in the life of our local church will go a long way to serve the greater good of our wonderful and growing Catholic Church.

K OF C COUNCIL #5551 NEWS

October 29 – Living Rosary
October 31-November 1 – Retreat – Sleepy Eye
November 13 – Planning Meeting
November 28 – General Meeting



Fellow Knights – Please join other fellow Knights from our council to pray for an end to abortion as part of the **40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil**. Every Tuesday evening from 6-7 pm at 201 North Victory Drive, Mankato.

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 at 201 N. Victory Drive, Mankato 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.

R.C.I.A. (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 possibly coming a Roman Catholic to explore that possibility. We have already had some inquiries about receiving instruction along with some other possibilities. So, it appears that we will have a group of candidates this year. 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!

RESPECT LIFE MONTH



The theme for the 2014 Respect Life Month is “Each of Us is a Masterpiece of God’s Creation”. When God created each of us, He did so with precision and purpose, and He looks on each of us with love that cannot be outdone in intensity or tenderness. *“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”* Pope Francis’ Day for Life Greeting. No matter how the world might view us or others, let us treat each person as the “masterpiece” that he or she is.

SALAD LUNCHEON THANK YOU!!

Thanks to all the women and men of our parish who helped with our annual **Fall Luncheon and Bake Sale**. With much appreciation to all that helped set up on Wednesday, worked a shift or two on Thursday, and the many ladies who provided baked goods, salads, and hot dishes. We thank Lori Christiansen for donating her homemade greeting cards, the CCW Sewing Group for their donation of the beautiful quilt and their many handcrafted items, as well as other ladies of the parish for their hand crafted items. The quilt raffle was won by Anne Frederick. A big thank you to all of our students and family members that helped out on Thursday, as well as thanks to all who came to the Luncheon and helped make this fundraiser a successful event! People served was 257 up from 240 last year. We will have a **Fall Luncheon Wrap-Up** meeting on Monday, **November 3rd at 6:30** in the Parish Center. With everything fresh in our minds, this is the best time to start making plans for next year’s Fall Luncheon. Any CCW member is welcome to attend this meeting, please come and share your ideas and suggestions. We will have all of the total \$’s to share at this meeting.



VACATION RAFFLE – SAVE THE DATE



The Vacation Raffle will be held on Thursday, November 20, 2014. Tickets are \$50 (just a tank of gas!). The evening includes a delicious turkey dinner for two, beer, wine & popcorn as well as a silent auction. Tickets are available from the Pastoral & Finance Council members. Lots of Vacation Cash could be yours – plan to attend!! We are in need of new or slightly used items for the silent auction part of this event. Please drop off any items that you have at the Parish Office prior to November 19th.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, October 26: 30th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

1:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Sr. High Youth Rally – New Ulm

Monday, October 27: Weekday

8:10 am – Rosary in Church

8:30 am – Mass – Betty Kotthoff Family

9:15 am – Bible Study – Conference Room 1

Tuesday, October 28: Saints Simon & Jude,

Apostles

8:10 am – Rosary in Church

8:30 am – Holy Communion Service

6:30 pm – Confirmation Sponsor Training – Conf. Room 1

Wednesday, October 29: Weekday

10:00 am – Mass – Loyola High School –

+Chuck Grausam

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Sewing Group – Lower Level Parish Center

4 pm, 6 pm, 7:15 pm – Faith Formation

4:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:00 pm – Living Rosary - Church

Thursday, October 30: Weekday

8:10 am – Rosary in Church

8:30 am – Mass – +Charles & Iola Orcutt

6:00 – 9:00 pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, October 31: Weekday

Happy Halloween!

8:10 am – Rosary in Church

8:30 am – Mass – +Thomas A.



Schaenzer

Saturday, November 1: All Saint's Day

**9:00 am – Mass - George Holzerland*

5:00 pm – Rosary in Church

5:30 pm – Mass – +Richard Oberle

Sunday, November 2: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)

7:30 am – Rosary in Church

8:00 am – Mass – +John, Katherine & Anthony Guertin

9:30 am – Rosary in Church

10:00 am – Mass – People of the Parish

10:00 am – John & Donna Wolf 50th Wedding Anniv.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you, or someone you know, would like to be included in our prayer chain, please call Karen Etzell, 387-7877



Liturgical Roles – November 1-2

Lectors

9:00 am: Tim McGowan & Mary Homan

5:30 pm: Dan Gowanlock & JoAnn Borchert

8:00 am: John & Nancy Holden

10:00 am: Mark Traxler & Caroline McGowan

Eucharistic Ministers

9:00 am Cathy Neve, Darlene Schorn
Karen Winters, Terri Compton
Jackie Cesario, Karen Etzell

5:30 pm Mary Beth Nygaard, Brian Eggersdorfer
Paul Stevens, Eileen Wadekamper
Gretchen Etzell, Maggie Bennett

8:00 am: Michelle Ellingworth, Terri Compton
Gene Brandt, Cathy Neve
Kurt & Liz Schroeder

10:00 am: Curt Stanke, Darlene Schorn
Mike & Diane O'Dea
Tim McGowan, Rebecca Gruenes

Altar Servers

9:00 am: Reid & Riley Gruenes, Emma Niederegger

5:30 pm: Zachary Eggersdorfer, Larkin Hanson,
Mitchell Bigaouette

8:00 am: Aiden McGraw, Ben Cahaln,
Danny Collins

10:00 am: Jenna & Matthew Helget
Rachel Kohlmeyer

Ushers

9:00 am: Bob Meyer, Bob Wegscheid
Gary Zellmer, Kurt Schroeder

5:30 pm: Ann Richardson, Tom Rheaume
Larry Bennett, David Kreuzer

8:00 am: Jim Levandowski, Bill Fasnacht
Craig Amundson, Chris Sturm

10:00 am: Tom Kohls, Steve Kaiser
Steve Fink, Kevin Mettler

Music Ministry

5:30 pm: Joe Kunkel/Janelle Campeau

8:00 am: Corinne Ort, Kurt Schroeder/Vicki Galli

10:00 am: Youth Choir/Jeanne Makela



LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

LOYOLA BOOSTER CLUB coupon books are currently for sale. Each book sells for \$20 and each book has coupons with over \$200 worth of absolutely **FREE** items. You may purchase them from any Loyola student or the school offices.

On Tuesday, October 21st, the sophomore class participated in a day long Journey Retreat built on the Mission of the Church: Worship and Word, Community and Service. They travelled to Vine Faith in Action, the School Sisters of Notre Dame, the Blessed Jose Sanchez Del Rio High School Seminary at Sts. Peter & Paul's Church and All Saints Parish in Madison Lake to experience these components in new settings.

On November 12, 2014, the primary and high school will celebrate a **Memorial Mass** together at 10 am. If you had a loved one pass away in the last year and you would like them honored at the Memorial Mass, contact the Advancement Office at 507-388-0615 or advancement@loyolacatholicsschool.org.

WEDDING WISHES



Our prayers and best wishes go out to Nathan Armstrong and Christine Lothert on the occasion of their Wedding Ceremony that was held here at the Church of the Holy Rosary this past Saturday.

May their wedding on this beautiful fall day, be for them a life-time of "falling" in love over and over again with one another through Jesus Christ. May God bless them both!

ROSARY LEADERS FOR NOVEMBER

- Nov 2 – Paul Stevens, Margaret Ayers,
Curt & Donna Stanke
- Nov 9 – Eileen Wadekamper, Sharon Lenz,
Donna Wolf
- Nov 16 – Karen Etzell, Arlyce Anderson,
Jeanette Barsness
- Nov 23 – Mary Helen Kennedy, Dennis McCabe,
Darlene Schorn
- Nov 30 – Paul Stevens, Margaret Ayers,
Curt & Donna Stanke



FALL BACK!



No one likes to see another person fall especially people of advancing years. But we all are pleased when the clock falls back an hour on the weekend and daylight savings time ends. So for those of you that attend the 8:00

am Sunday morning Mass on November 2nd, set your clocks back or you will be doing a holy hour before the Mass begins!

THE FAITHFUL HAVE SPOKEN!

The parish had two weekends to vote regarding a Mass time change on Saturday night from 5:30 pm to 5:00 pm. The votes were counted this past Monday morning by our money counters along with the weekend collection. 361 members of the parish cast their votes. 241 members voted for the Saturday Mass to begin at 5:00 pm, 54 members voted for Mass to remain at 5:30 pm and 66 members had no opinion in the matter.



I know that many of you have expressed to me that the earlier time will be better to have a supper hour after the Mass as well as for many of you who are older you will not be dealing with the dark, at least before the Mass during the winter months and you can also get home a bit earlier. Some of you have expressed a belief that there will be an increase in attendance. Time will tell.

The change of the Saturday Mass time to 5:00 pm will be effective on November 29th, at the Vigil Mass for the First Sunday of Advent, the start of the new liturgical year. Thank you for your input in this liturgical decision.

CHOIR COMMENDATION!

As many of you expressed a desire to change the Mass on Saturday, many of you also mentioned the desire for Holy Rosary to return to having a formal choir. I have great news to tell you! **I am pleased to report that we have (as I write this on Wednesday afternoon) ALREADY 20 MEMBERS for the newly formed choir!!! WOW!** We are still recruiting as more have expressed interest and we have yet to speak to our high school students as well! Our potential is looking very close to 25-30 members!!!



The plan is to have the choir sing for one of the Masses for the First Sunday of Advent. That is only about four weeks away. Therefore, we need to have a planning meeting and at least a couple of choir practices. A formational meeting of all of the choir members will be held on Wednesday November 5th at 6:30 pm in the church social hall. This meeting is for all of our new choir members and any potential members that still may want to join. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the choir room and/or church. Thank you choir members for saying "YES"! St. Cecilia, patroness of musicians, please pray for us

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS...

PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR ISAAC KOLSTAD AND ALL OF OUR SICK AND INJURED OF HOLY ROSARY PARISH

Our prayers continue to go out to Isaac Kolstad as well as 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 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 | Eduardo & Jennifer Ek Family |
| Tuesday | No Mass |
| Wednesday | Troy & Kim Leiferman Family |
| Thursday | Andrew & Sara Lang Family |
| Friday | Richard & Marya Flynn Family |
| Saturday | Jeffrey & Mary White Family |
| Sunday | Margaret Rialson Family |

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Mary Jane Ledwein, Tom Grausam, Don Haley, Jan Schmidt, Doris Lorentz, Bill Goettlicher, Lenore Sweers, Dolores Spreter, Richard Flynn, Jr., Krystal Portz, Lydia Meehling, Jan Brumm, Steve Fitterer, Kathy Eggersdorfer, Jean Weber, Nancy Marquardt, Gabriel Speckel, Shannon Murphy, Harriet Senesac, Lisa LaPoint Leland, Monica Haack, David Bruender, Marilyn Bastian, Betty Kotthoff, Isaac Kolstad, Nancy Wesely, Liz Brumm

Readings for the Week

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| Mon: | Ephesians 4:32, 5:8; Luke 13:10-17 |
| Tues: | Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16 |
| Wed: | Ephesians 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30 |
| Thurs: | Ephesians 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35 |
| Fri: | Philippians 1:1-11; Luke 14:1-6 |
| Sat: | Revelation 7:2-4,9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matt 11:28 |
| Sun: | Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40 |

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

- Diocesan United Fund (D.U.F.), Diocesan Priest Pension Fund/ Medical Care and Diocesan Audit:
DUE: \$78,103.92
Pd. To Date \$26,071.64
 - Annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal (D.M.A.)
(*This is taken up this fall)
DUE: \$27,708.85
Pd. to Date: \$0.00
 - Loyola Catholic School Assessment:
DUE: \$238,000.00
Pd. to Date: \$33,500.00
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- Total Assessments 2014-2015: \$ 343,812.77
Total Paid to Date 2014-2015: \$ 59,571.64

WOULD YOU LIKE A VISIT?



We would like to update our list of names for those in the parish who are homebound or ill or would just like a visit from Fr. Paul or Sister Mary Anne. If you would like a visit at your home from either one, please call the parish office at 387-6501. If you are in the hospital and would like a visit, please notify the office as well.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

The Feast of All Saints is normally a Holy Day of Obligation. However, when the feast falls on a weekend, the obligation is suspended. You are still encouraged to attend the Mass for the Feast of All Saints. Please note that there will be a 9:00 am Mass in the church on Saturday morning, November 1st. Please plan to attend and to invoke your patronal saints for their help and protection on your life.

FEAST OF ALL SOULS –NOVEMBER 2ND

Next Sunday morning at the 10:00 am Mass, there will be a special recognition following Holy Communion of those that have passed away from our parish family over the past year. Family members are being invited to come and present a lighted candle that will be available in the church when the roll call of the dead are read at Mass. In addition, this year (through consultation of the Worship Committee) we will invite anyone who has lost a loved one over the years and would like to remember them, to come forward with a candle as well. As we approach the month of November and the month of the Poor Souls, may we keep in our prayers all who have died, that they might gain the merits of everlasting life. Please note that the Book of the Dead will also be set out to write in the names of those that have departed from our midst. May all of our dearly departed rest in peace! Coffee and rolls in the church social hall following Mass.

OFFERTORY GIFTS

In the past months, the majority of the time the offertory gifts are being brought up by the ushers. The Church's directive is that the gifts would be brought up by the faithful. Our present list of offertory presenters is quite old. We will be contacting the families of our Confirmation students that will be confirmed to bring up the offertory gifts once during a scheduled time as well as the boys and girls and their families that are preparing for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. In the coming months we will be asking the faithful to fill out a "Time and Talent" sheet during the liturgies as we are in need of liturgical ministers in several areas for the weekend liturgies.

HALLOWEEN WELCOME



This year, because the Holy Day of the Feast of All Saints falls on a Saturday, and it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, (as I have done in past years while pastor) I have offered a "safe stop" for parents and children of the parish and the neighborhood to stop at the rectory door for a treat. Again, this year, on Halloween night, I invite you to stop (if you wish). Please come to the front door where there will be pumpkins and jack-o-lantern cut-outs. Last year I had over 50 children stop in the small town of Wabasso! See you Friday!

THANKS FOR BEING THERE!

It has been almost two years since my husband passed and a little over a year since my son died. I just wanted to publicly thank everyone at Holy Rosary who supported our family in multiple ways during this time. Prayers, meals, just sitting with us, attending Memorial services, saying rosaries with me. You all are living Christ's love. Special thanks of course to Sister Mary Anne Schaezner, Jim and Darlene Schorn, David and Pam Lamm. I am sorry if I missed anyone because you have all been so kind and loving. Of course Father Peter was so loving, kind and supportive. We have a great Parish Community, you have all been so good to us even if I sometimes forget you were there, know you are appreciated. Thanks for just being there. God Bless You All, Jeanmarie Seibel (Bracht)



WIRED TO THE HEART FUNDRAISER



Wired to the Heart, Loyola's fall fundraiser, raises money for technology and science at Loyola. The event is November 14th. Buy a raffle ticket and be a part of this great event. Tickets are \$50 and give the buyer a chance to win \$5,000 (winner need not be present to win). There will only be 400 tickets sold - Great odds! Tickets are

available at the Loyola Advancement Office on the Good Counsel Campus or by contacting Carol Brady at [507-381-1381](tel:507-381-1381) or cbrady@chartermi.net.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

From Gratitude to Greatness – a Day to Reflect, Pray and Celebrate Blessings

Saturday, November 1, 2014 at Good Counsel Hill, Mankato, MN 56001. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (Note: Mass for the Feast of All Saints is included.) "Gratitude moves us to cherish everything as gift to be cared for, nurtured, and brought to fulfillment." Wilkie Au, PhD. Give yourself a day to remember the gifts, the blessings, the special moments of life. Come with friends and discover new ones as you gather your blessings into a cornucopia of gratitude. Discover that gratefulness leads to greatness! Fee: \$40, includes lunch. Please register by October 27, 2014. mjwelter@ssndcp.org or 507-389-4266.

REQUIEM HIGH MASS – NOV 1ST

There will be a Requiem High Mass with music for the poor souls on Saturday, November 1st at 9 am at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Mankato. Coffee and rolls will follow in the upper room.

SUNG HOLY MASS FOR ALL SOULS

As we remember and call upon all Saints in Heaven, we too pray for our beloved dead, "those who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace." A special opportunity to pray in this way will be held on Sunday November 2 at 6:15 at St. Mary's Church in Sleepy Eye, MN. All are welcome!

SAN LUCAS MISSION FUNDRAISER

Please join us for a Gala fund raiser for the San Lucas mission. Friday, November 21st at the Crow River Winery east of Hutchinson on highway 7. Doors open at 5:30 pm and supper is served at 7:00 pm. Silent and live auctions will be held. The proceeds from this Gala will be used to continue the educational, medical, and other ministries of the mission. The cost is \$50.00 per person. To reserve your ticket or for more information please call 651-454-0981 or visit www.sanlucasmision.org. Thank you.

FALL BRUNCH

Sunday, November 23, 8:15 am - 12:00 pm, St Joseph the Worker's 27th Annual Fall Brunch. Serving ham/egg bake, biscuits/gravy, sausage, French toast, fresh rolls and muffins. Come enjoy a brunch and fellowship. Adults \$7.00, children 6-12 \$4.00, 5 and under free.



Worship Committee Minutes

Holy Rosary Church

September 17, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Cathy Neve with and some 10-12 members in attendance. The meeting began with prayer. Father spoke about the role of the Worship Committee and also that it is an encouraged committee, to be formed and to be active through the directives of the Diocese of New Ulm.

New membership were greeted and introduced. Addresses and e-mail addresses of the members were received for communication of future meetings and when Worship Committee work is needed to be done.

Father sought input from the committee on hiring a part-time choir director to begin again an adult choir of 20-30 members. There was full consensus that a choir adds a great deal to the Mass and especially in the Easter/ Christmas seasons. There was full support by the committee.

The Committee talked about Mass times and changing the Saturday night Mass to 5:00 pm. The committee suggested that the fairest way to approach this issue was to have a vote by the people attending Mass. It was decided to have the vote take place on two weekends at all three Masses.

Father recently sent an e-mail to all of the servers. A server meeting and appreciation party is being planned for the altar servers. Sister Adelyn will assist along with Deacon Russ and Father to schedule the re-training of servers and also the training of new servers. (* Nearly all of the servers attended the workshop and party following, nearing almost 40 young people.) Good suggestions and ideas were made for the retraining of the servers.

The Committee discussed the Church's liturgical directives about lectors walking in and out of Mass. One lector will walk in if there is no Deacon present. No lectors will walk out at the end of Mass, only the priest, deacon and servers.

The Committee expressed a desire to decorate earlier for the harvest season and also with more decorations. (*Thank you to Father and the three members that decorated the church for the fall season on a Sunday afternoon.) Volunteers are needed to water fresh flowers now and throughout the year.

The committee agreed not to host the Mankato West Choir Performance next spring as it conflicted with parish activities and concerns about liability, etc. Chairman, Cathy Neve would speak to the public school about the Worship Committee's decision.

Christmas was discussed. Artificial trees are being looked into as the Church's insurance provider does not permit lights in real trees due to fire codes. More decorations are desired in the sanctuary both by the Worship Committee

and members of the parish. The Christmas crib cannot be seen on the left side of the sanctuary and a new location is being looked into for this Christmas. The high altar will be more addressed this year. Members will be looking into additional places for reasonably priced flowers for Christmas. Donation of used artificial trees are needed from the people.

Fall Communal Anointing was discussed, Candles of dedication have been missing and a committee member wondered if the 4 wall-mounted candles could again be placed back in the church. This is the 800th year of the rosary. Baptismal brochures are needed as parents are not able to follow along with the prayers at the time of a Baptism. No one was aware that the books of Baptism existed in recent memory. Father will look into purchasing these booklets.

Future Business: Christmas – First Fridays and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

The meeting closed with prayer.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

PRIEST OF JESUS CHRIST

To live in the midst of the world,
without wishing its pleasures,
To be a member of each family,
yet belonging to none,
To share all sufferings,
To penetrate all secrets,
To heal all wounds,
To go from men to God
and offer Him their prayers.
To return from God to men,
To bring pardon and hope!
To have a heart of fire for Charity,
and a heart of bronze for Chastity.
To teach and to pardon,
To console and to bless always.
My God! What a life!

And it is yours, O Priest of Jesus Christ!

Jean Baptiste Henri Lacordaire, Op
1802-1861

