

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

On the evening of the first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side."

-St. John

Happy Easter! Happy Divine Mercy Sunday that was established several years back by St. John Paul II. The Lord has been most "merciful" to us this past Holy Week and Easter and certainly to myself as your pastor.



Just as in football, there is the "Monday morning quarterback", so too, maybe in "faith" there is also the "Monday morning quarterback", as priest and people reflect on the events of these past days.

I again want to say a word of "thanks" to each and every one of you that played a part in the services and Masses of Holy Week. You all executed your ministerial roles with such reverence and dedication. The music and the various ministries were all done so well and all in praise of the Lord. Wherever I have been, I have always had the help and the cooperation of great servers, often high school, when it came to the Masses and services of the Holy Week. This year I was blessed again with wonderful young people from the foot washing to Good Friday, who all gave their best. Maybe I am becoming old, or sentimental, or simply tired, but I was so touched at the time of Gloria on Holy Saturday. The choir was singing so well, the server was ringing the bells, candles were being lit and some of the flowers were being brought into the sanctuary. Everything was going so well (especially as it was the first time celebrating Holy Week as pastor at Holy Rosary), I found myself getting choked up. At that moment I was truly convinced how much you love the resurrected Lord. God bless you for that!

Many of you have told me how special this year's Triduum was for you. I felt the same way. I spoke with some former parishioners after Easter who were telling all that occurred in one of my former parishes. When I was about to tell about what happened at Holy Rosary, they said: *"We can tell by the sound of your voice that it went very well."*

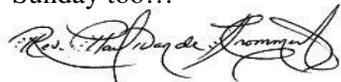
Normally, parishioners "time" how long the priest's homily is in length. What was interesting is that someone "timed" the length of the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday. That took 17 minutes. It was so beautiful to see the people come forward in reverence, young and not so young, to tell in their own way that they loved the Lord for dying for the sins of the world. Equally all of the services were to "full houses", even Holy Saturday. I was particularly impressed that we even had a half-a-church-full for the

Stations of the Cross and Benediction on Good Friday evening.

I am writing this on a Wednesday afternoon, hours before the bulletin deadline and just having celebrated another funeral Mass. I promised myself that I will try and take things at a little slower pace (*if that is possible*) in the days ahead. (*I still need to get my personal taxes settled before the 15th of April! Ouch!*)

But I managed a good visit with my parents on Monday at the farm. On Monday night I got called out of bed to anoint a soul at the hospital (not from Holy Rosary) that had passed around 12:30 A.M. So Tuesday, I managed to do some errands around town and was even looking at some possible upgrades to the rectory kitchen including a different paint color as opposed to wall paper. I was visiting with one parishioner in a store who was very complimentary and said; *"Father, you give off the impression that you like your work."* I told her that the greatest sorrow of my priesthood is that it is passing by too quickly. This Holy Week was one of the most peace-filled ones I have celebrated.

In this week's gospel from St. John, the Risen Lord appears to His frightened followers in spite of the locked doors. The Lord's first word is simply "SHALOM", or "PEACE". May the "peace" of the risen Christ fill your hearts and homes this Easter Season. A blessed Easter to you all...and Happy Divine Mercy Sunday too!!!


Rev. Paul van de Crommert,
Pastor

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The line separating good and evil passes not through states, nor between classes, nor between political parties either – but right through the human heart – and through every human heart..."

- Alexander Solzhenitsyn

**CITY-WIDE CATHOLIC
YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM**

Recently, on March 16th, at St. John's, representatives from all four Catholic parishes in the Mankato area gathered to discuss the possibility of forming a "city-wide" program. This meeting was most profitable and it appears at least three of the four parishes are committed to establishing a program that will begin in the fall of 2015, with a full-time paid youth minister from three of the parishes. We will have a full-time director for our youth and youth activities and there will be a cost savings for Holy Rosary for next year's budget. I am pastorally excited that we will be able to expand our youth program and to work in unity with our sister parishes of the Mankato area in the years ahead.

Stewardship of Treasure

Adult (234)	\$ 13,810.00
Electronic Giving	1,082.25
Junior	114.71
Plate	1,011.83
Holy Thursday (Local Needy)	1,025.69
Good Friday (Holy Land Collection)	2,228.81
Easter Flowers	100.00
Rice Bowl	952.81
Ash Wednesday	10.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	10.00
Home Missions Appeal	10.00
Peter's Pence Collection	10.00
Loyola Subsidy Collection	2,309.95
VBS Tuition	60.00
School Building Rental	835.00

Grand Total \$ 23,571.05

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

STEWARDSHIP



Certainly the stewardship numbers speak for themselves. Wow! Thank you for your great generosity over Holy Week, the Triduum and the Easter Masses. The monies given in all of the various areas were all up! We returned to Operation Rice Bowl this year with all of the proceeds going to the needs of the poor around the world. One note that we received was complimentary in this regard that read: "...*This was a wonderful way to help my daycare develop a bit of social consciousness. Each day they would receive coins for helping with picking up toys, etc. They had a choice of either keeping the coins, or putting them in the rice bowl to help the poor children around the world. I was very proud of the children. They all wanted to help and donated their coins. They also found joy in being able to help others...*"

Thank you too, to the youth of our parish that just over the past week gave to the parish needs more than \$100.00. This is great that they are reaching beyond the needs of themselves, but even more wonderful to see so many at the Holy Eucharist! Thank you so much for your gifts. Happy Easter!

LATE NITE CATECHISM

This fun-filled interactive experience will be held at Fitzgerald Auditorium Saturday, April 18th, at 7:30 pm. Tickets for this professional show are available through the Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, either in the office at 523 S 2nd Street, Mankato, or online at twinriversarts.org (507-387-1008). General admission tickets are \$50 with VIP at \$100. Proceeds will benefit the Good Counsel Learning Center which provides tutoring for area school children and adult English Language Learners.

HUGE PARISH GARAGE SALE

Holy Rosary is taking care of some "Spring Cleaning"! Come find household items, furniture, appliances, antiques, decorations and much, much more at Holy Rosary's huge garage sale! This sale will be held in the Gymnasium of the old school building. The sale will run 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Friday, May 14th; 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Saturday, May 15th; and 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Sunday, May 16th. All items not sold at the sale will be auctioned off at 1:00 pm on Sunday! Any items that do not go at the auction will be donated locally. Do you have items of your own you would like to donate? Please contact the parish office at #507-387-6501. All donations must be dropped off at the Parish Center (old school building) by Thursday, May 13th.



ANNUAL WINE & BEER TASTING

Join All Saints Church in Madison Lake for an evening of wine, beer and great food on Friday, April 24th, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. You can purchase tickets at Finish Line Liquors, All Saints Parish Office, at the door or by calling 243-3319. Tickets purchased prior to April 15th will automatically be entered to win a grand prize gift basket! Hosted by All Saints and sponsored by Finish Line Liquors. Proceeds benefit All Saints Academy.



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES



April 22, 2015 Registration Deadline for the Diocese of New Ulm pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families.

Come and join us Sept. 22-28, 2015, in Philadelphia. Go to www.canterburypilgrimages.com to complete your registration. The cost of the pilgrimage package is \$1,875 per person, double occupancy. The package includes roundtrip coach transfer from New Ulm to the airport, roundtrip airfare from Minneapolis to Philadelphia, hotel accommodations for six nights with breakfast, coach transportation while in Philadelphia and for associated pilgrimage trips, and two dinners. Information on additional costs for children can be obtained directly from Canterbury Pilgrimage and Tours. The pilgrimage package does not include the registration for the World Meeting of Families, which must be completed through the official World Meeting of Families Web site. This site can be accessed from the diocesan Web site, dnu.org, Office of Family Life page. There are various registration packets available. If you have questions, please contact Sr. Candace Fier at cfier@dnu.org or 507-233-5328.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, April 12: Sunday of Divine Mercy

- 7:30 am – Rosary
- 8:00 am – Mass - People of the Parish
- 9:30 am – Rosary
- 10:00 am – Mass - Alvin, Babe, Jack Gosch†
* **Morning Pre-School & Nursery**
- 12:30 pm – CCW Bus Trip**
- 2:00 pm – Music on the Hill**

Monday, April 13: Easter Weekday

- 8:05 am – Rosary
- 8:30 am – Mass - Jerry Nelson†
- 9:15 am – Bible Study (Conf. Rm. #1)
- 11:00 am – Mass at SSND (Fr. Paul) -**
7:00 pm – City-Wide Youth Ministry Planning
Meeting - St. John the Baptist (Fr. Paul attends)

Tuesday, April 14: Easter Weekday

- 8:05 am – Rosary
- 8:30 am – Holy Communion Service

Wednesday, April 15: Easter Weekday

- 9:52 am – Mass at Loyola High School (Fr. Paul)**
- Stanley Lyons†
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm – Sewing Group - Parish Center*
- 4 pm, 6 pm, 7:15 pm – Faith Formation
- 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm – Holy Rosary Choir Practice
- 5:30 pm – Loyola Subsidy Meeting - (4 Churches)**
in Room 229 SSND St. Joseph Hall

Thursday, April 16: Easter Weekday

- 8:05 am – Rosary
- 8:30 am – Mass - Aaron Romberg†
- 10:15 am – Communion Service at Pathstone**
- 6:30 pm – K of C Tent Crew Party (Church Basement)

Friday, April 17: Easter Weekday

- 8:05 am – Rosary
- 8:30 am – Mass - Brendan Kroehler†

Saturday, April 18: Easter Weekday

- 4:30 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 4:30 pm – Rosary
- 5:00 pm – Mass - Edwin Goettlicher†

Sunday, April 19: Third Sunday in Easter

- 7:30 am – Rosary
- 8:00 am – Mass - People of the Parish
- 9:30 am – Rosary
- 10:00 am – Mass - Joe Dauffenbach†
* **Morning Pre-School & Nursery**
- 1:30 pm – Convert Instruction (School Building)**

K of C Council #5551 News

- April 16 - K of C Tent Crew Party at 6:30 pm
- April 23 - General Meeting
- April 24-25 - Tootsie Roll Fund Raiser



Liturgical Roles April 18-19

Lectors

- 5:00 pm:** Jim Theuninck
- 8:00 am:** Nancy Holden
- 10:00 am:** Jim Schorn

Eucharistic Ministers

- 5:00 pm:** Brenda Voracek, John & Lori Daley,
Karen Winters, Margo Wheeler,
Rebecca Gruenes
- 8:00 am:** Bev Linnes, Danielle & Peter Backes,
Sharon Lenz, Steve & Shelly Bauer
- 10:00 am:** Ann Leonard, Bob Wegscheid, Maxine Davis,
Darlene Schorn, Julie Schoettler, Kristin Cain

Altar Servers

- 5:00 pm:** Reid, Riley, & Rayna Gruenes
- 8:00 am:** Grace & Ben Ellingworth, Braeden Otto
- 10:00 am:** Haley & Andrew Kohrs, Jack Roering

Presentation of Gifts

- 5:00 pm:** Emmy Gengler Family (*First Communicant*)
- 8:00 am:** Mike Brumm Family
- 10:00 am:** Norah Dmytrasz Family (*First Communicant*)

Ushers

- 5:00 pm:** Kenneth & Patricia Thiele,
Gary Wintheiser, Bob Meyer
- 8:00 am:** Gerry Hiniker, Jason Hacker,
Cathy Neve, Doug Helget
- 10:00 am:** Christopher Backes, Pat & Bill Fetter,
John Jagerson

Music Ministry

- 5:00 pm:** Joe Kunkel/Jeanne Makela
- 8:00 am:** Julie Gruber/Jeanne Makela
- 10:00 am:** Kathy Jo Johns/Vicki Galli

Rosary Leaders

- 5:00 pm:** Mary Helen Kennedy
- 8:00 am:** Arlyce Anderson
- 10:00 am:** Darlene Schorn

Money Counters - April, May & June 2015: Mary
Haley, Lee Sontag Kopp, Les Kopp, Arlyce Anderson

Bulletin Folders for April 2015:

Anne Frederick, Betty Rykhus & Dolores Portz

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS

- Finance Council Meeting – April 20th, 6:30 P.M.
- *Worship Committee – May 4th 6:30 P.M.
- *Pastoral Council – May 18th, 6:30 P.M.
- *These two meetings will be the final meetings until next September.*

CCW UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 12** - Annual bus trip to Cities to see Dirty Rotten Scoundrels at Old Log Theater.
- April 25** - NDUCCW convention at St. Aloysius, Olivia. Registration forms in parish office.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS...

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



Our prayers go out to 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 WHO ARE ILL

Bruce Grausam, Kris Bachmann, Herbert Karpinsky, Rose Wilson, Jane Keltgen, Isaac Kolstad, Rachel Tobin, Mary Jane Ledwein, Tom Grausam, Don Haley, Doris Lorentz, Bill Goettlicher, Lenore Sweers, Krystal Portz, Jan Brumm, Steve Fitterer, Nancy Marquardt, Gabriel Speckel, Shannon Murphy, Harriet Senesac, Lisa LaPoint Leland, David Bruender, Marilyn Bastian, Nancy Wesely, Susan Zenk, Catherine Atchley

FOR OUR FAMILIES

Monday Rick & Traci Sellner
Tuesday No Mass
Wednesday David & Jennifer Jones
Thursday Bernard & Marleen Michel
Friday Elijah & Melissa Nelson
Saturday Dana & Jennifer Michels
Sunday James & Sharon Olson

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

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

PRAYER CHAIN



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

Readings for the Week

Mon: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
Tues: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wed: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thurs: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Fri: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Sat: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
Sun: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48



SINCERE SYMPATHY

To the families of **Doris (Weingartz) Just†**
-May she rest in peace.

MINNESOTA VALLEY CHORALE CONCERT

The Minnesota Valley Chorale, under the direction of Eric Harstad, will perform *Songs, Hymns and Spiritual Selections*, featuring classic works from Pachelbel, Haydn and Mendelssohn along with pieces from contemporary composers Paulus and Barnum.

There are two opportunities to hear this spring concerts: Friday, April 17, 2015 starting at 7:30 pm | First Lutheran Church, St. Peter, MN and Saturday, April 18, 2015 starting at 7:30 pm | Bethany Lutheran College Chapel, Mankato, MN.

Tickets are adults \$10, seniors and students \$5, and are available from Chorale members, at The Lighthouse in Mankato, Swedish Kontur in St. Peter, and on this website at www.minnesotavalleychorale.org/tickets/.

OPTIONS FOR WOMEN | MANKATO OPEN HOUSE

You are cordially invited to attend the Open House of Options For Women | Mankato on Sunday, April 26th, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at 1331 Warren Street, Mankato.

Our Mission Statement: Options for Women Mankato is dedicated to assisting those involved in a pregnancy with life-affirming choices, by providing confidential counselling, resources, education and limited medical services in a respectful, caring and professional environment before, during and after pregnancy. Contact Information: 507-625-2229; PO Box 5385, Mankato, MN 56002; info@optionsmankato.org; www.OptionsMankato.org

DISCONTINUING CAPS OF LOVE

We regret that we will no longer be able to accept caps from pop, milk, juice, toiletries, etc. We found the cost of shipping to be prohibitive compared to the end recycle pay-back. The caps can be put in your recycle carts. Thanks to everyone who collected them – we have donated those.

-Dolores Portz, *Council of Catholic Women*

MARRIAGE IS A JOURNEY!!

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship.

The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are April 17-19 in Frontenac, MN; May 1-3 & July 17-19 in Buffalo, MN; September 11-13 in Irene, SD & International Falls, MN, & October 9-11 in Buffalo, MN & November 20-22 in Prior Lake, MN & Medora, ND. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact John & Mary Beth at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-838-8178.



MINI MACS -- Join us for Mini MACS on Saturday, April 18th from 10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. in the Good Counsel gym! The day will include carnival games, children's silent auction items, children's bakery, food and BINGO. Tickets are \$0.25 and each game is one ticket. Food, bakery items and silent auction starting bids will be very affordable. Invite your friends and family and join us for a day of fun!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MACS Nite 2015! MACS Nite is on Saturday, May 2nd, from 5:30 pm – Midnight on Good Counsel Hill! This is our annual spring fundraiser for Loyola. It is a free, casual, 21 and older event that includes games, silent and live auctions, a bakery, food vendors, BINGO, karaoke and a DJ!

There is also a chicken dinner this year from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. Tickets for the chicken dinner are \$8.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door. Tickets are available at Voyager Bank (please ask for Jodi Schmitz) and in the Loyola Advancement Office on the Good Counsel Campus until April 24th.

The Lucky 20 Raffle is back and now includes MORE WINNERS than ever before! Winners will be announced throughout the live auction at MACS Nite. Prizes are: Grand Prize Winner - \$10,000; one \$5,000 winner, one \$1,000 winner; two \$500 winners and 15 - \$200 winners. Tickets are \$100 and available in the school offices.

Check out the MACS Nite 2015 Facebook page for event updates! www.facebook.com/MACSNite

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL SCHOOL RAFFLE benefiting Loyola Catholic School raised \$29,000.00. Thank you to all those that purchased \$5.00 tickets from LCS students.

WOW! The end of the school year is fast approaching. It is now 4th quarter and within a couple of weeks, Loyola Catholic School will continue it's third round of NWEA testing, field trips, year-end band and choir concerts, Literacy Week! If you are interested in exploring Loyola for your student, please contact Sr. Mary Beth Schraml to set up a "Shadow Day" (388-0618 or mbschraml@loyolacatholicschool.org)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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

DUE:	\$ 78,103.92
Pd. to Date	\$ 58,442.94
2. Annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal (D.M.A.)

DUE:	\$ 27,708.85
Rec'd. to Date:	\$ 44,021.00

(*We are at 159 % our goal!)
3. Loyola Catholic School Assessment:

DUE:	\$ 238,000.00
Pd. this week:	\$ 5,309.95
Pd. to Date:	\$ 146,658.68

Total Assessments 2014-2015:	\$ 343,812.77
Total Paid to Date 2014-2015:	\$ 249,122.72
Total Assessments Due 2014-2015:	\$ 94,690.05

(* Total includes D.M.A. overrun)

Thank you for your generosity with regards to our second collection that was taken up at all three of the Easter Masses. Your generosity brought in an additional \$2,309.95. This amount along with our weekly \$3,000.00, reduced our total subsidy amount to below \$100,000.00 in the midst of April. So this week, we sent a check off to the Catholic School in the amount of \$5,309.95. Thank you as we keep chipping away on this stewardship mountain. We are definitely coming down from the mountain and not a moment too soon as we have about ten weeks left before the close of the fiscal year. Thanks again for your relentless giving! Happy Easter!

FR. ED ARDOLF ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund is now at \$131,552.00. 85% of the earnings of this fund go to pay tuition at Loyola Catholic School for Holy Rosary families. Contributions to this fund may be dropped off at the parish office or sent to Amy at Loyola.

NEW ULM DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN CONVENTION

There is still time to sign up for the New Ulm Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention to be held on Saturday, April 25th at St. Aloysius in Olivia MN. The day will include Holy Mass celebrated by The Most Reverend John M. LeVoir. Our speaker will be best selling author Elizabeth Ficocello. There will be an opportunity for Confession. Booths and displays will be available as well as a silent auction. All who attend will receive an 11 x 14 picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, along with Family Consecration materials. Please stop by the parish office for a registration form. Meet new friends! Connect with other faith filled women from the diocese! Grow in your faith! All women 18 years and older are welcome and encouraged to attend!

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SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2015 • 9:00 AM - NOON
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LOCATED AT 632 SOUTH BROAD STREET, MANKATO MN
(LOWER LEVEL OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH)

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- BLUEBERRY PANCAKES
- SAUSAGES
- EGGS
- APPLE SAUCE
- VARIOUS FLAVORS OF SYRUP
- COFFEE
- MILK
- ORANGE JUICE

HOLY ROSARY PASTORAL COUNCIL

MARCH 23, 2015

The Holy Rosary Pastoral Council met on Monday, March 23rd in the school conference room. Mike Danay, chair, opened the meeting. The meeting began with prayer and the approval of the January 19, 2015 minutes.

The various parish committees reported. (The following are a portion of their reports:) **Worship Committee:** The committee decorated or will decorate for Lent, Palm Sunday and Easter. Ash Wednesday Masses were very well attended this year with a capacity crowd at 4:30 P.M. The two training sessions were led by Father for the new and returning Eucharistic ministers. There was a great response and nearly all are returning and 25 new E.M.E.'s will begin. The format of distributing communion will be slightly changing. Six new servers are being added to the server schedule. Stations are being well attended this year. **Faith Formation:** A meeting was held to encourage stewardship giving among our youth. Make up sessions for safe-environment were held as required by the Diocese. The students attended Mass this year for Ash Wednesday. Jack McGowan came to class to perform magic tricks with the students, which the students enjoyed. Confirmation was held on February 28th. Twenty-one candidates from the parish were confirmed by Bishop LeVoir. The high school attended the Stations of the Cross with Father leading the stations. The religious education program is winding down to the last four classes before the close at the end of April. **Youth Ministry:** The youth ministers, Paul and Kevin, are stepping down as youth ministers in the middle of April. They have appreciated the young people but due to other family obligations and perhaps a need for younger directors, or fresh ideas, they feel that it is time. They are preparing for the mission trip to Fort Yates, with eight adults going and eight young people from Holy Rosary. They will be leaving after the morning Mass on Palm Sunday. **Knights of Columbus:** Gerard is preparing soup for the soup suppers. The "Fish Feed" is coming up on Friday, March 27th. The Knights are working on the Birthright Fundraiser that is coming up. **C.C.W.:** The Region I Spring Gathering will be held at Holy Rosary this year, with a meal and speaker. The featured speaker will be talking about affordable housing. The Soup Supper's are being held on Tuesdays. There have been as many as 50 in attendance. On Palm Sunday weekend there will be a bake sale. This year C.C.W. will already sell items on Friday night at the "Fish Feed". The next meeting is scheduled for April 6th.

Pastor's Report:

Father reported on the Finance Council as no representative was present. The overall parish revenue is up from a year ago. There is some need to address some structural repairs this summer if there is money still

remaining at the close of the fiscal year. There has been a consolidation of some special parish accounts as requested by the audit/review.

Father shared that they are taking the first steps to see if a City-wide Youth Ministry Program can be implemented. They are in the early talking stages, but things look very promising. The success of the program will be if the young people and their families are attending Mass on the weekends.

Father has also been working on dealing with the challenges of the Catholic School subsidy. Some of the parishes are struggling or are behind in making subsidy payments. Holy Rosary is making their payments, but it is a stewardship challenge with little revenue left to address needed programs or repairs in and around the parish plant. Father is seeking an equitable subsidy plan as presently their seems to be no clear formula for the four parishes in Mankato/North Mankato. Another meeting is being scheduled in April.

Father shared that all of the work that the Parish Council has done this year will be reduced to a report for their review at the next meeting in May. Upon their approval, this will be part of the Financial Report that will come out in late summer or early Fall.

New Business:

Father discussed and informed the committee of the situation with the parish subsidy both from the Catholic School as well as the Diocesan assessments. Father also informed and discussed with the council the legal challenges that face the Diocese of New Ulm as well as the multiple lawsuits.

Council members indicated that the discussion was enlightening and were unaware of the happenings that have been taking place.

The meeting closed with prayer. The final Pastoral Council meeting before the summer is scheduled for May 18th at 6:30 P.M. in Conference Room 1.

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