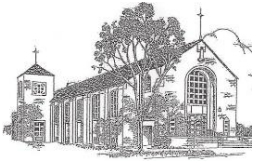


From the Pastor's Desk



“Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”

- St. Matthew

This weekend we will celebrate our annual outdoor Mass at Wheeler Park, which has become a great parish tradition. Hopefully our attraction to attending this Mass exceeds the natural environment, the singing, the social gathering and meal or any other “horizontal” reason for coming out to worship on one of the first days of fall.

One of the challenging points of catechesis that a priest often has to face, (particularly with our elderly), is that they have a hard time differentiating between a Mass that they view on television versus a Mass that they attend in a public setting, such as you who are reading this bulletin have done either inside or outside this weekend. There are many Catholics, years ago who although were taught by the “Baltimore Catechism”, still think today, that watching Mass on a Sunday morning in bathrobe and slippers is equal to getting dressed and being seated in a pew.

While Holy Mother Church emphasizes the obligation of attending the Holy Eucharist each week, she also emphasizes the importance of a physical presence. For Holy Mother Church, the bride of Christ, knows in her wisdom that OUR PRESENCE IS EVERYTHING. FOR NOT ONLY IS OUR PHYSICAL PRESENCE IN CHURCH ENOUGH, BUT OUR ACTIVE PRESENCE THROUGH OUR PRAYERS AND PRAISE IN SONG IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPLETE SPIRITUAL LIFE.

In today’s gospel from St. Matthew, the Lord reveals an even bigger piece of Good News regarding the spiritual importance of “physical presence”. For the Lord states that where as few as two or three people are present together in prayer, the Lord will grant to them their holy request. However, we should not falsely conclude that the bigger the crowd the greater the holiness. That would be absurd!

But I will tell you there is something about a large crowd of people gathered together in the same

Church, all in the full spirit of worship from Holy Week to witnessing death again at the time of a funeral. Many a time, I have felt the spirit, with chills running up and down my spine during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, particularly when I was proclaiming the Sunday gospel, and even sometimes while giving the Sunday homily. Certainly I felt such a wonderful presence on August 17th when Bishop LeVoir was present to offer Mass and install me as your new pastor. Your strong presence with Holy Rosary filled to capacity certainly made me feel that God was present and my prayers were answered.

Anyone who has gone to a professional ball game or a major concert and hears the roar of the crowd knows that it is far more exhilarating to be present than watching the same event on television. There is something about being present at the event, in the midst of all of those people that no television screen, no matter how large or good and even with high definition is able to replicate.

It has taken me a long time to learn the great spiritual power that exists in the priesthood in being present to another person when there is illness or an issue that a person is struggling with. Since I have left Olivia and St. Aloysius after a thirteen year run, I have been so grateful to so many of those parishioners that have come to just stop in, attend a Mass, or simply call me to see how I am doing. In just the few short weeks that I have been at Holy Rosary, I have had about half a dozen families from my last assignment attend Mass and take me out for a meal. Their presence has been healing and has meant the world to me. Equally, those of you who have taken me out for a quick lunch or stopped at the parish office have been so nice. That presence, too, means a lot.

In the week ahead where can your powerful presence be revealed to someone in need? The Eucharistic Presence has a way of spiritually strengthening our presence when dealing with those who need us. Thank you for your presence at the Holy Eucharist this weekend and every weekend you attend at Holy Rosary! God bless you!

-Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor

Stewardship:

August 31	Sunday	Year to Date
Adult (118)	\$ 6,513.83	
Electronic Trn.	\$ 0.00	
Total	\$ 6,513.83	\$96,763.87
Junior	\$ 15.21	\$ 180.26
Plate	\$ 248.62	\$ 2,779.28

GRAND TOTAL: \$6,777.66

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

Stewardship:

Being a good steward can at times be a spiritual cross because there is no finish line. The call for sacrificial giving of our time, talent and treasure continues throughout our earthly life. At times it may even feel like a cross. Thank you for your persistence in your sacrificial giving. May God bless you!

Financial Report for 2013-2014:

Included in this week's bulletin insert is the Financial Report for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. I have included a letter summarizing a few of the high points of the past year. Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

Holy Rosary Finance Council Minutes:

July 28, 2014

The Holy Rosary Finance Council met on Monday, July 28th, 8:00 P.M. All members were present with two recent resignations from the council. Following prayer, the minutes of a combined meeting of the Finance/Pastoral Council were reviewed from April 28th, 2014.

Father Crommert made some opening remarks stating his pleasure to be serving as the new pastor of Holy Rosary and the generous response of the faithful in so many ways during this time of transition. Bishop LeVoir has expressed that there would not be an "Administrative Council" for Holy Rosary as this is a single parish. He would like the parish to continue to operate with both a separate Finance Council and a Pastoral Council that will meet on a regular basis.

Father reported that the parish had concluded in the "black" by \$3.00. An anonymous gift of \$100,000.00 was given in this past fiscal year. This generous gift helped to fund the church doors as well as the tuck pointing on the rectory, etc. Without this gift, the parish would have experienced a significant shortfall.

Father shared his pastoral philosophy regarding stewardship. Father shared with the Finance Council the expenditures that have been performed on the rectory that includes the restoration of the wood floors, electrical work, (and now some basic plumbing on the second floor). Father is most grateful for all of the volunteer help he has received from woodwork to painting and the donation of materials.

As required by the Diocese of New Ulm and Bishop LeVoir, the parish books will be audited on August 13-14 of this year on site. This is now being done at the time of the end of a pastorate as well as every five years for an active pastor. The final results will be reviewed with the Diocese Finance Office, Bishop LeVoir, the trustees and the Finance Council.

Father spoke to the Finance Council on its three-fold mission and its important consultative role. The Finance Council was then led in discussion as to where the council has been and where they hope to lead it in the future. It was agreed that a monthly or bi-monthly meeting was necessary. Father stated the policy of the Diocese is to meet a minimum of four times or quarterly each year.

The budget for 2014-2015 was reviewed and approved. Future business items that will be addressed are the review of the audit, addressing internal financial controls, etc. The next meeting date and time has been set for the Finance Council for Monday, September 15th at 7:00 P.M. (* Please Note: *Our meeting place is in the Conference Room in the school building.*)

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Knights of Columbus Council #5551 News:

- September 11 – Planning Meeting
- September 20 – Highway Clean-Up
- September 25 – General Meeting
- September 27 – Tent Crew Party

Loyola Catholic School:

We have a few openings in our 5-day afternoon pre-school class. We have rescheduled our All School Mass, blessing of the “new” Chapel and picnic lunch with SSND to Monday, September 15th at 10:30am – all are welcome. We look forward to our Scholarship Breakfast on September 20, Homecoming and Crusader Bowl on September 26, and the Golf Classic on September 27. For information check www.loyolacatholicsschool.org or call 507.388.2997.

Council of Catholic Women News:

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!

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.

All-Teacher In-Service – September 10th, 5:30 pm in the Parish Center Cafeteria.

Virtus Training (1st time teachers only) - September 17th, 6:00 pm in the Parish Center.

1st Class for Grades 1-11 – September 24th (4:00 pm; 6:00 pm; or 7:15 pm. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM BE SUBMITTED VERY SOON! WE NEED TO FORM CLASSES, SECURE TEACHERS, AND BE READY FOR YOUR CHILDREN WHEN THEY COME TO US. PLEASE GIVE US SOME TIME TO DO THAT AND PLEASE CALL US IF YOU NEED ANOTHER FORM!

Youth Choir:

We will be starting up again on Wednesday, September 24th, to coincide with the Faith Formation program. Practice will be on Wednesdays from 5:15 – 6:00 in the Parish Center Choir Room. Any questions contact Kathy Jo Johns, 387-4934 or kjowall@chartermi.net.

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, Lisa LaPoint Leland, Monica Haack, David Bruender, Marilyn Bastian, Isaac Kolstad

For Those in the Military:

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



For Our Families:

Monday	Tom & Kris Bachmann Family
Tuesday	NO MASS
Wednesday	Rick & Melissa Theuninck Family
Thursday	David Kreuzer Family
Friday	Craig & Denise Amundson Family
Saturday	Kenneth & Barbara Hull Family
Sunday	Dennis & Vicki Huettl Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/7/14

Mon: Micah 5:1-4a; Matt 1:1-16, 18-23
 Tues: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19
 Wed: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26
 Thurs: 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13; Luke 6:27-38
 Fri: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Luke 6:39-42
 Sat: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49
 Sun: Numbers 21:4b-9, Philip 2:6-11, John 3:13-17

Liturgical and Events Schedule September 7 – 14



Parish Office Hours: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 7: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

NO 8:00 am Mass
10:00 am – +Leonard Blaschko
MASS IN WHEELER PARK

Monday, September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:10 am – Rosary in Church
8:30 am – +Leonard Blaschko

Tuesday, September 9: St. Peter Claver, Priest

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

Wednesday, September 10: Weekday

8:10 am – Rosary in Church
8:30 am – +Dan Stefacek
5:30 pm – All Teacher In-Service – Parish Center

Thursday, September 11: Weekday

8:10 am – Rosary in Church
8:30 am – +Colleen Bianchi
6:00 – 9:00 pm – *Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament – ‘Come anytime, He is there for you substantially’ – All are welcome!
7:30 pm – Knights of Columbus

Friday, September 12: Weekday

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

Saturday, September 13: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

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

Sunday, September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30 am – Rosary in Church
8:00 am – +Mary Depuydt
9:30 am – Rosary in Church
10:00 am – +Sebastian & Gloria Lena
+Emmanuel Anthonisamy

Prayer Chain:

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



LITURGICAL ROLES

September 13-14

Lectors

5:30 pm: Jim Theuninck, Maggie Bennett
8:00 am: John & Nancy Holden
10:00 am: Tim McGowan, Laura Guetter

Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 pm Mary Beth Nygaard, Rick Gruber
JoAnn Borchert, Eileen Wadekamper
Karen Etzell, Dan Gowanlock
8:00 am: Arlyce Anderson, Peter Backes
Margaret Ayers, Cathy Neve
Terri Compton, Bernie Bastian
10:00 am: Kathy Ulman, Rebecca Gruenes
Dennis Haga, Jackie Cesario
Deb Stachon, Brent Friedrichs

Altar Servers

5:30 pm: Riley & Reid Gruenes, Rolando Flores
8:00 am: Ben & Lauren Cahalan, Aidan McGraw
10:00 am: Elias & Sheamus Westermann,
Jack Roering

Ushers

5:30 pm: Tom Rheaume, Bob Meyer
Larry Bennett, Paul Stevens
8:00 am: Carl Steffensmeier, Chris Sturm
Craig Amundson, Kurt Schroeder
10:00 am: Bob Stachon, Bob Wegscheid
Chuck Schoettler, Kevin Mettler

Presentation of Gifts

5:30 pm: Ray & Nora Bruce Family
8:00 am: Linda Olson Family
10:00 am: Tim Adams Family

Music Ministry

5:30 pm: Myra Schroeffer/Jeanne Makela
8:00 am: Joe Kunkel /Jeanne Makela
10:00 am: Lori Christianson/Janelle Campeau