

**From the Pastor's Desk:**

*Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance. They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.'*

*-St. Matthew*



This past Tuesday I crossed a personal little milestone. I completed a quarter of a year at Holy Rosary. Recently, when I was visiting patients at the hospital, one of the bed-ridden souls asked me if I had been here a month yet? I smiled and said that I had already been here three times that long. This particular individual said with surprise; "It does not seem that long." As they say in Latin: "Tempus fugit". "Time flies".

So, my "little anniversary" of sorts was spent upstairs, painting the ceiling of the main bathroom, following the plumbing repairs that were done earlier. I still have some caulking and cleaning to do, but truthfully I enjoy the peace and quiet and working with my hands.

Someone had called me that day and was asking what I was doing on my "day off". They said; "You have been there three months and you are still moving in?" I reminded them that the first weeks had been busy with many meetings and gatherings and that settling in the house takes "second fiddle". But, I don't regret the gatherings and meetings I have attended. Sometimes, there is just a small window where people want to meet the "new pastor", before they have moved on to other things.

One of the many events I recently attended was the evening meal of Serra International that was held at Dick and Cathy Ahern's home, here in North Mankato. It was a perfect evening with both great food and great fellowship. Of course this organization is all about supporting the priesthood, both future priests and religious through our seminarians/novices as well as those presently serving in ministry through our clergy and vowed religious.

Serra International began back in 1935, through an informal luncheon of four men in Seattle Washington and has grown into a global association of over 19,000 individuals in more than 36 countries.

The three-fold roll of Serra is 1.) To educate and inform their members, collaborators and the Catholic Community of their commitment to promote the ordained priesthood and religious life. 2.) To encourage and affirm the ordained priesthood and vowed religious life as a positive life-style. 3.) To inspire and call forth a well-trained and dedicated corps of leaders at all levels of Serra by spiritual and

practical formation. In short, the work of Serra is to be a positive influence in words and in actions when it comes to the priesthood and vowed life.

Today's gospel parable from St. Matthew is a reminder that not all people are positive. For in the parable, when the workers in the vineyard have killed numerous servants, they are on a "murderous roll" and even kill the owner's son with illogical reasoning: "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance."

Even though not all of us will become a part of Serra International (although I hope many more will from Holy Rosary), all of us can embrace their spirit of being "spiritually positive". While there are times that Church leadership have not handled situations well (e.g. child abuse, etc.) for the most part, my experience with the priests and religious I have worked with, they are trying to do their very best. In keeping with the gospel parable, it too is "illogical spiritual reasoning" when we say that we love the Church, the Mass and the sacraments but speak hurtful words of the priest or religious that are leading us in the faith.

Let us all pray for our priests, deacons and religious who are working very hard in the vineyard of the Lord that is very short of workers. May Christ, the Harvest Master, send more and more laborers into His vineyard to gather His bountiful harvest! God love you!

**Rev. Paul van de Crommert**  
**Pastor**

**Stewardship of Treasure**

Adult (141)	\$ 18,010.00
Electronic Giving	2,355.75
Junior	40.80
Plate	226.30
Stole Fees	200.00
Building Rent	1,060.00
Catholic University Collection	35.00
Religious Education Tuition	625.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 22,552.85</b>

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

**STEWARDSHIP**

This week our collection has more the appearance of the start of the Christmas or Easter season than the start of the month of October! What can I say, but THANK YOU SO MUCH” and “YOUR GIVING HAS BEEN TREMENDOUS”.

Your generosity has been “GREAT”, but our expenditures are also “GREAT”, as you can see in the next article. We need to raise this year in revenue nearly \$350,000.00 for the Diocese and the Catholic School alone, which are our two highest bills. We will keep these two big stewardship tasks before us through the bulletin throughout the year and the progress that we are making on them. If, when you give your offering, you want to insure that your offering goes directly towards the Catholic School or the Diocese, make sure to note that on your check. You are impressive givers!!! Thanks again!

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

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:   \$15,500.00

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Total Assessments 2014-2015: \$ 343,812.77  
 Total Paid to Date 2014-2015: \$ 35,025.98

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**MASS TIME CHANGE?**



There have been some questions raised regarding changing the Saturday evening mass time from 5:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Therefore, we will be putting the question to the vote of the congregation to see what the general consensus of the parish is. On the weekend of October 11-12, there will be voting slips at the end of all of the pews that can be filled out with your opinion. Thanks for your input!

**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN  
RUMMAGE SALE  
(THIS FRIDAY!)**



**Rummage Sale**

Holy Rosary Annual Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. The time of set-up will be on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 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!

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

The C.C.W. Annual Salad Luncheon will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup> 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!

**WELCOME**

We welcome this week two households from Monarch Meadows. We welcome Shirley O’Conner who has resided at the residence for some time. We also welcome Dorothy Rohlik, who has roots in Lucan, MN, which was one of the four churches I served last year before coming to Holy Rosary. We are so happy that you are joining our parish family! May we always greet the stranger and the newcomer in our midst when we attend the Holy Eucharist! Welcome home!



**Liturgical Roles – October 11-12**

**Sunday, October 5: 27<sup>th</sup> 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 –  
                  (Fr. attends)*

**Monday, October 6: Weekday**

8:10 am – Rosary in Church  
8:30 am – +Thomas A. Schaenzer  
*9:15 am – Bible Study – Conference Room 1*  
*6:00 pm – CCW Mass/Potluck – Church/Social Hall*  
*7:30 pm – Pastoral Council Mtg – Conference Rm 1*

**Tuesday, October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary**

8:10 am – Rosary in Church  
**9:00 am – +Alicia Nolan \* This is our parish feast!**  
                  Please plan to attend!

**Wednesday, October 8: Weekday**

8:10 am – Rosary in Church  
8:30 am – Holy Communion Service  
*8:15 am – Loyola Fitzgerald School Mass – Fr. Paul –  
                  St. Peter & Paul Church*  
*4 pm, 6 pm, 7:15 pm – Faith Formation*  
*5:15-6 pm – Youth Choir – Parish Center Choir Room*  
*6:00 pm – Vacation Raffle Meeting – Church/Social  
                  Hall*  
*8:00 pm – Altar Server Meeting & Appreciation Party  
                  Main Church*

**Thursday, October 9: Weekday**

8:10 am – Rosary in Church  
8:30 am – +Leonard Blaschko  
*7:30 pm – KC Planning Meeting*  
*7:30 pm – Pre-Baptism Class – Conference Rm 1*  
*6:00 – 9:00 pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**Friday, October 10: Weekday**

8:10 am – Rosary in Church  
8:30 am – +Marie Danzer  
*8:00 am – 2:00 pm – CCW Rummage Sale – Church  
                  Social Hall*

**Saturday, October 11: Weekday**

5:00 pm – Rosary in Church  
5:30 pm – +John Tarasovitch

**Sunday, October 12: 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am – Rosary in Church  
8:00 am – Alvin, Babe, Jack Gosch  
9:30 am – Rosary in Church  
10:00 am – People of the Parish  
*8:00 am - noon – KC Pancake Breakfast – Church  
                  Social Hall*

**The Week Ahead**

**Lectors**

**5:30 pm:** Maggie Bennett & Steve Caron  
**8:00 am:** John & Nancy Holden  
**10:00 am:** Laura Guetter & Jennifer Spaude

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**5:30 pm** Marsha Murphy, Mary Beth Nygard  
Kathy Frederickson, Karen Etzell  
Mary Caron, JoAnn Borchert  
**8:00 am:** Cathy Neve, Margaret Ayers  
Bernie Bastian, Craig Amundson  
Kurt & Liz Schroeder  
**10:00 am:** Tim McGowan, Kevin Mettler  
Dawn Matz, Sherry Henrickson,  
Darlene Schorn

**Altar Servers**

**5:30 pm:** Riley & Reid Gruenes, Jonathan Hull  
**8:00 am:** Ben & Lauren Cahalan,  
Ben Ellingworth  
**10:00 am:** Jenna & Matthew Helget, Jacob Reynolds

**Ushers**

**5:30 pm:** Tom Rheaume, David Kreuzer  
Larry Bennett, Paul Stevens  
**8:00 am:** Carl Steffensmeier, Glen Vershelde  
Bill Fasnacht, Gary Zellmer  
**10:00 am:** Steve Fink, Steve Enderle  
Brent Friedrichs, Bob Wegscheid

**Presentation of Gifts**

**5:30 pm:** Nate & Jane Younge Family  
**8:00 am:** Pete & Patti Stierlen Family  
**10:00 am:** Dean & Jenny Portner Family

**Music Ministry**

**5:30 pm:** Julie Gruber/Janelle Campeau  
**8:00 am:** Corinne Ort, Kurt Schroeder/Janelle  
Campeau  
**10:00 am:** Youth Choir/Jeanne Makela

**PRAYER CHAIN**

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



**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.



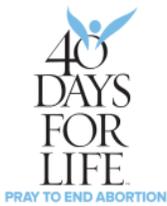
**K OF C COUNCIL #5551 NEWS**

- October 9 – Planning Meeting
- October 12 – Pancake Breakfast
- October 23 – General Meeting
- October 29 – Living Rosary
- October 31-November 1 – Retreat – Sleepy Eye



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](http://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 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!

**ALL ALTAR SERVER’S MEETING AND PARTY – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>!**

We are most grateful to our servers from grade school through high school, who serve at the weekend Masses. This Wednesday, at 8:00 pm., October 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a “brief” server meeting as we are implementing some changes for Mass. We will be asking the students that are in religious education to be released a few minutes early to go to church for some instruction and then to the church basement for a pizza party. We hope to have things completed by 9:00 pm. You will also be receiving both an e-mail and a phone reminder. We hope to see you all there!



**Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast**  
**Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**8am – noon**  
**Holy Rosary Church Social Hall**

**SERRA INTERNATIONAL**

This weekend we welcome two members of our local Serra chapter to speak to us about the work of Serra International. These two people are Dick Ahern and Delores Portz. Cathy and Dick Ahern recently hosted an evening, outdoor meal at their home that included priests, religious, deacons and lay folks. It was a beautiful evening with delicious food and a tremendous joyful spirit of people that are faith-filled and believe in the Church and the need to pray for and support not only our future priests, but our present priests that are working so hard in their present assignments. Hopefully through Dick and Delores's talk this weekend, more will join our ranks. If you believe in supporting the priesthood, consider calling Dick or Cathy at 345-4042.

**FEAST OF THE HOLY ROSARY  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

This Tuesday is our patronal feast (and although it is my day off), I feel it is important to celebrate Mass along with the fact that it is the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Holy Rosary. The Mass will be at 9:00 am (not the usual 8:30 am). We hope to see many of you there for our great feast. Mary, who gave to us the great prayer of the rosary, please pray for us! See you at Mass!



**COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK  
MASS / MEAL**



The tradition at Holy Rosary is to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick in the fall along with a Mass and a meal that will follow. The date has been set for Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning with a 4:00 pm Mass. Communal anointing will take place during the Mass. \*You are strongly encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to receiving the grace of this sacrament. I will be in the confessional on the 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 3:30 pm. Please mark your calendars.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

(I) Nathan Armstrong and Christine Lothert – October 25, 2014, Wedding Service - Holy Rosary Catholic Church.



**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 choir that will lead us in song as in the past. In consultation with the Worship Committee as well as the Finance Council, it was agreed upon that starting a choir would be a good thing to reignite for the liturgy and the good spirit of our parish.

I have hired as a part-time position Elaine Wolf from the Mankato area 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.

Please note the sign-up that is in this week's bulletin. I certainly hope and pray that many (or all) of our weekend song leaders might be willing to help out and set the good example of the importance of reviving the choir. St. Cecilia, patroness of music, please pray for us!

**HOLY ROSARY – PASTORAL COUNCIL –  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

Holy Rosary Pastoral Council has been rescheduled for this Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in Conference Room one. Materials will be handed out at the meeting. We hope to see you all there.

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

Are you new to Holy Rosary? Do you have a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader, an 11<sup>th</sup> grader, or older child/ren who have not yet received their 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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!



**LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

We enjoyed celebrating Homecoming Week-complete with Mass, a parade, dress-up days, class competitions, royalty, alumni events, a football victory and a dance.

We continue to do fall NWEA assessments (Reading, Language Arts and Math) in Kindergarten through grade 8, and DIBELS (Literacy) testing in Kindergarten through grade 3.

We are completing our *Circle of Grace* curriculum. *Circle of Grace* is a child protection/safety program, mandated by many dioceses in the US, which teaches young people to recognize uncomfortable situations, empowers them to avoid or escape those situations, and gives them age-appropriate vocabulary to use in telling trusted adults.

Coming events include:

- Third graders visit Farmamerica on October 2.
- Seventh graders attend the Rendezvous in Albert Lea on October 3
- “Loyola Fair” on October 6, rolling out Loyola’s new strategic plan (Monday evening at 7pm, Good Counsel campus cafeteria). All are welcome.
- Preschool Grandparents/Grandfriends Days on October 9 and 10.

**BIBLE STUDY**



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.

**Readings for the Week**

- Mon:** Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37
- Tues:** Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42
- Wed:** Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4
- Thurs:** Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13
- Fri:** Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26
- Sat:** Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31; 5:1; Luke 11:29-32
- Sun:** Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philipp 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

**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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|------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | LeRoy Schiller Family           |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Ronald Schulz Family            |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Martin Phillips Family          |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Jodie May Family                |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Tim & Liz Goertzen Family       |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | James & Mary Jo Tischler Family |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | Janice Person Family            |

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

Mary Jane Ledwein, Tom Gausam, 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, Nancy Marquardt, Gabriel Speckel, Shannon Murphy, Harriet Senesac, Lisa LaPoint Leland, Monica Haack, David Bruender, Marilyn Bastian, Betty Kotthoff, Isaac Kolstad

**ECHO FOOD SHELF**

We set aside the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of each month to help support our local Food Shelf for those among us who are in need. You are welcome to bring donations, cash or items and put them in the containers. Your help is greatly appreciated and all gifts are tax deductible. Thanks for all that you do to reach out others in need!



**FR. ED ARDOLF ENDOWMENT FUND**

This fund is now at \$128,052. 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.

**BIRTHRIGHT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



Birthright is in need of volunteers to talk with girls with unplanned pregnancies. Consider this positive way to support the prolife agenda. Call Lois at 388-4558. The next training is tentatively scheduled for the end of October. Men are welcome also.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**



nature cycles for a reason  
so does your body  
try natural family planning...it works.  
live-the-love.org

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING** - this isn't your grandmother's Rhythm Method! Modern methods of Natural Family Planning have effectiveness rates equal to or better than all artificial methods except sterilization. NFP is just as effective as the birth control pill, but has no risks or unwanted side effects. Look

into this surprising reliable alternative.

The next course starts at Ss Peter and Paul on Friday October 17<sup>th</sup>. More details and registration at [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org). For questions, please call Dan and Brenda Voracek at (507) 625-5008 or visit [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org)



**SPECIAL FILM EVENT – “THE 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY”**



There will be a showing of the 90 minute DVD video “The 13<sup>th</sup> Day”, a film by Ian & Dominic Higgins. It is a beautifully made rendition of the apparitions of our Lady at Fatima. The DVD will be shown on Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Holy Rosary Church. All are welcome!

**RAKE THE TOWN 2014  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

Experience the satisfaction of helping others. Organize a volunteer group and rake for homeowners who are unable to accomplish the task on their own. Great food, door prizes and the opportunity to have fun with some very positive people. The event starts at 9 am and concludes with VINE's famous chili lunch.



Sign up online at [www.vinevolunteers.com](http://www.vinevolunteers.com) to volunteer! Please contact VINE if you have any questions at 507-387-1666.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
TO READ THE FREE PRESS**



Volunteers are needed to read the Mankato Free Press to people who are blind for one hour each evening from 7 pm to 8 pm Sunday through Saturday. Readers read one night a month on an evening of your choice. The readings are aired at the CCTV Station. Volunteers are required to take a reading test to determine reading abilities. If interested in being part of this worthwhile volunteer opportunity, please contact Caroline McGowan at 317-3711. Thank you for giving of your time and talent!



**HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA**

**HISTORY FEST 2014**

October 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. Do you have a vacation day? Why not spend it with the happiest kids in Southern MN? Volunteer one day or all four. History Fest at McGowan's Farm. Contact us through our website at [Historyfest.com](http://Historyfest.com) and click on "volunteers" on the sidebar. Or contact Denise at 507-779-0008 or email at [justmail2@charter.net](mailto:justmail2@charter.net). "A person stands tallest when they stoop to help a child."

**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, rosemaling 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**

*Diocesan Ethics Conference: Death and Dying: Our Journey Toward Resurrection* - On Oct. 11, 2014, all health care professionals as well as all interested persons of the diocese are invited to attend the ethics conference at the Church of St. Mary in New Ulm, beginning at 8 a.m. with Holy Mass and concluding at 4 p.m. The conference will focus on end-of-life issues and will include presentations on the meaning of human suffering, how to harmonize end-of-life care with the Church's teaching on the dignity of the human person and the role of community resources such as counseling, hospice, palliative care, and health care directives. We ask you to pre-register by going to [www.dnu.org](http://www.dnu.org) and clicking on the Office of Family Life or by calling 507-233-5319. We look forward to seeing you there.

**THE ROOTS OF BLUEGRASS CONCERT**

Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel Chapel, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato. This concert will be a journey through America's Folk, Old-time, and Gospel Traditions with The ROSE Ensemble. Ticket price is \$15 (\$10 student/senior). More information and tickets can be found at [www.RoseEnsemble.org](http://www.RoseEnsemble.org) or 651-225-4340.

**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.

**ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - COMFREY  
ANNUAL PARISH SAUSAGE DINNER**

The celebration begins on Sunday, October 26 at 10 am Mass with the Polka Angels, followed by our famous sausage dinner served from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm. The menu includes sausage, mashed potatoes, gravy, homemade sauerkraut, green beans, pickles, applesauce, bread & butter and ice cream. Take-outs will be available. Ticket prices are \$10, children ages 6-12 \$5, preschool \$3.



**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.

