



“Has no one but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” Then He said to him, “Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.”

-St. Luke

I hope that you will hear these lines again this Wednesday evening and Thursday morning when you attend one of the Masses for the Feast of Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving is such a wonderful feast as it is such a good time of faith and fellowship and has been able to fend off consumerism; although “Black Friday” seems to be becoming “Black Thanksgiving Thursday”! Ugh!

The Gospel from St. Luke that we will be hearing proclaimed on Thanksgiving involves our Divine Lord healing ten lepers. Sadly, nine native sons of Israel walk away without expressing gratitude to the Son of God. Ironically, the only one who returns is one that perhaps even Jesus would not have suspected, a Samaritan, a foreigner!

The priest who is writing this is also a bit of a Samaritan, as I too am a “foreigner” of sorts in Mankato, as I am slowly approaching the half-of-a-year mark on December 30th. Maybe too, like the Lord, you might be surprised by this column, as I too want to return to these past months, to review (at least in part) in order to give thanks to God for the many blessings I have received through His Son, Jesus Christ!

I am grateful to Bishop LeVoir for the opportunity to spend part of last winter in Rome studying art and architecture and even more for his call on Holy Thursday morning informing me that I would be the 9th pastor of Holy Rosary.

I am grateful to Fr. Peter Nosbush for all that he did for the benefit of the parish both structurally and spiritually during the past 14 years. I think of him every time I open one of those beautiful windows in the rectory and look out at Mass at the stained glass windows and everything in between.

I am grateful to my brother priests of the Diocese of Winona and Mankato area that have been so welcoming and are such a joy to be working with in the vineyard of the Lord together!

I am grateful to the parishioners and staff of Holy Rosary for their wonderful, warm welcome on my arrival, and for the great response of you, the faithful at the installation Mass and the beautiful meal that was served. I am equally grateful to all that have brought me food and treats these past months and those of you that have already invited me into your homes, for the meals out, and all of your kind words and compliments.

I am grateful for all of the men that helped me in the rectory that involved moving, painting, fixing, staining, cleaning and varnishing (especially Charlie Shamp and Bill Fasnacht). I am also grateful to Tom Rieff from Green Care and his crew for all of the donated trees and shrubs, the

removal of the old landscaping and the many man hours that were put in on the parish grounds.

I am so grateful to the new and returning servers that have stepped forward to be open to the training and are doing such a fine job, as well as all those ministers that are assisting at the altar. I am especially grateful to the 30 souls that have stepped forward to help form a new choir at Holy Rosary. Of course I am grateful to Elaine Wolf who said “Yes”, when asked to direct our choir! Thank you!

I am grateful to your tremendous response in stewardship these past months to cover our many parish expenses, (especially as we strive to achieve our D.M.A. goal) and pray that your sound stewardship will continue for many years to come.

I am grateful for family and friends...and of course the faith. I am grateful for living in this picturesque part of our beautiful state, for a quiet evening walk on wide sidewalks and well-lighted streets, for an evening alone with the guitar, and the hope of everlasting life!!! Happy Thanksgiving everyone! Have a great day with your family and friends!

Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor

Stewardship of Treasure

Adult (152)	\$ 10,247.00
Electronic Giving	2,142.25
Junior	22.05
Plate	267.75
Building Rent	120.00
Stole Fees	70.00
Catholic United Financial Grant	500.00
Fuel Offering	10.00
CCW Exp. Reimbursement/Pop Machine Inc.	298.46
<u>All Saint's/Immaculate Concept Collection</u>	<u>130.00</u>

Grand Total \$ 13,807.51

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

Special Collections

Calvary Cemetery	\$ 10.00
Retirement for Relig./Mission/Cath. Relief	40.00

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“The best thing to give....

to your enemy is forgiveness

to an opponent, tolerance;

to a friend, your heart;

to your child, a good example;

to a father, deference;

to your mother, conduct that will

make her proud of you;

to all men. Charity. —Lord Balfour



STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your great stewardship this weekend! This week of course is our Diocesan Ministries Appeal weekend. Although last year Holy Rosary parish did not make her goal and the short-fall was taken from the parish coffers; I have every confidence that we will not only achieve this year's goal, but surpass the goal in order to assist our other two assessments that we must pay before the close of the fiscal year at the end of June 2015.

This is not the only weekend to give to the D.M.A. I will track our progress in the coming weeks on-line and let you know how we are doing. If everyone treats this appeal like "required reading" and not "recommended reading", we will do very well. If you have given in years past, would you give just slightly more? If you have never given anything to the D.M.A., would you at least give something this year? You have received an envelope in the mail. Additional envelopes will be left in the pew now and through the holiday season. Thank you in advance!!!

**DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL
THIS WEEKEND!**



This weekend is "Commitment Sunday" for the Diocese of New Ulm Annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Information packets and the Bishop's accompanying letter have been mailed out, so you should have received it by now. (I received mine in the mail.) Our parish goal has been set by the Diocese at \$27,708.85, and in addition to all the ministries the appeal supports at the Diocesan level, all gifts over our goal will go to support our Catholic School subsidy and our other Diocesan Assessments here at Holy Rosary.

The Diocesan Ministries Appeal offers us an opportunity to do our part to support the ministries that help to build the Church right here in the Diocese of New Ulm. This year's theme is: "*Rivers of Living Water will flow from within Him*". We become a part of the living water of Christ when we help provide ministries and services that no single parish could provide. Our need to achieve our goal is not only a spiritual but also a stewardship need. Whatever we do not achieve in our goal must be taken out of our parish funds. If you do not feel strongly to give to the needs of the Diocese, then please know that when you give, you are also supporting the needs of our local church!!! Thank you for your support in 2014!

THANKSGIVING MASSES

Can you believe that the Feast of Thanksgiving is only 4 days away? (And if Thanksgiving is so close on the calendar, Christmas cannot be far away!) I will be offering two Masses for Thanksgiving. In my past



pastoral experience, I found that many of the faithful appreciated a Mass for Thanksgiving the night before Thanksgiving Day. I will offer that Mass, on Wednesday, November 26th at 5:15 pm. The Ecumenical Service will be held at 7:00 pm. I will also offer a morning Mass on Thanksgiving at 8:00 am before I head out to my family.

HOLY LAND RELIGIOUS GOODS SALE

Are you stuck as to what to purchase for that "hard-to-buy" someone on your Christmas list? Are you thinking ahead for what you are going to buy for that young person who is going to be Confirmed or make their First Holy Communion this year? Maybe you are looking for the perfect wedding present? Next weekend a group of people are coming to sell beautiful, hand-carved olive wood religious articles from the Holy Land. I have worked with this group of people for many years. They are coming from Iowa and in every parish that I have served, the people have been most generous in purchasing their beautiful items for themselves or for others. All of their proceeds go towards assisting families of Christian descent that are still living in the Holy Land despite the pressures to leave as many Christians and Catholics are being persecuted. With Bethlehem and other parts of the Holy Land in continuous conflict, the number of pilgrims coming to the Holy Land is much smaller. Please plan to bring your wallet, purse and checkbook. These beautiful items will be on sale next weekend only!!!



MANKATO PASTORS MEET!



A week ago Friday, the four pastors of the greater Mankato area (Fr. John, Fr. Mariano, Fr. Tim and Fr. Paul) met at St. Joseph's rectory over lunch to discuss how to better work together and share some of our ministry responsibilities in our parishes both now and in the future. The four pastors were in full agreement that economically and spiritually it makes sense to work more closely together and share our ministries as much as possible. We are presently taking the first steps in addressing the daily Mass situation in the various institutions that we are presently serving outside of the parish liturgies. A letter is being drafted that will be going out to our care facilities and assisted living facilities that will take effect on January 1, 2015.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Please note that Holy Rosary Pastoral Council will be meeting this Monday, November 24th in Conference Room 1 at 7:00 pm. Materials will be handed out at the meeting. Thank you for your presence.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, November 23: 33rd Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**Note – Diocesan Ministry Appeal Weekend
3:00 pm – First Reconciliation – Church*

Monday, November 24: Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

8:10 am – Rosary in Church
8:30 am – Mass – +Wally Zellmer
9:15 am – Bible Study
7:00 pm – Pastoral Council Meeting – Conf. Room 1

Tuesday, November 25: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

8:10 am – Rosary in Church
8:30 am – Holy Communion Service

Wednesday, November 26: Weekday

8:15 am – Loyola Fitzgerald School Mass – Fr. Paul – St. Peter & Paul Church – +Joe & Martha Phillips
5:15 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Mass – +Willard & Edna Arndt

**6:00 pm – NO Parish Choir Practice
7:00 pm – Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service - Church 4 pm, 6 pm, 7:15 pm – NO Faith Formation*

Thursday, November 27: Weekday

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

7:40 am – Rosary in Church
* 8:00 am – Mass – +Aaron Ronberg
6:00 – 9:00 pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Friday, November 28: Weekday

**No Mass or Holy Communion Service
1:00 pm – Take down Thanksgiving/Decorate for Advent Worship Committee*

Saturday, November 29: Weekday

*Shepherd of the Field – Holy Land Rel. Article Sales
4:30 pm – Rosary in Church
5:00 pm – Mass – +Mary Depuydt

Sunday, November 30: 1st Sunday of Advent

*Shepherd of the Field – Holy Land Rel. Article Sales
7:30 am – Rosary in Church
8:00 am – Mass – +Bill Laven
9:15 am – Choir Practice (Choir Room)
9:30 am – Rosary in Church
10:00 am – Mass – +Thomas Lenart*

TIME TO CHANGE THE MISSALETTES

Volunteers are needed to change the Missalettes in Church on Monday, November 24th after Mass. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Please call the parish office if you are available to help. Thank you!!



Liturgical Roles – November 29-30

Lectors

5:00 pm: Marsha Murphy & Jim Theuninck
8:00 am: Linda Olson & Dolores Portz
10:00 am: Tim McGowan

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm: Kathy Frederickson, Nicole Hull Patrick & Wanda Hull Paul Stevens, Eileen Wadekamper
8:00 am: Margaret Ayers, Peter Backes Bernie Bastian, JoAnn Borchert Terri Compton, Mary Homan
10:00 am: Jackie Cesario, Brent Friedrichs Rick Gruber, Tim McGowan Dennis Haga, Sherry Henrickson

Altar Servers

5:00 pm: Reid & Riley Gruenes Mitchell Bigaouette
8:00 am: Haley & Andrew Kohrs, Matthew Helget
10:00 am: Elizabeth & Robbie Meidl, John Fink

Presentation of Gifts

Confirmation Candidates & Family

5:00 pm: Ellie Hoffman & Family
8:00 am: Kirby Fette & Family
10:00 am: Jordan Moore & Family

Ushers

5:00 pm: David Kreuzer, Maggie Bennett Paul Stevens, Tom Rheaume
8:00 am: Kurt Schroeder, Carl Steffensmeier Chris Sturm, Gary Zellmer
10:00 am: Scott McKissick, Kevin Mettler Shawn Reynolds, Chuck Schoettler

Music Ministry

5:00 pm: Julie Gruber /Jeanne Makela
8:00 am: Joe Kunkel/Vicki Galli
10:00 am: Tom Bachmann/Vicki Galli

FR. ED ARDOLF ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund is now at \$129,052.00. 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.

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

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	Margaret Mueller Family
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	Joan Bruels Family
Thursday	Susan Newville Family
Friday	No Mass
Saturday	Randy & Lana Rasmussen Family
Sunday	Jasper & Emma Currington 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, 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, Susan Zenk

Readings for the Week

Mon: Revelation 14:1-3,4b-5; Luke 21:1-4
Tues: Revelation 21:5-7; Matthew 10:28-33
Wed: Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19
Thurs: Revelation 18:1-2;21-23,19:1-3,9a; Luke 21:20-28
Fri: Revelation 20:1-4,11;21:2; Luke 21:29-33
Sat: Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36
Sun: Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

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 \$26,071.64
2. Annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal (D.M.A.)
 (*This will be taken up this November)
 DUE: \$27,708.85
 Pd. to Date: \$1,295.00
3. Loyola Catholic School Assessment:
 DUE: \$238,000.00
 Pd. to Date: \$68,500.00

Total Assessments 2014-2015: \$ 343,812.77
 Total Paid to Date 2014-2015: \$ 95,866.64

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE



The Annual North Mankato Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held at our parish, Holy Rosary, on Wednesday evening, November 26th, at 7:00 pm. Clergy and congregations from Belgrade Avenue Methodist Church, Messiah Lutheran Church and Crossview Covenant will be participating in this service along with Holy Rosary. Music will be provided by members of Holy Rosary and Belgrade Methodist Church. Come and give thanks to God and enjoy the fellowship in the lower hall afterward.

K OF C COUNCIL #5551 NEWS

- November 28 – 7 pm General Mtg. & Card Party
- November 28 – KC Raffle Drawing for Religious Education
- November 28 – Christmas Tree Lot Opens
- December 4 – Planning Meeting
- December 6 – 6 pm Parish Christmas Party & Meal
- December 18 – General Meeting



The Knights of Columbus will start selling fresh-cut Christmas trees at the lot next to the Holy Rosary rectory on Friday, November 28th from 10:00 am – 7:00 pm. Hours at the lot will be Saturdays/Sundays 9:00 am – 7:00 pm and Weekdays 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Please stop by!!

CALVARY CEMETERY WREATHS



Calvary Cemetery is now taking orders for Christmas Wreaths to be placed on your loved one's graves. For further information please go to www.calvarymankato.wordpress.com or call Terry Miller at 507-995-1010.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



Our prayers and best wishes go out to Dave and Mary Grams on the occasion of their 50th (Golden) wedding anniversary. What a wonderful spiritual accomplishment for another couple in our parish. Please be assured of our prayers and best wishes as a parish family for many more years of health, happiness and holiness. May God bless you both!!!

CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS TREES!

Thank you to all of you that donated your artificial trees for our use this year in our Christmas decorations for our sanctuary. We are still in need of a few more that will be used around the crib. Of course the question is being asked as to why we are using artificial as opposed to real? The reason is that our insurance provider, Catholic Mutual of Omaha, does not permit the use of lights in real trees. While some parishes might still hold this practice, (even in our Diocese of New Ulm), in the event of a fire, the parish property would not be covered.



SOUND OF MUSIC! SUPERB!



On Sunday evening I had the opportunity of seeing the “The Sound of Music” that was put on by our own Catholic School Students from Loyola. If you did not see the musical, you missed something special. The singing of “Maria” to the “Mother Superior” was second to none! From the “crew setting up” to the “choir of sisters singing Latin”, it was all so professionally done. A special word of credit goes out to the director Kim Rotchadl and all the volunteers that assisted her. You can be proud of presenting such a reverent and entertaining evening! Congratulations!!!!

SATURDAY NIGHT MASS TIME CHANGE NEXT WEEKEND!!



The Saturday night Mass time will be changing next Saturday, the First Saturday of Advent, November 29th, from 5:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Please remind, family, friends and neighbors. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

Thank you to those that responded to the parish request for additional Mass offerings and intentions. We are doing much better following our first appeal for the time being. However, we are still in need for more Masses in the near future. Please know that offering a Mass for a loved one is not reserved only for those that have



died but even more so for the living. The saints emphasized the great spiritual blessings that come to us when a Mass is offered for us and our intentions when we are still alive. Are you at a loss for giving a gift for Christmas, an anniversary, birthday or some other special occasion? Maybe praying the “Perfect Prayer” of the Mass would be the perfect gift. If you are interested in offering a Mass for a loved one, simply take an envelope, write your intention(s), and for each intention the Church asks for a \$10.00 offering. In this month of November, let us especially call to mind our dearly departed. Thank you so much!

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

The CCW and the Knights of Columbus will be hosting the 2nd Annual Parish Christmas Party on Saturday, December 6th following the 5:00 pm Mass. Stop down with the entire family for a pasta supper which will be provided along with games for the kids and a special visit from Santa himself!!



LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Did you know we have had two Golden Apple Award Teachers this year for excellence? Mr. Rundell and Mrs. Schaub in the Loyola High School Math Department.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS & PROGRAMS...Everyone is invited to attend the following concerts and Christmas programs celebrating the birth of Christ: *Monday, December 8, 7:00 P.M. – GC Campus Gym - Grade 5 Band, Grade 6 Band, 7th – 8th Grade Band, Concert Band. *Tuesday, December 16, 6:30 P.M. – SSPP Church – Grades 4-6 Christmas Program and Grades 7-8 Choir. *Thursday, December 18, 10:30 A.M. – GC Campus – PK Christmas Program. *Thursday, December 18, 9:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. – GC Campus – Grades K – 3 Christmas Program.

Attention All Loyola Alumni – Please join us for an Alumni Social on Wednesday, November 26th, from 5-7 pm at Pub 500. There will be a cash bar and complimentary hors d’oeuvres. Hope to see you all there!

ARE YOU SAVING REDEEMABLES? Loyola Catholic School benefits from you giving us such things as your Hy-Vee receipts (September 1, 2014 – May 15, 2015), Campbell Soup Labels, Milk Moola milk tops and Box Tops for Education. These things can be sent to any of the school offices. Thanks for your help!

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at Loyola Catholic School!



PRAYER CHAIN

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

**Worship Committee Minutes:
Holy Rosary Church
November 10, 2014**



The meeting was called to order by chairperson Cathy Neve at 7:00 pm. Nearly all members were in attendance and new members were welcomed. Father spoke briefly regarding the implementation of the Advent and Christmas seasons that are only weeks away.

Old Business: The choir is off and running. There are more than 25 members to the choir. More plan to join, but some are struggling with schedules, preventing them from coming to practices. Rehearsals will be at 6:00 pm in the choir room in school. Elaine Wolf will be the director and Sr. Adelyn will be the accompanist.

Server training is being done largely by Sr. Adelyn with some assistance of Deacon Russ. Father will train all of the servers for Christmas and Holy Week himself. Sister is still retraining the present servers. She has also trained several new servers. Fifth grade and other servers will be trained later in the new year.

The 10:00 am Mass for All Soul's was reviewed. Many favorable comments were expressed by the committee and the congregation. The church had a capacity crowd even with the choir loft full, even though the other two Masses were well attended. It was the decision of the committee to hold the Mass for the dead, every year on the first Sunday that falls in November as many people appreciated the Mass.

Lector and Eucharistic minister training was discussed. This has not been done for some time. Father wants to hold off until after Christmas as there are so many other things to do. All of the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist must be commissioned. All of the present terms have expired for some time. More details will be forthcoming. It was all agreed that a "Time and Talent Survey" needs to be done. Father will prepare a draft and bring it to the next Worship Committee meeting.

Fall decorating of the sanctuary was received with many compliments. Many people remember the church being decorated for the fall during the time when Fr. Ed Ardolf was pastor. Very little money was spent as nearly everything was donated. Some decorations will need to be moved to accommodate the ecumenical service on the eve of Thanksgiving. Decorations will also be taken down on Friday, November 28th, for the start of the Advent season.

Thank you goes out to those that are taking care of watering the flowers in the sanctuary from the committee. New Baptismal brochures were also purchased for parents and family to follow during the time of Baptism.

The Advent wreath was discussed. Real greens would be worked in as well as ribbons and colored glass with candle inside the glass.

The Holy Rosary Choir will be singing at the 10:00 am Mass for the first time since being formed.

Father asked the committee for direction on Penance Services during the Advent season.

"Shepherd of the Field" is a group of individuals who sell olive wood products to help Christians and Catholics still living in the Holy Land. Father has invited them to come on the weekend of November 29th and 30th. The committee suggested that the items would not be in the basement as no one will go downstairs but will shop if it is in the back of the church and is advertised and announced the weekend before.

Christmas was discussed at length. The committee was in full agreement that more decorations are what the parishioners are looking for in order to make it look more like the great feast that it is. The crèche will be moved to the right side of the high altar. A new altar cloth is being purchased for the high altar and matching with the main altar. (*These cloths may already have benefactors that will pay when the price is made available.) Two large permanent trees that are full lit will be added to the sanctuary. Poinsettias will be purchased from a different place this year that is more economical and where the parish purchased flowers for many years. Major decorating of the heavier pieces will take place before the 4th Sunday of Advent, with the finishing work and flowers being addressed after the Sunday Masses, earlier in the week.

The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday, November 26th at 7:00 pm. Two Masses will be offered for Thanksgiving at 5:15 pm and 8:00 am.

Future Business: Lent, Easter, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Time and Talent Survey, Eucharistic Minister Training and Commissioning.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with prayer. The next meeting has been set for January 26th at 6:30 pm.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

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.

