

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

*While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, He asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of baked fish; He took it and ate it in front of them."*  
-St. Luke



The post-resurrection stories are so mysterious and so magnificent at the same time! The resurrection of Christ is the epicenter of Christianity. Yet, the post-resurrection appearances of Christ were just that, "appearances", and not just ONE "appearance". Christ repeatedly appears as the risen Lord to different people and sometimes the same people, multiple times.

The various gospel writers also report these first appearances of Christ in different ways. John reports that Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene alone. St. Matthew reports that Jesus' empty tomb was revealed on the first Easter morning to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. St. Mark recalls that three women came to the tomb. St. Luke seems to imply that even a larger company of women came to the tomb.

What is so intriguing with this resurrection appearance on this Third Sunday of Easter is that Christ touches and takes in food in His resurrected body! The Lord actually makes use of material substance in His glorified body.

As I have been watching *A.D. The Bible Continues*, on Sunday evening, I cannot help but wonder where the Lord found clothing to cover His resurrected body and whether this resurrected body needs three regular meals a day?

Suffice it to say, it seems that, once we have been resurrected, we are not in need of as many possessions as we are with our "earthly" bodies. Unfortunately, we have this strange desire as human beings on the earth to acquire so many things as though we are already resurrected and are going to live forever.

In last week's bulletin I had published an article indicating that a garage sale was in order for the parish as well as to close with an auction. Upon further consultation, I was advised that the opposite would be a better arrangement. First, have an auction. Then, those smaller items that do not sell, could be placed in a garage sale on the following days.

In consultation with the parish leadership and a professional auctioneer, Jay Dailey, we will be hosting a parish auction on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, with the doors opening at 4:30 P.M. (rain or shine) in the school gym. The parish has so many quality household items, furnishings, etc. that we are not using and are still in great shape. (See the auction bill in this week's bulletin.)

WE WELCOME GOOD QUALITY ITEMS FROM YOU, THE FAITHFUL, THAT CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE COMING WEEKS AT THE PARISH OFFICE! PLEASE PRIORITIZE THE DATE AND COME FOR AT LEAST PART IF NOT THE ENTIRE EVENING. FOOD WILL BE SERVED AND ALL OF THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUBSIDY PAYMENTS AT LOYOLA!

I am most grateful to Frank and Connie Weber who will be donating the food for the event.

I have been going through my own personal things and have found a great deal of items that are very nice, but I no longer need and I am donating for the cause. I am trying to set the holy example and encourage you to go through your quality items that you have and have not used or looked at in the past year or longer. As I am bringing things over to the school, I only feel a sense of joy and relief that I no longer have to take care of these items! It truly does feel good to give! Less is certainly more! (We welcome good quality clothing for the garage sale as well.)

I am looking forward to May 13<sup>th</sup>. We already have a couple of rooms full of items and are looking for many more! Plan to donate and plan to come! Happy Easter!

*Rev. Paul van de Crommert, Pastor*

**INSTALLATION OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST!**

We recently received the letters of installation from the Diocese of New Ulm to "officially" install our Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist. While there is no "perfect" weekend when everyone is around, we have chosen the weekend of May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at all three of the Masses to install all Eucharistic Ministers who will be bringing Holy Communion to the sick as well as those who will minister the Holy Sacrament at Mass.



IF MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> and 3<sup>RD</sup> DOES NOT WORKOUT FOR YOUR PERSONAL SCHEDULE, WE WILL HAVE A FINAL INSTALLATION ON SATURDAY, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AT THE 5:00 P.M. MASS.

You will be asked to come forward after the homily and respond to the installation questions as a group before the altar. Sheets will be available at the all of the entrances both the first weekend and on the second Saturday weekend. If you cannot make either of these two weekends or four Masses, please call the parish office. Thank you!

**Stewardship of Treasure**

Adult (146)	\$ 7,982.50
Electronic Giving	4,321.25
Junior	72.60
Plate	231.26
Holy Thursday (Local Needy)	15.00
Good Friday (Holy Land Collection)	40.00
Easter	535.00
Faith Formation & VBS Tuition	287.00
Insert Printing	7.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,491.86</b>
<b>+ \$10.00 Memorial Money (G.T.) =</b>	<b>\$ 13,501.86</b>

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

**STEWARDSHIP**

Thank you for another great week of stewardship and especially as it is the Sunday after Easter! Normally, the collection on the Second Sunday after Easter, is substantially lower. Of course, this is all Good News as we continue to work on our subsidy reduction for the Catholic School and the Diocese. As I am writing this on Wednesday afternoon, we will be having a meeting this Wednesday evening as the parishes are being challenged financially by these large assessments. I pray that we might come to a reasonable and equitable solution for all those who are involved. Thank you for your great generosity to Holy Rosary!

**ELECTRONIC GOD GIVING**

Make your Sunday mornings more relaxing...

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**“God Giving” made easy....**

Call the parish office or visit

[www.holyrosarynorthmankato.com](http://www.holyrosarynorthmankato.com), and click on

“Electronic Giving” under the “About” tab, to get the necessary form.

It only takes 5 minutes to sign up!

**Receive a FREE “Subway” sandwich for signing up!**



**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

*“I know God. He is a father, a mother, who in order to be happy must have his child upon His knee, resting in His heart.”*

*- St. Anselm of Canterbury*

**PARISH AUCTION & RUMMAGE SALE  
- ITEMS WELCOME!**



A parish auction is being planned for Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars now! Please note the auction bill as part of this week’s insert. Now is the time to do some **SPRING HOUSE CLEANING!**

Less is more! **HOWEVER, WE ARE ASKING FOR GOOD TO EXCELLENT QUALITY ITEMS!** We **welcome household, shop equipment, really anything of good quality!** You may drop the items off at the school during office hours. It should be a fun evening with lots of food and fellowship. (\*Please read the “Pastor’s Comments” for full details about how this event is taking place. All the proceeds will go to reduce our assessment to Loyola and to make our stewardship goal. We already have a lot of nice things. Plan to come to the gym, rain or shine! **Find household items, furniture, appliances, antiques, decorations and much, much more!**

**Auction – Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> (School Gym)**

Viewing opens at 4:00 pm

Auction starts at 5:30 pm

We will have the grill going!

*All donations must be dropped off at the Parish Center by 12:00 pm Noon on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.*

**Rummage Sale (School Gym)**

**Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am to 4:00 pm.



*All donations must be dropped off at the Parish Center by 12:00 pm Noon on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.*

**CITY-WIDE CATHOLIC  
YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM**

This past Monday, four representatives from Holy Rosary, including myself as pastor, met along with two other parishes of the Mankato area to start concretely working out the details of hiring a full-time youth minister for our three parishes of St. John’s, St. Joseph’s and Holy Rosary. We had a very productive meeting and this Wednesday afternoon, (at another meeting) worked on the actual details of the job description. The enthusiasm of all those present was contagious! We hope to have this new Youth Director in place by July 2015. This person will be a great addition to our parish staffs as well as be a great evangelizer to our Catholic youth. I will keep you posted.

**The Week Ahead**

**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)
- 5:30 pm – Catholic School Capital Campaign Dinner at St. Anne’s in Wabasso (Fr. Paul attends)

**Monday, April 20: Easter Weekday**

- 8:05 am – Rosary
- 8:30 am – Mass - Henry Nowacki†
- 9:15 am – Bible Study (Conf. Rm. #1)
- 6:30 pm – Finance Council Meeting (Conf. Rm. #1)

**Tuesday, April 21: Easter Weekday**

- 8:05 am – Rosary
- 8:30 am – Holy Communion Service
- 7:00 pm – River of Life (Conf. Rm. 1)

**Wednesday, April 22: Easter Weekday**

- 8:05 am – Rosary
- 8:30 am – Mass - Deceased Members of the Michael & Elizabeth O’Donnell Family†
- 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

**Thursday, April 23: Easter Weekday**

- 10:15 am – Mass at Pathstone (Fr. Paul)  
- Living & Deceased Members of the Peter & Jelaine Schreiner Family
- 4:30 pm - Loyola Board of Trustees Meeting (Fr. Paul attends)
- 7:30 pm – K of C General Meeting

**Friday, April 24: Easter Weekday**

- 10:15 am – Mass at Monarch Meadows (Fr. Paul)  
- Joe & Martha Phillips

**Saturday, April 25: Saint Mark, Evangelist**

- 10:00 am - 11:00 am – First Communion Practice (Church)
- 4:30 pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 4:30 pm – Rosary
- 5:00 pm – Mass - Jan Schmidt†

**Sunday, April 26: Fourth Sunday in Easter**

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

**Liturgical Roles April 25-26**

**Lectors**

- 5:00 pm: Brian Eggersdorfer
- 8:00 am: Dolores Portz
- 10:00 am: Caroline McGowan

**Eucharistic Ministers**

- 5:00 pm: Mary Clare & Tom Wyrowski, Maggie Bennett, Kathy Frederickson, Karen Etzell, Rick Gruber
- 8:00 am: Jane Younge, Margaret Ayers, Arlyce Anderson, Bernie Bastian, Mary Beth Nygaard, Steve Caron
- 10:00 am: Ryan Howe, John Kuchinka, Steve Hlavac, Curt & Donna Stanke, Jackie Cesario

**Altar Servers**

- 5:00 pm: James Younge, Mitchell Bigaouette, Zachary Eggersdorfer
- 8:00 am: Danny Collins, Ben & Lauren Cahalan
- 10:00 am: Jordan & Jaiden Moore, Elaine Adams

**Presentation of Gifts**

- 5:00 pm: Kent & Marilyn Durenberger
- 8:00 am: Steven & Sharon Lenz
- 10:00 am: First Communicants

**Ushers**

- 5:00 pm: Larry Bennett, Steve Enderle, Tom Rheume, Paul Stevens
- 8:00 am: Carl Steffensmeier, Bill Fasnacht, Craig Amundson, Chris Sturm
- 10:00 am: Jim Barker, Brent Friedrichs, Steve Fink, Glenn Verschelde

**Music Ministry**

- 5:00 pm: Joe Kunkel/Jeanne Makela
- 8:00 am: Tom Bachmann/Vicki Galli
- 10:00 am: Youth Choir/Kathy Jo Johns/Jeanne Makela

**Rosary Leaders**

- 5:00 pm: Paul Stevens
- 8:00 am: Margaret Ayers
- 10:00 am: Curt & Donna Stanke

**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 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 P.M.**
- \*Worship Committee – May 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30 P.M.
- \*Pastoral Council – May 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 P.M.
- \*These two meetings will be the final meetings until next September.*

**CCW UPCOMING EVENTS**

**April 25** - NDUCCW convention at St. Aloysius, Olivia. Registration forms in parish office.

**May 4, 6:00 p.m.** - Potluck church basement, followed by guest speakers Paul & Arlene Renshaw. Paul is president of the Mankato Area Fair Trade Town Initiative (MAAFTTI).

**K of C Council #5551 News**

- April 23 - General Meeting
- April 24-25 - Tootsie Roll Fund Raiser
- May 2 - Highway Cleanup at 8:30 am



**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**

Ruth Fitterer, 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** Mike & Janell Sipe
- Tuesday** No Mass
- Wednesday** Timothy & Marya Flynn
- Thursday** Joel & Shawna Mueller
- Friday** Robert & Beverly Nickels
- Saturday** Steven & Janice Riegert
- Sunday** Michael & Gillian Roberts

**FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY**

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| 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 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
- Tues:** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
- Wed:** Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
- Thurs:** Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
- Fri:** Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
- Sat:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
- Sun:** Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

**HOLY ROSARY FINANCE COUNCIL - THIS MONDAY!**

Holy Rosary's Finance Council is meeting this week on Monday at 6:30 P.M. in Conference room one! Our last meeting was missing many members. We have an important meeting to discuss securing our parish assets legally with an attorney from the Twin Cities as our guest. This legal consultation is being encouraged by the Bishop of New Ulm. We will also be discussing our rental procedures for those outside of our parish community wishing to rent our facility. We hope to see you all there as some important decisions need to be made!

**KC NEW MEMBER CEREMONY!**

This coming **Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**, Council 5551 of the Knights of Columbus will be holding a **new member initiation ceremony** in the basement of Holy Rosary church beginning at 6:30 pm.



Any and ALL men who have been wanting to step forward and do great things for their church, families, and world around them are invited to attend! We need you guys! Now is the time to step up and live your faith! Any Knight will be happy to give you the simple paperwork we need you to complete prior to Thursday's ceremony. **See a Knight after mass this weekend or Call 507-317-0723 or 507-304-1275 to be included next Thursday!**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

Holy Rosary Vacation Bible School will be June 8-12, 2015 from 8:00 A.M. until 11:30 A.M. for Preschool (must be 4 years old) - 5th grade. The cost this year will be \$30.00. For more information, contact Sue Cashman at 345-6765.



**OPTIONS FOR WOMEN | MANKATO OPEN HOUSE**

You are cordially invited to attend the Open House of Options For Women | Mankato on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.OptionsMankato.org)



*Holy Rosary donated 39lbs of food to the ECHO food shelf on 4-15-15. Thank You!*



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MACS Nite 2015!**  
**MACS Nite** is on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 24.

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.

**Congratulations!**

~to Dugan Bradley, Luke Haefner, and Shane Price who participated in the **State Knowledge Bowl** competition on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

~to **Loyola's Speech Team** members **going to State**: Adam Schwartz, Sonya Benzmilller, Shane Price, Sean Willaert, Will Cipos, Elaine Adams, and Isabel Zwaschka.

Loyola second graders participated in their **annual "Bread of Life Retreat"** on April 9<sup>th</sup>, an entire day dedicated to prayer and activities (making bread, touring the Sisters' Chapel, art projects and songs) in anticipation of First Holy Communion.

Loyola third graders spent April 9<sup>th</sup> at Gustavus Adolphus College, interacting with students in **Science department**. They participated in activities planned by the Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Geology departments, visited the Arboretum, and toured the Chapel.

On April 10<sup>th</sup> Primary students enjoyed **"Everyday Leaders"** presented by McRooney Entertainment, sponsored by our local McDonalds stores. Students learned that everyone can be a leader by inspiring others to do their best.

**AdvancEd Worldwide** has rescheduled our accreditation visit for May 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>.



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**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 \$ 63,868.11

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: \$ 149,658.68

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Total Assessments 2014-2015: \$ 343,812.77  
 Total Paid to Date 2014-2015: \$ 257,547.79  
**Total Assessments Due 2014-2015: \$ 86,264.98**  
 (\* Total includes D.M.A. overrun)

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This week we paid an additional \$3,000.00 to our Loyola Catholic School system as well as the monthly Diocesan assessments that came to \$5,425.17. The biggest bills that we pay at Holy Rosary is money that goes to our outreach ministries and obligations. Thank you for your relentless giving!

**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.

**SPRING BRUNCH**

The Church of Nativity in Cleveland will be hosting a Spring Brunch on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. The menu includes sausage, hot beef sundaes, ham slices, scrambled eggs, cheese hash browns, pasta salad, fresh fruit cup, assorted sweets, juice and coffee. \$10.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 10 and under, and FREE for preschool.



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**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2015 • 9:00 AM - NOON  
 IN THE BASEMENT OF ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

LOCATED AT 632 SOUTH BROAD STREET, MANKATO MN  
 (LOWER LEVEL OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH)

**FREE WILL OFFERING**  
(Suggested donation: \$5 per person with \$10 family)

PROCEEDS WILL GO TO SUPPORT THE  
 St. Thomas More Catholic  
 Newman Center

**MENU**

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



**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](http://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](http://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](mailto:cfier@dnu.org) or 507-233-5328.

**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 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](http://southmnwwme.org) or contact John & Mary Beth at [applications@southmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@southmnwwme.org) or 507-838-8178.

**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY  
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The mission of the American Cancer Society is to help people stay well, help people get well, find cures and help individuals fight back against cancer. The **Road To Recovery** program needs volunteers to drive cancer patients in our community to and from their treatments. Volunteer's need to have a safe, reliable vehicle, a current driver's license, proof of automobile insurance, a good driving record, availability during the day and a desire to help someone in need. If you are interested, please call **1-800-227-2345** and become a volunteer driver.

**FROM THE MANKATO SERRA CLUB**

IN TALKING WITH YOUR CHILDREN, have you neglected to raise the call to Church ministry? The process of answering God's call begins in childhood. Throughout adolescence and adulthood, the attitudes assumed in childhood begin to influence the course of one's life. A vocation or a talent will not grow to fruition unless it is nurtured in childhood and adolescence by a parent. Often children talk about what they want to be "when they grow up": doctors, lawyers, athletes, nurses, movie stars, teachers, carpenters. They may talk about these roles, but do they ever talk about being a priest, sister or brother? You are the hand of God, encourage your children to consider Church ministry.



A VOCATION MUST BE NURTURED for a lifetime, not just until ordination or the taking of vows. You can help nurture the vocations of priests, sisters and brothers by praying, listening, and expressing appreciation. A life of service needs support from those served.

A STUDY COMMISSIONED by the Knights of Columbus revealed that 75% of Catholic young people who had seriously considered religious life felt they were never encouraged to pursue that goal. Do you know someone who would make a good priest? Why not tell him so? Your encouragement may be all he needs.

**BLESSED JUNIPERO SERRA, will be canonized in Sept by Pope Francis**, the Franciscan priest who founded nine of California's missions, was a model of perseverance and strong faith. Despite a chronic foot infection, Serra walked more miles in his career than the expeditions of Lewis and Clark and Marco Polo combined, all to spread the Good News. It was perhaps providential that the founders of Serra International, the organization of lay Catholics who promote vocations, chose Fr. Junipero Serra as their patron in 1935. Now, even more than then, the work of promoting vocations requires perseverance and strong faith. Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood, sisterhood, and brotherhood, and for the canonization of Blessed Junipero Serra. *Presented by The Mankato Serra Club for priestly and religious vocations for more information call 507.696.8119.*

