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HOLYROSARYNORTHMANKATO

**June 27, 2021**

*Thirteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*



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

## the Quill and the Cloth

*“For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of His own nature He made him. But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world, and they who belong to his company experience it.”*

*-First Reading from the Book of Wisdom*



I had the opportunity last weekend to experience connecting with folks who I have known before my ordination. It was good to connect with those people from my past. Unfortunately, it is always a stark reminder that time does not stand still, even though it might seem to be so when one is doing the routine work of religion as a pastor in a parish, saying Masses month in and month out, and doing the daily desk work of administration week in and week out.

Whenever I step away from my work, and I have a bit of time on my hands, I begin to think or reflect way too much in my mind. For example, as I was driving home on Tuesday afternoon, it dawned on me that in less than two years, all three of my older brothers will have all passed their 66<sup>th</sup> year of life and will be as old or older than our Father when he stopped farming and officially retired. In speaking with some of my priest friends, in two to three years, almost a quarter of our ordination class would be eligible to retire, since they were ordained at an older age (than the traditional 20 something), and will have passed their 70<sup>th</sup> year!

A former parishioner whom I met 34 years ago when I served as a seminarian here at Holy Rosary for three months with the late Ed Ardolf, and whom I stayed in touch with along with his wife; mused with me when he turned 65 years old. He had said in words similar to these: *“I love the thought of retiring at the age of 65. I just don’t like what is coming after retirement!”* Of course, this fine fellow was speaking

of the finality of life, namely death!

Believe it or not, the key word, or dare I say the Good News word this weekend on this (maybe unlucky) 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time is *DEATH!* Wow! In the First Reading from the Book of Wisdom, we are reminded that *death entered the world as the result of the devil.* We read, *“But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world.”* Psalm 30 speaks of God bringing the person *“up from the netherworld.”* That is a nice and poetic way for the psalm to speak about death. In the Second Reading from St. Paul, we hear about the *“poverty”* that Christ took on while on this earth in order that *“you might become rich.”* Of course, the greatest poverty Christ experienced on earth was not the loss of money but the loss of mortality through death itself, in order that our *“richness”* would be the reward of everlasting life.

Finally, in today’s Gospel from St. Mark, we hear in this long Gospel about the synagogue official named Jairus, whose daughter is at *“the point of death,”* as well as a story sandwiched in between about an unnamed woman who is experiencing an unimaginable kind of *living death* through continuous bleeding. She is so desperate that she does something a woman was forbidden to do in biblical times; she touches a man in public. In this case, the unnamed woman touches the clothing of Christ and is miraculously healed. An equally happy ending occurs with the daughter of Jairus who has just died, but who Jesus touches, by taking her hand, brings the young girl back to life and tells the family simply to give her *“something to eat.”*

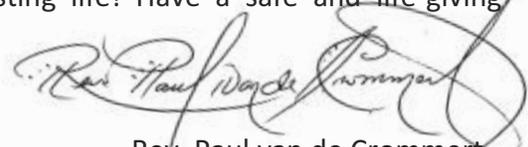
*Beginning next weekend, the bishops have told us that we are now under obligation to attend Mass again each week* under the pains of sin and to avoid eternal death due to missing Mass through our own fault, which the Church still teaches today is a *“deadly”* mortal sin. *(I know, some of you do not believe this to be true, but it is still our Catholic teaching in 2021!)*

While our earthly existence will end through death as we continue to age, eternal existence and eternal life is a distinct possibility if we believe and

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*("The Quill and the Cloth" continued...)*

hold fast to the faith and the teachings of Christ's bride the Church! Just as mysterious as the moments of our life which pass so quickly, as well as the Messiah in that miraculous moment when He tells the man Jairus and his wife to give their daughter something to eat after bringing her back from the dead; so too we have come back from this deadly pandemic. The most recent statistics reveal that this deadly pandemic has taken the lives of nearly 4 million people world-wide, including more than 600,000 Americans. More than ever, we too need to be fed, not only with community activity and events, but for us as Roman Catholics, to be fed the Holy Eucharist that will enliven our spirits in this life and one day, after our death, give us the spiritual strength to share in a life where there will be no more death, namely, everlasting life! Have a safe and life-giving week!



Rev. Paul van de Crommert  
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**Stewardship of Gratitude**  
**6/20/21**

**Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary**

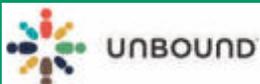
<b>Adult Contributions</b>	\$4,018.00
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<b>Junior Collection</b>	\$29.75
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<b>Weekly Offering Total</b>	<b>\$7,362.17</b>
<i>Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,300.00</i>	
<b>Bridging the Gap</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Additional Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$77.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$7,439.17</b>
<i>Total weekly stewardship goal is set at \$13,200.00</i>	

**Thank you for your gifts of gratitude to God!**  
**May God reward your generous spirit!**

**Stewardship of Gratitude**

**Let's Honor The Lord With Our Giving**

*"Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly.  
And whoever sows generously will also reap generously."  
2 Corinthians 9:6*

**Thank You From Unbound**

I am most grateful to carry home with me fond memories of your beautiful parish and loving community. Most importantly, I carry back with me 11 sponsorship forms - meaning there are that many more children, youth, and elderly who have a future that suddenly has become brighter.

You can still become a sponsor by using the Unbound form from last weekend, or go to [unbound.org/myoutreach/frhackenmueller](http://unbound.org/myoutreach/frhackenmueller) to choose a child, youth, or elder to sponsor. Thank you on behalf of the newly sponsored and thank you for a pleasant stay in your community.

Sincerely in Christ from Unbound,  
Father Jerry Hackenmueller



## The Week Ahead

### Monday, June 28th: Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

12:00 pm - Mass - Bill Fetter†

7:00 pm - **Finance Council Meeting** - Lower social hall

### Tuesday, June 29th: SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Private Mass - Eileen Riley†

### Wednesday, June 30th: [The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church]

10:00 am - Mass @ Oak Terrace - Fabian Ritter†

12:00 pm - Mass - John Drummer†

### Thursday, July 1st: [Saint Junípero Serra, Priest]

12:00 pm - Mass - Dale Roberts†

### Friday, July 2nd: Weekday

12:00 pm - Mass - Tony Willaert

### Saturday, July 3rd: Saint Thomas, Apostle

5:00 pm - Mass - People of Holy Rosary Parish

### Sunday, July 4th: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am - Mass - Gina Sandbo†

10:00 am - Mass - Juliette Shamp†

*(\*\*Please note the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after any daily Mass as well as following all of the Masses on the weekend.\*\*)*

## Ministry Schedule July 3rd & 4th



#### Rosary Leader:

5:00 pm Mary Braam

8:30 am Arlyce Anderson

10:00 am Jeanette Barsness

#### Lector:

5:00 pm Mary Clare Wyrowski

8:30 am Linda Olson

10:00 am Nancy Holden

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

5:00 pm Pat & Wanda Hull

8:30 am Arlyce Anderson, Michelle Ellingsworth

10:00 am Maxine Davis, Ryan Howe

#### Ushers:

5:00 pm Steve & Barb Enderle

8:30 am Donna Wenkel, Bill Fasnacht

10:00 am Bob Wegscheid, Doug Helget

#### Music Ministry:

5:00 pm Vicki Galli/Cindy Gawrych

8:30 am Kurt Schroeder/Julie Gruber

10:00 am Vicki Galli/Jenny Chelstrom

## Upcoming Parish Events



- **Finance Council Meeting** - Monday, June 28th, 7:00 pm, Lower social hall
- **Summer Spirituality Splash** - Wednesday - July 7th, 6:30 pm, home of Pat & Karen Zenk, 16 Sarah Circle, North Mankato
- **Summer Spirituality Splash** - Wednesday - July 21st, 6:30 pm, home of Gary & Mary Zellmer, 1591 Sharon Dr., North Mankato
- **Summer Spirituality Splash** - Wednesday - August 4th, 6:30 pm, home of Bob & Barb Wegscheid, 149 Creekside Dr., Mankato
- **Education Committee Meeting** - Wednesday, August 11th, 6:30 pm, Lower Church Hall
- **Summer Spirituality Splash** - Wednesday - August 18th, 6:30 pm, home of Blaine & Teresa Kolstad, 508 Wood Dr., Mankato
- **Mass in the Park** - Sunday, September 19th, 10:00 am, Wheeler Park



## "In the Neighborhood" Summer Spirituality Splash

Come as a family! Come as a couple! Come by yourself! Meet the people from our parish that attend a different Mass than you normally attend. If you live in the neighborhood, and even if you don't live in the neighborhood and you want to come for a 35-45 minute Mass beginning at 6:30 P.M, followed by a light meal and social, we would love to have you attend. The following are the dates, hosts, and addresses:

**Wednesday, July 7th - 6:30 P.M.**

**Pat & Karen Zenk**

**16 Sarah Circle, North Mankato**

**Wednesday, July 21st - 6:30 P.M.**

**Gary & Mary Zellmer**

**1591 Sharon Dr., North Mankato**

**Wednesday, August 4th - 6:30 P.M.**

**Bob & Barb Wegscheid**

**149 Creekside Dr., Mankato**

**Wednesday, August 18th - 6:30 P.M.**

**Blaine & Teresa Kolstad**

**508 Wood Dr., Mankato**



**Rockin' on the Hill**

Join us Saturday, July 17, 2021 for Rockin' on the Hill, supporting Loyola Catholic School. Featuring great live music, food trucks, spirits, pull tabs and more! Get your tickets online at [www.rockinonthehill.com](http://www.rockinonthehill.com) or at any Mankato Hy-Vee or Cub Foods locations. Gates open at 4:30pm; 5:00pm Tyler Herwig; 6:00pm Them Pesky Kids; 8:00pm HEADLINER Viva Knieval. Mankato Brewery will once again be creating their one-of-a-kind Lemonade Rhubarb Beer. The rhubarb is hand picked from the gardens of Good Counsel Hill. Come and enjoy a taste of summer!

**Advancement News:** Loyola is hosting an alumni gathering prior to Rockin' on the Hill on July 17th. Come join the fun at 4:00 PM and reconnect with your classmates and friends! Want to have your class reunion at the concert? Contact Matt Fink or Brian Thomas at (507) 388-0600 for more information.

**Admissions/Enrollment:** Applications are still being accepted, and financial aid is still available. Schedule a tour today! Please contact Kerstyn Cafarelli at [admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org) or 507-386-5399 with any questions.

**Employment opportunities:** Loyola is currently accepting applications for the following positions: Full time high school English teacher; Part time morning bus driver: Loyola will soon be offering bus service to some of our students outside of the District 77 bus routes. We are seeking a driver for the morning route, with the potential of adding an afternoon route. \$18 per hour; Loyola will pay for a driver to get licensed. For more information, please contact Trudi Clements, 507-388-0606. For more information regarding open positions, please see Loyola's website: [www.loyolacatholicschool.org](http://www.loyolacatholicschool.org).

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**This Week's Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
*Richard Boruff Family*

**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!

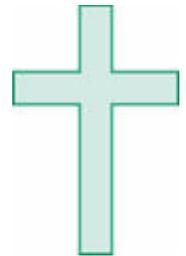
**For Those Who Are Ill & Special Needs**

Arnie & Eileen Wadkamper, Mary Kelly, Ruth Fitterer, Steve Fitterer, Dave Neubert, Anne Doyle, Kathy Fredrickson, Jerry Winters, Kimberly Wegscheid, Karen Etzell, Nancy Elibert, Marion Giefer, Joan Karpinsky, Marilyn Rieff, Lester Kopp, Bob Meyer, Margaret Goettlicher, Bob Meyer, Mary Helen Kennedy, Leroy Gappa

**Home Visitation: If you wish to have yourself or a loved one receive the sacraments, Holy Communion or a personal pastoral visit, please call our coordinator, Lorraine Klaseus at 507-388-4932**

**For Our Families**

- Monday** Rita Townsend
- Tuesday** Ronald Schulz
- Wednesday** Mary Krenik
- Thursday** Joseph & Christine Michaletz
- Friday** Kevin & Lynn Koenings
- Saturday** Ken & Brenda Keenen
- Sunday** Lois Gag



**For Those in the Military**

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|---------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Nick Blace    | Matt McGraw         | William Backes |
| Jared Hiniker | Christopher Schmidt | Ben Barsness   |
| Dana Schiller | Anna Drummer        | Timothy Eick   |
| Mark Hansen   |                     |                |

**Prayer Chain**



If you have a short term prayer request or prayer of thanksgiving for our prayer chain to pray for, please call Teresa Kolstad at 327-9810.

**This Week's Readings**

- Mon: Gn 18:16-33/Mt 8:18-22 (377)
- Tues: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19 (591) Pss Prop
- Weds: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Mt 8:28-34 (379)
- Thurs: Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8 (380)
- Fri: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Mt 9:9-13 (381)
- Sat: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29 (593) Pss Prop
- Sun: Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a (101) Pss II

**Education Committee Minutes**  
**Holy Rosary Church**  
**June 9, 2021**

The Holy Rosary Education Committee was called to order at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. in the church social hall. The meeting opened with prayer that was led by Father. The past minutes of the previous July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020, meeting were reviewed and approved. The agenda was approved with no further additions.

**Pastor's Comments:** It has been a strange year academically, as the faith Formation program started out with some catechists, and the idea that the liturgy would break up for a short time during the homily into small groups in the classrooms during "Liturgy and Lessons," while Father would talk to the parents and teach them some aspect of the faith, in keeping with the gospel of the day. Unfortunately, Covid-19 cut into this plan, and so plans resulted in just having Mass in the main church for the lower and upper grades, alternating every other week. Father then geared his sermons toward the students with visuals, songs, etc. The attendance was remarkably good. Many times the church was loosely half to a third filled. An indication that we were able to continue to pass on the faith, in spite of the difficult climate, was that the stewardship of our junior offerings held almost equal to the past years. Faith Formation however, dropped considerably, as the amount was reduced and there were fewer students participating. There is a great deal of work that still needs to be done to get the younger generation to return to the Mass and the sacraments on a regular weekly basis following the pandemic. Two Education Committee meetings were held last summer to prepare for this past academic year. Some parents found the Wednesday night gatherings as a positive experience and hoped these youth Masses would continue in some form in the future. Father is hoping to have a "Liturgy and Lessons" at least once a month throughout the year for the lower and the upper grades next year. First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion was done individually, and has proven to also be a positive experience. The majority of the second and third graders have now made their First Holy Communions. The experience has given Father the opportunity to visit

with the families preparing for the sacraments one-on-one, which has been very positive. Some parents expressed that they liked be able to choose the weekend that worked for them for celebrating First Holy Communion. Some students felt the individual celebrations were more personable. Some families felt that it was special to have First Holy Communion all together as a class. Perhaps a combination could be done next year of students celebrating Holy Communion individually, and then gathering the whole class together in May for perhaps May crowning? Father confirmed the last class of Confirmation students of nearly 25 young men and women in November in the absence of a bishop. Some of the students indicated that they liked the fact that the priest who taught them also confirmed them, as they did not feel as nervous as when a bishop, who they do not really know very well, would normally come to confirm them. The church was loosely filled for Confirmation while the parish was still in the depths of the pandemic, but the students were very good in limiting their guests. Father also held a meeting recently with the potential Confirmation class of next year's 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders. The response at first was slow, but about two thirds of the potential students attended the initial meeting. Some other parents and students had conflicts, so the event was recorded, and some parents did not respond to the letter, the bulletin announcements, or even a personal phone call. Father will try to make contact with the remaining families this summer. Presently, the parish has about 75 students that are registered in the parish but do not attend Faith Formation, even prior to the time of the pandemic. In spite of the pandemic, a lot has happened in the formation of the faith and hopefully a good deal of spiritual progress. Some parishes had Faith Formation classes online. Father spoke to a couple of pastors who felt online learning started out well, but requires discipline, and as the academic year progressed, the participation in those parishes dramatically declined.

**Faith Formation Business: *Registration Form and Parent Letter:*** It was discussed and decided to send out the registration and parent letter for all students in grades 1-8 in the middle of August. Father will be sending a separate packet to the Confirmation

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### Education Committee continued...

candidates and their parents earlier in the summer.

**Faith Formation Tuition:** It was agreed that the tuition for Faith Formation will remain the same as it was prior to the pandemic. The cost will be \$35/student for Preschool/Kindergarten; \$55/student for grades 1-6; \$65/student for grades 7-10, with a family maximum of \$150. The total tuition taken in for the 2019-2020 academic year came to \$5,970.00. This year, for the academic year of 2020-2021, the total tuition (*including a \$300.00 Knights of Columbus donation*) came to \$3,160.00, or a financial drop of more than \$2,500.00 was due largely to the pandemic. **Catechists for 2021-**

**2022:** Father is beginning the process of seeking out new and returning catechists for the fall term. Father will begin with those volunteers who have taught in the past, and then if needed, to recruit new candidates for the remaining positions. Some of the Education Committee members affirmed at the meeting their desire to teach again in the lower grades. **Fall Semester**

**Schedule:** It was agreed to begin the first semester in the middle of September. It was agreed to begin with an Opening Mass/Open House along with some type of social event involving food. Father asked when the specific start up time might be, as the opening date will shape the entire fall semester schedule. Again this year, only the first semester schedule will be given to grades 1-8, but a full schedule will be given to the Confirmation students with the understanding that the year-long schedule is tentative. **A date of Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> has been set for the opening Mass for grades 1-10, along with their families. The deadline for fall registration for Faith Formation will take place at that time.** **Textbooks:** The committee agreed to continue the textbook series that the parish had been using in recent years. **"Liturgy and Lessons":** The education committee agreed that there were favorable comments expressed by parents and families regarding Father's bi-weekly liturgy and lessons that were held for grades 1-8. However, these Masses will only be held once a month for grades 1-4 and 5-8 respectively. Parents will be required to be in attendance as dismissal will take place at the church. **First Reconciliation/First Holy**

**Communion:** Nearly all of the students in grades 2-3 have celebrated their First Reconciliation and First Holy

Communion over the past academic year. Many parents liked the versatility of choosing their own date for First Holy Communion. Some parents felt it was special to come together as a group. The committee agreed that individual First Holy Communions would again be held next year and that the entire class would come together with their First Holy Communion outfits in May on the occasion of May Crowning at the 10:00 A.M. Mass. **Confirmation 2022:** Two-thirds of the students in the parish who are eligible for confirmation are signed-up and/or have already attended a preliminary parent/student meeting. The committee agreed to look at the remaining names and to see if they could speak to them as a means of evangelization to encourage them to be part of this important time of Faith Formation. (*\*For one third of this remaining group, the parish does not have a listed phone number.*) Father shared that when the parents at the Confirmation gathering were asked if they wished to have class on Wednesday or Sunday, the families were almost nearly divided down the middle. One of the Education Committee members who had just gone through the program, stated that parents do not understand how busy high school can become, and how students have homework and activities on Wednesday nights. The committee recommended to Father to leave the bi-monthly classes on Sunday as was done last time Confirmation classes were held. The members also stated it is difficult to please everyone's schedule all of the time. **Vacation Bible School:** There was no Vacation Bible School this summer, but it will return for the summer of 2022. Leadership for this event has already been secured. **Youth Ministry:** The Education Committee agreed that the focus right now would be to get a Faith Formation program off and running after the pandemic and to perhaps have some activities (if possible) as the school year progresses. **Next Meeting:** The next Education Committee meeting will be held on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. in the lower social hall. The meeting closed with prayer.



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