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 HOLYROSARYNORTHMANKATO

**August 22, 2021**  
*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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

## the Quill and the Cloth

***“Many of Jesus’ disciples who were listening said, “This saying is hard; who can accept it?”...As a result of this, many of His disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied Him. Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you also want to leave?” Simon Peter answered Him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”***

***-St. John***



My Mother often wisely said, “People change!” And, while people can change for the better, they often change for the *not so better*, or dare I say, the worse. You see it in families. You see it in the family of faith. You see it among friends and folks that you work with in the business world.

But there are also people that I see and have known for many years, sometimes decades, that are as stable and certain as the sun shining every morning in the eastern skies. What changes people for the better? ***I would say that when we change and become better, it is through the grace of our Blessed Lord. But when we change for the worse, it is because we succumb to our own wants and wishes (dare I say sins), and we have taken over the steering wheel in our life rather than allowing the Savior to drive.*** When we start steering our own spiritual ship, our soul is at the mercy of whatever we might come across, any new philosophy we might find, any new trend we want to take up.

***Show me someone that seems solid and immovable in his or her beliefs in the faith, and I will show you a person that is stable in their relationships with their Savior, their faith, their family, and their friends. These are the people that, in so many respects, seem unchanging through the passage of time. Show me someone who is non-practicing, careless or casual (at best) with the practice of their faith, and I will show you someone that has changed, and usually, if not always, not for the better.***

I know I speak a fair amount about my own family, but it is what I know best. I think back to my parents, who in many respects were unchanging in their relationship with their children, with one another, and their Catholic faith. Yet, as I look upon my own immediate family, some have

changed radically while others are pretty much the same in personality and temperament and practice of the faith as they were 30 or more years ago. In the case of my own family, why did some members change and others seemed rather changeless in their relationships and how they viewed life and their life of faith? The answer is simple: RELIGION! From a non-scientific point of view, but a spiritual one, it seemed that those who went to Mass weekly and had a spiritual life; they seemed to be less troubled, more content, less upset, or irritated at others, less likely to hold grudges, and more settled than those in the family that were the “Occasional Catholics,” or as we say today, “Cultural Catholics.” It seems that many on the margins of faith (even if they go regularly to Mass) always seem to have a beef about someone else’s behavior, always thinking it is somebody else’s fault, but never seem to own any responsibility.

As I walk through the mall here in Mankato, or Wal-Mart, or even Target, I like to people watch. If I dress casually in just a pair of blue jeans and dress shirt, I feel I have over-dressed. People no longer seem to be dressing casually, but actually...well beyond casual. From exotic hair styles, to bodily piercings and tattoos, these radical changes in appearance are a cry for identity. ***These radical changes in appearance are a cry to change oneself into something or someone that is part of a group. So many in the western hemisphere have given up religious identity only to replace it with a new kind of secular religion that often involves a radical identity. The need to belong in the human condition is greater than ever, and today this basic human need to belong comes out in all sorts of unusual ways.***

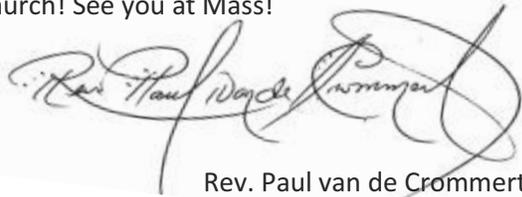
In today’s readings, it is all about loyalty or, dare I say, conformity. I know, conformity is a bad word in this age of relativism, personal expression, and the 1960’s motto that is still popular today: “I GOTTA BE ME!” So, when the Lord introduces to them the Eucharistic theology of eating flesh and drinking blood, the crowd changes and turns on their tailcoats and walks away from the Lord. ***Why did the crowds walk away, but the apostles remained with Jesus? The answer is simple. The apostles had a deeper and more committed relationship with the Lord. Many in the crowds had a distant and more shallow relationship. The answer is really as simple as that. I have always been amazed at how people can so quickly walk away from their Catholic faith or for that matter their parish of origin. It has everything to do with a more distant relationship with the person of Christ and the community***

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

**of faith.**

**Christ is unchanging! The Church is unchanging! The Creed is unchanging!** So too, we must be unchanging in the ways of faith, so that we will not chase after every newest idea, fad, or false gospel that comes along. As my patron saint, Paul, writes to the Galatian community these words: **"...But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary (or changed) to that which you have received, let him be accursed."** (Galatians 1: 8-9)

May we stay always unchanging in both our personality and practice of the faith with God and with others. May you remain steadfast and loyal to Christ and His Holy Church! See you at Mass!



Rev. Paul van de Crommert  
Pastor



**Stewardship of Gratitude**  
**8/15/21**

**Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary**

<b>Adult Contributions</b>	\$5,895.00
<b>Electronic Giving</b>	\$3,553.92
<b>Plate Collection</b>	\$233.37
<b>Junior Collection</b>	\$3.50
<b>Holy Day - Assumption</b>	\$757.00
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<b>Weekly Offering Total</b>	<b>\$10,442.79</b>
<i>Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,300.00</i>	
<b>Bridging the Gap (2021-2022)</b>	<b>\$2,381.55</b>
<b>Additional Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$759.85</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$11,202.64</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!**

**Thought For the Week**



*"Ultimately faith is the only key to the universe. The final meaning of human existence, and the answers to the questions on which all our happiness depends cannot be found in any other way."*

- Father Thomas Merton

**Council of Catholic Women News**



The Deanery 1 C.C.W. will hold their Fall Gathering on September 21st at St. Catherine's in Redwood Falls. Registration will begin at 4:45 pm with Mass at 5:15 pm followed by dinner and speaker, Kristin Molior. She will set you "On Fire with the Holy Spirit"- the theme for this gathering. Please register with your parish C.C.W. president, Mary Grams, before September 15th. Registration is \$10.00. If you have never attended a Fall Gathering, please consider making this your first of many.

**Stewardship of Gratitude**

Speaking of "gratitude," I am grateful that as we were above budget again this week, and as we come to the close of one-sixth of our new Fiscal Year of 2021-2022, we are down by just **\$2,381.55** in this strange present-post-pandemic time. Last year in 2020, at this very same time we had already contributed \$38,200.00 towards our Loyola Catholic School stewardship commitment, as we were noticeably above budget. We had also contributed to the Diocese a total of \$3,861.02. This year, we have not contributed anything at this point in either area. However, because the number of students from our parish attending Loyola has decreased slightly, our assessment numbers also slightly decreased this year from last year by \$9,106.78. (So, in some respects we have unconsciously moved forward in stewardship by almost \$10,000.) **The bottom line is that we are behind last year's giving by nearly \$37,000.** I also have had an additional unexpected kitchen repair at the cost of slightly more than \$2,500! Anything you can do in terms of stewardship would be greatly appreciated in these waning weeks of summer. As always, thank you for your gifts!!!

## The Week Ahead

**Monday, August 23rd:** *[Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin]*

*Private Mass* - Don Theissen†

**Tuesday, August 24th: Saint Bartholomew, Apostle**

*Private Mass* - Pearson Family

**Wednesday, August 25th:** *[Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest]*

*Private Mass* - Peter & Jelaine Schreiner Family

**Thursday, August 26th: Weekday**

*Private Mass* - Thomas Rykhus

**Friday, August 27th: Saint Monica**

*Private Mass* - Clair Huettl†

**Saturday, August 28th: Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

5:00 pm - Mass - Hazel Eggersdorfer†

**Sunday, August 29th: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am - Mass - People of Holy Rosary Parish

10:00 am - Mass - Bill Fetter†

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



### Upcoming Parish Events

- **Faith Formation Catechist/Staff Banquet** - Monday, September 13th, 6:00 pm, cafeteria
- **Virtus Training** - for NEW catechists/volunteers - Tuesday, September 14th, 6:00 pm, Conf Rm 1
- **Faith Formation Open House** - Wednesday, September 15th, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- **Mass in the Park** - Sunday, September 19th, 10:00 am, Wheeler Park
- **Faith Formation Opening Mass & Ice Cream Social (ALL Grades)** - Wednesday, September 22nd, 6:30 pm - Church
- **Finance Council Meeting** - Monday, October 4th, 7:00 pm, Conf. Rm 1
- **November Fest 2021** - Sunday, November 7th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

### Ministry Schedule Aug 28th & 29th



**Rosary Leader:**

- 5:00 pm Mary Braam
- 8:30 am Sharon Lenz
- 10:00 am Donna Wolf

**Lector:**

- 5:00 pm Mary Clare Wyrowski
- 8:30 am Linda Olson
- 10:00 am Cindy Gawrych

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

- 5:00 pm Brenda Voracek, Jane Younge
- 8:30 am Terri Compton, Sharon Lenz
- 10:00 am Darlene Schorn, Ryan Howe

**Ushers:**

- 5:00 pm Steve & Barb Enderle
- 8:30 am Gary & Mary Zellmer
- 10:00 am Bob Wegscheid, Doug Helget

**Music Ministry:**

- 5:00 pm Vicki Galli/Julie Gruber
- 8:30 am Lori Christiansen/Jenny Chelstrom
- 10:00 am Vicki Galli/Mark Frahm



### Next Weekend - Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette

Next weekend, we welcome the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette. Having brought the fullness of Life to our world when He rose from the dead, Jesus sent his disciples to share this life with all of creation. *“They went forth and preached everywhere”* (Mk 16:20). The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette minister to people of every race, language, culture and way of life – beginning at the La Salette Shrine in France where our Blessed Mother appeared in 1846. Her final words, *“Well, my children, you will make this known to all my people,”* echo Jesus’ Gospel mandate. It is little wonder that the La Salette Congregation has always been mission orientated. When called upon by the Vatican to preach the Gospel in foreign lands, they eagerly responded. This spirit brought them to mission in 27 countries, especially among the poor in Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Haiti, India, Madagascar, Myanmar and the Philippines. With your cooperation, the Missionaries of La Salette can continue to provide spiritual and financial assistance to these mission countries as they bring God’s reconciling message to the poor.



**Get Ready! Get Set! Let's Go!**  
**2021-2022 Faith Formation**  
**Check Your Mail!**

This past week a major mailing was sent out to all of our parents of school age students in grades 1-10 from Holy Rosary parish. **PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE!** Please take a moment to review the materials, fill in the registration form along with your tuition payment, and use the SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE that is provided in your packet. Your registration is so vitally important as we plan for ordering textbooks, to seating in the classroom. Your help in this area takes only a minute. Please make it a point to use the prayer card enclosed to pray for participation at Mass as a family. You might say this prayer either before or after a meal, or possibly before bedtime. The prayer is also included in this week's parish bulletin. We are looking forward to seeing you all in September. Our start-up date is on **Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021!** Our Open House will be held on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30 P.M.! We hope to see you at both events! Thank you!!!

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word for our little ones will begin again on **Sunday, September 26th**, at the 10:00 A.M. Mass. Children in Pre-K - 2nd grade are encouraged to participate. Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place during the homily, when the children come forward and are dismissed and go downstairs for a time of prayer, reflection on the current Sunday scripture, and the children share their prayer intentions and profess the creed at their age level. The children return to their parents at offertory time to offer their stewardship as well. This is for children from both Loyola and Holy Rosary's Faith Formation Program. We are looking forward to seeing many of you there!



**September - Servers - It's Time to Start!**



Last week a letter went out to all of our servers who have not yet graduated from high school, asking once again for their witness of faith and sound stewardship of their time and talent, to return to the altar to serve at Mass. *(Being vaccinated is not required, but highly encouraged.)*

Please review the letter and return the calendar with your weekends and holy days marked where you would be able to serve. We are asking you to mark as many weeks as possible, and some of you may be serving more frequently as we rebuild our numbers back up to previous levels prior to the pandemic.

**By October, we hope to have a full schedule of servers for all three Masses (but for sure for the 5:00 P.M. and 10:00 A.M.) if at all possible.** There are many people in the pew who very much appreciate the presence of our young people at Mass and assisting at God's holy altar. May this long-standing liturgical tradition come back in full force as it has existed for so many years here at Holy Rosary

**P.S. After our veteran servers are all back in place, we will then prepare to welcome and train any new altar servers in grades 5 and up who need to be trained and begin serving at the altar!**

**Outdoor Mass is Coming - Sunday September 19th!**

Can you believe that our "Mass in the Park" is just **FOUR WEEKS AWAY?** We will be celebrating the Mass in the Park on Sunday, September 19th at 10:00 am *(\*Please start praying for good weather that includes no rain and little or no wind!)* Over the years we have been blessed with a beautiful morning! God will not let us down this year! In the event of inclement weather the Mass and complimentary meal will be held in the social hall and gymnasium. Every year we have a great crowd to share in the musical Mass and also in a great complimentary meal from Holy Rosary to say both "Thank You" and "Welcome." Please mark your calendars. Each year we see hundreds of you in attendance! We hope that this year will be no exception. Please again prioritize this fun and faith-filled morning for you and your family.



**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**Diocesan United Fund (D.U.F.) Diocesan Priest Pension Fund/ Medical, Care Comp Ins, and Priest Care Fund:**

**Paid to Date:** \$0.00  
**DUE:** \$89,576.81

**Annual Diocesan Ministries Appeal (D.M.A.):**

**Paid to Date:** \$0.00  
**Goal:** TBD

**Loyola Catholic School Assessment:**

**Pd to Date:** \$0.00  
**DUE:** \$153,150.75

**Total Paid to Date 2021-22: \$0.00**  
**Apostolate stewardship for 2021-22: \$242,727.56**

As summer begins to wind down, we hope to wind up our strong spirit of stewardship of the past, so that we might wind up completing these “extracurricular” payments beyond the boundaries of Holy Rosary parish well before the close of the fiscal year. Last year at this time we already had a reasonably good start. Hopefully we can catch up with past years. As always, thank you for your gifts!

**November Fest News!**



Yes, it is that time! Our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual November Festival will be held this year on November 7<sup>th</sup>. That means we are only 11 weeks away from the BIG day! The annual festival is our largest fundraiser of the year and of course we need everyone’s help and support to make it the successful day that it has become.

**Attached to this week’s bulletin is an envelope asking for your support for monetary donations only for our annual raffle.** Our raffle was noticeably up last year, even during a pandemic. We attribute the success to the fact that it was an ALL CASH RAFFLE. The Fall Festival committee met in July and agreed that we would be returning again this year to an all cash raffle. You are welcome to give a donation anonymously or to have your donation acknowledged. Either way is equally good. Our deadline to receive donations for the raffle will be tentatively set for Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Please make use of the envelope and raffle prize donation card that is included in this week’s bulletin. Additional cards and envelopes will also be available in our church pews and at the entrances.

Let us make our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual celebration of November Fest the best one yet! Thank you for all of your support past and present!!!



**Parish Endowment Fund**

The future of the parish is bright here at Holy Rosary as we are easily in the top ten parishes in size in the Diocese of New Ulm. In fact, I believe our parish population is around 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> largest. Until recently, we might have been the only parish that was seeing some growth. *(That seems to have been largely halted by the pandemic, but we are once again starting to gain new members.)* Again this week, we registered another household of 5 members.

It has been some time since I have reported on the status of our Endowment Fund that the Finance Council and I as pastor established shortly after my arrival. This money has been set aside in a special account and the principal can never be spent. The interest is permitted to be taken annually, however, to date, this has not been done. I believe it was 6 years ago that we began this account at \$00.00. As of this week, we have reached a grand total of \$351,649.61.

You are encouraged to contribute to this Endowment Fund at any time. Sometimes, families have chosen to contribute at the time of the passing of a loved one to insure that their stewardship will live on for many years to come. If you wish to make a contribution to the Endowment Fund, you are encouraged to make the check out to Holy Rosary Church and to write in the memo “Endowment Fund.”

As I have shared with the Finance and the Pastoral Councils, my hope is to reach the stewardship goal of one million dollars towards the end of my pastorate in another decade or so, if God is willing to give me that amount of time. May God bless all of you that have contributed to the parish through the general offerings each week as well as specifically for the Endowment Fund itself. May God bless you in your good stewardship and the sound future of Holy Rosary Church.



**Welcome to Holy Rosary!**

We welcome to our Holy Rosary parish family 5 members from the Hoehn family. We welcome Randy and Dawn and their 3 grown children, Chelsey, Justin and Logan. The couple resides in North Mankato and are business owners here in the greater Mankato area. Welcome to our parish family.

Are you new to the area and would like to join our growing Holy Rosary parish family? Just go to our website, **holynosarynorthmankato.com** and download the registration forms to fill out. You can also send us your contact information and we will mail you a hard copy of those forms. Come join our parish family!



**School-Based Mentoring Program**

Loyola Catholic School is participating in the YMCA School-Based Mentoring Program for the upcoming school year. The school-based mentoring program pairs Loyola Catholic School students with adult mentors for lunch once a week. Please email Becky Gerdes, Dean of Academics at [bgerdes@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:bgerdes@loyolacatholicschool.org) if you would be interested in serving as a mentor. Training will be provided by the YMCA.

**Admissions/Enrollment**

Did you know that over 40% of Loyola families receive tuition assistance or financial aid? Loyola Catholic School believes that finances should never be a barrier to an excellent, holistic education. Please consider supporting the St. Ignatius of Loyola Tuition Assistance Fund this year and help more children and families experience the life-changing benefits of a Catholic education!

Loyola is adding spots to the 5 Day All Day preschool class! Please call Kerstyn Cafarelli at 507-386-5399, or email [admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org) for more info.

**Alumni News**

The Schola Foundation Hall of Fame induction ceremony is taking place on October 4th. It will be honoring 2020 inductees the Bambery family, and 2021 inductees Nancy & Michael McLoone. For event details and to purchase tickets, visit [scholafoundation.org](http://scholafoundation.org) or call Trudi Clements at (507) 388-0606. Congratulations to the Bambery and McLoone families!

**Employment opportunities**

Loyola is currently accepting applications for the following positions: Full-time Business Manager; Part-time before and after school childcare assistants. For information about these positions, please visit the about us tab at [www.loyolacatholicschool.org](http://www.loyolacatholicschool.org).

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**This Week's Sanctuary Light Intention:**

*Dave & Cathy Neve*

**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 Wadekamper, Mary Kelly, Ruth Fitterer, Steve Fitterer, Dave Neubert, Anne Doyle, Kathy Fredrickson, Jerry Winters, Kimberly Wegscheid, Karen Etzell, Nancy Eilbert, Marion Giefer, Joan Karpinsky, Lester Kopp, Bob Meyer, Mary Helen Kennedy, Leroy Gappa, Dorothy Drummer, Aljean Ackerman, Matt Chmielewski, Katie Roozen, Cindy Gosch, Donna Hollund

**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** Aimee Kleiter
- Tuesday** Jesse Graves
- Wednesday** Troy & Deborah Wynkoop
- Thursday** Tom & Kris Bachmann
- Friday** Scott & Ann Michels
- Saturday** John & Janet Jegeron
- Sunday** Renee Cramer



**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   | Tanner Johnson      | Zach Zernechel |

**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: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22 (425)
- Tues: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51 (629) Pss Prop
- Weds: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32 (427)
- Thurs: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51 (428)
- Fri: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13 (429)
- Sat: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30 (430)
- Sun: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (125) Pss II

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