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**September 12, 2021**  
*24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**Our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Mass in the Park is  
NEXT WEEKEND!!!**

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

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**“He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, And the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly.”**

**-St. Mark**



The theme for the Sacred Scriptures on this 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, as well as at the start of another school year, is of *SUFFERING*. Where is the Good News in suffering? Back in my seminary days, I learned a line that perhaps you have heard as well, and has always stuck with me. The line is

simply this: **“THE CHURCH ALWAYS PROSPERS UNDER PERSECUTION.”** In other words, when the Mystical Body of Christ suffers, it seems to be much more successful spiritually. No doubt, the spirit of this saying is connected to the very roots of Christianity and Christ Himself, as it was through Christ’s suffering at Calvary that brought about paradise and salvation for every person who believes and is faithful to the Church and Christ.

**Right now, there are parts of the world that are seeing a Catholic Church prospering, while all around them the culture is under persecution.** For example, in China where both Catholics and other mainline Christians are being persecuted to the point of imprisonment and martyrdom, the Catholic Church and Christianity is experiencing significant growth. **In fact, according to some of the latest statistics, Christianity is growing in China, despite terrible suffering, by some 7% annually.** (EWTN recently reported that the Vatican’s silence on China’s human rights violations is perhaps the result of information the Chinese government has obtained, via a cyberattack, on employees, specifically clergy, in high positions in the Vatican. It is already known that China has hacked into confidential computers of congressional members in Washington.) The Constitution of the Republic of China of 1947 states, in part: “The people shall have freedom of religious belief.”

Christianity and Catholicism is seeing significant growth in parts of Africa, South America, as well as Asia.

Do you know what the average income in Africa is today, excluding South Africa? Would you believe the average annual income in Africa is a mere \$315.00 a year? That is a total income for 12 months. (So you can understand that when shots for Covid-19 are being sold on the black market for a \$100.00 a shot, most people cannot afford to get vaccinated!) Yet, in 1900, in Africa, there was a total of about 8.7 million Christians and Roman Catholics. Today, in 2021, in Africa, despite their meager incomes, there are now 685 million Christians, and up to 80%-90% of them are practicing their faith. By 2025, there is forecasted to be 760 million Christians and Roman Catholics in Africa. The Church indeed seems to prosper under persecution.

Meanwhile, in the Western Hemisphere, where life is prosperous, and suffering is much more scarce for the average citizen, the faith in Christ and His bride the Church is languishing. In at least 12 out of 29 European countries surveyed by researchers, the majority of young adults reported that they were not religious. Meanwhile, the median income in Europe is somewhere around \$51,000 a year, while the United States is somewhere around \$43,500 annually. Yet, the U.S. likewise continues to see a decline in the practice of the faith on the weekends, weddings in churches, and the closure of more and more churches. (*\*The Diocese of New Ulm has now closed about 1/3 of all of its churches since its conception as a Diocese in the mid-1950’s. The number of priests has dropped by 2/3 in that same time period!*)

St. Peter in today’s Gospel gives a very *human* response, but not a very *holy* response after the Lord tells of His preparations of going to Calvary and to die on the cross for sinners. The scriptures record that our Blessed Lord rebuked Peter. Then the Lord gives to St. Peter the most derogatory title anyone can give in Christian circles. The Lord says to St. Peter, **“Get behind me Satan!”** I think the Lord meant it!

***“Take up your cross and follow me!” The call to Christianity, the call to Catholicism, is a call to suffering, sacrifice, and service. For some of us, maybe our cross might be as heavy as our car keys on Sunday morning and driving to Mass. Maybe our cross might be as heavy as putting our hand to the doorknob of our teen’s bedroom on Sunday and saying, “Get up, it is time for Mass!” For some of us, maybe our cross might be as heavy as our billfold, or purse, and reaching to give at least something in stewardship, to our church that is always there for us. For some of us, our cross might be as heavy as a mailing that was sent to us, and having to***

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

*send in the registration so that our son or daughter can be instructed in the faith of their Baptism. In the end, when the greatest suffering comes upon each of us in our own turn, namely that of death itself, there are still many who want the blessings of the Sacrament of the Sick and some priest to say a Mass (or at least some prayers) when we are laid to rest and await the final coming of Christ in all His glory! Amen!*



Rev. Paul van de Crommert  
Pastor

**Mass in the Park is NEXT Sunday  
September 19th!**

Can you believe that our "Mass in the Park" is NEXT WEEKEND? We will be celebrating the Mass in the Park on Sunday, September 19th, at 10:00 am. 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.

*P.S. You should have received a mailing recently about this important parish event along with a pastoral letter. If you did not receive this mailing, please call the parish office. We hope to see YOU there!*



**SINCERE SYMPATHY**

**To the family of  
Alice Thavist†.**  
*- May she rest in peace.*



**Stewardship of Gratitude  
9/5/21**

**Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary**

<b>Adult Contributions</b>	\$3,040.00
<b>Electronic Giving</b>	\$1,010.83
<b>Plate Collection</b>	\$200.25
<b>Junior Collection</b>	\$40.50
<b>Raffle Prize Money</b>	\$265.00
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<b>Weekly Offering Total</b>	<b>\$4,556.58</b>
<i>Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,300.00</i>	
<b>Bridging the Gap (2021-2022)</b>	<b>\$15,886.48</b>
<b>Additional Weekly Income</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$4,686.58</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**

Next weekend will be our annual "Mass in the Park." It will be our 17<sup>th</sup> time to come together in the great outdoors to give thanks and praise to Almighty God! Over the past seven years, I have always asked the faithful to pray for sunshine and favorable weather, but given our current situation, if we had a hard shower of rain on that day, it might seem more like a blessing than a curse. I guess we will leave it up to the Good Lord at this time.

There is a fair amount of stewardship spent for the set-up and the meal that is served. I am hoping and praying we have a crowd as in past years that ranged from some 450-600 souls. In terms of stewardship, it is maybe a good time to connect up with your faith, especially after a summer where we have been here, there, and everywhere!

We are falling a bit behind in our stewardship and we are needing to bare down on covering our additional stewardship commitments from both the Diocese of New Ulm as well as our area Catholic School of Loyola. Whatever you can do will be of great help. And as always, thank you for your gifts.

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, September 13th: Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 am - Mass - Mary & Albert Weller Family  
 6:00 pm - Faith Formation Catechists/Staff Banquet -  
 School cafeteria

### Tuesday, September 14th: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

No Mass  
 6:00 pm - Virtus Training for new Catechists/  
 Volunteers - Conf Rm 1

### Wednesday, September 15th: Our Lady of Sorrows

9:50 am - Mass @ Loyola  
 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Faith Formation Open House

### Thursday, September 16th: Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

12:00 pm - Mass - Mary McVicker†

### Friday, September 17th: [Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church]

8:30 am - Mass - Mary Haley†

### Saturday, September 18th: Weekday [BVM]

5:00 pm - Mass - Danny Culhane†

### Sunday, September 19th: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

NO 8:30 am Mass today  
 10:00 am - Mass in the Park - Patti Gooler†

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



### CCW Fall Gathering On Fire with the Holy Spirit

The CCW Fall Gathering will be held on Tuesday, September 21st, at 5:15 pm at St. Catherine's Church in Redwood Falls. The featured speaker will be Kristin Molitor, who is the New Evangelization Coordinator at the Two Rivers Catholic Faith Community. She is a dynamic and Spirit-filled speaker, whose desire is to see every person on fire with the Holy Spirit! This will be an amazing evening of faith and fellowship. The Holy Rosary CCW will pay the registration fee for anyone who wants to go from our parish. Carpools will also be arranged. **Please contact Mary Grams at 507-327-6479 by Friday, September 17th if you'd like to go.**

## Ministry Schedule September 18th & 19th



**Rosary Leader:**  
 5:00 pm Cindy Gawrych  
 10:00 am Ryan Howe

**Lector:**  
 5:00 pm Mary Clare Wyrowski  
 10:00 am Nancy Holden

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
 5:00 pm Rick Gruber, Karen Winters  
 10:00 am Curt & Donna Stanke

**Ushers:**  
 5:00 pm Dan Voracek, Jacob Voracek, Mark Weingartz  
 10:00 am Bob Wegscheid, Doug Helget

**Music Ministry:**  
 5:00 pm TBD/Julie Gruber  
 10:00 am Mass in the Park Music Group

## 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.



## Welcome to Holy Rosary!

Are you new to the area and would like to join our growing Holy Rosary parish family? Just go to our website, [holyrosarynorthmankato.com](http://holyrosarynorthmankato.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!



**Faith Formation  
Open House  
This Wednesday  
September 15<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 - 7:00 P.M.**

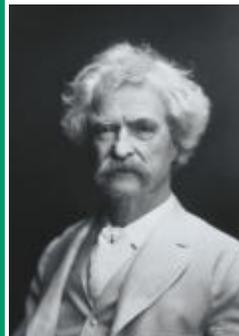
An hour-long open house will be held this week on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. Catechists are encouraged but not required to be present for this open house, in order to possibly meet some of their new students. It is an opportunity for parents to review the building, find their child's classroom, turn in their registration and tuition (if they have not already done so), and to enjoy some cookies, refreshments, as well as to renew relationships. We have a good number of first graders coming into our program. The families of lower grade children are strongly encouraged to attend and explore the building. We hope to see many of you there. Please enter through the south doors!



**All Catechists and  
Volunteers - Don't  
Forget!**

Don't forget that **THIS MONDAY**, is our **BEGINNING OF THE YEAR CATECHIST/VOLUNTEER/STAFF BANQUET**. I am requiring that all of our catechists be present for this evening. It is our only major gathering of the entire year! **Please, no excuses! Make this your TOP priority!** The social will begin at 6:00 P.M. Supper will be served at 6:30 P.M. Spouses are invited! Please R.S.V.P. so we know the exact count. *(\*Our administrator has worked on being in personal contact with all of you!!!)* Following the social and supper, there will be a brief meeting to get acclimated for the school year for Faith Formation. *(Some materials will be available for you to pick up to review and to start to begin your first class in September.)* Following the general catechist meeting, there will be a brief meeting of orientation of our new catechists that will be starting this fall. *(If you come with a spouse, you might want to drive separately!)* Let's make this a great year!!!!

**Thought For the Week**



- Every time you close a school, you have to open a jail!
- Never let your schooling interfere with your education!
- The first half of my life I went to school, the second half of my life I got an education.
- All schools, all colleges have two great functions: to confer, and to conceal valuable knowledge.

- Many public school children seem to know only two dates – 1492 and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July; and as a rule they don't know what happened on either occasion.
- \*Students study hard! Parents Turn in Your Faith Formation Registrations!!!

**Children's Liturgy of the  
Word**



Our Children's Liturgy of the Word for our little ones will begin again on **Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**, 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!

**Baptism**

Our prayers and best wishes go out to Jordan and Haley Raske on the occasion of the Baptism of their son, Luka Jordan Raske this weekend.



May his Baptism be the beginning of a life-long relationship with Christ & His holy bride, the Church! May God bless you all on this most joyful occasion!

**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**



**November Fest News & Needs**

**Volunteers Needed:** We are now LESS THAN 2 MONTHS away from November Fest(ival) 2021!! If you are interested in helping plan this year’s event, contact Jim Theuninck in the parish office. Volunteer sign up sheets for the day of the festival will be out in a few weeks.

**Meal Ticket Sales:** Tickets will go on sale next weekend, after Mass in the Park. Eat-in, take-out, and children’s meal tickets will be offered.

**Silent Auction:** We have baskets available in the back of church to make up a silent auction basket. Please feel free to take an empty basket to create your own silent auction basket. Your basket can be as simple or as creative as you would like. There are some great ideas available on the internet, so have some fun with your basket creation! You may bring your “basket creation” to the parish office. Don’t feel too creative? Individual silent auction items are also welcomed. Thank you to the many of you that picked up an empty basket and are already returning them with some really clever and fun items. I am sure that they will be a great hit! Thank you for all of your efforts in this area! Thank you!

**Country Market:** We are accepting donations of craft and homemade items for our Country Market. Donations such as canned goods, wood crafts, homemade soaps, homemade cards, blankets, doll clothes and any other craft items would be welcomed. Please consider making a donation to help stock the “Country Store.” Thank you!

**Raffle:** Thank you for your donations to our ALL CASH raffle! If you haven’t made a donation yet, please consider it. Donation envelopes are in the entrance areas of the church. The cash raffle was a huge hit last year, and we’re looking forward to it again this year. We will accept donations for the raffle until Monday, September 27th.



**WE HAD A GREAT CROWD IN PAST YEARS AT MASS IN THE PARK! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH AT 10:00 AM!**





**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:**

*Teresa Klaseus†*

**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!

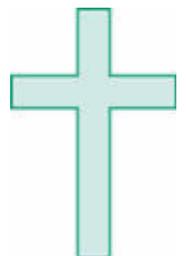
**For Those Who Are Ill & Special Needs**

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, 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** Hope Dmytrasz
- Tuesday** Steven & Shelly Bauer
- Wednesday** Alan & Lynn Clennon
- Thursday** Kathy Frederickson
- Friday** Lavonne Rauchman
- Saturday** Eric & Lexi Berkner
- Sunday** Jodie May



**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 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10 (443)
- Tues: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 (638) Pss Prop
- Weds: 1 Tm 3:14-16 (445)/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 (639) Pss Prop
- Thurs: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50 (446)
- Fri: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3 (447)
- Sat: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15 (448)
- Sun: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37 (134) Pss I

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