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**September 24, 2023**

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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



***“And on receiving it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day’s burden and the heat.’” - St. Matthew***



***It is so unfair!*** How many times have we heard these four words said, to us, or we have said them ourselves? Yet, the vast majority of the time that those words are spoken, they are not spoken on behalf of the benefit of others, but rather on behalf of the benefit of ourselves. For we tend to claim that something or someone is being “UNFAIR” when it affects us. Suffice it to say, when we exclaim something is “UNFAIR”, it is usually a spiritual statement of selfishness!

A spiritual hero, in terms of “fairness” is of course, the person who is seeking “justice” or “equality”, not for the benefit of themselves, but rather for the benefit of another. Certainly in the secular world this could be seen through the example of a lawyer, who is working for justice for a client, and does it “pro bono”. Perhaps a spiritual hero of “fairness” might be the police officer who works off duty for “fairness”, to purchase for a teenager [*who is not even a member of his family*] a new bicycle since the teen’s bike had been stolen without a trace. And the list goes on of those many unsung heroes who are trying to make right and “FAIR” for others what has been wronged.

But since we were little and our parents presented us with a piece of cake, as we gazed at our fellow siblings and saw that their piece was slighter larger than ours; we said those four immortal words, “IT IS NOT FAIR”! When we arrived in school and were the last one’s picked for the team or were not chosen to be the lead in the school play, we again cried out , “IT IS NOT FAIR”! When we were passed over for that job promotion, or a marriage failed, or a loved one died before their time, or it simply rained on a day you wanted to be out and about, we again say, “IT IS NOT FAIR”!

And as it is in the physical order, so too in the spiritual order as well. There are many in the Church today who consider it unfair that women cannot be priests, priests cannot enter into marriage, same-sex attracted people cannot be accepted in the lifestyle they have chosen, and the list goes on, and on, and on! There are those out there who will boldly state, **“IF GOD IS SUCH A GOD OF JUSTICE, THEN WHY DOES HE ALLOW SO MUCH INJUSTICE TO EXIST IN HIS CHURCH?”**

But consider this! When we were young, our parents made decisions for us that we thought were “UNFAIR” [*according to our young brains*] but as we aged and matured, we came to discover that what our young minds perceived as “UNFAIR”, was in fact, very “FAIR”! So, too in the case of God our Father. We may wonder why God took a loved one away from us leaving us alone as a widower or a widow? We may wonder why sickness has come to us when we have tried to take good care of our health? We may wonder why a storm destroyed our home when we practice the faith while a neighbor who does not practice the faith, only has a small branch laying on their lawn?

**Today’s Gospel parable about the landowner who owns a vineyard and hires workers throughout the course of a day to work in his vineyard is a parable all about the problem of “FAIRNESS”. For at the end of the day, the landowner of the vineyard gives all of the workers the same salary, even though some have worked a full day in the sun whereas others have worked only an hour. But recall the words of the landowner to those who worked all day and cried out “UNFAIR”! “MY FRIEND, I AM NOT CHEATING YOU. DID YOU NOT AGREE WITH ME FOR THE USUAL DAILY WAGE? TAKE WHAT IS YOURS AND GO! WHAT IF I WISH TO GIVE THIS LAST ONE THE SAME AS YOU?... ARE YOU ENVIOUS BECAUSE I AM GENEROUS?”**

Of course, some scripture scholars argue that this is an eschatological gospel; meaning that this gospel is addressing the issues of the end of times, such as the final judgment. Specifically, suppose we have practiced the faith all our lives, given generously of our time, talent, and treasure, and have been perfect models of Christ to everyone we have met in our lives. On the other hand, in comparison, someone who has never



gone to church, never given a dime, or done much of anything for anyone, but on their deathbed, they call for a priest, make a perfect confession, and profess their belief in Christ as their Lord and Savior. According to the Church, both will be given the reward of everlasting life. Will you stand at the throne of judgment, you who have been faithful, alongside the one who was largely unfaithful, and cry out, "THIS IS SO UNFAIR GOD!" Maybe "Yes"? Maybe "No"?

In an age where we are always crying for "FAIRNESS", the Church teaches that above fairness or justice, is mercy and love. The landowner [who represents God the Father] does not give a full day's salary to those who only worked an hour out of justice, as much as he gave it out of GENEROSITY, MERCY, AND LOVE. In the week ahead, instead of instinctively crying out with little or no forethought, "IT IS SO UNFAIR"; instead, maybe in the spirit of our Catholic faith we should cry out, "IT IS SO MERCIFUL", or even, "THAT WAS SO LOVING". May the week ahead be less about "FAIRNESS" or even "JUSTICE" and more about "MERCY" and "LOVE". Have a good week. See you at Mass!



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### Thought For the Week



*"JUSTICE is the paying universally what we owe. St. Paul explains this, and at the same time shows the profound connection between love and justice when he says, "Owe no man anything, but to love one another;" for he that has loved another has fulfilled the law."*

- W.B. Pope

## Stewardship of Gratitude 9/17/2023



### Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary

Adult Contributions	\$3,724.00
Electronic Giving	\$2,596.70
Plate Collection	\$340.31
Junior Collection	\$46.00
Dinner Tickets	\$120.00
Raffle Prize Money	\$1,650.00
Faith Formation Tuition	\$830.00
Church Basement Restoration	\$250.00

**Weekly Offering Total** \$9,557.01

*Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,300.00*

**Additional Weekly Income** \$5,230.69  
**Grand Total** \$14,787.70

*Total weekly stewardship goal is set at \$13,200.00*

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



## Stewardship of Gratitude

Well, our "Mass in the Park" has come and gone for another year. It was a wonderful event. Of course, stewardship is more than just giving our dollars and cents. Stewardship is also donating our time as well as celebrating the Holy Eucharist as Roman Catholics.

We had an amazing day on Sunday and it was really stewardship in action. In addition to the great Mass attendance [see photo on page 4], to see the Knights of Columbus and other volunteers working early on Sunday morning, shortly after sun-up, the committee organizing things and directing traffic, people bringing a feast of treats alone, etc., was a great stewardship sight to behold. Thank you!

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, September 25th: Weekday

- 8:30 a.m.- Mass - Dean Schreiner †
- 7:00 p.m.- **Finance Council Meeting - Conference Room #1**

### Tuesday, September 26th: Weekday

[*Saints Cosmos and Damian, Martyrs*]

- Private Mass - Ambrose & Lois Kodet †

### Wednesday, September 27th: Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest - Memorial

- 10:00 a.m.- No Mass at Oak Terrace
- 9:50 a.m.- Mass at Loyola - Gina Sandbo †
- 1:00 p.m.- Crafter's Group - School Building
- 6:30 p.m.- **First Faith Formation Class - [Grades 1-8]**
- 6:30 p.m.- **Parent Confirmation Meeting - Church**

### Thursday, September 28th: Weekday [*Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs*]

- 11:00 a.m.- Memorial Service for Andrew Redig † - Northview Mortuary, North Mankato
- 12:00 p.m.- No Mass
- 4:30 p.m.- Priest Deanery Meeting - Cathedral Rectory, New Ulm [*Fr. attends*]

### Friday, September 29th: Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels - Feast

- 10:00 a.m.- Mass Monarch Meadows - Living & Deceased Members of Paul & Karen Harguth Family

### Saturday, September 30th: St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church - Memorial

- 11:30 a.m.- **Sacrament of Reconciliation**
- 5:00 p.m.- Mass - People of the Parish

### Sunday, October 1st: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 8:30 a.m.- Mass - Juliette Shamp †
- 10:00 a.m.- Mass - David Neubert †
- 10:00 a.m. - Children's Liturgy of the Word



Again this year we had an amazing attendance at our 19th Annual Mass in the Park. We estimate the crowd to be between 450--500 people. The picture above is a large portion of the worshippers who came to celebrate the resurrection of Christ on an absolutely beautiful fall morning in Minnesota last weekend.

## Upcoming Parish Events



- ◆ **Holy Rosary Finance Council Meeting** - Mon. Sept. 25th, 2023; 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Mass at Loyola** - Wed. Sep. 27th, 2023; 9:50 a.m.
- ◆ **First Faith Formation Class** - Wed. Sep. 27th, 2023; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Grades 1-8
- ◆ **Confirmation Parent Meeting** - Wed. Sep. 27th, 2023; 6:30-7:30pm (No Class-Grades 9-10)
- ◆ **Memorial Service** - Thurs. Sep. 28th, 2023; 11:00 a.m. for Andrew Redig † - Northview Mortuary, North Mankato
- ◆ **Monarch Meadows Mass** - Fri. Sep. 29th, 2023; 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Deanery Meeting** - Thurs. Sep. 28th, 2023; 4:30 p.m. - Cathedral Rectory in New Ulm
- ◆ **Children's Liturgy of the Word** - Sun. Oct. 1, 2023; 10:00 a.m.- Pre-school - 2nd Grade - Church
- ◆ **Fall Anointing Mass** - Mon. Oct. 2nd, 2023; 4:00 p.m. - Communal Anointing Mass and Supper
- ◆ **Catechetical Sunday, Confirmation Commitment Sunday & Commissioning of Catechists Mass** - Sun. Oct. 8th, 2023; 10:00 a.m. - Church
- ◆ **First Friday Adoration and Benediction** - Fri. Oct. 6, 2023; 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Church
- ◆ **Holy Rosary Pastoral Council Meeting** - Mon. Oct. 9th, 2023
- ◆ **Red Cross Blood Drive** - Thurs. Oct. 19th, 2023; - School Gymnasium
- ◆ **Loyola BOT Meeting** - Thurs. Oct. 26th, 2023; 4:30 p.m.- Conference Room; Main Hall
- ◆ **K of C Pancake Breakfast** - Sun. Oct. 29th, 2023 - Following Sunday Masses - Church Social Hall
- ◆ **Novemberfest** - Sun. Nov. 12th, 2023; 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Loyola BOT Meeting** - Thurs. Nov. 16th, 2023; 4:30 p.m.- Conference Room; Main Hall
- ◆ **Deanery Meeting** - Thurs. Nov. 30th, 2023; 4:30 p.m. - Cathedral Rectory in New Ulm
- ◆ **Mass at Loyola** - Wed. Dec. 13th, 2023; 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Loyola BOT Meeting** - Thurs. Dec. 21st, 2023; 4:30 p.m.- Conference Room; Main Hall
- ◆ **Loyola BOT Meeting** - Thurs. Jan. 18th, 2023; 4:30 p.m.- Conference Room; Main Hall
- ◆ **Deanery Meeting** - Thurs. Feb. 8th, 2023; 4:30 p.m. - Cathedral Rectory in New Ulm
- ◆ **Loyola BOT Meeting** - Thurs. Feb. 15th, 2023; 4:30 p.m.- Conference Room; Main Hall
- ◆ **Loyola BOT Meeting** - Thurs. Mar. 21st, 2023; 4:30 p.m.- Conference Room; Main Hall



## Ministry Schedule Sept. 30th & Oct. 1st

### Rosary Leader:

- 5:00 p.m. Marcie Cook
- 8:30 a.m. Donna Wenkel
- 10:00 a.m. John & Lynn Wilson



### Lector:

- 5:00 p.m. Brenda Voracek
- 8:30 a.m. Walter Michels
- 10:00 a.m. Jim Theuninck

### Eucharistic Ministers:

- 5:00 p.m. Vince Guertin, Mary Clare Wyrowski
- 8:30 a.m. Michelle Ellingworth, Ann Michels
- 10:00 a.m. Dennis Haga, Darlene Schorn

### Servers:

- 5:00 p.m. Zach, Colette & Alex Chelstrom
- 8:30 a.m. James Younge
- 10:00 a.m. Ellie & Carter Lang, Dennis Muga

### Presentation of Gifts:

- 5:00 p.m. Carol Boruff & Mary Clare Wyrowski
- 8:30 a.m. Ken & Pat Thiele
- 10:00 a.m. Phil & Janet Larson Family

### Ushers:

- 5:00 p.m. Carol Boruff, Dan Voracek
- 8:30 a.m. Craig Amundson, Peter Backes
- 10:00 a.m. Doug Helget, David Endres

### Music Ministry:

- 5:00 p.m. Vicki Galli, Jenny Chelstrom
- 8:30 a.m. Julie Gruber, Kathy Jo Johns
- 10:00 a.m. Lori Christiansen, Cindy Gawrych



## Welcome!



We welcome two new households to Holy Rosary parish this week. Please welcome with me **Carina Pace and Nicholas Azar** from North Mankato. We welcome **Carina and Nicholas** to our growing Holy Rosary faith community.

Are you new to the area and would like to join our growing Holy Rosary parish family? Just go to: [holyrosarynorthmankato.com/membership-registration](http://holyrosarynorthmankato.com/membership-registration) and download the registration forms to fill out. You can also simply send us your contact information via an easy-to-use form and we will mail you a hard copy of those forms. Come join our growing Holy Rosary parish family!



## Faith Formation

### Confirmation Parent Meeting [THIS WEDNESDAY!]



A parent meeting for only our Confirmation parents will be held during Faith Formation this **Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**, at **6:30 P.M.** in the main church. [Confirmation students in grades 9 and 10 will be off yet this Wednesday.] We are still welcoming new students in the program as well this year, although our classroom is nearly filled with the combined grades. Please mark your calendar and if possible to have both parents in attendance, please!

### Holy Rosary First Faith Formation Class Grades 1-8!



This week **Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**, will be our **FIRST Faith Formation Class here at Holy Rosary**. At this point, as we go to press, a large portion of our students are registered. You are welcome to stop by the parish office or to stop in before class this Wednesday at the parish office to register your son or daughter. **The policy still remains that a student must be registered before coming into the classroom.** Our staff will be able to assist you beginning at 6:00 P.M. this Wednesday evening in the parish office. We have the makings of another wonderful year of growing in the faith of Jesus Christ through our Catholic instruction and our dedicated catechists. See you next Wednesday!!!

## Catechetical Sunday October 8, 2023

Catechetical Sunday will be held on Sunday October 8th, at the 10:00 A.M. Mass. Coffee & rolls will be served downstairs for the social following the Mass.



## Get Ready! Get Set! Let's Go! 2023-2024 Faith Formation Check Your Mail!

In August, a major mailing was sent out to all of our parents of school age students in grades 1-9 from Holy Rosary parish. **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. We are looking forward to seeing you all in September. Our first class is this Wednesday, **September 27th, 2023!** Thank you!!!



### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

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

9% COMPLETED      Paid to Date:      \$8,318.11  
 Due:      \$85,953.42

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

0% COMPLETED      Paid to Date:      \$0.00  
 Due T.B.A.:      \$0.00

**Loyola Catholic School:**

12% COMPLETED      Paid to Date:      \$20,000.00  
 Due:      \$159,069.43

**Church Social Hall/Sacristy:**

80% COMPLETED      Paid to Date:      \$640,915.00  
 Goal:      \$800,000.00

**Total Paid to Date 2023-24:      \$667,283.11**

**Apostolate stewardship for 2023-24:      \$1,0450,22.85**

We again are making some steady progress on our MAJOR project of renovating and renewing our social hall, kitchen, and restrooms after some 75 years. Many thanks to all of you who continue to relentlessly contribute towards this major designated fund.

This week we were able to take another 1% forward of the monies needed for the social hall project. For this week we went from a grand total of \$633,965.00 to \$640,915.00, or the increased dollar amount of \$6,950.00. Some of this money had accrued from your weekly donations, but the lion's share was from some additional monies the parish received from the Sunday collections that we felt we could spare and could go into the designated fund. So, we moved now from 79% to the new benchmark of a cool 80%. We are now definitely more than halfway down the mountain of stewardship as we continue to raise the last 20% of the amount needed.

As I stated last week, the front doors of the church have FINALLY arrived and will be installed when the exterior hardware and locks arrive, which we were told would take about a week to ten days. This week the interior of the doors is wood and will be stained and varnished in the same color and style as the present church's wood interior. As I am writing this to you, I have just been informed that the lower church windows which have been leaking and causing a good portion of the plaster damage on the social hall walls, will be replaced beginning this past Friday and the project should be completed before the close of September. *[We had been told by the company that these windows were going to be installed in early August! But, better late than never! Right?]*

Finally, I had a meeting this past Tuesday with a representative from the carpet company as well as a staff member of Rickway Carpeting here in North

Mankato. I believe the company is Mohawk Carpeting. The fellow from South Dakota, named "Mike", was the carpet representative. Apparently, his sole job is to review defective products, bad installation, etc. He could quite easily pull up the carpeting that had been glued down. He stated that the carpet squares tend to curl up where people have walked more and that is why he claimed it had come up so much towards the back of the church. But then I pointed out that the choir loft also has a lot of carpet squares coming up and no one has been there with any regularity. Upon inspection, he told us that the company is having trouble with their rubber backed carpets and are switching to a linen backing. He told the Rickway staff member that when the new carpet was ordered it would have the new linen backing. In the end, the GOOD NEWS is that the aisles will be re-carpeted all again with new carpet of the same color and quality, and at NO expense to the parish either for materials or labor! The only issue is that the parish will have to go through the hassle of closing the church down for several days to complete the work. The carpet will arrive in October. The plans are to install the carpeting on the week of November 12th, immediately after the Fall Festival beginning on Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. And so it goes!

### November Fest News!

Our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual November Festival is being held this year on **November 12<sup>th</sup>**. That means we are only **7 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 our recent and past bulletins was an envelope asking for your support for monetary donations for our annual raffle prize. At this point we have about ONE-THIRD of the total monies needed for this annual raffle.** You are welcome to give a donation anonymously or to have your donation acknowledged. Either way is equally good. We have moved our deadline to receive donations for the raffle for **October 2nd, 2023**. Please make use of the envelope and raffle prize donation slip that was included in last week's bulletin.

**Silent Auction Baskets:** Starting this weekend we will again be putting out baskets in the back of the church for you to fill with clever ideas and items for the Fall Silent Auction! **NEW Festival idea** : Gift cards are welcome as well!

Let us make our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual celebration of November Fest the best one yet! Thank you for all of your support past and present!!!



**LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

Loyola will celebrate Homecoming Week September, 25th-29th. Coronation will be held on Wednesday, September 27th at 12 p.m. in the Loyola gym. The annual parade will take place on Thursday, September 28 at 9:45 a.m. at Loyola. The football game will be held on Friday, September 29 at 7 p.m. at Loyola. All are welcome to join us! Stay Connected!

Are you interested in learning about what's going on at Loyola? Follow us on Facebook and Instagram or email us at [advancement@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:advancement@loyolacatholicschool.org) to subscribe to our Advancement Bulletin monthly emails. Did you know...? Loyola has welcomed 115 new students to its community this school year. Even though the school year is already underway, we are still accepting applications and scheduling tours. If you are interested in learning more about Loyola, please contact Ashley Braulick, Admissions Coordinator, at [admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org](mailto:admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org) or call 507-386-5399.

Wired to the Heart, Loyola Catholic School's annual fundraising gala is coming up on November 10, 2023, held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center in Mankato. Please join us for this much-anticipated yearly event. This year's event will benefit Loyola's Fund for Excellence, focusing on increasing teachers' salaries and expanding classroom space, and the Fund for Campus Enhancement to provide clean and safe learning spaces.

Tickets are now on sale! Please visit the Wired to the Heart website [www.wiredtotheheart.com](http://www.wiredtotheheart.com) or scan the QR code to purchase your tickets. We are happy to share that this year you can save time and purchase your after-party ticket and treasure chest keys at the time of registration. The golden tickets will be available online soon.

We look forward to seeing you at Wired to the Heart on November 10, 2023! Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education in Mankato!



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

*Herb & Joan Karpinsky 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**

Ruth Fitterer, Steve Fitterer, Kathy Fredrickson, Kimberly Wegscheid, Karen Ezzell, Nancy Eilbert, Joan Karpinsky, Mary Helen Kennedy, Leroy Gappa, Aljean Ackerman, Brandon Winters, Craig VanLoy, Matt Ezzell, Richard Kopachek, Pat Roemhildt, Dave Grams, Barbara Willis, Jesse Garza, Sr. Monica Wagner, Linda Rentschler, Richard Linnes, Lana Bramstedt, Myrna Yenter, Bob Ackerman, Angie Nolan, Steve Enderle, Nancy Birgen, Marie Bernardy, Beverly Linnes, Pat Fetter, Marcy Reese, Catherine Guertin, Dale Nickel, Tom Wyrowski, Richard Meurer

**Home Visitation: If you wish to receive the sacraments, Holy Communion or a personal pastoral visit from Father or a parish, please call our Minister of the sick and homebound, Lorraine Klaseus at 507-388-4932.**

**For Our Families**

- Monday** Scott & Ashley Wersal
- Tuesday** Kyle & Katie Westberg
- Wednesday** Lee & Meigan Westermann
- Thursday** Reed & Megan White
- Friday** Peggy Wibstad
- Saturday** Diana Wieneke
- Sunday** Eric & Sarah Willaert



**For Those in the Military**

- Ben Barsness    Timothy Eick    Jared Hiniker
- Tanner Johnson    Dana Schiller    Zach Zernechel
- 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: Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18 (449)
- Tues: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21 (450)
- Weds: Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6 (451)
- Thurs: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9 (452)
- Fri: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51 (647)  
Pss Prop
- Sat: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45 (454)
- Sun: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32 (136)  
Pss II



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