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Centennial Year 1925 - 2025

March 2, 2025
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Ash Wednesday is March 5th

**Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor**



How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye," when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam in your own eye first, then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye."

-St. Luke

This weekend's challenging Gospel for the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, is a perfect lead in for what will be taking place spiritually this Wednesday! **WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS WEDNESDAY, YOU ASK?** Well, I am glad that you asked! For if you are not already aware, this Wednesday is the start of the Lenten season with the celebration of Ash Wednesday on March 5th!

I know! I know! We have neither the enthusiasm nor the excitement for Ash Wednesday, as we might have for Christmas, Thanksgiving, or Easter. For on those special occasions we usually look forward to gathering with family and friends and being close with the people that we love. But in reality, that is what Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season is all about as well. For is not Ash Wednesday really an occasion that we should look forward to, to spiritually gather with our family of faith and to draw ourselves closer through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving with our God who is LOVE?

Speaking of LOVE, I love the definition of Lent being a "SPIRITUAL RESET". For Lent is a perfect time to RESET RELIGIOUSLY our life of faith that may have faltered over the past year when it comes to PRAYING as we should, through daily prayer and weekly/daily Eucharist; FASTING, from the foods and behaviors that we do not need and HAVING MADE MANY UNHEALTHY CHOICES both physically and spiritually; and finally GIVING, to the Church and to other charities, as we tend to drift away from giving to others and mostly to ourselves so often throughout the year.

How often through the year do we do "physical resets"? For many of us go each year to the doctor to have a "physical", or a physical exam. Our family physician

ends up checking our body out from head to foot, poking and prodding in that annual exam. And at the conclusion of the exam he/she may tell us that we need to reset our diet. We reset our diet, of course, by eating less, or maybe eating less salt and fat. The doctor may ask us again to "reset" this idea of resting" in the evenings on the couch by instead getting up and doing some exercise. Each year, a time or two we RESET, reluctantly, the reality of having our teeth checked out. And as we arrive in the dentist's office, we are really not that keen or care to hear the sound of the spinning of a drill in an exam room down the hallway. But we do the dentist thing, because we believe that a healthy mouth is the gateway to a healthy body.

In this weekend's Gospel, the holy scriptures focus on the spiritual fact of HYPOCRISY. We all know what HYPOCRISY IS, RIGHT? Hypocrisy is of course saying one thing but doing another. Do as I say but not as I do. And just as a dentist might find a cavity in our mouth that needs to be drilled and filled in, so too when out of our mouths come the spiritual decay of hypocrisy, and out of our minds and bodies comes the spiritual decay or destruction of sin, it too makes good sense in terms of our spiritual health, to have these 40 days to change our ways and our very lives in order that we will be able to get to heaven some day!

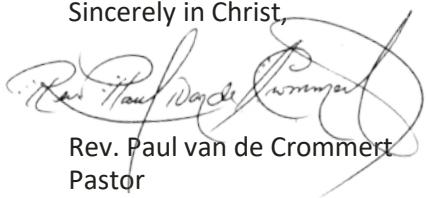
I would ask that right now you might start to prepare for the great spiritual celebration of Ash Wednesday. For just as we prepare for Christmas by putting up the nativity scene or the Christmas tree, how about right now as you are reading this article, you might reflect not only on what you are going to give up this Lent, but also to ponder on what you are going to possibly do this Lent? Pastorally, I intend to do several things and one of them is to pray more for the Church and our local church of Holy Rosary. I intend to pray that they might prioritize that perfect prayer of the Mass above all else each weekend.

Most of all, may we pray in this Lent of 2025, and in this 100th Anniversary of our parish of Holy Rosary, that we will see this as the perfect time to "REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL", IN ORDER TO CELEBRATE THE HOLY EUCHARIST WITH PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING ON SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH, 2025!

See you this Wednesday! Have a good week and great Lent of renewal through the resetting of your religious life.

Sincerely in Christ,




Rev. Paul van de Crommert
Pastor

THIS Wednesday is Ash Wednesday March 5th, 2025!

There will be 3 Masses offered on Ash Wednesday at Holy Rosary! The Mass times will be **8:30 A.M., 4:30 P.M. and 6:45 P.M.!** Plan now which Mass you and your household will plan to attend!

PRAY! FAST! GIVE!



STEWARDSHIP



Stewardship of Gratitude

Cold hands but a warm heart! Even though our weather has been quite cold and has even affected our stewardship of time in attending Mass, your stewardship of treasure continues. Thank you for your gifts! We are of course standing on the threshold of another Lenten season that is only 3 days away, on Wednesday, March 5th! It is a perfect time to reset our religious practices and a time to reset our regular priorities.

PRAY! FAST! GIVE! These are the three spiritual calls during the Lenten season! For some of us we might consider resetting our prayer life by getting back into the grove by attending Mass each weekend as a family. Perhaps our family has grown up and are gone, and we are retired. This might be a perfect time to reset our prayer life and to come a time or two each week to celebrate the perfect prayer called the Mass.

FASTING! We are now being told by the medical community that fasting not only has spiritual benefits but also health benefits. Many people are now fasting [*as was done years ago*] from midnight or earlier for 12 hours, before receiving the Holy Eucharist. Doctors are now saying it is not only good giving our digestive track a rest. 80% of all Americans are now overweight or obese. Over 16% of American children are overweight and 1 in 3 adolescents are now pre-diabetic. Perhaps the old-fashioned abstinence of candy and sweets for our young people would be a wise thing to embrace once again not only for spiritual reasons but also for physical reasons.

GIVING! Many of us grew up in homes where it was expected that we would give! We were expected to give of ourselves to do chores and help around the house. Each week when we went to Mass, we gave our beautiful dime that we wished we could keep for ourselves. Did you know that it has been proven scientifically, if not spiritually, of the goodness of giving? Did you know that generous giving of our time and treasure can improve your mood, reduce stress, raise self-esteem and even help you live longer? As always, thank you for your giving!



This Week's Sanctuary Light Intention

Dustin McConnell†

Pasta with the Padres



The 17th Annual "Pasta with the Padres" fundraiser for ECHO Food Shelf is coming right up!! It will be held at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church on Sunday, March 9th from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. We will need lots of volunteers to make this a success and the worker sheets are in the entrance. Our entertainment this year is provided by Dale Haefner & friends and Western music by "Cowboy Crommert!" Come have a good time and support ECHO too.

SINCERE SYMPATHY



To the family of
Elizabeth (Betty) Stenger†

May she and all who have died rest in peace!

The Week Ahead

Monday, March 3rd: Weekday [USA: Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin]

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Kalley Schriener
 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Visitation for Betty Stenger†
 2:00 p.m. - Funeral Mass for Betty Stenger†
 6:00 p.m. - C.C.W. Meeting - Conference Room 1

Tuesday, March 4th: Weekday [Saint Casimir]

Private Mass - John Redigt
 6:30 p.m. - Walking With Purpose Bible Study
 Conference Room 1

Wednesday, March 5th: Ash Wednesday

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Marie Millert†
 1:00 p.m. - Crafters Group, School Bldg
 4:30 p.m. - Faith Formation Students
Gather at School
 4:30 p.m. - Mass - Louis & Barbara Wieseler†
 6:30 p.m. - Faith Formation Grades 1-9, School Bldg
 6:45 p.m. - Mass - Fuller Family

Thursday, March 6th: Thursday after Ash Wednesday

12:00 p.m. - Mass - Ambrose & Lois Kodet†

Friday, March 7th: Friday after Ash Wednesday [Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs]

10:00 a.m. - Mass at North Pointe - Mary Anne Witte†
 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Exposition & Benediction
 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Lenten Fish Fry
 St. Joe the Worker Church
 5:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 8th: Saturday after Ash Wednesday
[Saint John of God, Religious]

4:30 p.m. - Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. - Mass - David Eggersdorfer†

Sunday, March 9th: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Clair Huettl†
 10:00 a.m. - Mass - People of the Parish
 Children's Liturgy of the Word
 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Pasta with the Padres
 St. Joe the Worker Parish

Birthright Raffle

 It is again time for the Knights of Columbus to co-sponsor its annual Benefit for Birthright Ticket Raffle. The proceeds go directly to our local Birthright office, which provides services such as confidential pregnancy testing, counseling and ongoing support. Tickets are available at the parish office during office hours, or by calling David Mutch at 387-5406. The cost of each ticket is \$5.00. There are 5 prizes ranging in value from \$50.00--\$250.00. The drawing will be held on March 27, 2025. Please help support a worthy cause!

Ash Wednesday Ministry Schedule

March 5, 2025



Lector:

8:30 a.m. Arlyce Anderson
 4:30 p.m. Brenda Voracek
 6:45 p.m. Ann LaCourse

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:30 a.m. Terri Compton
 4:30 p.m. Patrick & Wanda Hull
 6:45 p.m. Dwayne & Mary Lou Witte

Servers:

4:30 p.m. Elizabeth Calsbeek, Gavin Gangelhoff,
 Claire Niederegger
 6:45 p.m. Joe Carruth, Ellie & Carter Lang

Presentation of Gifts:

8:30 a.m. Jim & Darlene Schorn
 4:30 p.m. Faith Formation Students
 6:45 p.m. Faith Formation Students

Ushers:

8:30 a.m. John & Lynn Wilson
 4:30 p.m. Dan Voracek, Mark Weingartz
 6:45 p.m. Bill Cahalan, Donna Wenkel

Music Ministry:

8:30 a.m. Corinne Ort, Julie Gruber
 4:30 p.m. Kathy Jo Johns, Vicki Galli
 6:45 p.m. Jenny Chelstrom, Lori Christiansen

Upcoming Parish Events

- ◆ **C.C.W Meeting** - Monday, March 3rd, 6:00 p.m., Conference Room 1
- ◆ **Ash Wednesday** - Wednesday, March 5th, Masses at 8:30 a.m., 4:30 and 6:45 p.m.
- ◆ **First Friday Exposition & Benediction** - Friday, March 7th, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Lenten Fish Fry** - Friday, March 7th, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., St. Joe the Worker
- ◆ **Pasta With the Padres Fundraiser for ECHO Food Shelf** - Sunday, March 9th, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., St. Joseph the Worker
- ◆ **Grade 2 Parent Meeting** - Wednesday, March 12th, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Adult Enrichment** - Saturday, March 15th, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 1
- ◆ **C.C.W Deanery 1 Spring Gathering** - Thursday, March 20th, New Ulm Cathedral
- ◆ **Finance Council Meeting** - Monday, May 12th, 6:30 p.m., Conf. Room 1
- ◆ **Funeral Service for Bonnie Cochran** - Friday, June 6th

Ministry Schedule

March 8 & 9, 2025

Rosary Leader:

- 5:00 p.m. Vince Geurtin
- 8:30 a.m. Arlyce Anderson
- 10:00 a.m. Donna Wolf



Lector:

- 5:00 p.m. Liam Rooney
- 8:30 a.m. Ann LaCourse
- 10:00 a.m. Darlene Schorn

Eucharistic Ministers:

- 5:00 p.m. Patrick & Wanda Hull
- 8:30 a.m. Michelle Ellingworth
- 10:00 a.m. Pat & Karen Zenk

Servers:

- 5:00 p.m. Elizabeth Calsbeek, Joe Carruth, Elsie Muga
- 8:30 a.m. Isabella Riebel, James Younge
- 10:00 a.m. Haidyn & Malia Kolstad, Ellie Lang

Presentation of Gifts:

- 5:00 p.m. Myron & Colleen Thompson
- 8:30 a.m. Milton & Jenny Riebel Family
- 10:00 a.m. Blaine & Teresa Kolstad

Ushers:

- 5:00 p.m. Dan Voracek, Mark Weingartz
- 8:30 a.m. Gary & Mary Zellmer
- 10:00 a.m. Isaac Kolstad, Curtis Peters

Music Ministry:

- 5:00 p.m. Kathy Jo Johns, Jodi Bennett
- 8:30 a.m. Cindy Gawrych, Julie Gruber
- 10:00 a.m. Mark Frahm, Vicki Galli



Lenten Envelope



Included with this week's parish bulletin is an envelope for "Ash Wednesday". The threefold mission of Lent is to **PRAY MORE, FAST MORE, AND GIVE MORE!** For the past years, an envelope was attached to our bulletin for Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. We also gave these same envelopes out [and we will do so again this year] to our students in Faith Formation. For from little on and into our older years, we must learn and relearn that we are called to give. Selfishness does not have to be taught to us. It is in our very human natures as the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve to be selfish at times. However, to share the gifts that God has given to us, that is a virtue [a good habit] that must be taught. Please make use of this envelope as a family along with your young people in the parish.



Faith Formation

Faith Formation Class this Week!



Faith formation classes continue this week on Wednesday, **March 5th** at 4:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. for Ash Wednesday Mass.

Faith Formation – Ash Wednesday [Two Sessions – Choose One!]



We begin the Lenten season not only for the people of our parish but also for the pupils that are participating in our Faith Formation program here at Holy Rosary. And so, as in years past we will host two sessions of Faith Formation on this year's **Ash Wednesday, March 5th at 4:30 P.M. and again at 6:30 P.M.**

Parents are encouraged to drop off their students in grades 1-9 at the school and they will be brought over for Mass. Parents are encouraged to go then directly to church for the Ash Wednesday Mass. Students can join their parents when they are brought to church by a catechist. Those students whose parents are unable to attend Mass will be accompanied through the Mass by one of our catechists.

May we pray as a body of Faith Formation that we will be formed in faith by these 40 days of Lenten renewal and reset. See you on Wednesday!

Parent Meeting - First Reconciliation - First Holy Communion

Please mark your calendars for a required parent meeting for all of our parents whose second graders will be receiving both their First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion that will be held **NEXT Wednesday, March 12th, at 6:30 P.M.** in the main church, during the time of Faith Formation. So while your child is attending class, you are asked to cross the street for about an hour of enrichment.

This meeting will review the pastoral expectations for these two very important sacraments both spiritually and temporally, as well as to set an agreeable date for First Holy Communion Sunday in April-May. We hope to see all of you there for this important spiritual meeting in the coming weeks. Thank you!

-Fr.



STEWARSHIP CORNER

Diocesan United Fund (D.U.F.) etc.:

54% COMPLETED	Paid to Date: \$49,679.59
	Due: \$90,721.69

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

63% COMPLETED	Paid to Date: \$23,135.00
	Due: \$36,526.66

Loyola Catholic School:

60% COMPLETED	Paid to Date: \$92,870.00
	Due: \$154,437.04

Church Social Hall/Sacristy:

89% COMPLETED	Paid to Date: \$712,147.62
	Goal: \$800,000.00

Total Paid to Date 2024-25: \$877,832.21

Apostolate stewardship: \$1,045,158.73

Thank you to all who have given to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Your contributions to the DMA reach individuals and families across the diocese, providing family and crisis counseling, emergency assistance, religious and spiritual formation, and supporting our seminarians. If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge or gift yet, envelopes are available in the pews or in the back of church. You may return your pledge in the collection basket or simply drop it in the mail. You may also make your pledge or gift online at <https://www.dnu.org/dma/>. Either way, your gift will be counted toward our parish goal. Be assured that your gift will only be used to support those ministries designated in the DMA brochure – ministries that are vital to our diocesan church – as well as our own parish project of our church social hall and kitchen.



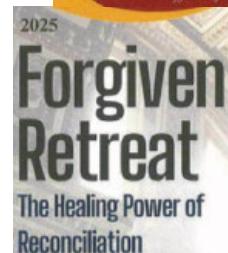
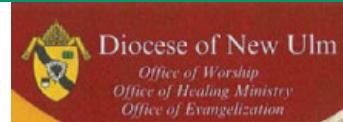
K. of C. Council #5551 News

K. of C. Planning Meeting
March 13 - 7:30 p.m.



Welcome!

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



Come receive healing, be filled with hope, and learn more about the Sacrament of Reconciliation

at the final Forgiven Retreats happening around the diocese. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend or family member who has stopped practicing the faith back into communion with the Church and to "walk with one" in this Eucharistic Revival year of mission. Join the Universal Church in the Jubilee Year of Hope in which reconciliation and healing are key aspects.

◊ Sun. March 30, 2025 – Forgiven Retreat – St. Pius X, Glencoe, 2-8 p.m.

Schedule of the Day

- 2:00 Check-In
- 2:30 Teaching on healing and the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 4:30 Q&A with a priest
- 5:00 Free supper
- 6:00 Adoration and Prayer for Hope and Healing

An Opportunity to Give

Each year the parish purchases a new Easter candle for the celebration of the Easter season. This year is no exception. The parish will need to place the order very soon for a new candle. Is there someone in the parish who has embraced the spirit of LENTEN GIVING, by donating a portion or all of the Easter candle? The estimated cost is between \$300.00 to \$400.00. Thank you for considering to GIVE this important liturgical symbol that is used throughout the entire liturgical year! Please call the parish office if you are willing to help. Thank you!





Clash of the Keys

The countdown is on—**Clash of the Keys: Deuces Wild Dueling Pianos** is just over 2 weeks away, and we couldn't be more excited! Join us for a night of high-energy music, interactive comedy, and unforgettable fun, all while kicking off St. Patrick's Day weekend! We're also thrilled to welcome special guest **Clayton Ryan** to the stage for an extra touch of excitement!

Event Details:

- Date:** Saturday, March 15, 2025
- Time:** Doors open at 6:00 PM | Show starts at 7:30 PM
- Location:** Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut Street, Mankato, MN
- 21+ Event; Cash Only (ATM on-site)**

Get ready for a night full of laughter, audience participation, and incredible dueling pianos from Deuces Wild. It's going to be a blast—and your attendance supports Loyola Catholic School!

Ticket Options:

General Admission: \$40 (in advance) | \$45 (at the door)
Seating is first come, first served.

Reserved Table of 8: \$500

Guarantee priority seating for you and your group!
Purchase your tickets directly in Loyola's main office or online here- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/deuces-wild-dueling-pianos-tickets-1242692720379?aff=oddtctcreator>

Shadow Day

Loyola will be hosting a student shadow day on Friday, March 14th for Kindergarten-8th grade students interested in learning more about Loyola. Students that shadow are partnered with a Loyola student in their grade level and are shown a glimpse into the campus culture through tours, classroom sit-ins, and activities. To register your student(s) please contact the Admissions office at admissions@loyolacatholicschool.org or call 507-386-5399.



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C.C.W. March Meeting

C.C.W. will be meeting on **March 3rd** at 6:00 p.m. **Amy Klugherz** from A Fresh Start will be our speaker. A Fresh Start is a local organization that supports people emerging from homelessness. *Please plan to join us!*



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, Kathy Fredrickson, Nancy Eilbert, Mary Helen Kennedy, Leroy Gappa, Craig VanLoy, Matt Etzell, Richard Kopachek, Pat Roemhildt, Dave Grams, Jesse Garza, Richard Lennes, Angie Nolan, Pat Fetter, Gordon Compton, Peter Bliss, Brigid Ernst, Jim Portz, Shirley Brandt, Bob & Renee Amundson, Jerry Schuck, Gregory Birgens, Jennifer Miller, Brandon Winters, Kathy LaMont, Kevin Grant, Tom Heminover, Mary Bliss, Beverly Lennes, Teresa Kolstad, Lana Bramstedt, Mary Wersal, Sharon Lenz, Loretta Becker, Roberta Eggersdorfer

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	Betty Rykhus
Tuesday	Ronald & Terry Saye
Wednesday	Paul & Jamie Schaffer
Thursday	Jill Schauer
Friday	Nikki Schauer
Saturday	Marilyn Scheurer
Sunday	James & Carrie Schill



For Those in the Military

Tanner Johnson Timothy Eick Ben Barsness
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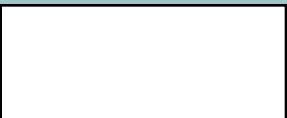
Prayer Chain

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: Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27 (347)
 Tues: Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31 (348)
 Wed: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (219) Pss IV
 Thurs: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25 (220)
 Fri: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15 (221)
 Sat: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32 (222)
 Sun: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13 (24) Pss I

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