



# Holy Rosary Catholic Church

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# August 2, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time



**Rev. Paul van de Crommert**  
Pastor

# the Quill and the Cloth

*“Heed me and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life.*

*-1<sup>st</sup> Reading -Book of the Prophet Isaiah*



On Tuesday evening of this past week, I received a call from a person who is not a member of Holy Rosary, but who has supported the work of Catholic education, particularly Loyola, for many years. It was just a social call to catch up, as I had not spoken to this individual for some time due to the pandemic. I was invited to a late-night meal at the last moment, but I had to respectfully decline, in part because I had already eaten. Then, this person said, **“Well, just come and visit with me and watch me eat!”** While I appreciated the invitation, I declined for two reasons. The first is, that I had a number of things to get ready for before the start of the next work day. The second point, that I did not share, was that I am still a bit squeamish about eating out in restaurants; although I have done so 3-4 times in recent weeks outside the building, *al fresco*.

Two thousand years have passed since the New Testament was written, and another 500 – 1500 years since the Old Testament was written. So, about 3,500 years have transpired from then until now, but one thing remains the same in the human condition. People still need to eat food, and food preparation is largely done in the same way, although today so much of our food is prepared through *technology* when in the time of the Old and New Testaments, it involved direct of human *touch*.

**And while people from thousands of years ago ate food in their human condition just as we do today, why we eat and how much we eat, has radically changed.**

Scientific studies over the last few decades have proven that we are taking in far more calories than perhaps our parents or our grandparents did on a day to day basis, just a generation ago. As we were much more of an agrarian society as recently as 50 years ago, we were also much more active back then, and neither obesity nor obsessing over dieting was the issue that it has become today, not to mention the weight loss market is worth over \$70 billion dollars in the U.S. alone.

**Perhaps the most notable of what has changed about food is our approach, attitude, and the involvement of the Almighty when it comes to food. Offering a prayer of**

**thanksgiving before we recline at our dinner table or go to dine out at a restaurant, has fallen into a steep decline. In terms of how we approach food we see it less as something to be treasured and more as trash to be tossed out, as some 40% of all food in the United States is thrown away. \*\*\*Finally, when it comes to our attitude towards food, we see it less as *essential* and something more as *entertainment*, less as a *basic sustenance for life* and more as *something social*.\*\*\*** The story I began this column with is something we have all experienced in some form or fashion over the years.

Why all this mention about food? Simple! Today’s readings are all about the Good News of food and eating, from the First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah, to Psalm 145, to the Second Reading from St. Paul to the Romans, to today’s Gospel passage from St. Matthew! In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah says, in part, the Good News about food, **“...All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat... drink wine and milk.”** The psalm response is also about the Good News of faith in food as we pray, **“...The hand of the Lord feeds us, He answers all our needs.”** In the Second Reading from St. Paul, the apostle addresses the great fear of the Roman people involving food, namely famine. But St. Paul reminds us, that even if we are separated from food, our faith can never separate us from the love of the Divine Son of the Heavenly Father. St. Paul writes, **“...What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all of these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us.”**

Finally, in today’s Gospel from St. Matthew, we hear that familiar miracle story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fish. Five loaves and two fish, through the power of Jesus, have the power to feed five thousand men, not counting the women and the children who had also gathered in that place. Outside of the passion and the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth that all four gospels tell, this miracle of the loaves and fish is the ONLY miracle all four gospels record, with slight variations in numbers and in the style of storytelling. So, we can conclude a few things: 1.) This miracle was very important. 2.) This miracle was a truly historical event. 3.) Food distribution and consumption was a critically important issue, as famine was common. 4.) When the Messiah would arrive, He would bring an abundance of good, basic things to live our earthly lives, including an abundance of food, just as Moses brought forth from God’s hand an abundance of manna and quail in the desolate area of the desert.

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**Pastoral Reflections on Fundraising and Food in this Time of Pandemic:**

For the church and other charitable organizations, food is used as a means of raising funds. On a pastoral note, I want to conclude by informing you of some cancellations and changes involving our upcoming food and fund-raising events. Last May, our Vacation Raffle that generates some \$7,000 was cancelled due to the pandemic. Our last parish fundraiser was held in February with the "Taste of the Nations" event, which was a great success! THAT EVENT WAS ALMOST SIX MONTHS AGO. Since the start of the pandemic, nearly 12% of our parish family have stopped contributing to Holy Rosary, most likely for economic reasons. However our stewardship commitments to the Diocese, school, utilities, salaries, etc. continue, pandemic or not. In the recent weeks I sought the counsel of our Finance Committee members regarding fundraising in this new fiscal year. This week I sought the opinion of the November Festival Committee if we should try and have a Virtual Vacation Raffle, and provide takeout meals through our caterer, Truffles, just as people are ordering takeout in larger numbers. The committee felt that by next spring, things should be back to normal and should NOT plan the Vacation Raffle this fall. We also discussed the Mass in the Park, which we have done in Wheeler Park for nearly two decades. I asked if we should DROP THE IDEA for this year or still host it, with or without the complimentary meal. The consensus of this group was not to host the event as we have done in the past with a buffet-style meal. Instead, they suggested we simply hold our usual weekly outdoor Mass as we have been doing between the church and the school. Then the committee suggested that we provide after the liturgy a complimentary (no-contact) bag lunch with meat sandwich/chips/desert/water, requesting only a sign-up beforehand, so as not to order too many meals. People could eat it at a safe distance on the street or take it home with them.

Finally, the group agreed to radically dial back November Fest. The committee decided that we continue the raffle but involve fewer small businesses (who may be struggling at this time), and more cash prizes from the parish and parishioners. Our raffle would be similar to the Lucky 20 Raffle that Loyola recently held and was very successful this summer. The committee agreed to change the format and the cost for the tickets, and to seek a wider

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## Stewardship of Gratitude

### Our Gifts to God & Holy Rosary

Adult Contributions	\$8,192.00
Electronic Giving	\$2,800.88
Plate Collection	\$159.00
Junior Collection	\$5.00
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<b>Weekly Offering Total</b>	<b>\$11,156.88</b>
<i>Weekly offering goal is set at \$10,300.00</i>	
Bridging the Gap	\$0.00
Additional Weekly Income	\$0.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$11,156.88</b>
<i>Total weekly stewardship goal is set at \$13,200.00</i>	

**Thank you for your gifts of gratitude to God!**

## Stewardship of Gratitude

A week ago, the parish sent out a major mailing to all the registered households of Holy Rosary. It was nice to see the number of families already catching up on their stewardship gifts despite infrequent attendance and/or absence from the weekend liturgies due to the pandemic. Last weekend's Mass attendance was the strongest on a Saturday night since we returned to the Saturday 5:00 p.m. liturgies, and rivaled Mass attendance on a normal Saturday evening when I first arrived in the parish six years ago. However, Sunday saw only a fraction of the nearly 200 parishioners in attendance the previous week. The Mass had to be held indoors this past Sunday, due to the wet and rainy conditions. Despite these circumstances, as well as the pandemic and summertime when stewardship normally falls, we were still able to pass our budgeted needs. We have eliminated as many of our expenses as possible in the parish, and we will continue to work hard for the rest of the calendar year to reduce and hopefully eliminate our stewardship goals to both our area Catholic School and our Diocese of New Ulm. Then, we will work to cover the cost of upgrading the air conditioning and church and the work surrounding this project. *The total bid for this project will be \$108,000.00 exactly.* As always, thank you for your gifts!!!

## The Week Ahead

### Monday, August 3: Weekday

6:00 pm - Mass - Jerry Schuck (80th Birthday)

### Tuesday, August 4: Saint John Vianney, Priest

Private Mass - Wally & Ester Zellmer†

### Wednesday, August 5: [The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major]

6:00 pm - Mass - Frances & Joe Sieberg†

### Thursday, August 6: The Transfiguration of the Lord

6:00 pm - Mass - Don Theissent†

### Friday, August 7: [Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest]

6:00 pm - Mass - Tom Rykhust†

### Saturday, August 8: Saint Dominic, Priest

3:00 pm - Recorded Mass - People of Holy Rosary Parish (**Reservations are REQUIRED for this Mass.**)

*\*Please call the parish office if you would like to attend - we would like to make this Mass for those over 65 or who have health issues.*

5:00 pm - Mass - Bonnie Varuska†

### Sunday, August 9: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - Mass - Juliette Shamp†

*(\*Individual appointments can be made for The Sacrament of Reconciliation or the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office.)*

### Council of Catholic Women News



The Holy Rosary C.C.W. is looking for women who would be interested in filling a couple of positions for the C.C.W. Commission or Coordinators. Volunteers are needed for Historian, Reverence Life Coordinator, and Legislation Coordinator. None of these positions require a lot of time. If you would like more information or are interested in any one of these, please call Terri Compton at 507-420-1264.



### The RECYCLE SALE is coming!

**The Holy Rosary C.C.W. will be having a sale August 20th-22nd.** Let your friends, relatives, and fellow parishioners know!

We are now accepting donations of: gently used clothing, household items (no electrical), decorative items, small furniture, yard and garden items, hobby items, puzzles, craft supplies, tools, and sports/fishing equipment.

Bring your items to the Holy Rosary Parish Center (school) between 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Place your items at the head of the stairs to your right, just inside the front door – there will be a sign. Thank you for your generosity! If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help at the sale, call Mary Grams at 507-327-6479. Thank you!

### Upcoming Parish Events



- Assumption of Mary Holy Day Mass - Saturday, August 15th, 10:00 am
- Memorial Mass for Chuck Frost - Saturday, September 12th
- Faith Formation Registration Begins - Monday, August 24th - Monday, September 21st
- Faith Formation Catechist/Staff Inservice - Monday, September 14th, Conf Rm 1
- Faith Formation Classes begin for Grades 6-9 - Wednesday, September 16th, 6:30 pm, School Gym
- Mass on Grant Ave (**this year's Mass in the Park**) - Sunday, September 20th, 10:00 am, Church grounds
- Faith Formation Classes begin for Grades 1-5 - Wednesday, September 23rd, 6:30 pm, School Gym
- November Fest (**modified**) - Sunday, November 8th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Church/School Gym

### Thought For the Week



**R. You have forgotten God who gave you birth.**

You were unmindful of the Rock that begot you. You forgot the God who gave you birth. When the LORD saw this, He was filled with loathing and anger toward his sons and daughters.

**R. You have forgotten God who gave you birth.**

"I will hide my face from them," he said, "and see what will then become of them. What a fickle race they are, sons with no loyalty in them!"

**R. You have forgotten God who gave you birth.**

"Since they have provoked me with their 'no-god' and angered me with their vain idols, I will provoke them with a 'no-people'; with a foolish nation I will anger them."

**R. You have forgotten God who gave you birth.**

- Daily Mass Psalm Monday, July 27, 2020

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

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

**Paid to Date:** \$1,930.51

**DUE:** \$83,446.38

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

**Paid to Date:** \$0.00

(\*Last year's goal): \$33,183.26

**Loyola Catholic School Assessment:**

**Pd to Date:** \$23,200.00

**DUE:** \$162,257.53

**Total Paid to Date 2020-21: \$25,130.51**  
**Apostolate stewardship for 2020-21: \$278,887.17**

This week, we took another step forward on our stewardship climb to our Catholic School commitment by contributing \$11,000.00. My hope is to contribute something each week and to conclude our commitment first to our area Catholic school, which has a significant need for revenue. Then, we will proceed with our commitment to the Diocese and work on raising nearly \$84,000 in their first major goal of the Diocesan United Fund. To the best of my knowledge, the Diocesan Ministry Appeal (of which we still do not have a set goal and are taking last year's figures), will again be a soft goal. Hopefully, before or during November, we will have that exact figure. At this point, we are less than 1% away from completing 10% of our total stewardship commitment. So, if we are in competition with our 12 month calendar, we are slightly ahead of schedule. As always, thank you for your gifts!

**Online/Outdoor Mass**



We continue to have a good response from those who wish to attend the recorded Mass at 3:00 P.M. in church, as well as those who are watching the Mass online. **We have had over**

**7,200 total views of our online Masses.**

Some members of our parish have been asking me if it is safe to return to the weekend liturgies. If you are able to go to work, enjoy outdoor activities, or socialize during the week, perhaps, you might consider coming to our Sunday Mass at 10:00 A.M. There is ample room outside to be at a safe distance from other people. I truly believe that it is VERY SAFE. As one parishioner, who started attending Mass a couple of weeks ago, commented to me, "Father, I feel far safer coming to outdoor Mass than I do shopping for groceries." My response to that statement was, "ME TOO!" Maybe we will see you at Mass! Stay well!!!



*Faith Formation*

**Faith Formation Update**

Very soon, the public school educators of Minnesota will receive word from the state as to how best to proceed with the fall semester for students in grades K-12. Other parts of the country have already made the decision to do a blended style of education which will involve both distance learning and in-classroom learning. Some Catholic schools are making the decision to meet in person, as they had done prior to the pandemic, because many of their class sizes are smaller than the public school system, and can accommodate desks and students separated by at least 6 feet.

At Holy Rosary, we are preparing a Wednesday night program that is family based, in keeping with Diocesan directives. The plan has been discussed and further developed with our Education Committee. We are also reformatting our registration form and beginning the needed preparations for a variety of mailings for parents with school age children. Our new program has the makings of a year of great spiritual enrichment which is even more family friendly. There will be a need for catechists for grades 1-5, which will meet about twice a month. The month of August will be very informational for parents and pupils enrolled in public, private, and faith formation programs! Stay tuned!

**Bulletins By Mail - Let Us Know!**

Since we have been celebrating regular public Masses for some time now, please let us know if you no longer need a bulletin mailed to your home. Please call the parish office at 507-387-6501 if you take a bulletin after Mass and can be taken off the mailing list. Thank you so much!



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

*Edwin Goettlichert*



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

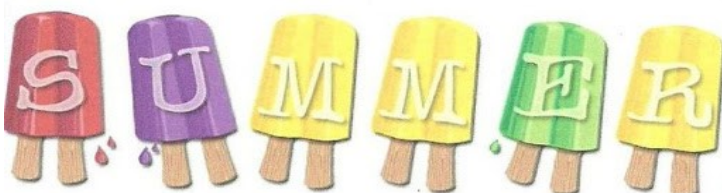
support of the parishioners if possible. The other raffles, children's games, bingo, watching football, and the bluegrass band would all be suspended. A catered meal for takeout would be provided (like you might order from a restaurant) through our caterer, Truffles (a small, North Mankato business), and if there was anyone who wanted to eat their meal in the church social hall or outside (weather permitting), they would be able to do so with socially distanced seating.

**Post Script: I recently spoke with the pastoral leadership in New Ulm who stated that they still held their summer festival at the Cathedral that included a raffle, a bake sale with pre-orders and the baked goods prepared in the parish kitchen, etc. Although their profits were down, their profits were not down by a large amount, bringing in a profit that exceeded some \$35,000. It was noted that by not hosting a festival for one year, it is often very difficult to re-establish a fundraiser after folks have fallen out of the good habit of giving. Stewardship is like a spiritual muscle that needs to be exercised to avoid getting soft.**

I know that many people today do not pray a prayer before they eat their meals, much less after they have eaten. I still do. As I close this rather lengthy article, not only am I grateful that I am done writing it on this Wednesday afternoon, but I am also grateful for the many of you who support our food and fund-raising activities throughout the year in our parish of Holy Rosary. In case you have forgotten, and in case you want to get back into the good habit of saying a closing meal prayer, I offer my mealtime prayer: **"We give thee thanks for all thy benefits, Almighty God, who lives and reigns forever. May the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**



Rev. Paul van de Crommert  
Pastor

**Holy Rosary Mask Policy**

Over the past few months, the CDC has slowly been changing and evolving its policies on facial coverings and masks. At first, we were told that they were not necessary except for medical personnel, due to a severe shortage of masks. Then, we were encouraged to wear masks to protect others. Most recently, we were told that the masks, if worn properly, protect both the people we encounter and ourselves. Our response at Holy Rosary has been good when it comes to wearing masks at Mass, both during the week, and on the weekends.

Those who attend our outdoor Masses are not required to wear masks, but they are welcome to do so if they wish. However, those who attend are required to socially distance, and they are doing a fine job. Of course, our distributors of Holy Communion are required to wear masks. It seems that churches are creating an environment to prevent Covid-19, but the gatherings of many of the younger generation, who are not abiding by the CDC guidelines, are where the virus is spreading. Recently, I spoke with a woman in my home parish who said that there was a rise in Murray County, since many young people were going to parties, bars, and nightclubs with no regard to the CDC recommendations. I find it curious that there are those who stay away on the weekend from the practice of the faith for the sake of health but, during the same weekend, will attend large parties or go to a bar or other crowded place. I assume they do those things in the name of FUN but not in the name of FAITH! "Love thy neighbor as thy self!"

**Need a Mask?**

Reusable cloth masks are available for purchase in the Parish Office during normal business hours.

**In Loving Memory**

Thank you to Don Giroux for the donation of altar flowers in loving memory of **Annabelle Giroux†**. May we keep Don and Annabelle† in our prayers.





**LOYOLA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

Loyola’s goal is to open fully in person on September 1st, in accordance with guidelines released by the Diocese of Winona-Rochester and in collaboration with state and local officials. A working task force continues shaping plans that would ensure a safe return to school for our students, staff, and families, as the health and wellbeing of our school community remains our utmost concern. Plans continue to evolve, so please monitor our website for the latest updates regarding decisions for the 2020-21 school year. If you would like more information regarding enrollment at Loyola for fall 2020, please call 507-388-0600.

Due to the fact that we canceled our in-person Kindergarten Round-up this spring, we have created a **virtual Kindergarten Round-up!** Please check out “Welcome to Kindergarten” on our website.

Interested in enrolling for the 2020-21 school year? Call us! 507-388-0600

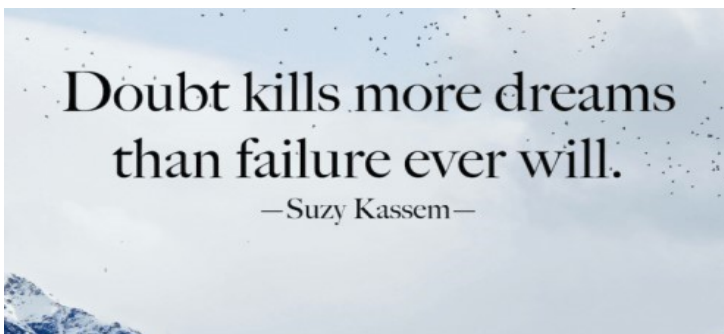
**The Schola Foundation**

The Schola Hall of Fame induction ceremony has been postponed due to COVID-19. Additional information will be provided as soon as it is available.

**CRUSADER GOLF CLASSIC:** Monday, August 24, 2020, Mankato Golf Club. An Early Bird Discount is applicable if you register before July 31, 2020. Registration is now open online! Join us for an 18-hole golf scramble to support Loyola Catholic School. Registration and details can be found at [www.crusadergolfclassic.com](http://www.crusadergolfclassic.com).

**YOUR PARISH SUPPORT MAKES ALL WE DO, LEARN, AND CELEBRATE AT LOYOLA POSSIBLE.**

*Leading through Faith, Academic Excellence, and Service.*



**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!

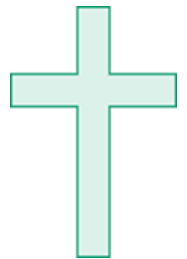
**For Those Who Are Ill & Special Needs**

Arnie & Eileen Wadekamper, Mary Kelly, Molly Viehweg, Mary McVicker, Steve Drummer, Ruth Fitterer, Steve Fitterer, Delores Haubrich, Dave Neubert, Joe Galli, Betty Goettlicher, Tim Brown, Anne Doyle, Dave Grams, Kathy Fredrickson, Will Shumacher, Mickey Meyer, Carol Boruff, Jerry Winters

**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** Chris & Kathy Sieberg
- Tuesday** Dave & Mary Grams
- Wednesday** Colleen Campbell
- Thursday** Brent Friedrichs
- Friday** Gretchen Etzell
- Saturday** Philip & Janet Larson
- Sunday** Frank & Connie Weber



**For Those in the Military**

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

**Prayer Chain**



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

**This Week’s Readings**

- Mon: Jer 28:1-17 (407)/Mt 14:22-36 (408)
- Tues: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14 (408)
- Weds: Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28 (409)
- Thurs: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9 (614) Pss Prop
- Fri: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28 (411)
- Sat: Hb 1:12—2:4/Mt 17:14-20 (412)
- Sun: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33 (115) Pss III