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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020

From: Fr. Tony Hesse



The image of Uncle Sam pointing his finger was an encouragement for our country to get involved. Well, putting aside the need for our country to get involved, I also would like to use this as an encouragement for us to get involved and support the Church. The Church also “Wants You” to support with your time, talent and treasure.

First, our time. Our Church needs you to take time to pray. Because of all the cancellations from coronavirus, we all have a lot more time to pray. As you will see in my column, there are a couple of options for prayer. I ask you to continue to pray the *Discipleship Prayer* that God will help us be good disciples...even if we cannot get out. I am also including a *Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic* that someone gave me. We can be a tremendous disciple through the power of prayer. Our world needs prayer. The churches will be open during the daytime, feel free to come and spend some time with the Lord. If we have hand sanitizer available, make sure you sanitize your hands and keep the 6ft social distancing. No matter where you go, wash your hand thoroughly. We also have adoration to pray for the end of the virus offered throughout the week at the different churches. Those times and places are here in the bulletin and in the letter that you all should have received (call the parish office if you did not receive one). Although we cannot get together as a congregation in prayer, we can still do it on our own, with our families. As I wrote in the letter, maybe the silver lining in the virus is that it is bringing families together and leading us to a deeper prayer life. Hopefully, our prayer life will not diminish like it did after 911, but even grow stronger with each passing day.

Secondly, our talents. Although we are not able to share our talents like we could, like bringing Holy Communion to the Homebound, that does not mean we stop with our talents. Remember, Fr. Christian and I are available in case of emergencies. You also can share your talents at home, and like with the gift of time, pray that others share their gifts in their homes as well as sharing their talents and ministries in the Church/schools, in the work force, and in the medical field (especially those in harm’s way). As you read in the letter, we will be offering Masses and Stations of the Cross through Live Stream. Just go to our websites (www.mystcatherines.org or www.lowafc.org) and click on “Watch Mass” to watch Mass and Stations on Live Stream. The local television also has our Mass recorded. More info on this and any other new information will be in the bulletin here, on the websites, Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/mystcatherines/>), and on the radio (KLGR 1490 AM/95.9 FM · 97.7 Jack FM).

The talents of our teachers and staff at St. Anne’s School will also continue. Although school is not going and will not be in session until the 30th (hopefully), our staff is making every effort to gather information and to be prepared if the school closure is extended. I am amazed at how creative they are in getting things together and making sure the students will continue to learn and stay connected. Please keep them and all of our schools in your prayers. These two weeks are sure not vacation for them.

Thirdly, our treasure. Because we will not be gathering for weekend Masses, not only will we not have people praying and worshipping together, but our collections will also take a hit. Please continue to share your blessings financially with our parishes and help out with our school. We will still have expenses and the school will have some additional ones because of the adjustments (technological devices, etc.). You may put your donation in an envelope and mail it, do online giving, or automatic transfer. We also are encouraging the donations for memorials for Easter flowers (which we will have some flowers despite the question of whether we will have Easter Masses or not) and to put some of the money towards our local food shelves. The good Lord knows they need it. Whatever we collect, we will try to support both of these areas.

I hope to get more information out to you as we go along. Otherwise, you can also check out our diocesan website as well, www.dnu.org. God is willing to help us, are we willing to do our part and respond as disciples through our time, talent, and treasure?

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BAPTISM

Contact the parish office to set an appointment for class and baptism.

MARRIAGE

Contact the parish office at least nine months before intended marriage.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING

1-866-670-5163

PRAYER NETWORK

Contact Bev Passe
637-5967
bpasse60@yahoo.com

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY— March 22

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a (31A), Eph 5:8-14;
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38

Mass Intentions: *People of our Parishes*
d. Jim Ourada

9-10 AM Confessions & Adoration-SM,OLV

10 AM Mass – *Live Stream*

4-5 PM Confessions & Adoration-SC

6-8:30 PM Confirmation Retreat-SC (*postponed*)

MONDAY – March 23

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

No Mass

TUESDAY - March 24

Ez 47:1-9,12; Jn 5:1-16

Mass Intentions: *d. Tom Jones*
1 & d COF #1757 members

8 AM Mass - *Live Stream*

9-10 AM Confessions & Adoration-SM

6 PM Stations of the Cross - *Live Stream*

WEDNESDAY – March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14,8-10; Lk 1:26-38

Mass Intentions:
1 & d members of Don & Ruby Gustafson family
d. Louise Honetschlager

8 AM Mass - *Live Stream*

9-10 AM Confessions & Adoration-OLV

No Religion classes

6 PM Stations of the Cross - *Live Stream*

THURSDAY - March 26

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Mass Intentions: *d. Eugene Baune*
d. Richard Irlbeck

8 AM Mass - *Live Stream*

9-10 AM Confessions & Adoration– SA

9 AM-6 PM Adoration/12 Rosary-SC

6 PM Stations of the Cross - *Live Stream*

FRIDAY – March 27

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Mass Intentions: *d. Mary Flinn*
In thanksgiving

8 AM Mass - *Live Stream*

9-10 AM Confessions & Adoration-SMT,SC

6 PM Stations of the Cross - *Live Stream*

SATURDAY – March 28

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Mass Intentions: *d. Madonna Baune & Jordan Joel Baune*
d. Lavonne Bernardy

8 AM Mass - *Live Stream*

9-10 AM Confessions & Adoration-SM,OLV

SUNDAY— March 29

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14 (34A), Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45

Mass Intentions: *People of our Parishes*
d. Martha VanLoy

9-10 AM Confessions & Adoration-SA,SMT

10 AM Mass - *Live Stream*

4-5 PM Confessions & Adoration-SC

Notice: No public Masses from March 19th thru March 31st. For Live Stream check our websites: (www.mystcatherines.org or www.lowafc.org)

A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most merciful and Triune God,
We come to you in our weakness.
We come to you in our fear.
We come to you with trust.
For you alone are our hope.

We place before you the disease present in our world.
We turn to you in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.

Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in your care.



Jesus, I trust in you.
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Amen.

Confessions & Adoration:

We will be offering individual confessions during the Adoration hours that are here in the bulletin and in the letter that was sent out or check on the website www.mystcatherines.org. We will also offer confessions by appointment, please call the parish office. The confession schedule that we had out this last week will no longer be followed.

Our Gifts to God and to His Church

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|--------------------|----------|----------------|------------|
| Adult Contribution | 2,859.00 | Adult for Week | 2,859.00 |
| Students | 19.00 | Adult Budget | 4,808.00 |
| Loose Plate | 422.12 | | |
| Black & Indian | 70.00 | | |
| Catholic Home | 10.00 | | |
| Maintenance | 60.00 | | |
| Catholic Relief | 20.00 | YTD Actual | 156,494.23 |
| Total | 3,460.12 | YTD Budget | 177,896.00 |

St. Catherine - Diocesan Ministry Appeal 118 Donated as of March 17

| Goal | Total Received & Pledged | Amount Due | Parish 20% |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------|------------|
| \$23,261.63 | \$35,155.80 | (\$11,894.17) | \$6,651.16 |

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS!



Prayers and blessings to Anthony & Sara Iverson on the baptism of their baby, Kellan Kenneth. *Kellan Kenneth*, a precious gift of God, became a member of our Catholic family on Sunday, Mar. 15, 2020 through the Sacrament of Baptism.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes March 2020

Sunday, March 22

-6-8:30 PM Confirmation Retreat-SC
postponed

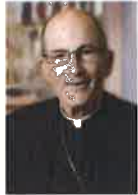


Wednesday, March 25

- 5:30-6:30 PM GR 1-6 - *cancelled*
- 7- 8 PM GR 7-12 - *cancelled*

Sunday, March 29

- 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday School (last day)- *cancelled*
- 8:30-11:30 AM - Youth Pancake Breakfast-SC
postponed



Listen Weekly
to Bishop John LeVoi's
Lenten Reflections

WWW.DNU.ORG

Chrism Mass

Chrism Mass is on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 7 PM at Church of St. Aloysius in Olivia, MN. The holy oils used in the sacraments throughout the year will be blessed by Bishop LeVoi and given to the priests to take back to their parishes.

Ad spots available on back of bulletin

We have some ad spots available on the back of the bulletin, if you are interested in putting your ad on the back of this bulletin, please call the parish office and talk to Kris at 644-2278.

Spring Clothing Drive April 20-27



Now is the time to clean out your closets and donate clothing that you don't wear anymore or the items you don't use any longer.

Please bag or box up clean and useable items and bring to the Parish garage and we will donate to the Clothing Center by the museum. They accept clothing, household items, toys, books, etc. They **do not** accept any electronics. The garage will be open April 20th—27th from 7 AM-6PM (except Sunday). Thank you so much for your generosity.

Easter Flowers Donations



If you would like to donate toward the Easter flowers in memory/honor of a loved one, please drop your donation off at the parish office or drop in collection basket and mark the envelope, "Easter Flowers". Be sure to list the name(s) you want remembered. Also, a portion of these donations will go to the local food shelf.

Meals on Wheels



St. Catherine's Church is doing Meals on Wheels for the month of April, we need volunteers to help deliver meals. Please sign-up in the gathering space for a time slot to help deliver meals. God Bless you!

Discipleship Prayer

Dear Lord, our Church is composed of people like me.

We help make it what it is.

With Your Divine Grace...

Our Parishes will be friendly, if I am.

Our pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

Our Parishes will do great work, if I work.

Our Parishes will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

Our Parishes will bring other people into our worship and fellowship if I invite and bring them.

Our Parishes will be a Church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a Church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with your help, Oh God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things You want our Church to be.

Amen.

Prayer Time

Volunteers from St. Catherine's are willing to pray for you and with you. All you need to do is call Bev Passe at 637-5967 or email bpasse60@yahoo.com or call church at 644-2278 or go to our website and state that you would like prayers. We keep the information very simple and keep it in the strictest confidence.

San Lucas Coffee

We have San Lucas Coffee you can buy at St. Catherine's church. Ground coffee, whole bean coffee, dark whole bean coffee for \$10 a bag, proceeds will go to San Lucas Mission.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next available weekends are April 24-26, 2020 in Hutchinson, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact Miki at 507-227-8229 or website; applications@southmnwwme.org.

MARCH FOOD SHELF DRIVE



March we will have the shopping cart out for collection of items to donate to the Redwood Area Food Shelf. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the parish office or put in an envelope marked food shelf and put in the collection basket.

This weeks Calendar Raffle drawing winners:

March 18 \$25 Kathy Ankrum
March 20 \$50 Ginny Lang
March 22 \$50 Brian Serbus

Checks will be mailed out to the address on ticket stub.
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Jeremiah 29:11

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