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Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2020

From: Fr. Christian Adike

DON'T LOOSE HOPE OR BE AFRAID OF THE UNKNOWN

God created the universe in time and ordered everything He created to obey different times; this is why the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 stated that there is time for everything; time to be alive on earth and time to be gone or not to be living on earth, time to be happy and time to be sad, time of global pandemic as we now experience the outbreak of coronavirus et cetera. Last year, after a heavy snow storm, as I was driving on slippery icy roads I was angry or sad with the road, my car and myself but after a second thought in which I asked myself the reason for being angry or sad, rather that I should be patient; that there is time for everything and that life is not bed of roses, that is, full of crosses for us to bear. Immediately, my anger or sadness turned into happiness and joy, and I started enjoying the music I was playing in the car. There are different times for winter and summer. Those who like winter enjoy it when it is winter season and likewise those who like summer. WE ARE NOW IN THE SEASON OF FLU, GLOBAL PANDEMIC, ECONOMIC RECESSION, ET CETERA. Don't loose hope or be afraid of what will happen in the near future, just know that after rainfall comes sunshine. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy is coming in the morning" (Psalm 30:5). No matter what you (we) are passing through right now don't loose hope, trust God. God is not the brain behind this global pandemic but He allowed or permitted it for a good reason best known to Him. Last weekend's Gospel reading (John 9:1-4) threw more light on this; Jesus disciples asked Him the cause of the blindness of the man born blind; whether his sins or that of his parents but Jesus made it clear to them that he was born blind for the works of God to be made visible through him. God allowed this global pandemic for His work to be made visible; therefore, instead of panicking or being afraid pray, Mother Mary said: "For nothing will be impossible for God" (Luke 1:37). God has the power to protect us from coronavirus or stop the spread of this deadly virus or heal the sick world. If we understand that God can grant us everything we need, then we need to ask in order to receive; we need to seek in order to find; we need to knock on the door in order for it to be opened for us. Please don't loose hope or allow yourself to be gripped with fear of the unknown. This is the great moment we can express our faith. In this weekend's Gospel reading (John 11:1-45); Jesus permitted the death of His friend Lazarus for God's work to be made manifest. Remember, Jesus healed many sick people and when He was told that Lazarus was sick instead of healing him immediately He allowed him to die. After Lazarus death, Jesus allowed his corpse to be in the tomb for four days before restoring his life. THIS IS A GREAT MIRACLE. If Jesus raised Lazarus from death after being dead for four days, can't He intervene in this global pandemic? Don't be afraid or loose hope, pray to Jesus to intervene either to help our scientists in inventing vaccine/ medication or to extraordinarily heal our sick world. MAY GOD PROTECT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US FROM THIS DEADLY VIRUS. Amen. Love from: Fr. Christian

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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Jesus, I trust in you.
Amen.

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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

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PRAYER NETWORK

Contact Bev Passe
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EVENTS OF THE WEEK

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

10 AM Mass - *Live Stream*

12 Noon Rosary - *Conference call*

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-*pray in your home*

4-5 PM Adoration - *Live Stream*

MONDAY – March 30

Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11

Mass Intentions: *d. Ruben Lange*

d. Mike & Eileen Schueller

8 AM Mass - *Live Stream*

8:30-9:30 AM Adoration - *Live Stream*

12 Noon Rosary - *Conference call*

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-*pray in your home*

6-7 PM Confessions-SMT

TUESDAY - March 31

Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Mass Intentions: *d. Fran & Dorothy Uhlenkamp*
d. Ronald & Jim Fischer

8 AM Mass - *Live Stream*

8:30-9:30 AM Adoration - *Live Stream*

12 Noon Rosary - *Conference call*

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-*pray in your home*

6-7 PM Confessions-OLV

WEDNESDAY – April 1

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92,95; Jn 8:31-42

Mass Intentions: *d. Joe Malecek*

d. Butch Ochsendorf

8 AM Mass - *Live Stream*

8:30-9:30 AM Adoration - *Live Stream*

12 Noon Rosary - *Conference call*

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-*pray in your home*

6-7 PM Confessions-SM

7 PM Youth Rosary - *Live Stream*

THURSDAY - April 2

St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Mass Intentions: *d. Fr. Bob Pryor*

d. Elaine Rohlik

8 AM Mass - *Live Stream*

8:30-9:30 AM Adoration - *Live Stream*

12 Noon Rosary - *Conference call*

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-*pray in your home*

6-7 PM Confessions-SA

FRIDAY – April 3

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Mass Intentions: *Carol Kriegl*

d. Marcella & Lawrence Plaetz

8 AM Mass - *Live Stream*

8:30-9:30 AM Adoration - *Live Stream*

12 Noon Rosary - *Conference call*

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-*pray in your home*

6-7 PM Confessions-SC

Notice:

No public Masses from March 19th thru April 13th.

For Live Stream check our websites:

(www.mystcatherines.org or www.lowafc.org)

For conference call with Rosary please see insert.

SATURDAY – April 4

St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

Mass Intentions: *d. LaMay Drexler*

d. Pete & Loretta Woelfel

8 AM Mass - *Live Stream*

9-10 AM Adoration - *Live Stream*

12 Noon Rosary - *Conference call*

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-*pray in your home*

6-7 PM Confessions-SMT

SUNDAY - April 5

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mt 21:1-11 (37A); Is 50:4-7 (38ABC), Phil 2:6-11

Mass Intentions: *d. Benedict Aguilera*

People of the Parishes

10 AM Mass - *Live Stream*

12 Noon Rosary - *Conference call*

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-*pray in your home*

4-5 PM Adoration - *Live Stream*

Our Gifts to God and to His Church

Adult Contribution	1,754.00	Adult for Week	1,754.00
Ash Wednesday	25.00	Adult Budget	4,808.00
Loose Plate	85.00		
Maintenance	410.00		
Holy Land	25.00		
Holy Thursday	25.00		
Black & Indian	25.00		
Easter	200.00		
Catholic Relief	255.00	YTD Actual	159,298.23
Total	2,804.00	YTD Budget	182,704.00

St. Catherine - Diocesan Ministry Appeal 119 Donated as of March 24

Goal	Total Received & Pledged	Amount Due	Parish 20%
\$23,261.63	\$35,160.80	(\$11,899.17)	\$6,672.16

CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE

Our sympathy and prayers go to the families and friends of Helen Welsch, wife of Russell, and to Miloyd J. "Buddy" Dolezal, husband of Joann, and to Ron Martin, husband of Connie, and to Arnie Kaufenberg, husband of Irene. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

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.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes March 2020



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 LeVoir's
Lenten Reflections
WWW.DNU.ORG

Chrim Mass-Closed to the public

Chrim 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 LeVoir 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.

Cancelled-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.

Due to the coronavirus the Clothing Center has been closed so they are unable to receive our items. We are cancelling the Spring Clothing Drive but we should have our Fall Clothing Drive in October.

Baptism Classes April & May

Baptism Classes are cancelled for April & May at the churches, but contact Deacon Ryan Pope if you are wanting the Sacrament of Baptism which is always available. Deacon Ryan Pope will meet with individuals if needed. Email Deacon Ryan @ popedpt@gmail.com or call the parish office at 644-2278.

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.

Meals on Wheels



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

***Because of the coronavirus and the Community Ctr being closed we will have the meals to be delivered picked up at St. Catherine's in the Old Social Hall.

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.

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.

Where to volunteer, donate medical supplies

You may be able to help

The Center for Emergency Preparedness and Response, Minnesota Department of Health, is asking that offers for help be furnished to these two places during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Volunteers (people) at <http://mnresponds.org>
- Products, medical equipment, venues (from businesses, schools and universities, medical facilities) at hsem.ppp@state.mn.us

For Department of Labor and Industry updates related to COVID-19, visit www.dli.mn.gov/updates.

***In regards to making homemade masks, please contact the hospital (Carris Health) at 320-214-6780 or care facilities to see if they are taking homemade masks.

Prayer for the World

Dear Lord, protect the whole world from the corona virus. Amen



This weeks Calendar Raffle drawing winners:

March 25 \$25 Mel Liebl
March 27 \$50 Larry Weidell
March 29 \$50 Laura Rohlik

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