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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 12, 2020

From: Fr. Christian Adike

TRIALS ARE PART OF LIFE

Life is not bed of roses. Surely there are times when it would seem as if evils are succeeding; sometimes God allows some people to succeed in their evil plans or allows innocent people to be hurt unnecessarily, there are times it feels as though God is sleeping, as though our prayers no longer carry weight, as though suffering is the only reward for being good. As St. Paul writes: "Do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, (2 Timothy 1:8-9).



Do not be ashamed of Jesus because things are not moving well for you. Remember the great and powerful things Jesus did for you in the past, hold on to your testimony. Hold on to the great interventions of God in your life. That you are alive today is not out of your own making but God. When things are not fine with you, don't begin to panic, don't think that the devil is now stronger than God. God makes a way where there is none. God remains in charge. Trials will come and go, they must surely pass! After the story, comes the glory. **WITHOUT GOOD FRIDAY THERE WON'T BE EASTER.** You can only enjoy food better when you allow yourself to be hungry before eating the food.

In fact, in the story of Abram, a name which means "exalted father." He was called that name because he was taking care of so many people but none was his biological child. He had been married without a child for so many years. When God called him, he was already 75 years old. God promised him so many things amongst which included that he would become a great nation. But you and I know how the story went. All these blessings did not materialize immediately. Abram would have to wait for another 25 years to carry Isaac and he went through a lot of trials, challenges and set-backs but God did not fail him in the end.

Don't be discouraged with God. The way God-Father allowed Jesus Christ to suffer and die for us is the way He allowed Covid-19 to remind us of our mortality. At least, we are now conscious of our death. There would surely be glory but right now, it may look like a story. Keep trusting God. Don't give up. Stay safe and pray more.

After the war, the Israelites came to Moses and said, "we counted and **NO ONE IS MISSING**" (Num 31 vs 49), **I Pray None Will Be Missing In Your Family, Among Your Friends And Love Ones during this Corona virus pandemic In Jesus' Mighty Name, Amen. LOVE FROM: Fr Christian Adike.**



Beauty of Life

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Light of the World website: www.LOWAFC.org

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
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EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY - April 12

Easter Sunday

of the Resurrection of the Lord

Act 10:34a,37-43 (42ABC) Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

Mass Intentions: *People of our Parishes*

d. Norb & Veronica Johanneck

10 AM Mass - *Live Steam*

12 Noon Rosary - *Conference call*

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

MONDAY - April 13

Acts 2:14,22-23; Mt 28:8-15

12 Noon Rosary - *Conference call*

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

TUESDAY - April 14

Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

Mass Intentions: *d. Madonna Baune &*

Jordan Joel Baune

d. LaVonne Bernardy

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*

WEDNESDAY - April 15

Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

Mass Intentions: *d. Roger Serbus*

d. Alphonse & Tillie Guetter

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*

7 PM Youth Rosary - *Live Stream*

THURSDAY - April 16

Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

Mass Intentions: *l & d members of Tom Ochs family*

d. Eugene Baune

8 AM Mass - *Live Stream*

12 Noon Rosary - *Conference call*

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

FRIDAY - April 17

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

Mass Intentions: *d. Gordy Jensen*

d. In thanksgiving

8 AM Mass - *Live Stream*

12 Noon Rosary - *Conference call*

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

SATURDAY - April 18

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

Mass Intentions: *d. Shawn Gewerth*

d. Jim Treml

8 AM Mass - *Live Stream*

12 Noon Rosary - *Conference call*

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

SUNDAY - April 19

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47(43A), 1Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Mass Intentions: *d. Leona "Bunny" Goblisch*

People of our Parishes

10 AM Mass - *Live Steam*

12 Noon Rosary - *Conference call*

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

4-5 PM Adoration - *Live Stream*

Notice:

No public Masses from March 19th thru May 4th

For **Live Stream** check our websites: (www.mystcatherines.org or www.lowafc.org) click on Watch Mass

Facebook page www.facebook.com/mystcatherines/

For **conference call** with Rosary everyday at 12 noon call 1-408-418-9388 use access code 620677749. (If you don't have free long distance calls, there will be a charge)

FORMED: www.formed.org then click on "Sign-up", click on "I belong to a parish or organization" enter Redwood Falls St. Catherine. If you have any questions call the parish office.

For more prayers or resources, check our diocesan website at:

www.dnu.org

COVID-19 Updates:

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

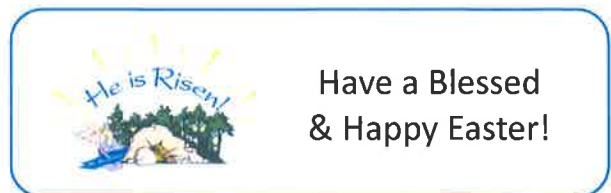
• **Volunteers (people)** at <https://mnresponds.org>

• **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.

Our Gifts to God and to His Church			
Adult Contribution	4,405.00	Adult for Week	4,405.00
Student	4.00	Adult Budget	4,808.00
Maintenance	600.00		
Ash Wednesday	15.00		
Loose Plate	100.00		
Catholic Relief	70.00	YTD Actual	165,833.23
Total	5,194.00	YTD Budget	192,320.00
St. Catherine - Diocesan Ministry Appeal			
119 Donated as of March 31			
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 Vern Maserek. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Would you like to be called?

If you would like a call from our parish or if you would like to make a call to parishioners, please call our parish office. We would like to call to keep in touch with parishioners and let them know we care and are praying for them.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes April, 2020



Wednesday, April 15

- 7 PM Live Stream Mass for Religious Ed.

Go to www.mystcatherines.org click on "Watch Mass"

Sunday, April 19

- 9:30 AM Confirmation Mass-postponed until Fall

From: Katie & David

RE and Youth Group on Wednesday evenings will be moving the rest of the year to in-home family nights that we have been sending via email for you and your families to work through and discuss together. This is not ideal, but it is still a way for you to be growing in faith as a family. Some of the youth catechists will be sending a note home in the next week or so. We also decided that we will send weekly faith sharing via email beyond our April 15th date as a guide to foster faith sharing as families.

David and Katie will be going live for the next few Wednesdays on our AFC YouTube channel at 7pm with prayer as a way to still be connected as a community. We are also recording the rest of our Youth Group Bible Study and emailing those out for youth to finish the Bible Study. For those families who are preparing for Sacraments this year, we do not want to compromise the important celebrations or limit the number of family members that can be present. All our youth will be able to receive their Sacraments, but maybe not as scheduled.

1st Communion – the 1st Communion dates that are on the calendar are postponed, new dates TBD (to be determined).

Confirmation - we just heard from the Bishop late Friday that all Confirmation celebrations in our Diocese have been postponed to the Fall of 2020. For the time being, keep working on your preparation, meet with your sponsors via phone or video call, watch Mass online, as you now have until the Fall to continue your preparation. We will gather together a few times before Confirmation for a retreat and preparation. More info will come asap when we hear the new date.

Money Counters

When there are no public Masses, there are no money counters needed. Thank you and God Bless!

Cancelled-CCW Salad Luncheon-May 5th

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic CCW decided to cancel the Salad Luncheon.

Baptism Classes April & May-cancelled

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.

Meals on Wheels

St. Catherine's Church is doing Meals on Wheels for the month of April.

***Because of the coronavirus and the Community Ctr being closed we will have the meals to be delivered picked up at St. Catherine's front (south) door.



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.

FOOD SHELF DRIVE



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. As we are going through a time of uncertainty we will need more food on our food shelves to help the families in need.

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.*** If you have been cleaning out your closets you can save it for our Fall Clothing Drive.

Jesus I Trust in You!

Churches are not being closed. Buildings are being closed. You are the church! You are to remain open.



Make and donate masks

***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.

Viewing Masses online

When viewing Mass in your home, we encourage parishioners to read the Gospels, pray with their families, and join themselves to the Eucharist - the source and summit of our Catholic faith - by making an act of spiritual communion with the Spiritual Communion Prayer which is on the insert in bulletin.

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.

This weeks Calendar Raffle drawing winners:

April 08	\$25	Jim Tersteeg
April 10	\$50	Amy Serbus
Easter - April 12	\$125	Margie Arroyo
April 12	\$50	Barb Gorackowski

Checks will be mailed out to the address on ticket stub.
Thank you for buying a raffle ticket.



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