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Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

April 19, 2020

From: Fr. Tony Hesse

This past week, three of our five parishes had Administrative Council meetings to discuss the future of our parishes and Area Faith Community (AFC) after July 1<sup>st</sup>. Prior to these meetings, we sent out questionnaires to the respective parishes to see what their thoughts on merging and closing and a few follow-up questions that went with them. This is a summary of those questionnaires and the recommendation of the Administrative Councils.



Our Lady of Victory Administrative Council recommends merging. We will be using our farm income, fundraisers, and donations. As there was with the decision of merging the parish on the questionnaires, there was also an overwhelming response from parishioners to participate in future fundraisers, while supporting the parishes that they will be joining. The Administrative Council will oversee the grounds and maintenance and receive help from parish volunteers. In the time being, we will look at selling the school. If we cannot sell it, then we will be looking into demolishing it. Once the school can no longer be used, we will be using the Lucan Community Center for parish events. As time goes on, the Council will be keeping track where we are at financially and will keep former parishioners informed in future planning and implementation.

St. Mathias' Administrative Council is considering both options of closing or of merging. But in order to fully consider the merging option, we would need people that would be willing to volunteer for administration and maintenance of the church. If you would be interested in this, please contact a council member by Friday, April 24. (Kelly Altermatt, Phone – 507-430-0692; Chad Hertling, Phone – 507-458-1379; David Moldan, Phone – 507-676-0008; Dan O'Callaghan, Phone – 507-723-1588).

St. Mary's Administrative Council unanimously recommended, after looking at the responses from the questionnaires, to close and look into the process of selling the church and property. There are no plans of dispersing any of the cash or investments until we have the church and property taken care of and are certain that the cemetery is fully funded. We will be putting a planning committee together to help plan the Last Mass and lunch/program with the Bishop. In regards to sacred and non-sacred items, we will be prayerfully discerning where they will go. Keep in mind, donated items are considered donated. However, if you have concerns or questions about these items, please call the parish office.

St. Anne and St. Catherine parishes will do all we can to be welcoming of the new parishioners and respecting where they are at in the process of their parish and registering as parishioners. **All of us will experience suffering and sacrifice, but let us not forget and ask for the grace to experience the Easter joy that comes after Calvary.** Not only will the three experience merging or closing, but the other two will also experience changes. The Mass times that we were used to, may and will be changed (obvious this pandemic may have helped with that). The things we have in our churches may also be removed to welcome some of the church items from these closing churches (for example, Stations of the Cross, statues, candles stands, etc.) Hopefully, we will see new people in our churches and in different ministries, like we have been blessed by some of the parishioners from St. John's.

Our AFC Planning Committee will be meeting soon to discuss the transition and how to make the parishioners of the closing or merging parishes welcomed by the receiving parishes. We will continue to have representation from our parish councils and committees on future AFC councils and committees. Please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and our Blessed Mother's protection and maternal assistance so that we can be open to the Father and His will for our AFC.

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Light of the World website: [www.LOWAFC.org](http://www.LOWAFC.org)

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Contact the parish office to set an appointment for class and baptism.	Contact the parish office at least nine months before intended marriage.	1-866-670-5163	Contact Bev Passe 637-5967 <a href="mailto:bpasse60@yahoo.com">bpasse60@yahoo.com</a>

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK

### SUNDAY - April 19

#### Second Sunday of Easter

#### Sunday of Divine Mercy

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-*Live Stream*

4-5 PM Adoration - *Live Stream*

### MONDAY - April 20

Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

No Mass - *Priests on retreat*

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*

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

### TUESDAY - April 21

#### St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

No Mass - *Priests on retreat*

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*

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

### WEDNESDAY - April 22

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

No Mass - *Priests on retreat*

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*

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

7 PM Religious Education - *Live Stream*

### THURSDAY - April 23

#### St. George, Martyr

#### St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

No Mass - *Priests on retreat*

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*

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

### FRIDAY - April 24

#### St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

No Mass - *Priests on retreat*

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*

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

### SATURDAY - April 25

#### St. Mark, Evangelist

1Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

No Mass - *Priests on retreat*

9-10 AM Adoration- *Live Stream*

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*

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

### SUNDAY - April 26

#### Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14,22-33(46A), 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Mass Intentions: *People of our Parishes  
Easter flower memorials*

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*

#### Watch Mass on:

EWTN: <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live>

#### Jesus I Trust in You!

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



#### Notice:

No public Masses from March 19th thru May 4th

EWTN: <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live>

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

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For **conference call** with Rosary everyday at 12 noon call 1-408-418-9388 use access code 620677749. Password: 1234# (If you don't have free long distance calls, there will be a charge)

**FORMED:** [www.formed.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:hsem.ppp@state.mn.us)

For Department of Labor and Industry updates related to COVID-19, visit: [www.dli.mn.gov/updates](http://www.dli.mn.gov/updates).

Our Gifts to God and to His Church			
Adult Contribution	5,250.00	Adult for Week	5,250.00
Easter	8,565.00	Adult Budget	4,808.00
Black & Indian	10.00		
Catholic Home	10.00		
Catholic Relief	20.00		
Holy Thursday	571.00		
Good Friday/Holy	511.00		
Ash Wednesday	10.00		
Loose Plate	18.55		
Maintenance	125.00		
Lenten folders	246.00	YTD Actual	171,083.23
Total	15,336.55	YTD Budget	197,128.00

#### CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE

Our sympathy and prayers go to the families and friends of Jan Revier, wife of Ralph. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

**Note:** Fr. Christian has been asked to serve as a parochial vicar, starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, in the Jesus Our Living Water AFC which includes the Churches of Our Lady of the Lakes in Spicer, St. Mary in Willmar and St. Clara in Clara City. Depending on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic, the date for priests to begin their new assignment may change. He is among 21 different moves this summer. Please keep him, and all of our priests and parishes who are affected by the moves, in your prayers.

#### 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](mailto:popedpt@gmail.com) or call the parish office at 644-2278.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
**Religious Education April, May 2020**



Sunday, April 19

- 9:30 AM Confirmation Mass-postponed until Fall

Wednesday, April 22

- 7 PM Live Stream Prayer

Go to [www.mystcatherines.org](http://www.mystcatherines.org) click on "Watch Mass"

Sunday, May 3

-9:30 AM First Holy Communion—postponed TBD

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**Confirmation** - 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.

**White Mass-online at [dnu.org/white-mass](http://dnu.org/white-mass)**

Bishop John LeVoiir will privately celebrate the White Mass this year for all of our healthcare professionals.

You are invited to join in prayer by viewing the liturgy online at [dnu.org/white-mass](http://dnu.org/white-mass) on Tuesday, April 28th, the feast day of the New Ulm Guild patron, Saint Gianna Beretta Molla.

Following the Mass, Frani Knowles, MD, president of the New Ulm Guild of the CMA, will have a message about the mission of the CMA for all Catholic healthcare professionals.

**Catholic Heart Work Camp Fundraisers**

Help support the Catholic Heart Work Camp participants and our local businesses during this stay-at-home time. We will be selling Knott's Corner pizzas and Hacker's Greenhouse flowers until April 29th. If you are interested in purchasing an item, call our parish office at 644-2278.

**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.

**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

**Thank you**

Thank you for the cards & get well wishes after my surgery. God Bless you! ~ Pat Reitter

**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. St. Catherine's parish would like to call you to keep in touch and to let you know we care and we are keeping you in our prayers.

**Cancelled-CCW Salad Luncheon-May 5th**

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

**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

**Money Counters**

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

**This weeks Calendar Raffle drawing winners:**

April 15 \$25 Bryan Toft  
April 17 \$50 Shirley Redmann  
April 19 \$50 Tom Balko Jr.

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