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Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

From: Fr. Christian Adike

BE HAPPY AND GRATEFUL TO GOD ALWAYS

One day, a very wealthy man was walking on the road. Along the way, he saw a beggar on the sidewalk. The rich man looks kindly on the beggar and asked: "How did you become a beggar?" The beggar replied, "Sir, I have been applying for a job for a year now but haven't found any. You look like a rich man, Sir, if you will give me a job, I will stop begging." The rich man smiled and said, "I want to help you. But I won't give you a job, I will do something better. I want you to be my business partner. Let's start a business together." The beggar did not understand what the older man was saying. "What do you mean, Sir?" "I own a rice plantation said the older man, you could sell my rice in the market. I will provide you the sacks of rice. I will pay the rent for the market stall. I will even give you food allowance everyday for the next 30 days. All you have to do is sell my rice. And at the end of the month, as *Business Partners*, we will share the profits." Tears of joy rolled down his cheeks. "Oh Sir," he said, "You are a gift from Heaven. You are the answer to my prayers. Thank you, thank you, thank you!" He then paused and asked, "Sir, how will we divide the profits? Do I keep 10% and give you the 90%? Do I keep 5% and give you the 95%? I will be happy with any arrangement." The rich man shook his head and chuckled. "No, I want you to give me the 10% and keep the 90%." For a moment, the beggar couldn't speak. When he tried to speak, it was gibberish. "Uh, gee, uh, wow, I mean, huh?" He couldn't believe his ears. The deal was too preposterous. The rich man laughed more loudly. He explained, "I don't need the money, my friend. I'm already wealthy beyond what you can ever imagine. I want you to give me 10% of your profits so you grow in faithfulness and gratitude." The beggar knelt down before his benefactor and said, "Yes Sir, I will do as you say. Even now, I'm so grateful for what you have done for me!" Each day, the beggar, now dressed a little bit better, operated a store selling rice in the market. He worked very hard. He woke up early in the morning and slept late at night. And sales were brisk, also because the rice was of good quality, and after 30 days, the profits were astounding. At the end of the month, as the ex-beggar was counting the money, and liking very much the feeling of money in his hands, an idea grew in his mind. He told himself, "Gee, why should I give 10% to my Business Partner? I didn't see him the whole month! I was the only one who was working day and night for this business. I did all this work! I deserve the 100% profits!"



A few minutes later, the rich man was knocking on the door to collect his 10% of the profits. The ex-beggar opened the door and said, "You don't deserve the 10%. I worked hard for this. I deserve all of it!". Leave me alone, and he slammed the door.

- * If you were his Business Partner, how would you feel ???*
- * What do you think should be done to this ungrateful man?*

Whatever your answer(s) is/are, keep it to yourself and bear in mind that you are the *ex-beggar and ungrateful man* because this is exactly what happens between us and God. God gave us everything. He gave us life, every single moment, every single breath, every single second. God gave us talents, our ability to talk, to create, to earn money. God gave us our body, our eyes, our ears, our mouth, our hands, our feet, our heart, HE gave us our mind, our imagination, our emotions, our reasoning, our language. God gave us opportunities, some taken some lost. God put us in positions, he gave us all we have to make the wealth. YET we take all of it for granted walking on the earth with pride as if we are self-made? We forget His immeasurable bounties and goodies and become ungrateful using the very same blessings He gave us to sin and throw back at Him. **LIFE IS A GIFT FROM GOD AND WE SHOULD ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL TO GOD.** The big questions are:

- (1) Which of the favours of our Lord would we deny?
- (2) When will we turn back to Him with gratitude and obedience?

God has granted us all the opportunities to always remember Him, so be in constant remembrance of Him (quiet time in His presence), Pray, do good to others and always remember you will give account of your sojourn on earth.

Stop thinking about the misfortunes you have in your life and meditate on all God has done for you. Have you appreciated God for still keeping you alive up to this moment? Do you think covid-19 has not killed your age mates? The world is troubled because of the deadly virus and as a result is remembering God now. Before this pandemic the world did not take God seriously as it is now. Be grateful and happy for everything God allowed to happen in your life. We can't do anything without God. Thank God after sleeping, eating, walking, working, praying, reading, cooking etcetera. Think of those that can't do what you can do or don't have what you have, God gave you privilege to do or have them not because you are better than them or worse than them. **MAY GOD HELP US TO APPRECIATE HIM ALWAYS IN OUR LIVES, AMEN.** Fr Christian.

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EVENTS OF THE WEEK

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 Stream*

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-pray in your home

4-5 PM Adoration - *Live Stream*

MONDAY - April 27

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

No Mass

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-pray in your home

TUESDAY - April 28

St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr

St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Mass Intentions: *d. Dorothy Caven*
d. Willie Linsmeier

8 AM Mass followed by Adoration - *Live Stream*

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-pray in your home

WEDNESDAY - April 29

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Mass Intentions: *d. Ginny Lothert*
d. Donald Lensing

8 AM Mass followed by Adoration - *Live Stream*

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-pray in your home

6-7 PM Confessions-SA

7 PM Religious Education - *Live Stream*

THURSDAY - April 30

St. Pius V, Pope

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Mass Intentions: *d. Sharon Hennen*
l & d COF #1757 members

8 AM Mass followed by Adoration - *Live Stream*

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-pray in your home

FRIDAY - May 1

First Friday

St. Joseph the Worker

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Mass Intentions: *l & d members of*
Don & Ruby Gustafson family
d. LaVern Honetschlager

8 AM Mass followed by Adoration - *Live Stream*

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*

2 PM Reconsecration of our Country to Mary (*see insert*)

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-pray in your home

SATURDAY - May 2

First Saturday

St. Athanasius Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

Mass Intentions: *d. Gene Healing*
For a Special Intention

8 AM Mass - *Live Stream*

9-10 AM Adoration- *Live Stream*

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-pray in your home

SUNDAY - May 3

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a,36-41(49A), 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Mass Intentions: *d. Gary Bliss*

People of our Parishes

10 AM Mass - *Live Stream*

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-pray in your home

4-5 PM Holy Hour-Adoration - *Live Stream*

Notice:

No public Masses from March 19th thru May 4th

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

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#. Password: 1234# (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	2,327.00	Adult for Week	2,327.00
Student	20.00	Adult Budget	4,808.00
Catholic Relief	5.00		
Holy Thursday	130.00		
Good Friday/Holy	250.00		
Easter	4,260.00		
Maintenance	40.00		
Lenten folders	25.00	YTD Actual	173,410.23
Total	7,057.00	YTD Budget	201,936.00

St. Catherine - Diocesan Ministry Appeal 120 Donated as of April 21

Goal	Total Received & Pledged	Amount Due	Parish 20%
\$23,261.63	\$35,260.80	(\$11,999.17)	\$6,733.16

CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE

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

CONGRATULATIONS!



Baptism

Prayers and blessings to Eric & Gina Hansen on the baptism of their baby, Mason Eric. *Mason Eric*, a precious gift of God, became a member of our Catholic family on Sat., April 18, 2020 through the Sacrament of Baptism.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Religious Education April, May 2020



Sunday, April 19
- 9:30 AM Confirmation Mass—*postponed until Fall*
Wednesday, April 29
- 7 PM Religious Education—*Live Stream*
Go to 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 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.

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 schedule the new date.

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. Participants are Sophia & Madeline Hanna, Nancy & Olivia Stoterau, Lauren Jacoby, & Austin Gunderson. Funds raised will go towards Summer 2021.

White Mass-online at dnu.org/white-mass

Bishop John LeVoir 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 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.

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.

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 was on the insert in the bulletin.

Baptism Class for May-cancelled

Baptism Class is cancelled for May at the church, 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.

Cancelled-CCW Salad Luncheon-May 5th

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



Jesus I Trust in You!

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

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.

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.

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 22 \$25 Kathy Kahnke
April 24 \$50 Barb Tighe
April 26 \$50 Dylan Wacek

Checks will be mailed out to the address on ticket stub.
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