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Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

From: Fr. Tony Hesse

This weekend we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations (notice the insert). And as I think about my vocation (my calling), I cannot help but think about how blessed I am to be able to celebrate something that many of us may have taken for granted before this pandemic – the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Since this virus, I have been hearing a lot of people longing to get back to Mass. Although the stay-at-home order does not allow us to celebrate Mass publicly, it should not stop us from doing what the Mass is all about. It should not stop us from going out and serving and being Christ.



The word “Mass” comes from the Latin word *missa*, which is from the closing words at the end of Mass – *Ite missa est* “go, it is the dismissal.” In other words, the very reason we come to Mass is to be dismissed and to live what we just celebrated at Mass. The church uses the Latin phrase, “*lex credendi, lex orandi*” - “the law of believing is the law of praying”. This means that if you want to know what we Catholics believe, look at how we pray, and vice versa. If you want to know how we are to pray, look at what we believe. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI expands the phrase to “*lex credendi, lex orandi, lex vivendi*” – the law of belief is the law of praying is the law of living. Therefore, as we gather to celebrate Mass, we celebrate our beliefs through our prayers so that we can be dismissed and live out our faith. Mass is about changing our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit and the lives of those we encounter.

Archbishop Timothy Dolan (Archbishop of New York Archdiocese) mentioned in his first pastoral letter that “Anybody 50 or older can remember when faithful attendance at Sunday Mass was the norm for all Catholics. To miss Sunday Eucharist, unless you were sick, was unheard of. To be a ‘practicing Catholic’ meant you were at Mass every Sunday. More than 75% of Catholics went to Mass every Sunday...Sadly, it is not. Now, the studies tell us, only one-third of us go weekly, perhaps even less in some areas of the archdiocese...If you want your faith to wither up and die, quit going to Sunday Mass. As the body will die without food, the soul will expire without nourishment, that sustenance comes at the Sunday Eucharist” (courtesy of the *National Catholic Register*).

I would hate to see what would happen to our souls if they were to expire without the nourishment of the Eucharist. Although we cannot have public Masses and look forward to the day when we can come together and celebrate, we can use the desire of wanting to get back to church by encouraging and praying for those 2/3 who were not wanting to go. With the *May Crowning* inserts in the bulletin, please join us in the evenings this week for these prayer services and pray that Our Lady will help to end this pandemic and to help us to do God’s will and answer His call. Although, we are informing you when and where the May Crowning services are so that you know when the images from your particular churches will be crowned, because of the social distancing, we ask that you stay at home and join us via livestream (same as our Masses). With our encouragement, prayer, and God’s help, we will fill our churches again. Therefore, please encourage others to come to Mass so they too can be dismissed and share our Lord’s Good News.

In the words of the Archbishop, “[We] must lead Catholics to once again recapture our sense of the Lord’s Day...to make Sunday Mass once again the heart of your week!”

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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
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EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY - May 3

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Mass Intentions: *d. Gary Bliss*

People of our Parishes

10 AM Mass - *Live Steam*

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*

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

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

MONDAY - May 4

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18

No Mass

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*

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

6:30 PM May Crowning-SC - *Live Stream*

TUESDAY - May 5

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Mass Intentions: *d. Jack Smith*

d. Barney & Loretta Jenniges

8 AM Mass followed by Adoration - *Live Stream*

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*

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

6:30 PM May Crowning-SM - *Live Stream*

WEDNESDAY - May 6

Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Mass Intentions: *d. Richard Irlbeck*

d. Floyd Kramer

8 AM Mass followed by Adoration - *Live Stream*

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*

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

5-6 PM Confessions-SM & OLV

7 PM May Crowning-OLV

w/ Religious Ed.- *Live stream*

THURSDAY - May 7

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Mass Intentions: *d. Marcella & Lawrence Plaetz*

d. Julia Susana Kronback

8 AM Mass followed by Adoration - *Live Stream*

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*

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

6:30 PM May Crowning-SA - *Live Stream*

FRIDAY - May 8

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Mass Intentions: *d. Joseph Pope*

d. Joe & Mary Hoffmann

8 AM Mass followed by Adoration - *Live Stream*

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*

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

6:30 PM May Crowning-SMT - *Live stream*

SATURDAY - May 9

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

Mass Intentions: *d. Rosie MacHolda*

d. Elaine Rohlik

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 10

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7 (52A), 1Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Mass Intentions: *People of our Parishes*

d. Wendell Andersen

10 AM Mass - *Live Steam*

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 18th

EWTN: <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)

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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	5,128.00	Adult for Week	5,128.00
Catholic Home Mis	55.00	Adult Budget	4,808.00
Holy Thursday	60.00		
Good Friday/Holy	85.00		
Easter	370.00		
Maintenance	30.00	YTD Actual	178,538.23
Total	5,728.00	YTD Budget	206,744.00
St. Catherine - Diocesan Ministry Appeal			
120 Donated as of April 28			
Goal	Total Received & Pledged	Amount Due	Parish 20%
\$23,261.63	\$35,260.80	(\$11,999.17)	\$6,741.16

Thank You-Meals on Wheels



Thank you to all who helped deliver Meals on Wheels for April. You all did a great job. God Bless you all.

Welcome to our church

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like that are included. A simple hello and a smile go a long way!



First Banns of Marriage for *Bailey Dell & Joel Balko* to be married at St. Catherine. Please keep them in our prayers.



Jesus I Trust in You!

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Religious Education May 2020



Sunday, April 19
- 9:30 AM Confirmation Mass—*postponed until Fall*
Sunday, May 3
- 9:30 AM First Holy Communion—*postponed TBD*
Wednesday, May 6
- 7 PM Religious Education—*Live Stream*
Go to www.mystcatherines.org click on "Watch Mass"

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.

Money Counters

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

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

KC scholarship application forms are available at the parish office or call to have it emailed to you, for students from St. Catherine's who will be as of May 2020.

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- in their senior year of high school
 - a freshman or sophomore at college
 - in their first year of vo-tech

Once qualified a student receives the scholarship for 2 years of vo-tech or 4 years of college as long as they continue to meet the criteria. Conditions to be met are a full time student, at least one parent is a current member of St. Catherine's, maintaining a C+ average, be a practicing Catholic, in financial need and involvement in church, college and volunteer work.

If interested, please contact the parish office for an application form. Deadline to apply is June 1, 2020.

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 - Virtual Class on May 11th.

Deacon Ryan will host a virtual Baptismal Prep Class on May 11th at 7 PM. Registrants should call the parish office or Deacon Ryan to register by Sunday, May 10th.

Email Deacon Ryan @ popedpt@gmail.com or call the parish office at 644-2278.

Blood Drive-Redwood County



Blood Drive on Wed., May 27, 2020 from 9 AM - 3 PM at 403 So. Mill St. in Redwood Falls, MN (Enter on the back side of the Government Center). Please call Heidi to schedule an appointment at 507-637-4016.

Braided or Cross palms

Do you know how to braid or make a cross with palms? If you have this talent and are willing to make some, please 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.

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.

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This weeks Calendar Raffle drawing winners:

Wed.,	April 29	\$25	Brad Guetter
Friday,	May 1	\$50	Bernie Guetter
Sunday,	May 3	\$50	Pat Rauenhorst

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