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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

From: Fr. Christian Adike

JUST ONE PLAGUE!
(By Mike Bamiloye)

Only One Plague,
And the World stood still.

Only One Plague,
And the World Government is
humbled.

Only One Plague,
and the World Powers are confused.

*Before the Plague,

There were nations threatening nations for war. There were countries bullying countries. There was war in Syria. There was revolt in Iran. There was crisis in Turkey. There were protests and political unrest. *But the plague surfaces and quieted everything. Wars ceased for the plague. Killing of Christians were minimized. Unrest stopped for the plague. Olympic games have been shut down for the plague. Everybody ran into their houses. Everyone is hiding away for just one plague!

My dear brothers and sisters, just one plague gave rise to all these changes. If God allows more plaques what will happen? Plaque is never a new thing for us. So many plaques have taken place in the world but Covid-19 is the father of them all. All these shutdowns, peculiarities of the spread of the virus, delays in procuring the cure/vaccine, highly classified conspiracies therein etcetera were not seen in the previous plaques vis-a-vis my sources. One of the outstanding plaques recorded in the Bible was as a result of the maltreatments meted out to the people of Israel in Egypt. As a result of these maltreatments the Israelites prayed to God who inflicted ten plaques on Egyptians and they allowed them to go. (Exodus 7-10) Did God permit this virus because of how human dignity has been disrespected in our present world? We disrespect human dignity when we don't respect human life; humans have dared God by taking human life which they cannot give, treated their fellow human beings like inferior beings, have not respected human personality etcetera. God visited the Egyptians with plaques because of the same atrocities seen in our world today. In the last plague, the angel of death killed all the first fruit of humans and animals and that forced the Egyptians to let the Israelites go.

COVID-19 MAY NOT BE THE LAST PLAGUE so we need to do something for us to always be at the protective care of God. God is speaking to us in the second book of Chronicles 7:14; "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, turn from their evil ways, seek my face and pray, I will forgive their sins and heal their land." Let us start treating our fellow human beings including the unborn with love and don't allow those things that differentiate us to make us disrespect human dignity. This plague has reminded us and made it clear to us that we are mortals. IT GIVES JOY TO TREAT PEOPLE WITH RESPECT AND LOVE. Fr. Christian

From: Fr. Tony Hesse

Speaking of our mortality, I just want to encourage you to use your Cemetery Care envelopes, or if you do not have special envelopes, you may use any kind of envelope to donate toward the ongoing care of our cemeteries. Just drop off your offering or mail it to the parish office. Make sure you indicate what cemetery you would like to financially support and whether you want it to go for operating funds or perpetual care funds (we can only use the interest from the perpetual care fund and not the principal). Either way, these funds are here to help make sure our resting places of our loved ones are dignified and respectful. Plus, they help maintain the grounds for those who like to go there for prayer and reflection (this is why we have the trees and beautiful cemeteries that we do have). Thanks to all who maintain them.

Please keep in your prayers our parishioners from the Church of St. Mathias. After reflecting on the questionnaires that came back and the advice of those who responded, the Administrative Council is recommending that we close our parish after our last Mass on June 20th at 5pm. Those of you from St. Mathias, know of our prayers and support. I hope to have more information on where we go from here as an Area Faith community (AFC) soon. May God bless and strengthen all of our parishes during this difficult time.

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(In case of an EMERGENCY and you need to reach Fr. Tony Hesse, call 507-616-1337)

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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 10 Fifth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

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 Stream*
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 11

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

No Mass
12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*
3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-*pray in your home*

TUESDAY - May 12

Ss Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs
St. Pancras, Martyr

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Mass Intentions: *d. Fran & Dorothy Uhlemkamp*
d. Ernie & Mike Warner & family
8 AM Mass followed by Adoration - *Live Stream*
12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*
3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-*pray in your home*
6 PM KC-Marian Hour of Prayer-*Live Stream*

WEDNESDAY - May 13

Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Mass Intentions: *l & d members of William &*
Theresa Bernardy family
d. Ronald & Jim Fischer
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-SC & SMT
7 PM Religious Education-*Live Stream*

THURSDAY - May 14

St. Mathias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Mass Intentions: *d. Buddy Dolezal*
d. Wilbur, Joan, Steve,
Jim & George Frank
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 15

St. Isidore

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Mass Intentions: *d. Hilary & Marie Gitter*
d. Joy Janachovsky
8 AM Mass followed by Adoration - *Live Stream*
12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*
3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-*pray in your home*

SATURDAY - May 16

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Mass Intentions: *d. Lenus & Marie Johanneck*
d. Millie Trost
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*

Note: Art & Dawn Rohlik farm blessing along with crosses & soil will be in the near future.

SUNDAY - May 17 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 (55A), 1Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

Mass Intentions: *d. Clarence Thiel*
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 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)

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	3,198.00	Adult for Week	3,198.00
Catholic Home Mis	665.00	Adult Budget	4,808.00
Holy Thursday	5.00		
School-SA	25.00		
Easter	210.00		
Maintenance	120.00		
Cemetery	140.00	YTD Actual	181,736.23
Total	4,363.00	YTD Budget	211,552.00
St. Catherine - Diocesan Ministry Appeal 120 Donated as of May 5			
Goal	Total Received & Pledged	Amount Due	Parish 20%
\$23,261.63	\$35,260.80	(\$11,999.17)	\$6,747.16

CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE

Our sympathy and prayers go to the families and friends of Melvin "Mel" Liebl, husband of Mary. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.



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

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.



- 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 want to thank everyone who donated from Jan-Mar to our local food shelf. We had \$1414.00 and over 225 lbs of food donated. As we are going through a time of uncertainty we will need more food on our food shelves to help the families in need. We will continue to 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.

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.

Making 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.

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!

Choices Pregnancy Center fundraiser



In the past we have done the baby bottle collection for Choices Pregnancy Center from Mother's Day thru Father's Day. Because of the coronavirus we will not use the baby bottles, but are still having a fundraiser from Mother's Day to Father's Day. We ask you to drop off at church or mail your donation to the church. Please make checks to Choices Pregnancy Center, CPC.



~ *Happy Mother's Day!* ~



A Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Lord, Please watch over and support all mothers on earth and in heaven... and help them to know how much they are loved and appreciated on Mother's Day and every day.

This weeks Calendar Raffle drawing winners:

Wed.,	May 6	\$25	Monica Luckhardt
Friday,	May 8	\$50	Deb Serbus
Sunday,	May 10	\$50	Joe Kriegl

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



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