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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

From: Fr. Tony Hesse

Prayer is so important! Although these last two months have been very interesting, and sometimes even difficult when it comes to prayer, I also hope and pray that something good will also come out of it. We have been blessed these last couple of months of having our Masses and different prayer services livestreamed. Thanks to all who helped with the ministries for livestreaming. Your willingness to help has made our various prayer experiences possible.

Although, we look forward to the day when we can get back in our churches and pray, I hope we can use this desire of wanting to get back as way for sacrifice. However, our society does not like to sacrifice. We want everything easy and we want everything NOW! Maybe during this pandemic, our Lord is reminding us of who really is in charge...and no, it's not the virus. God is in charge. Through prayer and our lives, God wants us to surrender to Him and to give everything over to Him, even our sinfulness. Maybe this pandemic is a punishment for times when we turned from God and put ourselves in charge, which is why I am asking you to join me in the attached prayer for God's forgiveness. Let us plead for God's mercy and make reparation for our sins. Plus, we need to be the voice in our society of getting people down on their knees and pray. Instead of worrying about the unknown, we need to focus on the known, which is turning to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness, and trusting in Him.

Not only can we bring our lives, families, health care workers, scientists, emergency personnel, police and firefighters, etc. to prayer, but I also ask that we keep our teachers in prayer. Although these last two months have not been easy for anyone, I look at the amazing sacrifices that our teachers, faculty, staff, and administration have made to make these last two months work. I can't imagine the amount of hours that they all had to put in to educate and keep the students connected. Sometimes, I am sure they may have felt helpless and hopeless. However, know that you are being thought of and we are praying for all of you.

Speaking of praying, please also keep our St. Anne's School in your prayers. We have been blessed with a great staff throughout our history. However, Penny Wall (kindergarten), Angie Dudgeon (2nd grade), and Laura Guetter (6th grade) are all leaving. What a wonderful grace it was to have them with us, and now, we have to pray for their replacements. PLEASE PRAY THAT WE MAY FIND THREE NEW TEACHERS! And if you or you know of someone interested in teaching, please contact our school office.

Prayer is a wonderful way for us to stay connected with our Lord as well as to storm the gates of heaven with our prayer requests. Instead of being upset with the future or judging people in what they are doing or not doing, wearing a mask of not wearing one, going out in public or not going out, please turn to God in prayer. Remember, as we have been hearing a lot of, "We are all in this together!" Let us do the same thing with our prayers. No matter what happens to us during the pandemic, please pray! And know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers!!!

Prayer in Times of Epidemics

(extract from the Roman Ritual, Titulus IX, Caput X)

V. Deal not with us, Lord, according to our sins.

R. And take not vengeance on us because of our misdeeds.

V. Help us, O God, our Deliverer.

R. And for thy name's sake, O Lord, free us.

V. Remember not, O Lord, our sins of old.

R. Hasten to us with thy compassion, for we are become exceeding poor.

V. St. Sebastian, pray for us.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit

Let us pray.

Vouchsafe to hear us, O God, our only salvation! And through the intercession of the glorious and blessed Mary, Mother of God and ever Virgin, or thy blessed martyr, Sebastian and of all the saints, deliver thy people from the terrors of thy wrath, and restore their confidence by the outpouring of thy compassion. Be moved to pity, O Lord, at our earnest entreaties, and heal the illnesses of body and soul; so that experiencing thy forgiveness we may ever rejoice in thy blessing.

We beseech thee, O Lord, grant us a hearing as we devoutly raise our petitions to thee, and graciously turn away the epidemic of plague which afflicts us; so that mortal hearts may recognize that these scourges proceed from thine indignation and cease only when thou art moved to mercy. Through our Lord...

R Amen

And may the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit descend upon you and remain forever.

R Amen

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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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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
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EVENTS OF THE WEEK

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*

MONDAY - May 18

St. John I, Pope & Martyr

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a

No Mass

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*

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

TUESDAY - May 19

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Mass Intentions: *d. Jim Heiling*

d. Butch Ochsendorf

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*

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

6 PM Rural Life (Farm) Mass - *Live Stream*

Rural Life Mass with blessings of farm site, soil, and crosses will be on Tuesday, May 19th at 6 PM at the Art & Dawn Rohlik farm site: 29324 Co. Hwy 4 Sanborn, MN. Please join us at the farm for Mass & blessings. Bring a lawn chair or you may have to stay in vehicle. Blessed soil & crosses will be available at churches after Masses.

WEDNESDAY - May 20

St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Acts 17:15,22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Mass Intentions: *l & d members of Tom Och's family*

d. Mirt Jemmings

8 AM Mass followed by Adoration - *Live Stream*

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*

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

5:30-6:30 PM Confessions-*SA & OLV*

7 PM Religious Education-*Live Stream*

THURSDAY - May 21

St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

Mass Intentions: *d. Francis Serbus*

d. Leah Schilling

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 22

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

Mass Intentions: *d. M/M Jim Thoreson & son*

d. Jim Ourada

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 23

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

Mass Intentions: *d. Richard Irbeck*

d. Jim Jacoby

8 AM Mass followed by Adoration - *Live Stream*

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary - *Conference call*

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

SUNDAY - May 24

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-14 (59A), 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

Mass Intentions: *People of our Parishes*

d. Susie Fischer

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	8,682.00	Adult for Week	8,682.00
Catholic Home Mis	40.00	Adult Budget	4,808.00
Students	2.00		
Lenten Folders	18.00		
Catholic Schools	150.00		
Easter	275.00		
Maintenance	370.00		
Cemetery	370.00	YTD Actual	190,418.23
Total	9,907.00	YTD Budget	216,360.00
St. Catherine - Diocesan Ministry Appeal			
120 Donated as of May 12			
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 Ruth Kalk, mother of Phyllis Balko, and Melvin "Mel" Liebl, husband of Mary, father of Connie Lechner & Al Liebl. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.



Third 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*

Confirmation - Confirmation celebrations in our Diocese have been postponed to the Fall of 2020. 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.

1st Communion – the 1st Communion has been postponed, new dates TBD.

AFC Baccalaureate Mass is scheduled for May 30/31 whether it will be in social distance attendance or virtual, we will celebrate the 2020 Senior High School Class Graduates from our parishes.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who volunteered their time and talents this year for Religious Education! All those who helped teach, volunteered on Wednesdays, helped with sacraments, celebrations, and receptions. The work you did is much appreciated. Also, thank you to the parents for bringing your students each week and investing in the faith lives of our young people. Although it was a different year, and ended differently than we had hoped, it was still a great year. We look forward to planning for next year. - Katie and David

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!

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.

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 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 or in the collection basket.

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.

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.

Jesus I Trust in You!



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.

Carris Health-Redwood needs homemade masks

Carris Health-Redwood is still in need of homemade masks. We have a donation box that has been placed in the vestibule at the hospital's main entrance so masks can be dropped off without entering the facility. I hope you consider this unique requests as an opportunity to volunteer your talent during this challenging time. Please label your donation with your name, contact information and the amount of time spent making the item(s). If you have any questions please contact Samantha Loomis at 507-637-4668.

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.

This weeks Calendar Raffle drawing winners:

Wed.,	May 13	\$25	Galen Kodet
Friday,	May 15	\$50	Jayson Read
Sunday,	May 17	\$50	Jodi Cotner

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



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