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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2020

From: Fr. Tony Hesse

Well, we are in some interesting times. As I am sure you are aware, Governor Walz made an executive order this past week of wearing face masks. I know that this will be making a lot of people happy and making other people angry. Regardless of whether we should be wearing a mask or not, it is how we respond that is important. As I mentioned last week in my column for the bulletin, we need to remind ourselves who we are. Remember, whether we are democrat or republican, in favor of this order or not in favor, we are all Christians. We are all Christ-followers. Everything we say and do, should be a reflection of God's love. However, instead of responding with love, I am seeing and hearing a lot of people respond with anger and frustrations.



And if you are one of them who are angered or frustrated by this, bring these feelings to the Lord. Like Solomon in our first reading this weekend from the First Book of Kings who asked our Lord for an understanding heart, let us make this our prayer requests as well. Let us pray that our hearts can understand why we have to struggle through this virus to begin with. Let us pray that our hearts can understand what God wants us to learn from all of this and through all of this and how we can grow from this. Let us pray that our hearts can understand the governor's executive order and why he is mandating it.

Let us, as St. Paul in his Letter to the Romans, conform our lives to the image of God's Son. Even if you feel this order is unjustified, unfair, and attacking our rights of whether we should wear them or not, we need to respond like Jesus did. Jesus knows what injustice, unfairness, and attack on certain rights are, but we never saw Him respond with the anger that we are seeing on television or perhaps in some of our conversations. Yes, He was upset, like He was to the money changers, but He never responded evil with evil – but only good. That is why, as we also heard in St. Paul's Letter, we need to "know that all things work for good for those who love God" (Rm 8:28). We need to love God. We need to love our governor, our president, and anyone who sees things differently than we do. Because if we do, as St. Paul wrote, all things will work for good. May God help us to understand this and with His grace, to live it.

Speaking of good, if anyone wants to make and donate good, homemade masks for our churches, school, and re program, please do so. I am assuming people will be bringing their own masks, but if not, I hope to have some ready for those who are coming to worship (because I do not want to pay a \$1000 fine). You can drop them off at any of the churches. Thanks.

Again, speaking of good, thanks to all who helped with the annual cleaning of the church at St. Anne. Everything looks so nice and fresh and clean. Also, thanks to all who helped with changing things over after our 3pm wedding last weekend and getting things ready for the 4pm Mass at St. Catherine. I was impressed how everything was sanitized and ready to go and that we started Mass only 10 minutes late. In both cases, it is always neat seeing people loving God and coming together and working for the good.

Finally, one more thing in regards to the virus, our AFC Worship Committee is asking that, instead of people sitting wherever they want, we fill-in the front pews first (the un-marked ones) and then move our way to the back. The problem comes in when people come right before Mass and the back pews are all full and they don't know what pews are open up front. Plus, we want to avoid people walking past people who are already in their pews. When Mass is over, please leave your kneelers down, so we know what pews to sanitize and leave the church from the back first, working your way up to the front. Our ushers will help with this, but we are also in need of more ushers and lectors (readers). Please let us know if you are interested. Also, in regards to luncheons, especially for funerals, we will not be offering luncheons because we do not have the volunteers who are able to help out (either because of their age or they are not comfortable going out or helping). However, if this is something you feel passionate about and want us to offer luncheons, please let us know if you are interested in organizing this for our parishes, otherwise, we will not be having luncheons at our churches. However, feel free to have your luncheons at other venues and places. May God help us during this difficult time.

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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

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PRAYER NETWORK

Contact Bev Passe
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EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY - July 26

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5,7-12 (109A), Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

7:30 AM Confessions-SC

8 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*
d. Rosie MacHolda

10 AM Mass - *St. Anne-Live Stream*
d. Andy Schiller

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary-pray on your own

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-pray in your home

4-5 PM Holy Hour-Adoration

7-8:30 PM AFC Youth Group-SC

MONDAY - July 27

Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35

No Mass

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary-pray on your own

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-pray in your home

TUESDAY - July 28

Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary-pray on your own

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-pray in your home

4:45 PM Confessions-SC

5:15 PM Mass - *St. Catherine*

l & d members of Tom Ochs family

WEDNESDAY - July 29

St. Martha

Jer 15:10,16-21; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

7:30 AM Confessions-OLV

8 AM Mass - *Our Lady of Victory-Lucan-Live Stream*
d. Anton I. Soupir

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary-pray on your own

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-pray in your home

THURSDAY - July 30

St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53

7:30 AM Confessions-SA

8 AM Mass - *St. Anne-Live Stream*
d. Ron Martin

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary-pray of your own

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-pray in your home

6:30 PM E & C Mtg-SA

FRIDAY - July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58

7:30 AM Confessions-SC

8 AM Mass - *St. Catherine-Live Stream*
d. Richard Irlbeck

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary-pray on your own

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-pray in your home

SATURDAY - August 1

First Saturday

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Jer 26:11-16,24; Mt 14:1-12

8 AM Mass - *St. Anne*
d. Deb Mathiowetz

8:30-9:30 AM Confession & Adoration-SA

8:30 AM Rosary & Mediation begins-SA

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary-pray on your own

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-pray in your home

3:30 PM Confessions-SC

4 PM Mass - *St. Catherine-Live Stream*
People of our Parishes

6 PM Mass - *St. Anne*
d. Arlene Maertens

SUNDAY - August 2

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:1-3 (112A), Rom 8:35,37-39; Mt 14:13-21

7:30 AM Confessions-SC

8 AM Mass - *St. Catherine*
d. Carol Kriegl

10 AM Mass - *St. Anne-Live Stream*
d. Rosie MacHolda

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary-pray on your own

1-5 PM St. Mary's in Seaforth-View at the church the online Auction items.

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-pray in your home

4-5 PM Holy Hour-Adoration

7-8:30 PM AFC Youth Group-SA

Our Gifts to God and to His Church

Adult Contribution	3,415.00	Adult for Week	3,415.00
Maintenance	10.00	Adult Budget	3,773.58
Student	8.00		
Catholic Schools	50.00		
Loose plate	63.00		
VBS	10.00	YTD Actual	12,049.00
Total	3,556.00	YTD Budget	11,320.74

St. Catherine - Diocesan Ministry Appeal 121 Donated as of July 21

Goal	Total Received & Pledged	Amount Due	Parish 20%
\$23,261.63	\$35,510.80	(\$12,249.17)	\$6,887.16

CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE

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

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Mr. & Mrs. Cortez & Shelby (Taylor) Arredondo on receiving the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, July 18, 2020. May your marriage always be centered on God and may your love grow with each passing year.



Czech Heritage Festival-Virtual Festival

Sunday, August 9th at 7 PM Czech Festival will be live online only this year. Search "Bechyn, Minnesota World" Facebook Page. You do not need to have a Facebook page to watch the event, just access to the internet. Recording artists Mollie B and Ted Lange will host live concert starting at 7 PM. For information call Jeanne at 320-522-1218 or Char at 507-644-3842.

RELAY FOR LIFE-"PAINT THE TOWN PURPLE DAYS"

This year COVID19 has changed Relay for Life, we encourage you to paint the town purple from July 22-31st. Decorate your yards and windows with Relay for Life decorations. To learn more about decorating or donating please find us on Facebook at Relay for Life of Redwood County MN or go to relayforlife.org/redwoodcountymn.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Religious Education July 2020



Sunday, April 19 - *postponed*

- Confirmation practice & review-Sunday, Sept. 20th from 3-5 PM-SC

- Confirmation Mass-Sept. 23rd at 7:00 PM-SC

Sunday, May 3 – *postponed*

- First Holy Communion—*Rescheduled* dates are set up by each family.

AFC Youth Group



Grades 7-12 please join us for AFC Youth Group at St. Catherine's from 7-8:30pm on Sunday, July 26, for snacks, prayer, games, and fellowship. Youth from any parishes are invited and will meet outside the church.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next available weekends are Sept. 25-27, 2020 in Windom, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact Miki at 507-227-8229 or website; applications@southmnwwme.org.

NO BAKE, NO PREP FUNDRAISER

As you know with the pandemic there has been no opportunities for fundraisers so we are having a cash donation fundraiser for St. Anne's Catholic School.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic United Financial is sponsoring a Matching Grant Fundraiser on Sat. & Sun, Aug. 1 & 2. There will be a second collection basket after all Masses at St. Catherine's & St. Anne's church for a donation to fund St. Anne's Catholic School. Catholic United Financial will match funds up to \$1000. Also, you can mail your donations to OLV CUF PO Box 96 Lucan, MN 56255.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

There is a Baptism preparation class for any person asking for a baptism that has not been at a class in the last 3 years. This class is to be attended prior to baptism.

The next classes scheduled are August 10th at 7 PM at St. Anne's, and Sept 14th at St. Catherine's to register for class call the parish office at 644-2278, or contact Deacon Ryan at rpope@dnu.org.

Class will not be held if no one registers to attend.



St. Mary's in Seaforth Auction times are as follows:

- Sunday, August 2nd from 1-5pm - view at the church the online auction items.
- Items will be posted online to bid and view on our website, magesland.com, in the last week of July.
- Preview will be August 11th from 10am-5pm.
- Bidding ends on August 11th at 6pm.
- Payment and pickup is August 12th from 10am-5pm.

You are Invited!

....Japanese Martyrs Annual Summer Festival in Leavenworth, MN is on Sunday, July 26th. Mass will be at 10:30 AM, food & music from 11 AM - 3:30 PM, drawing at 3:30 PM. All social distancing regulations will be followed to make this Festival both FUN and SAFE. Attendees are welcome to wear masks and volunteers will as well. If you are ill, please do not attend.

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!

End of Life Issues-Catholic United Financial Webinar

Join a Webinar for everyone from a Catholic perspective sponsored by Catholic United Financial on Thursday, August 6th at 6:30 PM.

Speakers: Fr. Tony Hesse and John Tetzloff

The webinar speakers will discuss:

- Church teaching on end of life medical care
- How to create your own Catholic health care directive
- Guidance for funding your final expenses
- How to protect and direct assets
- Manage tax exposure
- Understand probate, wills and trusts.

Register: <https://bit.ly/August6-Wabasso>

Host: David Schonhardt dschonhardt@catholicunited.org or phone # 763-670-9058

Notice:

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

Facebook page www.facebook.com/mystcatherines/
EWTN: <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live>

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>
For Department of Labor and Industry updates related to COVID-19, visit: www.dli.mn.gov/updates.

Marriage Encounter

These last months have been incredibly difficult on all of us and marriages have suffered! Please let us help you to find enrichment, joy, and hope in your relationship!

Register for the August 29-30 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for additional information & questions or call 651-454-3238.

This weeks Calendar Raffle drawing winner

Wed.,	July 22	\$25	Laurie Dolan
Friday,	July 24	\$50	Jenni Schmidt
Sunday,	July 26	\$50	Cathy Prouty

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