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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 2020

From: Fr. Tony Hesse

As you probably already have heard, and will also read in a letter that is attached to the bulletin, our Bishop John LeVoir has resigned as of August 6th. Like you, I was shocked. However, looking back at all the things this 74 year old had to go through with bankruptcy, lawsuits, sexual abuse, pandemic, closing and merging of parishes, and everything that goes with these things (like letters of disappointment and anger because I know I have received some of them too), I was not too surprised. Bishop LeVoir has been through a lot these last 12 years. I guarantee that when he was appointed July 14, 2008, never did he imagine that he would be going through all the things that he went through, and if he did, would he have said “yes” to the pope. Nonetheless, I am glad that he did.



Although he had to make some tough decisions, with the help and consultation of the College of Consultors, Priest Council, and Pastoral Council, etc., he was able to guide his flock through some tough times. Throughout it all, I saw a man who was compassionate and caring toward his people. He always wanted what was best for his people, knowing that he was going to bring some suffering and pain. And although we are still struggling through some of these tough times, I know that the Holy Spirit has guided us so far with the Bishop’s help, and I know the Holy Spirit will guide us as we move forward in the future.

As I look back at all that he did, our diocese, and my ministry, were blessed because of his leadership, his love and compassion, and his shepherding. I will never forget how for the first year or so, he would be carrying his alb in a grocery bag until he eventually got a vestment bag. This showed me that he was down to earth and very humble. Instead of a strong wind, earthquake, and fire, like we heard in our first reading this weekend from the 1st Book of Kings, Bishop was more like the tiny whispering sound of peace and quietness. His humility was contagious and challenged me to also be humble and not strive for glory. Take for example, it has been hard not to kick myself knowing that I could have been a part of the naming of a diocesan administrator during the time we are waiting for a bishop. I used to be on the College of Consultors, but asked the Bishop if I could go off of it as we were dealing with the closing and merging of our parishes. I wanted to stay on the College to be a part of the appointing of an administrator but felt that my first priority should be my parishes. I figured I was needed more in my parishes, rather than at the diocesan level. My wanting to be on the College was more about me and being prideful, getting the glory and recognition and being involved in the naming, rather than focusing on serving. Bishop has reminded me that it is not about me, but it is about others and the wider Church.

Like St. Paul in his Letter to the Romans, “I [too] have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart.” However, like Jesus who came to His disciples in the boat during the storm, so too, does God come to us in our storm. Our Lord will also help to calm our storms, to help us get through turbulent times (like the merging and closing of our parishes and this pandemic). Through people like Bishop LeVoir, God ministers to us. Through you and me, God can minister to others. May we continue what the Bishop has started, and may we, too, bring a peaceful and gentle, humble and caring, presence to those around us.

Speaking of bringing Christ’s presence to others, if you or if you know of someone that would like a visit, Holy Communion, Anointing of the Sick and are in the hospital or at home, please let me or the Deacon know at the parish office. This past couple of weeks I was able to get to Wilmar and Marshall Hospitals because the family notified me and it worked with my schedule. **Please do not assume that I know that you or your loved one would like a visit.** You can help us to minister to you or them by letting us know. Please call us and, again, please keep Bishop LeVoir, our diocese, and Pope Francis (as he appoints a new bishop) in your prayers. We will have copies of the prayer that is also attached to the bulletin and pray it during this time of waiting. With putting confidence in God and His grace, may we too proclaim with the disciples in the boat, “Truly, you are the Son of God.”

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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.

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PRAYER NETWORK

Contact Bev Passe
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bpasse60@yahoo.com

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY - August 9

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a,11-13a (115A), Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33
 7:30 AM Confessions-SC
 8 AM Mass - St. Catherine
 d. Pat Schultz
 10 AM Mass - St. Anne-Live Stream
 d. Bernardy & Frank families
 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 - August 10

St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
 No Mass
 12 Noon Angelus & Rosary-pray on your own
 3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-pray in your home
 6 PM Flame of Love Rosary-SC

TUESDAY - August 11

St. Clare, Virgin

Ez 2:8-3:4; Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14
 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
 d. Tony, Clara & Madeleine Tantillo

WEDNESDAY - August 12

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Ez 9:1-7,10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20
 7:30 AM Confessions-OLV
 8 AM Mass - Our Lady of Victory-Lucan-Live Stream
 d. Scott & Craig Skoblik
 12 Noon Angelus & Rosary-pray on your own
 3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-pray in your home

THURSDAY - August 13

Ss Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21-19:1
 7:30 AM Confessions-SA
 8 AM Mass - St. Anne-Live Stream
 d. Millie Trost
 12 Noon Angelus & Rosary-pray of your own
 3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-pray in your home

FRIDAY - August 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

Ez 16:1-15,60,63 or 16:59-63; Mt 19:3-12
 7:30 AM Confessions-SC
 8 AM Mass - St. Catherine-Live Stream
 d. Mary Whiting

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary-pray on your own
 3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-pray in your home

SATURDAY - August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab (622), 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
 7:30 AM Confessions-SC
 8 AM Mass - St. Catherine-Live Stream
 d. Felicitas Rohlik
 8:30-9:30 AM Adoration-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
 d. Rose Kohout
 6 PM Mass - St. Anne
 d. Vicky Jenniges

SUNDAY - August 16

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1,6-7(118A), Rom 11:13-15,29-32; Mt 15:21-28
 7:30 AM Confessions-SC
 8 AM Mass - St. Catherine
 People of our Parishes
 10 AM Mass - St. Anne-Live Stream
 d. Inez & Bernard Schottenbauer
 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-SA

Our Gifts to God and to His Church

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|--------------------|----------|----------------|-----------|
| Adult Contribution | 4,316.00 | Adult for Week | 4,316.00 |
| Maintenance | 200.00 | Adult Budget | 3,773.58 |
| Student | 5.00 | | |
| Catholic Schools | 75.00 | | |
| Loose plate | 108.00 | YTD Actual | 19,672.79 |
| Total | 4,704.00 | YTD Budget | 18,867.90 |

St. Catherine - Diocesan Ministry Appeal 121 Donated as of August 4

| Goal | Total Received & Pledged | Amount Due | Parish 20% |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------|------------|
| \$23,261.63 | \$36,750.80 | (\$13,489.17) | \$7,188.16 |



Jesus I trust in You!
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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.

Bring your masks (face coverings) with you to church

If you have your own mask (face covering), please bring it with you to wear at church. Anyone who is able to make and donate homemade masks to the church would be appreciated. Drop off at the parish office.

THE FLAME OF LOVE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



As we look at what is happening in our world and country, we may wonder, "What can I do to make it better?"

Come join us in saying the Flame of Love Rosary which blinds the evil one from spreading hate and evil in the world.

We will be saying this rosary every Monday starting this coming Monday, August 10th at 6:00 PM at St. Catherine's.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy 100th Birthday to Elizabeth (Betty) Schmidt on August 7th.

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, August 9th, for a bonfire with snacks, prayer, games, and fellowship. Youth from any parishes are invited and will meet outside the church.

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.

Gift Cards-Easy Shopping



Check out the scrip cards in the Parish Office. These gift cards are purchased at face value and a percentage goes to help support St. Anne's Catholic School in Wabasso. Some cards we have are Tersteegs, Walmart, Target, Kohls, Burger King, McDonalds, Subway, Pizza Ranch, Runnings.

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

It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions.

~Pope Francis



St. Mary's Catholic Church in Seaforth, MN
Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Franklin, MN

- Items will be posted online to bid and view on our website, magesland.com, in the last week of July.
- **Inspection date:** will be Aug. 11th from 10am-5pm.
- **Bidding closes:** August 11th at 6pm.
- **Pick-up date:** is August 12th from 10am-5pm.

Locations: 305 Oak St. in Seaforth, MN & 551 E. 2nd Ave. in Franklin, MN

This is an online only auction!
Terms: buyers premium applies on all items.

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!

San Lucas Coffee

We have San Lucas Coffee you can buy at St. Catherine's church. Ground coffee, whole bean coffee, dark whole bean coffee for \$10 a bag, proceeds will go to San Lucas Mission.

Wanted: Someone to clean servers albs

We are looking for a volunteer to take up the ministry of cleaning the servers albs three times a year. If interested please call the parish office at 644-2278.

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.

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.

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.

This weeks Calendar Raffle drawing winner

Wed., Aug. 5 \$25 Michele Quast
Friday, Aug. 7 \$50 Ashley Rood
Sunday, Aug. 9 \$50 Lavonne Hagert
Checks will be mailed out to the address on ticket stub.
Thank you for buying a raffle ticket.

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