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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2020

From: Fr. Tony Hesse

I might have shared this story before, but several years ago my mom and I were driving and I was talking about trying to please parishioners. I accidentally kept crossing over the center line. Mom, in her wisdom and love said, "Tony when it comes to driving, if you drive down the middle of the road, you will get hit by both sides. Pick a side of the road and drive on it." Mom was right not only about driving but also about life. As I have been racking my brain and trying to prayerfully discern whether we should sing or not, and all the other covid concerns that we are facing in our parishes, I realized I was like that car. I realized there are people who want me to push that we sing and who don't want me to push it; people who want me to push that we wear masks and people who don't want me to push it; people who are receiving Holy Communion on the hand and people who want Holy Communion on the tongue, and I am getting hit by both sides. Therefore, with my mom's advice, I have to pick a side of the road and decided that we are going to continue with what we are currently doing and no singing, just instrumental. We will continue this practice until we get a handle on how the virus affects people, and the fears that go with it, and until more people are comfortable with singing. If you want to sing, know that you can still sing in your minds and God will be praised. Plus after this weekend, we will see how the distributing after Mass works for those who want to receive Christ on the tongue.

When it comes to wearing the masks, again it is a state mandate that we wear masks in public buildings. Unless you have medical or other health conditions, disabilities or mental health, developmental, behavioral needs that make it difficult to tolerate wearing a face covering, or trouble breathing, we are required to wear a mask. Please wear a mask. If you feel I should be standing up, along with the Church, and fight against wearing masks with our legislators and governor, I feel that my ministry is needed elsewhere like helping my parishes in transition after closing/merging, laying our loved ones to rest, supporting our school, visiting with the sick, doing marriage prep, attend parish meetings, etc. However, there is nothing stopping any of you from voicing your concern with your legislators and governor.

I did talk to some people who know of family or friends that live in Norway, Italy, and Korea and they all said that the wearing of masks is something they are all doing in their countries. Whether it is a political thing or not, I have no idea, but I do know that people are suffering from it and if my wearing a mask can help slow it down so that we can get more medicine to treat these people and to create the vaccine, then so be it. If it doesn't, it doesn't hurt me physically by wearing it. As much as I am glad to be seeing people at church, remember, we still are offering our services and Masses via livestream.

Nonetheless, we need to be more respectful of people who see things differently than us, whether you want to sing or not, wear a mask or not, receive or Lord on the tongue or not. We need to, as St. Paul wrote to the Philippians in last weekend's 2nd reading, "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others" (2:3-4). We need to be respectful of people and their distances and their differences. If you are being forced to do something that you don't want to do (like wearing a mask, not singing, not going out in public for fear of the virus, and not receiving Holy Communion on the tongue when everyone else is on the hand), offer it up as a sacrifice. God knows we need to do more of this, especially during this difficult time. And although some of you are tired of me telling us to pray about this, we need to do it. If we would put our frustrations and our concerns, our anger and our fear, where our prayers are, I think we would be in a lot better place...a lot more peaceful place. Yes, the world is suffering a lot, but I think the biggest suffering that we are experiencing is from our attitudes. However, St. Paul has the answer in that same Letter, "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus" (2:5). We need to start loving one another, praying for one another, and be more understanding of one another.

Finally, as I was driving back from the cabin, I realized that there are some beautiful trees this Fall. Please don't forget to notice the beauty in the midst of this darkness, God's love and presence in this time of despair. God has allowed us to get into this time of pain and suffering, and with His help, He will get us out of it.



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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
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EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY - October 4

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Respect Life Sunday

Is 5:1-7 (139A), Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

7:30 AM Confessions-SC

8 AM Mass - *St. Anne*

d. Scott Fischer

10 AM Mass - *St. Catherine-Live Stream*

d. Rosie MacHolda

1 PM Parish Talk by Fr. Rolling-SA

2:30-3:30 PM - *Life Chain*

4-5 PM Holy Hour-Adoration

MONDAY - October 5

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37

No Mass

6 PM Flame of Love Rosary-SC

TUESDAY - October 6

St. Bruno, Priest

Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42

4:45 PM Confessions-SC

5:15 PM Mass - *St. Catherine*

d. Madonna Baune & Jordan Joel Baune

WEDNESDAY - October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4

7:30 AM Confessions-OLV

8 AM Mass - OLV-Lucan-Live Stream

d. Shirley Macht

5:45-6:45 PM RE GR 1-5

7-8:15 PM RE-GR 6-12

THURSDAY - October 8

Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13

8 AM Confessions-SA

8:30 AM Mass - *St. Anne-Live Stream*

d. Mark Baune

9 AM-6 PM Adoration/12 Rosary-SC

FRIDAY - October 9

St. Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs

St. John Leonardi, Priest

Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26

5:45-7AM This Man is You-SA

7:30 AM Confessions-SC

8 AM Mass - *St. Catherine-Live Stream*

d. Vivian Phillips

SATURDAY - October 10

Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28

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

3:30 PM Confessions-SC

4 PM Mass - *St. Catherine*

People of our Parishes

6 PM Mass - *St. Anne-Live Stream*

d. Lorena "Wiennie" Jennings

SUNDAY - October 11

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a (142A), Phil 4:12-14, 19-20;

Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

7:30 AM Confessions-SC

8 AM Mass - *St. Anne*

d. Wilbur, Joan, Steve, Jim & George Frank

10 AM Mass - *St. Catherine-Live Stream*

l & d members of Don & Ruby

Gustafson family

4-5 PM Holy Hour-Adoration

7 PM Youth Group-SA

Angelus & Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet

Pray these each day on your own:

12 noon the Angelus & Rosary & 3 PM the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Note: Sunday
Mass times
& locations

Our Gifts to God and to His Church

Adult Contribution	2,951.24	Adult for Week	2,951.24
Maintenance	40.00	Adult Budget	3,773.58
Student	5.00		
Catholic Schools	40.00		
Loose plate	200.00	YTD Actual	52,002.03
Total	3,236.24	YTD Budget	49,056.54

St. Catherine - Diocesan Ministry Appeal

121 Donated as of September 29

Goal	Total Received & Pledged	Amount Due	Parish 20%
\$23,261.63	\$36,750.80	(\$13,489.17)	\$7,264.16

CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE

Our sympathy and prayers go to the families and friends of Gene Caven, father of Barb Tighe, and Pat Baumann, wife of Russ. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Prayers and blessings to Lonnie & Kara Schottenbauer on the baptism of their baby, Chandler Matthew. *Chandler Matthew*, a precious gift of God, became a member of our Catholic family on Sunday, Sept. 27th through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Life Chain- Sunday, October 4th 2:30-3:30 PM



Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 1 hour praying silently for our nation and for an end to abortion. Adults and youth are invited to come participate along Bridge St. on Sunday, Oct. 4th from 2:30-3:30 PM in Redwood Falls rain or shine. Meet in the municipal parking lot next to the ELCA building. A variety of signs will be provided proclaiming "Abortion Kills Children," "Adoption-the Loving Option." Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas & strollers are welcome and encouraged!

Respect Life Sunday—October 4th

Respect



Live the Gospel of Life "to imitate Christ and follow in his footsteps"

Parish Talk by Fr. Brendan Rolling, OSB

Parish talk-finding inner peace by Fr. Brendan Rolling, OSB on Sunday, October 4th at 1 PM at the Church of St. Anne.



THE FLAME OF LOVE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



Join us in saying the Flame of Love Rosary which blinds the evil one from spreading hate and evil in the world. Monday evenings at 6:00 PM at St. Catherine's Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Religious Education, October 2020



Notes from Katie & David:

- We are in need of a few more teachers and helpers for Religious Ed this year, if you are interested or know someone who would do a great job, please contact the office at 644-2278.
- Religious Ed will begin for all students on Wednesday October 7th. Thanks to those who have returned their Religious Education form & tuition, if you haven't please do as soon as possible.

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 class scheduled is Oct. 12th at St. Anne's to register for class call the parish office at 644-2278, or contact Deacon Ryan at rpope@dnub.org.

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

Are You Catholic?

If you are reading this announcement, and you would like to know more about "being Catholic," we welcome you to contact Deacon Ryan Pope at rpope@dnub.org. Deacon Ryan wants to know if you or someone you know would consider joining the Catholic Church, or simply seeking to learn more about the faith. You can reach Deacon Ryan by email at rpope@dnub.org or call the Parish Office at 644-2278 to leave a message for him to contact you.

The Diocesan Day of Prayer: *TOGETHER We Pray* will be held at Our Lady of Victory (8am-6pm) and St. Anne's (8am-3pm) on Wednesday, October 7th and at St. Catherine on Thursday, October 8th (9am-6pm). A rosary will be prayed at the beginning of each hour and Adoration will go throughout the day. Each decade will be prayed for a specific purpose (**the end of the pandemic**, for a new bishop for our diocese, for an end to civil unrest and racism, the elections this year for our nation, and **for our Area Faith Community**) and a printed program with the intentions and a meditation will be provided. For those who want to lead the rosary from Our Lady call Bob or Julie Plaetz at 747-2593. At the Church of St. Anne, sign-up sheets are in the gathering space. St. Catherine will be doing it on Thursday, the 8th, in conjunction with our usual Thursday adoration.

Please call our parish office at 644-2278 or email at stcath@mystcatherines.org if you would like a bulletin emailed or mailed to you during these uncertain times.

Marian Procession and Rosary

Marian procession and Rosary starting from outside the Schoenstatt Shrine and concluding at the Church of St. Mary in Sleepy Eye. Fr. Steffl wanted to extend an invitation to you this year to the Church of St. Mary's, parish-hosted, "socially distanced" procession and rosary, on Sunday, October 11, starting at 7 pm outside the Schoenstatt Shrine, for those who are interested in taking part.

You are Invited!

....St. Aloysius Church Fall Dinner & Raffle on Sunday, Oct. 11th in Olivia, MN. Drive In or take out home-made fried chicken dinner serving from 11 AM—1 PM. Meal is \$12. Mass will be at 8:30 AM on Sunday with a meal, pumpkin patch & raffle.

....Pillow Cleaning at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Renville on Friday, Oct. 16th from 7 AM—3 PM.

....Scout Troops 1042 & 42 Drive by & pickup Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 18th serving from 8 AM—1 PM at the Redwood Falls American Legion Post 38. Pancakes served with sausage links in a to go package. Take out only, they will bring it to the parking lot. Free will donations.

ATTENTION MEN OF ST. ANNE'S & ST. CATHERINE'S

This year's theme is "The Fight of Faith". Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband? Become a more loving father? Build friendships with other like-minded men? And seek to be the best man you can be: Then come join...TMIY-That Man is You! Friday mornings at St. Anne's gathering hall from 5:45-7 AM. Contact Matt Samyn for more information at 507-430-2890.

The Medicare Open Enrollment Period is October 15 to December 7!

If you need help determining what prescription drug plan is the most cost-effective for you, David Schonhardt, our local Catholic United Financial representative, is here for you. Catholic United offers a Medicare Supplement, but does not offer a prescription drug plan. David can help you navigate what prescription drug plans make sense for your situation. Call David at 763-670-9058 to schedule a complimentary appointment.

David will also be at St. Catherine's following the Mass on October 30th and November 10th for people to visit with at that time. Also, David will be at St. Anne's on 10/29 and at Our Lady of Victory on 10/21 after Mass.

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.

United Community Action Partnership (UCAP)

Are you struggling to pay your monthly housing bills? CHAP (COVID 19 Housing Assistance Program) funds can be applied for and can be used for rent, mortgage, utilities, mobile home lot rent, and mobile home payments. An on-line application is available at www.housinghelpmn.org or call 507-637-2187 for assistance.

Notice:

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

Facebook page www.facebook.com/mystcatherines/

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This weeks Calendar Raffle drawing winner

Wed., Sept. 30 \$25 Mary Lou Butzer
Friday, Oct. 2 \$50 Alice Nelson
Sun., Oct. 4 \$50 Vern Bernardy
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