

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

28th Sunday of Ordinal Time

October 11th, 2020

Prayer for Spiritual Communion: **My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you.**

Calendar:

- **10/13/20 Tuesday** Deanery Meeting Walhalla 10:30 to 3PM
- **10/14/20 Wednesday Faith Formation:** Regular Wed Schedule
- **10/15/20 Host Real Presence Catholic Radio 1370AM** Thursday Fr. Lefor hosts Real Presence Catholic Radio 1370AM from 9 to 11:00AM. Call in 1-877-795-0122 from 9:30 to 10AM with questions.
- **10/15/20 Thursday Daily Mass Time Change 6:30AM** Due to Fr. Lefor Hosting Real Presence Thursday's daily Mass will be held at 6:30AM
- **10/16/20 Friday Pre-Marriage Prep Retreat Grand Forks 7PM** Fr. Lefor will be giving a Pre-marriage retreat Friday at 7PM in Grand Forks

Pastor's Reflections:

- The Covid Virus is making its way through our parishes at this time. Please keep all in daily prayer, especially the most vulnerable, and those who are suffering through its effects. Keep in mind good personal hygiene, appropriate physical distance, and the Covid protocols. If one feels ill, especially if there is a slight sore throat or low grade fever or loss of the sense of smell or taste, please err on the side of caution and refrain from attending Mass or other public gatherings.
- I have received many positive reports from our farmers and those who labor in the harvest. Unlike last year's very challenging harvest this year has gone very smoothly, in part due to the last number of weeks of dry weather. In particular I have received a number of joyful

reports in regard to the sunflower harvest. Heavenly Father we thank and praise you for being so generous. Help bring to completion the remaining harvest and may we be as generous as you have been generous to us!

- The movie regarding the life of Fr. Patrick Peyton is playing in the theater in Fargo. I have received good reviews regarding this movie. He is famously known as the rosary priest who coined the phrase, "The family that prays together stays together."
- Tuesday is the 103rd Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun. Please make an effort to pray the rosary on Tuesday asking Our Lady to intercede for our many needs at this time.

- **Thoughts on today's readings:**

Pay attention to St. Paul's declaration regarding knowing how to live both in times of poverty and times of wealth. Remember our personal circumstances definitely effect our outlook, but they do not determine our relationship with the Lord. It is a choice from our will that determines our relationship with the Lord whether our circumstances are positive or negative. A sacrifice of Thanksgiving in **EVERY** circumstance!

- St. John's Finance Council has approved two projects to improve the property of St. John's. 1) The rain gutters and down spouts must be replaced to correct water damage that is occurring to the siding, windows, and foundation due to rain runoff. These will be replaced in October. 2) The ditch east of the church will be cleaned and tiled in order to fix the sump pump runoff problem.
- The new gutters and down spouts will cost \$4,500. The ditch project will run around \$3,000. If anyone feels called to donate to the expenses of these projects it would be greatly appreciated.

Tri-Parish Loan for Rectory update: In 2017 a loan of \$183,000 was received from the Diocese to acquire a new rectory. To date \$12,910 at 3% interest remains on the balance. We have paid \$7,192 of interest on this loan since 2017. **Thank you to all who have been so generous!**

St. John Nepomucene, St. Joseph, and Sts. Peter & Paul, Pray for Us!