

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

26th Sunday of Ordinal Time

September 27th, 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:

- **Register Today:** Chris Stefanick is proud to announce that the life-changing men's program, **RISE**, is available for you October 1st. RISE is a 30-day challenge for men hosted by Chris Stefanick and Bill Donaghy and has transformed thousands of lives with a practical plan to help them live out their faith. For more information contact Chris Stefanick at coaching@reallifecatholic.com.
- **Register Today:** October 1st & 2nd the Fargo Diocese is hosting a workshop for musicians. All information is on the diocesan website fargodiocese.org.
- **9/29/20 No Daily Mass:** Fr. Lefor is absent from the parishes
- **9/29/20 Diocesan Priest Council:** Fr Lefor if Fargo for diocesan meeting.
- **9/30/20 Faith Formation:** Regular Wednesday Schedule
- **10/03/20 Funeral:** 11:00AM funeral for Amy Streifel at Sts. Peter & Paul in Bechyne
- **Oct 22-Nov3, 2020 Holy Land Trip with Fr. Lefor** is officially postponed due to the Corona Virus. Fr. Lefor will lead a trip to the Holy Land Oct 22-Nov 3, 2021. Marian travel will allow you to transfer down payments to next year's planned pilgrimage. Let us hold one another in prayer and also pray that this world pandemic will soon come to an end.

Pastor's Reflections:

- Let us all make an effort to participate in "40 Days for Life" to end the evil of abortion in North Dakota. Call 701-284-6601 to set up a time to pray. I thought I would share with everyone the "fasting" that I am

doing for 40 Days for Life this year. Since I was eight years old I have not missed a Minnesota Vikings football opener or season. I am fasting from all things NFL this year for 40 Days for Life. This is a big deal for me. I thought I would need to go thru detox, but so far so good! I am amazed at all the beautiful things that can take place for three hours on a Sunday that are not associated with the NFL! Please fast to bring an end to abortion in North Dakota in these 40 Days.

- Please make a real effort to pray that God will raise up to the Supreme Court a mature faith-filled Christian who is under God's authority and is not ashamed of the Gospel.
- **Thoughts on today's readings:**
We have been chosen by God the Father to labor in His vineyard. This "choosing" took place at our baptism. Today he tells us directly, "You, go and work in my vineyard today!" Out of habit we all mumble, "OK, OK, I am going!" But how many of us actually respond with joy and actively receive the Father's will to labor in his vineyard? Maybe I recognize that I have not been laboring in the "Father's vineyard." The point of today's readings are that if I am hearing this word today than it is not too late for me. I am able to recognize my fault(s), turn back to the Father, and get to work laboring in His Kingdom. Ezekiel says that if I do this my soul will be saved! Amen. Alleluia!
- 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!