



SAINT JOHN PAUL II

AREA FAITH COMMUNITY BULLETIN

Pastor: Rev. Anthony Stubeda
Associate: Rev. Michael Doyle

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
May 10, 2020

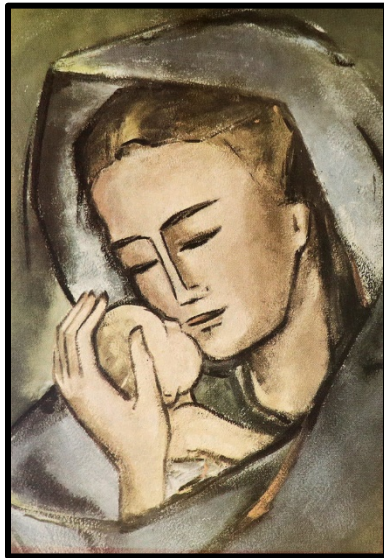
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Apartness, Mother's Day and the Rosary

When I was a child, my mother and I often prayed the Rosary together, and when, as was often the case, she was in the hospital I desperately missed her. I was a moody child and would often get morose and pouty when she was not there. To make matters worse children were not allowed to visit patients in the hospital. We would on occasion get to talk to her on the phone. One time when I was talking to her, I started crying, and sniffled my way through telling her how alone I felt when she was gone. She told me to stop crying and listen to her. She said that if I would get up at 6:30 and pray my rosary she would do the same thing, and it would be as if we were together. Mary, our mother, would join us in prayer, and her intercession would give us Jesus' blessing and strength to make it through our loneliness and sadness. Fifty or more years after that conversation, and 30 years after her death, I still feel as if we were together when I pray the rosary. I find great comfort and hope in meditating on the mysteries of our Lord's life with the Virgin Mary and my mother.



This week I read Pope Francis' letter inviting all of us to join with our families in praying the Rosary during the month of May. He also suggested two prayers to the Virgin Mary that he composed for this time of pandemic to add to the end of our recitation of the Rosary. The isolation of this time of stay at home orders and the worry and fear caused by the pandemic's trials can be oppressive at times, and I found this call to simple prayer with the Virgin Mary, and meditation on our Lord's life and the mystery of our salvation touching a deep chord in my heart. I invite all of you to answer Pope Francis' call to prayer. It is in moments of prayer and contemplation that our families can find the peace and hope we so long for.

This Mother's Day will find me, because of my mother's death, and many of you because of social distancing and stay at home orders unable to join our mothers in person. Perhaps, like my childhood self, you could invite your mother, your brothers, sisters and family to pick a time for the recitation of the Rosary, and in your distant, but unified prayer find a way to be in each other's presence. I will be praying my Rosary at home at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. Our mother Mary, my own mother, Pauline, and I would be happy to know that you are joining us in prayer. Have a blessed Mother's Day.

Fr. Tony Stubeda

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Financial Stewardship: Weekend of May 2 & 3, 2020
<p>CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY: No financial update.</p> <p>CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY: Adult: \$4,630.00 Total Contributed YTD: \$303,425.00.</p> <p>CHURCH OF ST. PIUS X: No financial update.</p>

Scripture Readings
<p>Monday: Acts 14:5-8; Jn 14:21-26 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8 Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21 Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21</p>

New Parishioners						
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Promise to Protect. Pledge to Heal.
<p>Report suspected abuse of minors to civil and church authorities. Diocese of New Ulm Safe Environment, 1421 6th Street North, New Ulm, MN 56073. Phone: 507-233-5301, Fax: 507-354-0268, www.dnu.org. McLeod County Social Services: 320-864-3144 or 800-247-1756, National Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-422-4453.</p>

Diocese of New Ulm Catholic Charities Services
<p>Catholic Charities offers individual and family counseling services in locations around the diocese. They also work with people interested in adoption. To make an appointment or to learn more about Catholic Charities' services call 1-866-670-5163.</p>

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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Noon Sacrament of Reconciliation

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May 17, 2020
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Happy birthday Bobbi!

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TRAVELING CHALICE:



There are no scheduled weekly dates for the Prayer for Vocations Traveling Chalice until further notice.



Happy Mother's Day !

MAY HE REST IN PEACE: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joel Wosmek who was buried this week. May God receive him into heaven, and may our prayers bring comfort and hope to his family.

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS: As we prepare for the return to the public celebration of the Eucharist, we are beginning to look at scheduling ministers for our Masses again. While we are returning, it will be with limited numbers and some new processes and procedures to protect one another. We ask that if you would prefer to delay your return to your ministry for a while, please call the parish office, or e-mail Lori Penas. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that you are willing to be scheduled. We will not be having altar servers at our Masses until we no longer need to social distance ourselves from each other.

OUR CHURCHES ARE OPEN during normal business hours for individual prayer. Parish offices are open!

DONATE THROUGH OUR PAYPAL ACCOUNT: Our parish now offers the opportunity to donate to our ministry through our PayPal account. Go to your parish website and click the PayPal button. You may also give through the mail or drop off your donation at the parish office. If you prefer automatic deposits for your donations, please contact Shirley Nowak at the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

End of Year: Due to the direction from Governor Walz regarding schools to stay closed and distance learning continue for the remainder of the school year, so too will our Religious Education year at home. Our current plans include taping a closing Mass, and setting a date for families to do a drive up textbook return.

Please do not drop anything off at the parish office.

Please watch your emails for additional information.

Looking ahead to the 2020-21 Religious Education year, we can use all kinds of volunteers to help in our program. We are in need of Catechists, co-Catechists, substitute Catechists, and Prayer Listeners. If you would be interested in helping in any of these areas, please contact Lori Penas at the parish office.

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH FOOD OR GROCERY

SHOPPING? If you need help in getting food or grocery shopping there is a volunteer from the parish who would be willing to lend a hand. Please call Bobbi at the parish office to put you in touch with a volunteer.

PRAYER NETWORK: **Please pray for...** Clarence Hoodecheck, Jerome Kadlec, Mike Popelka, Genny Lhotka, Guy, Donald Ludewig, Preston, Daryl Kiefer, Marlene Rannow, Joe Bandas and 5 special intentions.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

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VOTIVE LIGHTS: In loving memory of Leonard, Gary & Bob Rozeske; In loving memory of Clarence & Gertrude Ogitziak; In loving memory of Kenneth J. Zimmermann; In loving memory of Charles Millerbernd; In memory of Cathy Millerbernd; In memory of Paul & Sally Millerbernd; In loving memory of Schmitt & Heimerl families; For Very Special Intentions; In memory of Art & Terry Scherping; In loving memory of Danny & Mixie Schlagel, Gene & Derrolla Fasching, Ella Laxen, Ron & Joyce Jorgensen; For a successful move for my mother to her new home; For Father Paul; For Terry Roufs; In loving memory of my dad, Cletus Roufs; For all those affected by COVID 19; For the deceased members of the Edward Schermann and Gritz families; For Holy Trinity teachers and staff. For all mothers and grandmothers. If you would like a votive light burnt for a loved one or a special intention please put \$5.00 in an envelope marked with your intention and drop it in the collection or at the Parish Office.

CEMETERY: Please remove all Christmas decorations from the gravesites at the cemetery. Thank you!

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CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD BLESS: We congratulate Chase and Morgan Matter who entered into marriage last weekend. Their wedding was the first public celebration in our church since mid-March. We ask that God bless them as they begin their married life, and thank them for bringing celebration back to our church home.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are accepting applications for their annual College Tuition Scholarship. To be eligible, you must be a graduating senior or a person who entered the military service after graduation and is now entering freshman year of a higher education, who is a son or daughter or qualified dependent of a living or deceased member of the Knights of Columbus Council #8253. There are two - \$500 (\$700 if a Catholic institution) scholarships - one for a female and one for a male. This is a one year scholarship only. Please see Wes at Holy Trinity High School Office to pick up an application.

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THANK YOU to those that donated to the 433 pounds of nonperishable food items that we delivered to the McLeod County Emergency Food Shelf. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS: Please remember to inform the Parish Office of changes in your address or phone number. You may either stop in or call 320-485-5651. Thank you!

PRAYER NETWORK: To activate the Holy Trinity Prayer Network or to become a member you may call either Mary Mahon at 320-485-2257 or Kathryn Schmidt at 320-485-2424.



*LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
TO THE FAITHFUL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020
Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist*

Pope Francis

FIRST PRAYER

O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.



We entrust ourselves to
you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the
cross,
were united with Jesus'
suffering,
and persevered in your
faith.

"Protectress of the
Roman people,"

you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the
Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;

Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,

O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

SECOND PRAYER

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God."

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our mother, and seek refuge under your protection.



Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes toward us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

D I O C E S E
of NEW ULM

Office of the Bishop

May 1, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you know, the people around the world are making their painful way through the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. In the Diocese of New Ulm, we have done our part to inhibit the spread of the virus by following the directives of our civil officials and public health professionals. The primary concerns of the diocese are the spiritual welfare of the people as well as their physical well-being.

Following the extension of Governor Walz's stay at home order until Monday, May 18, in the Diocese of New Ulm the public celebration of Mass will continue to be suspended.

The Bishops of Minnesota gathered yesterday after the Governor's speech to consider carefully our own phased approach to the lifting of the suspension on the public celebration of Masses. We prayed for the light of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary upon our considerations. We recognized that when we return to public Masses, we will have to do so with carefully defined protocols in order to keep people safe and to prevent the spread of the virus. We know that if we work together, we can do this safely.

We plan to begin now to work with our priests and parish leaders so that we can be ready to begin some limited public Masses on Monday, May 18. We are developing a gradual, multi-phase approach to return to public worship. These phases will allow for the ability to re-evaluate the process as necessary in order to ensure the health and safety of the community going forward. Our plan presumes that throughout the state the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will continue until such a time that it is safe for all to return.

All phases of this plan anticipate that we are following strict guidelines for social distancing and sanitization.

- Those over age 65 will be strongly encouraged not to attend. As circumstances allow, a visit from a priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion to bring them the Eucharist may be possible. Also, anyone showing any symptoms of sickness, or anyone who has a household member who is sick or showing symptoms of sickness should not come to Church.
- The space will be thoroughly sanitized before and after each service, including all entryways and doors. Holy water fonts will be empty and hymnals removed.
- Signs will be posted concerning social distancing and sanitation requirements and reminders would be offered.
- Hand sanitizers will be available at all entry ways.
- All local safety orders specifically relating to proper face coverings will be followed.
- People will be instructed not to greet each other with touching.



- Signs and other instructions will encourage normal, safe practices necessary to stop the spread of infection (e.g. cough or sneeze into a shirtsleeve, handkerchief, or tissue; avoid touching the eyes, nose, and mouth to help slow the spread of germs).
- Ventilation will be increased as much as possible, opening windows and doors, as weather permits.

We are currently in phase 1. During this time, our Churches can be open daily for prayer, and priests as they are able can provide for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions can happen in spaces that are well ventilated with adequate social distance yet still assure the privacy of the sacrament. It is also permissible to have weddings with no more than 10 people and funerals with no more than 10 people. Outdoor Masses and benediction where people stay in their cars, minimizing the danger of spreading infection, are also allowed.

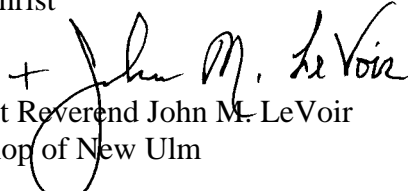
We anticipate beginning phase 2 on Monday, May 18, and will work with state officials in a collaborative way to meet that goal. During phase 2, public Masses in Churches will be allowed in smaller groups limited to no more than 1/3 of the seating capacity of the Church (every 3rd pew) in order to allow adequate social distancing between those not of the same household.

Churches will develop ways to ensure that this capacity limit is strictly followed, such as online signups and ushers. Since there will be no Sunday Mass obligation, Catholics will be encouraged to attend other masses during the week instead of Sunday in order to spread out the numbers. More Masses will need to be offered in some cases to accommodate everyone in the parish who wishes to attend Mass.

We intend to publish detailed protocols to be followed for the celebration of Mass and the distribution of Holy Communion well in advance of May 18 when public Masses will resume so that parishes can get ready for the careful way we will have to move forward. Social gatherings and other small group meetings will not be allowed during phase 2 as they do not have the same controlled movement as Mass. Some other sacramental celebrations may be allowed, but never exceeding 1/3 of the seating capacity of the Church. If a liturgical celebration or event cannot maintain the capacity and social distancing requirements, it may not take place.

At this point, it is unknown when we would be able to enter Phase 3, which would provide more opportunity for us to have larger celebrations. We will continue to evaluate and follow the guidance of civil authorities and public health experts.

In Christ

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Most Reverend John M. LeVoir
Bishop of New Ulm

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

AVAILABLE: The Knights of Columbus are accepting applications for the St. Christopher Council 4842 Scholarship. Scholarships are available to St. Pius X parish members who will be graduating high school in 2020 and pursuing post-secondary educational opportunities. Previously, two (2) \$500 scholarships were available; however, the council has increased the funding and changed the scholarship rules to provide more flexibility in selecting scholarship recipients. Please email Barry Mielke at barrym@ncell.com for scholarship requirements and an application. The application deadline has been extended to May 15, 2020. Scholarship application packets are also available in the parish office during regular business hours.

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MAY HE REST IN PEACE: Please pray for the repose of Ismael Alvarado III who was buried on Thursday. May God receive him into heavenly rest, and may our prayers bring comfort and hope to his family.

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REMINDER: There are a number of bowls and pans left on the coat rack in the gather area of the church. If you are missing something, please come and see if one of them belongs to you!

THE RE CONNECTION: What is the scariest aspect of the pandemic in your mind- the virus itself, or the fact that anyone with an opinion running anything near to contrary to what the mainstream media is currently voicing is publicly shamed with no mercy on social media? Where does that put a country? Where does that put the Bill of Rights? No matter where you stand in this matter, this deserves some serious prayerful reflection. But alas, drawing the ire of the world should not be a surprise to any followers of our Blessed Lord. Did He not warn us in Matthew 10:16, "Behold I send you as sheep in the midst of wolves. Be ye therefore wise as serpents and simple as doves"? So, like we try to teach our kiddos, question with Christian charity, but also as Thomas Jefferson taught, question with boldness!

This coming Wednesday, May 13, we will have our Textbook and Homework Drop Off from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. There will also be project packets to pick up for Mrs. Urban's Second Graders. Hope to see you then!

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY.



HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL NEWS MAKING DISCIPLES SINCE 1883

WHY CHOOSE CATHOLIC EDUCATION? For generations, catholic schools have focused on the values that parents look for in quality education: superior academics; faith formation and the building of character; and a safe, caring community where their child is accepted and respected by everyone.

Catholic schools provide these tangible, truly visible realities brought about by tradition, intellect, wisdom, and the passionate commitment of catholic school teachers and staff.

You will discover that catholic schools aim higher to provide students with exceptional academics and a nurturing and supportive environment for students to grow and prosper. A positive and faith-centered environment enriches and enlivens the minds, hearts and souls of children. With smaller class sizes, teachers readily address the individual needs of each child. They maintain high expectations for students and encourage them to discover their creativity and unique talents. Catholic schools are well known for engaged parents, committed teachers and knowledgeable leadership who create a culture of caring in the school. Students thrive in a community that is invested in their development as a whole person.

Consider these points:

- Over 99 percent of catholic school students graduate. ACT scores are in the top 25 percent nationally.
- Over 98 percent of high school students go on to college.
- Over a quarter of a billion dollars in college scholarships were awarded to area students.
- Catholic elementary students test from one to three grades higher on NWEA standardized tests.

The catholic school experience for families is designed to be transformational and to make a difference. Children are taught in a disciplined environment and are encouraged each day to bring their best effort and abilities to class. If this sounds like something that you want for your children please call Andrew Meuleners at 320-485-5652 or email him at ameuleners@htwinsted.org to talk about enrolling.



eLearning at Holy Trinity School Our campus is temporarily closed, but our learning continues!

While our campus is currently closed for physical attendance during the COVID-19 health situation, our learning continues virtually.

Our goal during this time of COVID-19 uncertainty is to continue delivering an exceptional learning experience for all students. Although the remote learning environment will never replicate in-person instruction, our hope is to continue to build academic skills, nurture social-emotional learning, deepen relationships between teachers and students, and deliver our Christ-Centered Education.

The preschoolers are working on Things that Grow! They proudly planted their own Marigolds! Some



AREA FAITH COMMUNITY NEWS

OUR OPERATION DURING THIS STAY HOME PERIOD:

We will continue to operate on a limited basis through May 18. All public Masses, school, religious education, meetings and other gatherings will continue to be cancelled, postponed or happen electronically. We will post any changes to these basic guidelines on the bulletin pages of each parish's website.

Fr. Tony is recording and posting daily meditations and prayers on the St. Pius X Religious Ed YouTube page. There is a link to this page on each of the parish's web page. These reflections are a way for us to maintain contact with each other, to pray together and strengthen each other in this time of crisis.

WEEKEND MASS RECORDING: Each weekend we are recording a Mass from each of the three parishes in our Area Faith Community. You can find these Masses on each of the parish's webpage.

OUR CURRENT STRUGGLE AND SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH: As you know, the ministry we share in the name of Jesus Christ depends on your generous and constant support. We usually receive your donations through our weekend Mass collections, but in this extraordinary crisis, we are unable to gather for those celebrations. We ask that you do what you can to continue helping us to meet our obligations to our employees, and to pay our bills. We are trying to provide ministry online, as much as possible, and we will continue to reach out to you in prayer. Please do what you are able to support our parish's ministry. You may mail your donations in, drop them by the parish office, or now use Pay Pal to make your donations. If you would like to set up automatic withdrawal please contact Bonnie at Holy Trinity or Shirley at St. Pius X or Holy Family.

PREPARATION FOR THE RETURN TO PUBLIC MASSES: On May 1, Bishop LeVoir wrote to the faithful in the Diocese of New Ulm about a phased return to the celebration of public Mass. He sees us returning to some form of the celebration of the Eucharist after Monday, May 18. Later in the week, the priests received five pages of instructions and protocols for the return to Mass. There are many details to work through, and many processes of how to comply with the need for social distancing to protect each other during our return. The priests and Deacon Mike will meet to review the protocols, and then they will consult with the Area Worship Committee to finalize our procedures. In next week's bulletin, we will give instructions and details about our return to public Masses. Bishop LeVoir's letter is included as an insert in this bulletin.

A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER



ON THIS DAY, O BEAUTIFUL MOTHER, ON THIS DAY WE GIVE THEE OUR LOVE. NEAR THEE, MADONNA, FONDLY WE HOVER, TRUSTING THY GENTLE CARE TO PROVE.

THANK YOU for your generous support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal and strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

SIGN-UP FOR FORMED: Please take time to sign-up and begin using Formed today. When you go to the formed.org website, click the sign-up button, and then go to the "I belong to a parish or Organization" button and click it. Type in St John Paul II AFC 1014 Knight Ave Glencoe MN and select it from the list. Then follow the instructions for signing up. For those of you who are already signed up, the sign-in process has changed. When you login, type in your e-mail and click next. You will then be directed to your e-mail where you will have an e-mail with a sign-in button to click. Click the button and you are signed-in. The site no longer uses passwords, and this two-step verification is safer with less to remember. If you have questions please call Bobbi or Lori at Holy Family.





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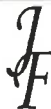
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