

***The Parish of St. Charles Borromeo, Resurrection and All  
Saints***

**NEWS LETTER**



**Food Pantry- Sr. Dorothy Hall**

In these days of the Corona Virus let us pause to think about those who suffer from food insecurity. Also let us think and pray for the volunteers who continue to come out each week to pack and distribute food bags to that in need and in particular to those residents of JPIL.

Prior to the outbreak of the virus Fr. Cravens' Food Pantry was feeding approximately 60 to 70 families a week. As of this Tuesday of this week, the volunteers prepared and distributed 178 bags of produces. To ensure the safety and well –being of the volunteers, the pantry at Resurrection Chapel will be closed until May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Let us all listen and reflect on the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthews Gospel. Whenever we give someone a drink of water or a morsel of food we are doing it to and for JESUS. THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS!

**Religious Education- Mark George**

Today is dark, but the core of Christianity reminds us that in the beginning and in the end... *there is light!* As the quarantine continues, and we cannot get to Church, let us unite our sufferings to the Cross and place our hope in the Lord who saves us.

The family is “*the first and fundamental school of faith.*” Religious Education Coordinators will continue to provide religious education resources to assist parents in passing on the faith to those in their care. We are here to assist you.

Those preparing for baptism, full acceptance to the Church, and/or to receive their First Holy Communion should rest assured that we have not forgotten you. As soon as it is possible, a date will be determined as to when you can do your sacrament.

Be safe.

**Rectory Staff Workers**

It is with great joy that I am able to say that after checking in on all of those who work/volunteer at the rectory that they and their families are doing well.

Continuous prayers are being lifted for all those families who have lost loved ones, and who have tested positive to this virus. We pray for those in hospitals and nursing homes, and for all the essential workers that are on the front line each and every day for those in our communities.

We Believe God and We stand on the promises of God!!

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## FACEBOOK

For weeks I have heard people saying “I just can’t wait for things to be back to normal.” I remember even saying that a few times myself. But as I’ve thought about our current situation I have realized how much I don’t want things to go back to the way they were. Here are a few of my thoughts...

1. I pray that the next time a friend grabs me and pulls me in for a hug; I actually take the time to appreciate the gift of their embrace.
2. I pray that when school resumes and you are dropping your kids off, you take the time to thank the staff for the amazing gift that they give to your family.
3. I pray that the next time I’m sitting in a crowded restaurant I take the time to look around at the smiling faces, loud voices and thank God for the gift of community.
4. I pray that the next time I’m standing in church listening to the voices of praise and taking communion that I take a moment to thank God for the gift of congregation.
5. I pray that the next time I see a person or situation that needs prayer; I hope I pray as passionately and fervently as I have these past few weeks.
6. I pray that when I am at the grocery store that I take a moment to thank God that He provides us with the necessities of life and the amazing people who work so hard to keep us supplied.
7. I pray that I never again take for granted the ability to hop in the car and visit a friend, go to the mall, take my kids to a movie, etc.

So, truth is, I don’t want things to return to the way they once were. I pray that we take the lessons and challenges of the past few weeks and create a new normal. My goal is to pray more, love harder, and truly appreciate the daily abundance of blessings that were so easily overlooked just a mere few weeks ago. If someone tells you they love you, take it to heart!

