



The Wheat and Tares
Abraham Bloemaert (1566-1651)

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Today I have a couple of housekeeping items to pass along to you.

The first thing that I would like to do is to draw your attention to the bulletin boards at the entrances of our churches. This weekend I have posted the latest directive from Bishop Vetter for the Diocese of Helena regarding his response to the recent mandate ordered by the governor of our state. Along side Bishop Vetter's directive are guidelines from our county's health department.

I am fully aware that the use of face coverings can be a touchy subject, but regardless, I would not be practicing due diligence if I did not openly suggest that most people are not fully benefiting from the use of such coverings if they do not use and clean them properly. This is why I have posted material from the health department in this regard. If you are going to use a face covering, then it must be frequently washed and properly used.

With regards to receiving Holy Communion when a face covering is part of the equation, I think it best to review how to receive Holy Communion properly. We had such a review when public Masses resumed back in May, but the review has not really "taken hold."

I am going to begin by mentioning that the only "contactless" way a person may receive Holy Communion is on the tongue. This is a simple fact of how Communion is ministered to the faithful. Having said that, it is the option of the faithful to determine how they would like to receive, whether on the tongue or in the hand. When you receive Holy Communion in the hand, you must place one hand, usually the left, open and flat upon the right, then using your right hand place the Sacred Host in your mouth **in the presence of the minister**. If you are wearing a face covering, please remove the cloth so that you may receive Holy Communion properly with both hands in the presence of the minister and then you may continue back to your place. I hope this is clear.

Back to the topic of face coverings in general, I am hearing anecdotal stories of people being publicly berated by others for not wearing a cloth. This ought not to happen in the parish. On this count I have only two brief things to say; the first is that the text of the state-wide mandate to wear face coverings lists a variety of exceptions that exist which excuse people from wearing such a cloth. One reason why some people may not wear a face covering might have to do with a medical condition that would make wearing such a cloth unhelpful or imprudent.

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Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

19 July 2020

Sacred Heart, Ronan
Immaculate Conception, Polson
St. Joseph Mission, Charlo

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Mass Schedule

Saturday at 6:00 pm

Immaculate Conception
Bill Clay rb Margaret Clay
Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

Sunday

Sacred Heart at 8:30 am
Montserrat Venezuela rb Rowena Venezuela
Immaculate Conception at 10:30 am
The Parish Faithful

Wednesday at 12:10 pm

Immaculate Conception
Bud Davis rb Barb LaPiana
Confessions are heard at 11:30 am and again immediately after Mass during a period of Eucharistic Adoration. The rite of Benediction is celebrated at 1:30 pm.

NOTE: Until Phase Three begins the occupancy of Immaculate Conception is greatly reduced. Please maintain a respectful distance from other parishioners who are not of your household, and please use alternate pews between the Masses; pews with a green dot are for Sunday and the red dots are for Saturday. The 8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart is now able to be published. Please bear in mind that the maximum occupancy is 50 people and there are no distancing requirements. Thank you for your continued understanding and patience.



Feast of St. Mary Magdalene
July 22nd

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Unless you are that person's primary care physician, you ought to refrain from judging them and presuming to know their motives for not covering their faces. The second point would be the most obvious. If you are over 65 and have a reasonable fear of complications that you might experience if you contracted the virus, then you might want to consider anew staying home and limiting your travel. Please make sure to always read **original source material** regarding the present crisis and do not look indiscriminately to the media or or listen to hearsay with regards to this topic in general.

Finally, I am most pleased to propose to you an initiative that is being promoted for the spiritual formation of the faithful (and priests too!). Please visit souloftheapostolate.com and register (for free) for three days of superb content that will become available on Friday, July 24th.

The devil likes busy people. And what I mean by that is that there are certain forms of activism that distract from those things that are truly important, in fact, the *one thing* and the only thing that Jesus Christ said was *necessary* (Luke 10:42). Our interior life. The time we spend at the feet of Jesus Christ listening to Him and simply being with Him.

The materials and content of this program are completely free and are provided by and endorsed by several bishops, priests and lay leaders, many of whom you may recognize.

I myself plan on making use of this program and its content. As I have mentioned a number of times in the past, God has chosen us for this time in history and it is in times like these that God raises up men and women of holiness, most of whom remain hidden and unknown, just as the Lord likes it, in order to supply the world with the grace it needs to bring about the salvation of souls. I have also phrased this as "strengthening ourselves in our Catholic identity" not for our own sake but for the world's. This program and its materials will help to do just that.

Please join me in making use of this conference, and for a time turn off the television *programming* and devote yourself to some substantial *formation* in the Catholic tradition.

God bless,
Fr. Kevin Christofferson



Quotes of St. Bridget of Sweden

Feast Day July 23rd

There is no sinner in the world, however much at enmity with God, who cannot recover God's grace by recourse to Mary, and by asking her assistance.

The source of justice is not vengeance but charity.

The world would have peace if only men of politics would follow the Gospels.

Pilate sentenced him due to fear, in accordance with the petition and intention of others. These people sentence him for their own advantage and without any fear, by dishonoring him through sin that they could abstain from, if they wanted. But they neither abstain from sin nor are they ashamed of their already committed sins, for they do not take into consideration their unworthiness of the kindness of the one whom they do not serve.

Humbly asking for your prayers

Marcy Bishop, Mary Oulette, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Lou Marchello, Patricia Kelly, Glen Rogers, Vicki Rogers, Liz Hipp, Michael Conrad, Neil Miskimins, Ellen Holland, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Samantha Huber (Found and in need of healing), Leonard & Gail Piedalue, Anonymous Request (Serious), Kate Shriders Olsen, Don Herbst, Len Moeder, Bill Nash

Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.

Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2

The Holy Father's prayer intention for July

Our Families We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, Tyler Frohlich, Matthew Christians, Kyle Tannehill and Kaleb Michell

