FROM THE PRIESTS: We Frs. Tims want to make sure that everyone sees the Protocols for Public Masses as we Reopen Churches; they are available in a number of places: a condensed version in last week’s bulletin; on our website (christthekingcatholiccommunity.org); in the May 21 issue of The Catholic Globe; on the diocesan website’s drop down menu for Covid-19 Resources (scdiocese.org). These protocols keep evolving, and we’ll keep you informed. When we have a timeline for reopening, we will get that out as quickly and widely as possible.

Continued Request: Thanks to those who have contacted us Frs. Tims about being willing to assist with preparing our Churches for when we can again have public Masses (with many safety protocols). We also need people who are not at high risk for Covid-19 to help with ushering people as they come into Church so that we can maximize the limited seating we will have.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION by APPOINTMENT ONLY
UPDATE: PUBLIC MASSES vis-à-vis COVID–19
On Thursday, May 28, we had our weekly Zoom Conference of the Bishop, Diocesan Staff and Priests. While some of the other dioceses in Iowa are seeing better numbers, our diocese is not: new cases are up (and testing is still lacking to get a full picture); hospitalizations for Covid–19 are up; ICU bed use for those patients is up. Due to those metrics, a date for again having public Masses in our diocese has not yet been set. We will get another update next week.

As for the overall plan and timeline, the first requirement is improvement in the numbers or "metrics" (new cases, hospitalizations, ICU usage). Steady or declining numbers will start a 14-day period to make sure that the improved situation continues. That 14-day clock has not yet started.

We Frs. Tims don’t know how to say it, except to say: This is getting REALLY old. We do, however, want to grow old—so we are dedicated to the safety of us all. Gathering in Churches (or similar venues) for significant periods of time is conducive to the spread of the coronavirus (as it is for any other virus). Please, please, frequently wash/sanitize your hands, and when out, wear a face-mask and keep at least 6 ft. distance from others (farther is safer). Doing all three of these things greatly helps us to stay healthy. Remember, none of us knows for sure if we are coronavirus-free (even the tests produce false negatives), and none of us knows for sure if the people we meet when we're out are virus-free. So for your own protection and out of respect for others, please do all three! With respect to this pandemic, this is how we "love our neighbor as ourselves" AND how we are pro-life!

The Solemnity of Pentecost
This solemnity, similar to other solemnities, has both a Vigil Mass and a Mass During the Day. In fact, there is also an "extended vigil" that is similar to the Easter Vigil. The extended Vigil of Pentecost has 4 readings, 4 Psalms, 1 Letter, Gospel Acclamation, and Gospel. Perhaps we can do that at one of our parishes next year—any takers?!


**During the Day:** Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (Resp: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."); 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23.

Those who attend (tune into) the Vigil of Pentecost on Saturday evening might feel cheated. They will leave (log out) without hearing of the powerful story of the giving of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (not the birthday). Rather, they will have heard of the confusion of languages and scattering of peoples. (Recall that in Euch. Prayer III we pray, “...in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.) At least St. Paul will speak to the Romans and to us of the Spirit that moves us to grow along with all creation for the fullness of God’s redemption. Paul will also assure those keeping vigil that the Spirit “comes to the aid of our weakness.” Most stunning, however, might likely be the first half of the final sentence of the Gospel passage, where the Evangelist John is providing the reader/hearer with some explanation of Jesus’s words: “There was, of course, no Spirit yet...” Well, there isn’t, because this is the VIGIL—we watch and wait, we don’t hear the primetime story!

So, since we all have time these days, we can also go to (tune into) the main event, the Mass During the Day of Pentecost. The Scriptures for that Mass will have all the special effects of driving wind, tongues of fire, tongues on fire with many languages, ears ready to hear the Good News, and people from more lands and of more languages than there are disciples. The Church is BORN. St. Paul reminds the Corinthians and all of us, that we can’t even have the faith to say “Jesus is Lord”, except with the help of the Holy Spirit. That spirit has gifted the Corinthian community with many charisms and ministries. Paul knows, however, that there are some in Corinth who are causing division and dissension, so he makes it clear that true charisms come only from the ONE Holy Spirit, and these charisms are all meant for "some benefit" for the community and its oneness. Neither division nor dissension benefits any community—OH, HOW WE KNOW THAT IS TRUE! And, it isn’t only the high and mighty who have true, Holy-Spirit-given gifts; the gifted person can be woman or man, slave or free, alien (Greeks/Gentiles) or citizens/people of Paul’s ethnic or racial groups (Jews). The list of those who have received the gifts of the Holy Spirit has only grown longer and more diverse over the centuries of the Church.

Then, the Pentecost Gospel passage will bring all us attenders back to the Second Sunday of Easter. Jesus appears to his frightened disciples and wishes them peace; he shows “them his hands and his side” so that they know who he is and that he REALLY IS RISEN. Again, he wishes them “peace”, the peace only the Lord can give, the peace we pray for each Mass and given through the presiding priest: “The peace of the Lord be with you always.” And the greeting is returned: “And with your spirit.” We give socially-distance-appropriate signs of peace to each other. AH, we might, HOWEVER, think twice, because this peace certainly has something to do with the mission that the Risen Lord gives his apostles, and you and me: “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.’” Without forgiveness, without reconciliation, there is no peace. Lord, for what do I need forgiveness, and from whom? Lord, whom do I need to forgive, so as to share your peace with her/him/them AND to know your peace more deeply in my own life?
OUR DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER, *The Catholic Globe*, is being renamed *Lumen*, which means “the light” in Latin, the official language of our Church. The mission of the paper is to bring the light of Christ and our faith into our homes. *The Lumen* will have a new look: more diocesan news, vibrant photos, to the point articles, new columnists (in addition to Fr. Meinen and Sr. Walsh), Enlightened Catholic feature to learn more about our faith in a few paragraphs. — You may have already received a subscription or renewal letter in the mail. The subscription for *The Lumen* is $30 per year. You may return the form you received in the mail or you can subscribe on the new website, www.lumenmedia.org; there you will find additional diocesan media, especially LumeNotes, which is a quick -read electronic news format for busy Catholics. You can get LumeNotes on your smart phone, tablet or computer. Just text: Notes to 84576 (it is also available in Spanish, text Notas to 84587). If you don’t text, e-mail news@scdiocese.org, and provide your name so that you can be signed up.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA #6 CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS will not have a monthly meeting in June. God Bless.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following recipients of the Ed/Dorothy Vogl Scholarship: Caleb Monahan, Caden Wittrock, Blake Pottebaum, Jacob Blum, Jared Hausman, Cooper Pottebaum, Koby Lampman & Jake Hausman.

REMINDER: All flowers/memorials need to be removed from the cemetery within 10 days after Memorial Day.

THE BREDA SCHOOL ROOM on the second floor is a work in progress and when completed, people will be able to view all the very interesting displays. We will keep you posted.

**Stewardship for May 24**

Adult $2,830.00

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST-ARCADIA**

THE ST. JOHN'S GUILD APRIL/MAY/JUNE CIRCLE is scheduled to help on June 12 with bingo at ACCURA nursing home. Due to COVID 19, there is no need for helpers, but a request for prizes was requested, as the activity director mentioned they still play bingo, in only groups of 10, 3 times on a certain day.

THE ARCADIA BETTERMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION continues to offer Memorial plaques in the gazebo at the Memory Garden on main street. If interested contact President Pat Vogl at 712-689-2375.

**Stewardship for May 24**

Adult $1,200.00; Candle Money $86.50; Fish Fry $60.00; Other Income $300.00

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT-MOUNT CARMEL**

**Stewardship for May 24**

Adult $150.00; Catholic School Support $20.00; Aid to Domestic Churches $20.00

**ST. AUGUSTINE-HALBUR**

Holy Angels MWS

THANK YOU to all the ladies who did an amazing job cleaning the church in Halbur. It is greatly appreciated.

**Stewardship for May 24**

Adult $1,690.00; Youth $9.00; SA Cemetery $220.00

**SACRED HEART-TEMPLETON**

REMEMBER you may drop off your offertory contributions in the night drop box or at the temporary walk-up window of the Templeton Bank. Thank you to the staff at the Templeton Bank!

**Stewardship for May 24**

Adult $590.00

**ST. ELIZABETH SETON-GLIDDEN**

**Stewardship for May 24**

No Report Available

ST. BERNARD-BREDA

CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS for the family and friends of Janet Dethlefsen. — Saints of God, come to her aid! Come to meet her, angels of the Lord! Receive her soul and present her to God most high!

RITA SCHETTLER of St. Bernard’s Parish will celebrate her 100th birthday on June 3. Her family is having a card shower in her honor. Cards and well-wishes can be sent to Rita at St. Anthony Nursing home, 406 E. Anthony, Room 108, Carroll, IA 51401.
PERSONS WISHING TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, whether baptized in another faith or unbaptized and over the age of seven [7], may contact the pastor at any time of the year to begin the process known as RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults]/RCIC [Rite of Christian Initiation of Children].

BAPTISM CLASS is being offered for parents who are having a child baptized for the first time in one of the parishes of CTKCC. The class will be offered at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of odd numbered months (Jan., March, May, July, Sept., Nov.) at Holy Spirit in Carroll. PLEASE email one of the Frs. Tims to let them know when you will be attending.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION is to begin 6-12 months before the wedding day. If either the bride or the groom is not a Catholic or has been previously married, additional time may be necessary for preparation. Please contact the pastor so that all preparations may be completed in time for the wedding and marriage. Remember, a wedding is just a day, a marriage is a LIFETIME!

NEW PARISHIONERS may register in the parish of their choice by visiting http://christthekingcatholiccommunity.org/parish-registration [under the ABOUT drop-down menu] and completing the form.

BULLETTIN ADS FOR SALE—yes, you may advertise your business or event here. Cost of each ad is $3 per week or $150/year. Space is limited. Ads must meet the Catholic Church standards. Contact the office in Breda for more information and/or to set up and schedule your ad.

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