

## Update to Parishioners of Sacred Heart, St. Philip's and St. Mary's - Friday, March 26

Dear parishioners -- brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are in a time of many stresses and changes. However, what a blessing of God that this is happening during the season of Lent in which God provides us extra graces and helps to make use of our experiences and opportunities for growth in holiness and union with God and each other. I encourage you to be creative in finding ways to pray together daily in your homes and to share the inspirations that God is giving you individually and as a family.

### Some important updates:

- Most importantly, we will all be able to virtually join in prayer **this Sunday at 10:00 a.m.** through participation in the **live-streamed Mass** from the church in Roseau on our Facebook page. You can connect to it most easily by going to our website (**roseaucatholic.org**) and clicking on the Facebook symbol at the top of the page or else scrolling down to a direct link on the right side of the screen. Our Facebook page is titled: **roseaucatholiccommunity**
- Our sympathy and prayers go out to the families and friends of **+Ida Novacek** and **+Blanche Pulczynski** (Steve). Their funerals are being planned for some future dates.
- Please keep in prayer **Ray Blazek** (St. Mary's) who is in Greenbush LifeCare Manor and is on hospice because of cancer spreading through his body. I was able to visit him and pray with him and bring him Holy Communion last week (Viaticum). His brother Rick is staying his home by Badger and keeping watch over him.
- **Betty Spina** (Falun), **Norb and Laurel Pastir**, **Dorothy Fletcher** (Roseau) had been in the hospital for some time and are now all at home.
- **Jim Grugal** (Falun) is still doctoring at Mayo, and **Irvin Donarski** (Badger) will have surgery on April 2 to remove a cancerous growth by his kidney. Please them and all others who are ill in your prayers and all who are suffering from infection with the coronavirus around the world.
- A question was asked about receiving communion in some way from the church tabernacles. This is not allowed except for those who are ill and very special reasons. Even though we are fasting from the Eucharist at this time we should keep in mind that we remain sanctuaries of the Lord and continue to carry his presence with us. Whatever we encounter in life is an opportunity to reveal the glory of God as Jesus said about the man born blind last Sunday.
- We are working on getting a letter out to all who do not have internet.

I am grateful to all who are helping our parish manage this crisis. A special thanks to Sarah Jack (parish coordinator) for managing our website and gathering materials for that. Also special thanks to her, Caleb and Ashlyn Mellstrom and Amanda Kvien (plus encouragement and advice from many others including Fr. George Noel at Greenbush in setting up for live-streaming the Mass this Sunday at 10:00 a.m. -- Next Sunday and during Holy Week we will try to have persons from each parish as lectors and commentators, etc.

Trusting the Lord's love and mercy for us and for all people of the world,

---- Fr. John Kleinwachter **463-2441**