

## Update to Parishioners of St. Philip's, St. Mary's and Sacred Heart – March 31, 2020

Dear Parishioners – brothers and sisters in Christ,

First of all, know that I am praying for all and with special concern for those who have chronic illnesses to deal with on top of all that we are going through these days. I hear about a lot of creative things happening in your home life. Remember to be creative in your prayer times together as well. Please pray for me as I work on a short daily outline for prayer in the home.

Thanks be to God and some of his helpers in our parish we were able to live-stream the Mass from Sacred Heart this past Sunday, March 29, at 10:00 a.m. on the Sacred Heart Facebook page (Roseau Catholic Community). We are working on getting a bluetooth microphone or microphone on a cord that can connect to the smartphone that we are using as our camera. We also would like to get a tripod to hold the smartphone. Even without these we will be able to improve the volume level about 20 % more next Sunday.

An adapted quote from the spiritual writer, C.S. Lewis (deceased):

*Our actions during a time of crisis should not be to practice “survival of the fittest,” but rather practice the “law of love” and temperance even when they seem to be self-destructive.*

Other updates:

- **“Living Faith”** booklets (April, May, June edition) will be available to pick up at church after this Tuesday, March 31.
- **“Word Among Us”** booklets (April 12-May 31 – Easter Issue) will also be put out.
- We are attaching a **locked “mailbox”** to the outside of the office door in the connector space between the rectory and the church at **Roseau**. You can drop off your collection envelopes or other things like registration forms in this “mailbox.”
- Please pray for **Irvin Donarski** who will be having a surgery this Thursday in Grand Forks for a cancerous growth near or on his one kidney.
- Dorothy Seidel asks for prayers for her sister, **Pat**, who will also be having surgery.
- **+Sr. Shawn Curruth**, prioress of the Sisters of Mount St. Benedict died unexpectedly on Thursday, March 26 from a stroke. Please pray for the repose of her soul and the consolation of her family and the sisters of MSB. Also pray for Sr. Kathleen McGearry, subprioress, who will stepping up the lead the community.
- Even though we have been “fasting” from the Eucharist these days, keep in mind that through the power of the Holy Spirit God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit dwells in us, c.f., the verse we have been singing at Communion time:  
*“Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I’ll be living sanctuary for you.”*
- Keep in mind all who have asked for or need our prayers including: Jim Grugal (Falun), Ray Blazek (Badger), Dorothy Fletcher (Roseau) and Judy Turenne and Charlotte Gross (residents at Roseau LifeCare from Warroad).

Trusting in God’s constant presence and care for us ----- Fr. John Kleinwachter