

Update to Sacred Heart, St. Philip's, and St. Mary's Parishioners – Thur. May 14

In spite of our social distancing, life and work goes on at high pace. These are some things for you to be aware of today and at this time:

- **Governor Walz** announced that groups up to 10 in number may gather for worship. Hopefully our bishops can convince him that we are ready to gather in larger groups within the restrictions that have been outlined by our bishops for our parishes.
- **Real Presence Radio (1370 AM)** is in the midst of their spring fund drive. If you enjoy and use their programming I encourage you to make a donation to them either by calling in today or tomorrow to **877-795-0122** or sending a donation to: **Real Presence Radio | 503 7th St N, Suite 101, Fargo, ND 58102** or tuning in their website: www.realpresenceradio.com
- **Today** is the feast day of St. Isidore – patron of farmers. You can participate in the virtual novena led by different bishops at: <https://catholicrurallife.org/virtualnovena/>
- Here is a blissing for farms and gardens that you can print out and pray



Blessing of Fields &
Gardens.PDF

- **Teens and young adults** are invited to an on-line gathering every Sunday night during May and June sponsored by St. John's Collegeville Youth in Theology and Ministry program – it is free but you must register ahead of time at: <https://www.csbsju.edu/sot/ym>
- **Our cemeteries** are cleaned or being cleaned and mowed to get ready for Memorial Day weekend. It would be good to hold off putting out decorations until the middle of next week (May 20) to make it easier for cleaning and mowing. **Sacred Heart Cemetery-Roseau** asks that Memorial Day decorations be removed from graves after June 7 unless attached to the gravestone. **St. Philip's Cemetery – Falun** asks that all decorations be removed by the 2nd weekend in September for fall clean-up. **St. Mary's Cemetery – Badger** has not completed its rules for their cemetery.
- Received letters of gratitude to St. Philip's and St. Mary's from the Bishop for making their goals for the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Sacred Heart is about \$2,400 away from their goal. Please send in your support for the ministries of our diocese including seminarian education.
- **Today** -- Pope Francis has called for people of all faiths to pray, fast, and to perform works of charity on Thursday, May 14. The special intention is to pray for a vaccine against the Coronavirus. For more information: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2020-05/covid-19-faithful-respond-to-popes-invitation-to-pray-may-14.html>
- **The Dominican Sisters invite others to join them for the rosary** at: <https://www.facebook.com/dsmme>

Continuing to trust in God's continuous presence and care for us --- Fr. John