

## Update to Parishioners of St. Philip's, Sacred Heart and St. Mary's — January 3, 2021

Happy New Year to all! May the Lord give us eyes to see His presence in all things and trust that He can make all things work for our good. — Here are a few things that I want to call to your attention:

1. A new monthly men's group starting at St. Mary's, Badger – I invite all men, including young men, to check out this group as we meet for the first time this Monday evening, January 4 from 7-8:00 pm at the church hall. Our time will include a short video on a topic for men, some discussion on the video and prayer that includes the litany of St. Joseph (Pope Francis has declared this year to be the year of St. Joseph – patron of all laborers, husbands and fathers). We will also review the best time and format options for future meetings.
2. Looking at some changes or other options regarding the men's group at Sacred Heart – Currently the men's group meets at 9:00 am every Sunday morning in the church hall. Usually, they view a short video and then have some discussion and prayer. That group may continue to meet as it has or may look at some variation. Meanwhile I am interested in another men's group with a different time option such as monthly, on a Saturday morning and with content similar to the one on Sunday. Again, this year of St. Joseph gives us a special impetus to do this. Call me if you are interested in this or another option. – Fr. John – 463-2441.
3. Introduction to the Gospel of Mark – This year's Sunday scripture reading will feature the gospel of Mark so I would like us to be ready for that. No books to buy – all you need is a Bible. We will meet on-line via Zoom so you will need a computer or laptop that ideally has a built-in camera and microphone or you can get one to add on ( \$35 (I believe) at Roseau Computers). We will meet on-line for now on Sunday evenings from 7-8:00 pm starting this Sunday, January 10. If you wish join the class, send me an email ( [frjohnk@centurylink.net](mailto:frjohnk@centurylink.net) ) and I will send you the Zoom invitation that will allow you to join the group. I will give some introductions to each chapter and then we will read through the gospel verse by verse stopping for any questions or comments. – Fr. John – **463-2441** - if you have any questions.
4. Eucharistic Adoration will continue on Thursdays at Sacred Heart from 3-7:30 pm with Mass at 6:30 pm – We are looking for persons to cover the ½ hr. time slots so that someone will always be present. See the sign-up sheet in the church entrance or on the parish website.
5. The weekly evening for confessions at Badger has been moved to Fridays 6-7:30 pm. I need Wednesdays free so I can interact with the RE programs every Wednesday.
6. Thank you to all who sent me Christmas cards and various gifts and prayers – I truly appreciate the support that I receive from you in any way. Let me know how I might be of greater support and help to you. – Fr. John
7. Update on Mass Attendance – As Covid cases start to come down we have had some increase in weekend and weekday Mass attendance. This last Sunday at Roseau we had about 45 on Sat. and 55 on Sunday – at Badger about 40 – at Falun about 23. A few were away because of the holiday time. Weekday Masses continue to be a safe way to attend Mass.

Blessings! — Fr. John