

April 9, 2021 Update to Parishioners of Sacred Heart, St. Philip's and St. Mary's

We have some important tasks for all these weeks so I getting out this update to you. Please attend to these things as best you can as they come to you as directions of the Lord discerned for us by the Church at large, our bishop and leaders of the diocese, our parish leaders and myself. I do not know of any other way that the Lord might be trying to lead our parish. Keep in mind that God continues to actually be working through us and guiding us no differently than at any other time in history. If so, we need to listen and heed his guidance and invitation as best we can but he will not force us.

1. **Disciple Maker Index faith survey** -- As part of our five-year renewal and outreach program that the diocese has offered to all parishes and we have chosen to participate in we are starting off with a faith survey that will help us see what spiritual needs are greatest in our parish.

We ask all parishioners eighteen and older to take the survey. (The survey does not ask for our names and is fully confidential.) The easiest way to do the survey which takes only a few minutes is to go to our parish website [Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Roseau, MN \(roseaucatholic.org\)](http://www.roseaucatholic.org) -- and there you will find the link to click on to open up the survey. Please do this as soon as possible as this site is only open for our parish from April 4-19. There are hard copies available in the entries of all three churches for those who do not have a computer or prefer to work with a hard copy which can be placed in the "return" box there when you are finished.

2. **Revive Videos on Discipleship** -- As a way to get all of us on a similar page as to what we are working on for the next five years we are asking all to either join a group for six sessions these next weeks or to on-line to <http://www.reviveparishes.com/crookston> and follow instructions to sign up free and then go to the course: "Discipleship with Julianne Stanz" and view the videos outlined in the bulletin insert on Easter Sunday or see the section listed for the week there on the front page. These videos will you the basic foundation for what we will be trying to do over the next five years so it is very important that you view them one way or the other. Group options are below, or you can form your own group to view the videos (10-15 minutes each) over the next weeks.

Group Showings: (6 Sessions)

- St. Philip's **Mondays** at 6:30pm
- Sacred Heart Monday Evening (Tentative)
- Sacred Heart **Tuesdays** 9:35
- Sacred Heart **Wednesdays** at 6:30pm.
- St. Mary's **Wednesdays** 7:00pm
- Men's Groups at SH and SM will be viewing these videos as well.

Week 1 -- Maintenance to Mission is in section 3 of the course and the videos (or chapters) for this week are 6 and 7.

3. **Our Sympathy:** to the families and friends of +**Marlin Warne** (Benwood) and +**Cory Olson** (brother to Kari Dostal) whose funerals were this past week, and to the family and friends of +**Laurel (Lollie) Pastir** whose vigil is this Sunday evening at 7 pm at Helgesons and whose funeral is at 10:30 am at Sacred Heart on Monday.

4. **Farewell to Dorothy and Dan Fletcher from Sacred Heart** who are moving tomorrow to Cleghorn, Iowa (near Cherokee) to be her daughter, Danielle and her family.

5. **Mass Attendance** has been increasing and it is good to see old faces again. I suspect that the dioceses of Minnesota (as Fargo Diocese on May 1) will soon remove the dispensation from Sunday Mass though it will still be there for those whose situation calls for them to stay away from large gatherings.

6. **Upcoming Events:**

- Divine Mercy Sunday – video, prayers, etc. 2-3:30 pm this Sun. - SHC
- Spring Clergy Days for me – Sunday, April 18 – Wed. April 21
- First Communion at Sacred Heart – **tentatively** Sunday, April 25
- Deacon Aaron Kaiser – homilist again at all Masses May 1-2
- Feast day for St. Philip's, Falun – Monday, May 3
- Confirmation – Sunday, May 16 at Roseau

Blessings! -- Fr. John --- 463-2441