

Update to Parishioners of Sacred Heart, St. Philip's and St. Mary's – April 30

Happy feast day of St. Joseph the Worker tomorrow – May 1!

1. **Special Mass this Saturday, May 1, St. Joseph the Worker** – 9:00 AM at Sacred Heart in Roseau. Pope Francis named this year to be the Year of St. Joseph. I encourage all to do a little reading about St. Joseph. Among others you will learn is that after Mary, he is the most powerful saint intercessor we have and many in our parish will attest to that.

- As part of the Mass this Saturday we will include the Litany to St. Joseph and a prayer of consecration to St. Joseph.
- There is also a special Mass that includes consecration to St. Joseph at the cathedral in Crookston at 10:00 am this Saturday. This Mass will be live-streamed and you can find the link at: www.crookston.org
- Among the different prayers of consecration to St. Joseph is this one by St. Bernadine of Siena:

O my beloved St. Joseph, adopt me as thy child. Take charge of my salvation; watch over me day and night; preserve me from the occasions of sin; obtain for me purity of body. Through your intercession with Jesus, grant me a spirit of sacrifice, humility, self-denial, burning love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and a deep and tender love for Mary, my mother. St. Joseph, be with me living, be with me dying, and obtain for me a favorable judgement from Jesus, my merciful Savior. Amen.

2. **Deacon Aaron Kaiser will be with us again this weekend** and will preach at all the Masses. This is part of his commitment in working with us for the next five years in the program Go Forth as Disciples (GFAD). I thank all of you who took the time to complete the recent faith inventory which will help us mapping out what we will do in our specific parishes. I also encourage you to continue viewing the videos that explain how being “disciples” is not sufficient and how we need to understand that the Lord has called all of us to be “missionary disciples.”

- You can find the links to the particular videos that we are asking you view at our tri-parish website: www.roseaucatholic.org
- You are free to come and visit with and get to know more about him and what will be working on with us this Saturday, May 1 at 7:00 pm in north classroom #3 below the gathering space at Sacred Heart.

3. **Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Initiation** – also this Saturday beginning immediately after Mass (**6:10 pm**) in **classroom #1** below the gathering space at SHC. We begin with a sandwich meal and then enter into the initiation program at **6:30 pm**.

4. **(Roseau) Please remember in prayer +Joanne DeMars and her family and friends** -- +Joanne died early this Friday morning at LifeCare Manor in Greenbush. Her vigil service will be 7:00 pm Wednesday evening May 5 at the Helgeson Funeral Home and her funeral Mass will be 10:30 am Thursday morning May 6 at Sacred Heart Church. This will coincide with the rummage sale on Thursday and Friday at the Sacred Heart basement, but we should be able to work around each other for that short time on Thursday morning.

5. **Rummage Sale at Roseau – Thursday (7 am to 6 pm) – Friday (7 am -1 pm)** --- Helpers are needed yet especially for different times on Thursday and for the clean-up on Friday from 1-4 pm. Please call Tracy Borowicz at **242-4053** if you can give some time and help. Proceeds will go to youth activities and the furniture fund.

6. **Olivewood Religious Articles from Bethlehem** will be for sale after all the Masses **next weekend (May 8-9)**. The sale of these articles helps the Christian families living in the Bethlehem area who had very little income this year from tourists due to the Covid pandemic. View some of their articles at: www.dacaret-factory.com

7. **Next weekend (May 8-9) is Mother's Day Weekend** -- (Roseau) -- There will be an MCCL (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life) Fundraiser. Carnations will be given out next weekend to all women. If anyone would like to donate to MCCL they may put a donation clearly marked "**MCCL**" in the collection basket this weekend or next or drop it off at the parish office. (Badger and Falun) – flowers will be given out by the parish to all mothers and women.

8. **Parishioners Returning to Mass after Covid** – Bishop Pates notes that we are at a critical time for welcoming people back. He asks that each parish put together a Welcome Back Committee and diocese is also putting together a task force to assist parishes with this effort. I need 3-4 persons from each parish to form these committees. Please let me know ASAP if you can help with this (463-2441).

9. **Take Action** Have you contacted your elected leaders this session? We are now less than a month from the end of the regular session, a key time in which legislators are making decisions on issues that impact life, dignity, and the common good in Minnesota. Take a moment now to contact your legislators on the following issues:

Physician Assisted Suicide - Opportunity to Legally Drive for Undocumented Immigrants
Comprehensive Sex Ed -- Recreational Marijuana – School Choice

Go to: www.mncatholic.org

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