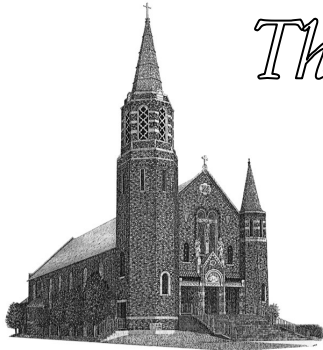
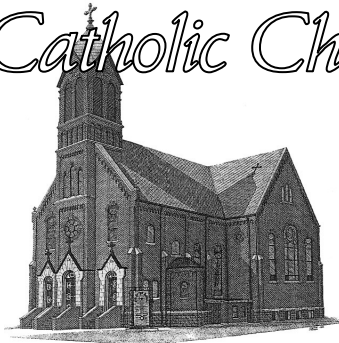


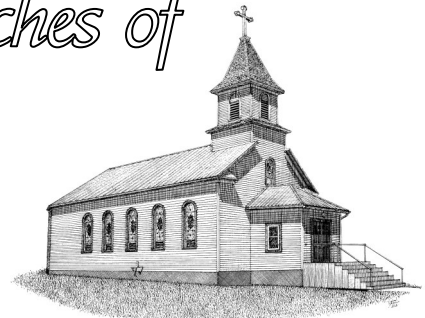
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Sunday, April 5, 2020
Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord

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From the Pastor's Desk

(Due to Fr. Shannon needing to rush to be with his mother who passed away, I am rerunning his article from last week. Alice)

Dear Parishioners,

We are still in the midst of an unprecedented time due to the Covid-19 (corona) virus. We are being asked to adjust our lives by distancing ourselves from one another in order to prevent the spread of the virus. Because of these necessary precautions we are not able to gather together in the church to celebrate Mass. I MISS all of you!! Know that I am praying every day for you, especially during my daily private Mass. Let us keep each other in our prayers, and especially to keep in prayer all who are suffering from the Covid-19 virus and for all the doctors, nurses and other care givers who are caring for the sick.

Our churches are open for private prayer. You are most welcome to come and pray in the presence of the Lord, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament reserved in our tabernacles. I am available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays—3:00 p.m. in Strasburg and 7:00 p.m. in Hague and any time by appointment. We will continue to create our bulletin which can be accessed via our parish website (emmonscatholics.org). I will also put copies of the bulletin in the church.

This Sunday, April 5th, is Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord. I will be offering Mass at 10:30 a.m. from St. Anthony's Church in Linton and this Mass is televised live on BEK channel 25 for those of you who have that access. I will be blessing all the Palms at this Mass for all our parishes. After the Mass, I will deliver the Palms to

the Strasburg and Hague Parishes and can be picked up at the churches at 1 p.m. or during the week. (Barb Vetter will pickup St. Michael's Palms so check with Barb how to get your Palms from there.) ***In order to protect yourself and others, Please use the Hand Sanitizer prior to touching the Palms!*** — While our parishes do not have the capability to stream our own daily and Holy Week Masses, there are many good parishes who do. A list of options can be found on the Diocese of Bismarck website (bismarckdiocese.com), as well as much other information and updates.

Finally, I would gently remind you and encourage you to please keep faithful to your parish financial contributions. We still need to pay our bills and without our regular collections at Mass, it is certainly more difficult to do that. You can simply mail your contribution to the parish office at PO Box 322, Strasburg, ND 58573. Thank you! Please do not hesitate to call me or contact the parish office, especially if there is an emergency sacramental need.

Jesus, I trust in You!
Fr. Shannon Lucht

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You are already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come;


before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

News and Events

Sympathy and Prayers to Fr. Shannon and his family, relatives, and friends on the death of his mother, Mary Sue Lucht. Mary Sue passed away early Friday morning. Fr. Shannon was able to be with her during this very difficult time. Please keep Fr. Shannon and his family in your prayers! Also, Sympathy and Prayers to the family, relatives, and friends of Brandon Wagner. Please keep Brandon and his family in your prayers! May Mary Sue & Brandon rest in peace. Amen.

Holy Week Masses at St. Anthony's of Linton will be televised live on BEK channel 25 for those of you who have that access. Fr. Robert Shea will be the celebrant. The Mass and Service times are as follows: **Holy Thursday**, 7:00 p.m.; **Good Friday Services**, 3 p.m.; **Holy Saturday Easter Vigil**, 8:00 p.m.; and **Easter Sunday**, 10:30 a.m.

The Strasburg KCs would like to invite you again this Lenten Season to join them in supporting our local food pantry with "40 Cans for Lent". Our goal is to collect 1000 lbs. If this goal is met, the Supreme Council will give the Strasburg KCs \$100.00 which the KCs would also donate to the food pantry. Boxes are in place in the middle entry way of the Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Strasburg. Boxes will also be placed in Hague, Westfield, & Linton.

Catholic United Financial  **Sts. Peter & Paul & St. Mary's CCD Raffle Tickets** are for sale. Tickets can also be purchased at the Strasburg Rectory, any CCD Students, Creative Touch, Mona Reis or Kathy Nagel & at the Hague Café, Hague Grocery Store, or from Lisa Hulm. This fundraiser is sponsored by St. Mary's Council, along with Catholic United Financial, for the benefit of the Strasburg and Hague CCD Program.

No St. Mary's Council meeting on Sunday, April 5th.

The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated without a congregation present on Monday, April 6th at 11:00 a.m. CDT from the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit and this will be able to be viewed on the diocesan website. In order to protect our priests, there will be no general concelebration of this Mass. All families and parishioners are encouraged to participate via live stream as well.

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection on April 10th, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic Schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on

Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous! You may donate online, or over the phone by calling (202) 526-6800. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday.

Donations for Good Friday, Rice Bowls, Weekly Collections, CCD Raffle Tickets, etc. can be mailed or dropped off at the Strasburg Rectory. Call Alice at 336-7172 to make arrangements.

Steubenville Conferences: Youth currently in grades 8-12 will have two options for Steubenville Conferences this summer—June 17-21 in Denver and July 23-26 in St. Paul. Both conferences provide an opportunity for youth to encounter God through speakers, workshops, music, Eucharistic adoration and community with other Catholic teens. Contact Chris Kraft at ckraft@bismarckdiocese.com or 204-7208 with questions. (The registration deadline for the Steubenville youth trips will now be **Friday, May 1st** to better accommodate all during this time of uncertainty. All paid expenses by potential participants will be refunded if the trip is cancelled due to COVID concerns.)

Pray for the sick: Fr. Jeff Zwack, Karen Keller, Terry Buechler, Ron Kramer, Betty Hoffman, Nattie Nagel, Beth Kelsch, Elaine Wald, Michael Hanson, Asher Sorrels—Grandson of Kevin & Deb Leier, Todd Moch, Leo & Nancy Weber.

Pray for the deceased: Mary Sue Lucht, Brandon Wagner, MaryAnn Wolf, Marietta "Toots" Brooks, Francis Nolz, and Bill Wald.

Stewardship—A Way Of Life: "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" shout the crowds in today's Gospel. May we be always ready to share our blessings when we are sent in His name!

Stewardship Thought: "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give His life for many."

Vocation Views: Are you willing to stay with Jesus/ with others through difficult times? Pray for the strength to endure hardships. (Matthew 27:11-54)

All Parish Members Of Strasburg, Hague, and St. Michael's: *Now is the perfect time to check this out!* Our Parishes pay for a program called FORMED. Please take the time to go on this site and see all the things this program has to offer. To get on the site, go to: FORMED.org; enter the Parish Code: 5f67f8; and sign in with your personal information. It is amazing!

April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month! The USCCB has information here: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/child-abuse-prevention-month.cfm>.