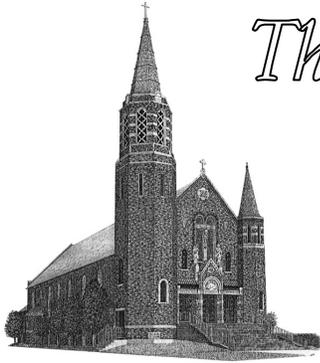
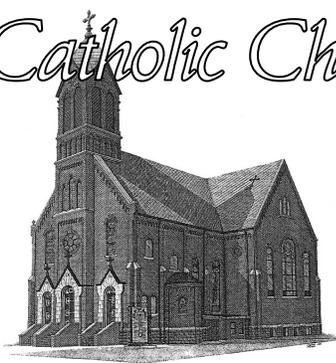


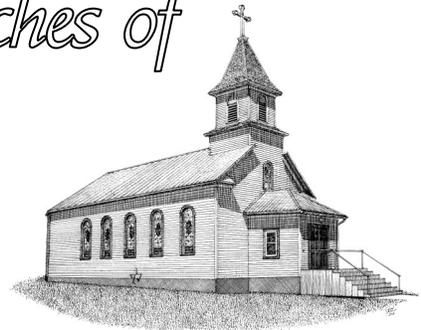
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Sunday, April 26, 2020
Third Sunday Of Easter

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

I hope and pray that you are all doing well. With the return of warmer weather I have been trying to get back into a walking routine. As I've walked around Strasburg, trying to dodge all the newly applied tar on the streets, I've been praying for all of you. I pray for you each and every day, especially when I celebrate Mass. I join all of your prayers with mine and offer them to the Lord each and every day. I appreciate all of your prayers for me! Let us continue to pray for an end to this pandemic and the subsequent lifting of the restrictions we are under due to the Covid-19 virus.

This Sunday is the Third Sunday of Easter. The Gospel for our Sunday Mass is one of my absolute favorites. It is from the Gospel of Luke (LK 24: 13-35) and it is the passage that we commonly refer to as "The Road to Emmaus". Two of Jesus' disciples are returning to their home from Jerusalem where they have just witnessed the horrible crucifixion of Jesus. As they are walking along downtrodden, Jesus appears and walks with them. The disciples do not recognize him. As they walk along there is a great conversation and upon arrival at their home, the two invite Jesus to stay with them. As they are about to eat, Jesus takes bread, blesses it and breaks it and then hands it to them. At that moment they recognize who this stranger is—it is Jesus, the Resurrected Lord! They recognize Him in the "breaking of the bread"—the Eucharist!

I encourage you this week as you reflect on this wonderful Gospel passage to think of those times where you haven't recognized the presence of Jesus in your daily life. Tell Jesus you are sorry for not recognizing Him. But then tell Jesus that you want to do better. Ask Jesus to help you. Ask Jesus to bless you with a greater desire for His presence in your life. Ask Him to give you a deeper longing for the Holy Eucharist, so that when we are finally able to gather to celebrate the Mass together, you will have a burning desire to receive the Lord in the Holy Eucharist where He is truly present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

If you have any questions, concerns or just want to say hello, please call. Alice is in the office Monday-Friday. I am available for the sacrament of reconciliation on Saturdays in Strasburg from 3:00-4:00pm and in Hague from 7:00-8:00pm. If you are unable to make one of those scheduled times, please give a call and we'll make an appointment.

I wish all of you a very Blessed Third week of Easter!

God Bless you!

Fr. Shannon



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

Fr. Shannon will hear Confessions on Saturdays at Strasburg from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., at Hague from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., or by appointment.

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. **Please get the Special Collections in by April 30th. Thank You to all who have already done so!**

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>.

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. We will continue to create our bulletin which can be accessed via our parish website (emmonscatholics.org). Copies of the bulletin will also be placed in the Strasburg and Hague Church.

While our parishes do not have the capability to stream our own daily 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.

Thank You to everyone who is keeping faithful to your Parish Financial Contributions whether it is weekly or monthly. **Hague and St. Michael's Parishes**—You can also drop off or mail your contributions and I will get it to where it needs to go. Our Parishes still need to pay our bills and without our regular collections at Mass, it is certainly more difficult to do that. You can mail your contribution to the parish office at PO Box 322, Strasburg, ND 58573 or call Alice at the rectory—336-7172 to make arrangements to drop them off at the rectory. Thank you! —Please do not hesitate to call Fr. Shannon or contact the parish office, especially if there is an emergency sacramental need.

The Strasburg KCs are still collecting food and non perishable items for the “40 Cans for Lent” to support our local food pantry. (This will be on-going at this time due to the Covid-19.) There 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 are also 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—(call Alice to make arrangements to pick up or return books), any CCD Students, Mona Reis or Kathy Nagel, Creative Touch, & at Hague Grocery Store, or 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. This fundraiser will be ongoing at this time and tickets can continue to be sold. We will let everyone know when this event will be held.

For Sale — Yard-Man Riding Lawnmower at the Strasburg Rectory. If interested, call Alice at 336-7172.

Strasburg Senior Citizens noon dinner will be held at the Center on Tuesday, April 28th, followed by a meeting. New members are always welcome!

V.F.W. Auxiliary meeting on Tuesday, April 28th at the Strasburg Senior Citizens Center.

Sts. Peter & Paul Pastoral & Finance Council meetings scheduled for Wednesday, April 29th have been postponed.

No St. Mary's Council meeting in May!

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: Katie Eberle, Beverly Schwartz, Mary Sue Lucht, and Brandon Wagner.

Stewardship—A Way Of Life: The disciples on the road to Emmaus walked and talked with Jesus all day long, but it was not until they offered Him hospitality and He blessed and broke the bread that they recognized Him. Simple acts of loving kindness still reveal the presence of God in our midst.

Stewardship Thought: God has taught us that you cannot love without giving. That includes the giving of our time, talent and treasure.

Vocation Views: Do you recognize Jesus in your midst? Is your heart burning within you? Think about the possibility of walking the path with Jesus as a brother, sister, priest, or deacon. (Luke 24:13-35)