

St. Catherine Laboure Parish E-Newsletter

March 26, 2020

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Chapel - The Chapel will still remain open. We ask no more than 2 people at a time and please sign and date the book if you do go in the Chapel. Please keep the social distancing recommendation of 6' from each other.

Palms - Palms for Palm Sunday had been ordered well in advance; and have arrived. The current plan is: Fr. Tim will bless them for us. They will be placed on a table in the Chapel for all those who would like to come pick them up to have in your homes. You can also use these while you watch a broadcast of Mass Palm Sunday weekend as well as they will be available by **3 p.m. Saturday, April 4th, 2020.**

Each Sunday, the Diocese of Lansing airs the televised Outreach Mass. The Mass airs at 6:00 AM and 10:00 AM on **WLAJ Lansing TV53**. The Outreach Mass is also heard each Sunday on Good Shepherd Catholic Radio Jackson on 1510 AM and 93.3 FM, at 12:00 PM.

Sacrament of Confession - Fr. Tim is available to hear Confessions. You can call the office to make an appointment. He would need to do this on an individual basis, and it will be behind the screen. Please use prudent judgement. Do not make an appointment if you have been sick or have been in close proximity with a sick person. (even just a minor cold)

This Sunday's Collection- March 22nd - \$1,045.00 8 envelopes and 10 online (Weekly Parish Budget is \$4432) We had 3 new online givers. Please consider supporting St. Catherine Laboure during this unusual time for our country and Church. You can sign up for online giving by going to our website. We have a link towards the top of our Home Page. It is very easy to set up (less than 5 minutes) You can change your amount or cancel at any time!

DSA Update - We are at 55% of our Goal of \$19,304. We have received 39 pledges in the amount of \$10,625.

Parish Office - Leave messages on the office phone for non emergency items or email stcatherine92@yahoo.com

St. Catherine Laboure Novena Every Monday morning before daily Mass the Novena to St. Catherine Laboure is prayed in our Parish. We think it would be a great prayer for all the members of St. Catherine Laboure to pray once each day starting **Sunday, March 28, 2020** until we are able to celebrate Mass together once again at St. Catherine Laboure Parish. This will allow us to unite our prayers together as a Church family. The Novena will only take about 10 minutes a day to pray. You can find the Novena on our website on our homepage and we have included it in the mailing and at the end of this email.

Website - Our website will continue to be the best place to stay current with St. Catherine Laboure parish. We have just added a new page designated for our 25th Anniversary Celebration Mass that is set for February 14, 2021. Check it out!

St. Catherine Laboure - Pray for Us

Here is an excerpt from Bishop Boyea's homily last Sunday:

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Saturday Vigil Outreach Mass, St. Thomas, East Lansing

Bishop Boyea to the People of God:

Prayer and Fasting are certainly two of our Lenten practices which are being used a great deal these days. We are praying for our sick and elderly, for those caring for them, for our first responders, for our families and friends. We are fasting not only from the ordinary Lenten things as we do every Lent, but now also from the Mass and the Eucharist. The third leg of Lenten good works is almsgiving.

I know that many of you may be facing financial difficulty. This is also true of our parishes and our diocese. If you are able to make up for what our other sisters and brothers cannot give, please, I appeal to your sacrificial generosity. This is especially true for your own parish. I have already heard from several that they are in serious straits especially as they try to pay those who work for your parish; and these parish workers often receive lower wages than they could get in the public sector. So please help your parish, either by on-line giving or by sending a check in the mail. You can go to www.SupportYourChurch.com and find your parish listed there.

I also ask you to be generous with DSA this year. It looks like we will have a spike in the number of seminarians. Thanks be to God! But their education and formation is expensive and DSA helps to cover some of that. Also please be faithful to your Witness to Hope pledges, if you can. We are at a point in the campaign where the majority of funds now return to the parishes for parish projects. For these you can go to www.dioceseoflansing.org.

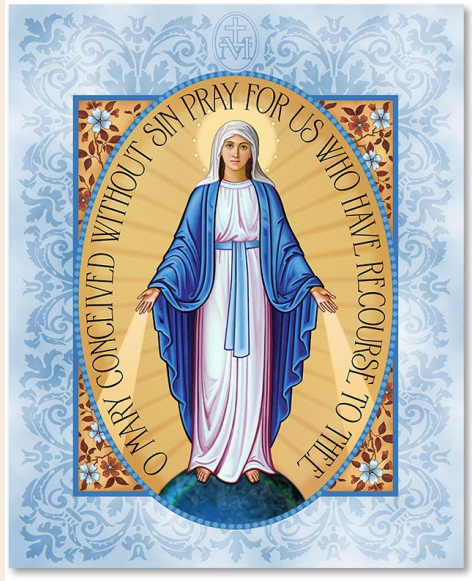
So, my sisters and brothers, keep praying and fasting and almsgiving. And remember, "Happy the one who trusts in the Lord"(Proverbs 16:20).

Reminders:

Email Addresses - If you are receiving this E-Newsletter through the mail but have an email we can send this to you at please let us know by emailing the Parish Office email at:stcatherine92@yahoo.com. We would prefer to send out as many electronically as possible vs. through the mail.

Bulletin - .We will continue to keep all our parishioners up to date with information through these E-Newsletters; and Bulletins have been stopped at this time.

Prayer Intentions: Your prayer intentions are still being heard. Fr. Tim is praying a private Mass for all the intentions that were asked for during this time.



Hymn

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing.
You reign now in splendor with Jesus our king.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria!
Ave, ave, Maria!
In heaven the blessed your glory proclaim, On earth we your children invoke your sweet name.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria!
Ave, ave, Maria!

Novena Prayer

Leader: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

People: And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, who instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to savor what is right, and always to rejoice in his consolation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Leader: O Mary, conceived without sin,

People: Pray for us who have recourse to you.

Prayers

Leader and People: Lord Jesus Christ, who has glorified your mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, immaculate from the first moment of her conception, grant that all who devoutly implore her protection on earth may eternally enjoy your presence in heaven. Lord Jesus Christ, who for the accomplishment of your greatest works have chosen the weak things of the world, that no flesh may glory in your sight, and who for a better and more widely diffused belief in the Immaculate Conception of your Mother, have wished that the Miraculous Medal be manifested to Saint Catherine Labouré, grant, we ask you that filled with like humility, we may glorify this mystery by word and work. Amen.

Novena Prayer

Leader and People: Immaculate Virgin Mary, mother of our Lord Jesus and our mother, we have confidence in your powerful and never-failing intercession, manifested often through the Miraculous Medal. We your loving and trustful children, ask you to obtain for us the graces and favors we ask during this novena if they will be for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. *(Here privately form your petitions.)* You know, O Mary, how often our souls have been the sanctuaries of your Son who hates iniquity. Obtain for us then a deep hatred of sin and that purity of heart which will attach us to God alone so that our every thought, word, and deed may tend to his greater glory. Obtain for us also a spirit of prayer and self-denial that we may recover by penance what we have lost by sin and at length attain to that blessed abode where you are the queen of angels and of men. Amen.

Prayer to our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Leader and People: Virgin Mother of God, Mary Immaculate, we unite ourselves to you under your title of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. May this medal be for each one of us a sure sign of your motherly affection for us and a constant reminder of our filial duties towards you. While wearing it, may we be blessed by your loving protection and preserved in the grace of your Son. Most powerful Virgin, Mother of our Savior, keep us close to you every moment of our lives so that like you we may live and act according to the teaching and example of your Son. Obtain for us, your children, the grace of a happy death so that in union with you we may enjoy the happiness of heaven forever. Amen.

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Closing Prayer

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us: O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.(once)

