

## **St. Catherine Laboure Parish E-Newsletter**

### **April 16th, 2020**

*"On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and side." (John 20: 19-20)*

On that first Easter night, the disciples were locked away for fear of the potential death they would face if they left the upper room. They were isolated, alone, and afraid. Jesus, in whom they had placed all their hope they thought was dead. But, then he mystically came to them in his risen and glorified body and breathed on them the gift of new life, the Holy Spirit. This year we experienced an Easter in many ways similar to that of the first disciples. We too were isolated from our families and parish family, many were alone in care facilities and hospitals and many feared for the health of their loved ones. But, like the first Easter Sunday evening, Jesus walked through the barriers and isolation brought about by the coronavirus and came to us with the same Easter greeting: Peace be with you! Friends, the risen Lord is with us now more than ever! Like the first disciples we will soon emerge from our quarantine renewed in the Holy Spirit and able to worship and adore him in the holy Mass and receive his glorified body and blood in Holy Communion.

*Yes, Christ my hope is a-risen; to Galilee he goes before you. Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining; have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia!" (Vss 7-8 Victimae Paschali Laudes)*

Happy Easter!  
Fr. Tim

**Live Streaming Mass! - St. Catherine is now Live Streaming both Daily and Sunday Masses- We will have our first Sunday Live Streamed Mass this Sunday at 10:30 a.m.!** It will be streamed through our St. Catherine Laboure Facebook Page. We hope to be able to also have it available on our website soon.

**Chapel** - The Chapel still remains open. We are keeping it sanitized the best we can, but please do your part.

**Diocese of Lansing Televised Mass** - The Outreach 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.

**Mass Intentions** - Your Mass Intentions are still being said in a private Mass offered by Fr. Tim. We have openings if you would like to add an intention.

**Sacrament of Confession** - Fr. Tim is available to hear Confessions. You can call the office to make an appointment. Use prudent judgement: Do not make an appointment or come if you have been sick or have been around a sick person.

**Funeral Directives** - We have received concern from some parishioners on what will happen if a death occurs during the Pandemic. We have outlined the directives on our homepage of our website that our parish will follow if a death occurs.

**Parish Office** - Leave messages on the office phone for non emergency items or email [stcatherine92@yahoo.com](mailto:stcatherine92@yahoo.com) The rectory phone is 517-524-6261 if you are in need of speaking with Fr. Tim.

**St. Catherine Laboure Novena** - We have suggested we pray this novena daily to unite us in our prayers together during this time of disconnect. See our website for further information!

**Website** - Our Website still continues to be the best place to stay current with St. Catherine Laboure Parish. We are trying hard to keep this updated for our Parishioners. We hope you are visiting it often!  
[stcatherinelaboureconcord.org](http://stcatherinelaboureconcord.org)

## FINANCIAL UPDATES:

**Offertory Collection** -

(the # of envelopes is **not** the number of people contributing but actual envelopes - some have sent in multiple envelopes in one mailing)

**April 5th (Palm Sunday) - \$3930 30 envelopes and 12 online**

**April 12th (Easter Sunday) - \$5,550 29 envelopes and 10 online**

**YTD Below Budget -\$21,097**

We have had 4 new online sign ups since our last E-Newsletter.

**Thank you to all who are doing their part to help our Parish during this difficult time.** Please if you are able, 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** -

**April 5th** 6 new pledges \$595 Total Collected Pledged to date: **\$14,120**. We are at **73%** of our Goal of **\$19,304**.

**April 12th** 3 new pledges \$975 Total Collected Pledged to date: **\$15,095**. We are at **80%** of our Goal of **\$19,304**.

Thank you to all who have made your pledge! We are doing very well in comparison to parishes in our area. **\$843** was deposited into our parish general fund. This was our refund for the amount we collected over our goal for the 2019 DSA campaign.

**WTH** - We received our WTH March 31, 2020 quarterly statement. It includes pledges received to us through December 31st. Our Balance is **\$66,658.48**. As a reminder we have only paid for half of the parking lot repair. The remainder due is \$70,000 which will NOT be paid until they fix the issues to our satisfaction. Once things open up again - the Cupola is the first priority as we would like to get it fixed so we can take advantage of the insurance coverage we will receive for painting the interior. Thank you to all who are continuing to honor your pledges!!

**St. Vincent DePaul** - We collected \$198 for this Lenten season.

**Payroll Protection Program**- We have applied for this loan for our Parish. We have been approved for \$22,685. This was done with encouragement from the Diocese to make the effort in case it is needed. The Diocese of Lansing has been most helpful in providing us with necessary legal consultation and help in filling out our application. They have determined that non profits like our parish are eligible to apply. **The Paycheck Protection Program is a coronavirus loan that provides eight weeks of cash flow for business owners to cover payroll, rent, and utilities costs. The best part: if you use at least 75% of the funds on payroll costs (and the other 25% on rent and utilities), the loan is 100% forgivable—making it a tax-free grant.** We will keep you informed as we move along on this process.

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