

St. Catherine Laboure Parish E-Newsletter
April 30th, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

It has been seven weeks since we were last able to gather and celebrate the holy Mass on Sunday. It appears that the time may be drawing near for us to start up parish life once again. As of the writing of this message, I have not received any directives from the Diocese of Lansing regarding starting up public worship and meetings. When we are given the green light to start up parish life, it will be a gradual process. At this time parish organizations should not schedule any events. When I have received the Diocesan guidelines I will communicate them to you.

Thank you for your patience and co-operation.

Fr. Tim

E-Newsletters - This is our 6th E-Newsletter and you have probably caught on that they are a temporary replacement for our weekly bulletins. We hope these are beneficial to you; and we pray daily we will be able to open our doors for public Masses very soon!

Live Streaming Mass Schedule - See our Website for complete details.

Chapel - Chapel still remains open. We know it gets daily visitors; and we continue to welcome you to spend time with Jesus who is truly present in the tabernacle at our Parish.

Mass Intentions - May intentions are almost filled. Go to our website to see the open slots.

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. Fr. Tim will use proper protocols as well.

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

Website - stcatherinelaboureconcord.org - We have begun to put some Mary videos, artwork, songs etc... up on our Webpage in anticipation of honoring our Blessed Mother next month.

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 26th - \$3,840 22 envelopes and 11 online

YTD Below Budget \$23,441.00

We have had 2 more new online sign up since our last E-Newsletter. 12 new online signups since the Pandemic.

DSA - This week: 3 pledges of \$370 **Totals to date:** \$15,464 82% of goal

Mowing and Cleaning Expenses: We had our first lawn cutting last week. The cost last year was \$250 each time it was mowed. This will now be an ongoing expense for our Parish. Spring cutting is usually weekly so we estimate this to be a recurring \$1,000 monthly expense for the spring and summer months. We have scheduled to have our carpets and some rugs cleaned next month. (\$650) We have found a new company who is giving us a very good deal and they do very good quality work. He steamed cleaned and sealed our bathroom floors for under \$300 and they look terrific!

Payroll Protection Program- Update: Our parish has received word from our lender that we will receive funding for this loan. The money will be put in a designated account in about 9 days. We will be able to pay our office staff and Fr. Tim's salary and medical insurance for the next 8 weeks using these funds. We will also be able to pay at least some of our utilities from these funds during this period as well. See our previous e-newsletters if you need a refresher on the details of the PPP loan and why our parish applied for it. This is very good news for our parish!

Tune in on Facebook 1 p.m. May 2nd. We will be praying the Joyful Mysteries using meditations for prayer during the CoVid 19 Pandemic led by Fr. Tim



***St. Catherine Laboure
Pray for Us!***

