

St. Catherine Laboure Parish E-Newsletter

May 7th, 2020

Dear St. Catherine Parishioners,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

We are deep into the liturgical season of Easter. Yes, it is still Eastertide. The holy season of Easter concludes with the great feast of Pentecost. Pentecost Sunday this year falls on May 31st. My prayer is that we will be able to celebrate this great feast together as a parish family. I am keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers during these Easter days. Everything is topsy-turvy and out of kilter. But what has not changed is the fact that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and that he has promised us a sharing in his risen life. Herein lies our hope and our stability in these difficult times. Thank you for all that you are doing to keep St. Catherine financially stable during these challenging days. I am touched by your generosity to our parish.

Love in the risen Lord,

Fr. Tim

Some Good News....

Starting up public worship: We have not received any directives yet from Bishop Boyea but the last public statement from the Diocese is that the startup of public Masses will begin starting slowly -(May 18th)! Therefore we are to believe our first public Sunday Masses will begin the weekend of May 23rd/May 24th. You will be informed once we get direction; and we are able to use the directives to make decisions for our own Parish.

DSA - We have exceeded our goal!! We are the 2nd Parish to make their 2020 DSA Goal. Thank you to all who helped make this happen. We will receive 50% of money received once the 100% of pledges have been paid.

Totals to Date: 110.5% of goal, 66 pledges \$21,247 pledged

Payroll Protection Program- Update: The funds have been received and have been deposited in a designated account at the Diocese. We were able to use part of the money for this past week's payroll. We received \$21,807.00. We have 8 weeks to use this money. 75% must be used for payroll and the remainder 25% can be used for utilities. If the money is spent in accordance with the terms the loan is forgiven. In other words we will not have to pay it back.

Other News:

St. Catherine Laboure Shrine Update - The electrical work has been completed for the new shrine. The work entailed moving an electrical outlet and adding a new overhead spotlight and switch. The work ended up being more involved than anticipated. The cost of the electrical work was \$1,200. The cost to have the statue of St. Catherine stripped down, repaired and repainted will be \$1,300. This brings the total cost for the new shrine to \$2,500. When I first mentioned the project a few parishioners approached me about making a donation to help defray the cost. If you are interested please designate your donation for the shrine project.

Fr. Tim

Live Streaming Mass Schedule - Next week daily Mass schedule will be W 7 pm ThF 9 am (No Monday Live Streaming - May 11th) Sunday will be at 10:30 a.m. We try our best to keep you connected but sometimes the internet does give us grief. We have been good all week so please tune in Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.!!

Chapel - Chapel still remains open 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 full. We have open slots for June. See Parish Website. stcatherinelaboureconcord.org

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.

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

May 3rd - \$2,880 (\$4,432 weekly goal) 23 envelopes and 16 online

YTD Below Budget \$24,993.00

Tune in on Facebook 1 p.m. May 9th.

We will be praying the Joyful Mysteries - the Intention this week will be for those who mourn. Dcn. Tom will lead us this week in our Rosary Prayer.

St. Catherine Laboure

Pray for Us!