

St. Catherine Laboure Parish E-Newsletter

May 14th, 2020

Dear St. Catherine Laboure parishioners,

I greet you in the name of the risen Lord on this Easter day!

We are drawing near to the great feasts of the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost. The traditional date for the Feast of the Ascension is Thursday May 21st. Many years ago the Bishop's of the province of Michigan transferred the feast of the Ascension of the Lord from Thursday of the sixth week of Easter to the 7th Sunday of Easter. Nonetheless, Jesus ascended into heaven in his risen and glorified body on the fortieth day after his resurrection from the dead. The period between the first Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday was marked by time of intense prayer by the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary in order to prepare for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. These nine days of prayer form the first novena. I would like to encourage you and your family to pray the Novena to the Holy Spirit in communion with your fellow parishioners in order to prepare for Solemnity of Pentecost. The Novena to the Holy Spirit begins on Friday May 22nd and ends on the Vigil of Pentecost, May 30th. Even though we are physically separated from each other, may our unity as members of the Church grow more deeply in the praying of this great novena.

Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest!

Fr. Tim

Opening of Public Mass - We were very saddened to hear that the May 18th date for opening our doors for public Masses has been pushed to May 29th. Our first Sunday Mass open for the public will be the weekend of **May 30th/May31st**. We have received directives from the Diocese and will be making decisions for our Parish shortly. We will communicate what you need to know before arriving for Mass the weekend of May 30th/31st in the upcoming newsletters. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we move forward.

Live Streaming Mass Schedule - We will continue to live stream daily Masses and Sunday's until May 29th.. Typically the schedule is M,TH, F 9 a.m. W 7 p.m. Sunday 10:30 a.m. (we try hard to keep this up to date on our website). We have been very encouraged by the number of viewers.

Chapel Remains Open- You are always welcome to visit our Chapel and 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 11th - \$3,585 (\$4,432 weekly goal) 28 envelopes and 13 online

YTD Below Budget \$25,840.00

DSA - Last week we reported that we had exceeded our goal. **Unfortunately - the Diocese gave us an inaccurate reporting of our DSA pledges. We have NOT met our goal (we are close).**

To date numbers;

Total Pledged: \$17,185

Number of Pledges: 62

% of Goal Met: 90%

Thank you again to all who have helped us thus far - we are still doing very well!

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

Tune in on Facebook to pray the

Rosary led by Fr. Tim

May 16th - 1 p.m.

The Intention this week: the parish family of St. Catherine Laboure

St. Catherine Laboure

Pray for Us!

