

St. Catherine Laboure Parish
E-Newsletter June 11th, 2020

Dear St. Catherine
Parishioners,

This Sunday we will observe the great solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This feast falls on the Sunday after Trinity Sunday. Just as belief in the Most Holy Trinity is what makes us Christians, so belief that the holy Eucharist is the body, blood, soul and divinity of the risen Jesus is necessary in order for us to be truly Catholic.

The Eucharist is the very food of salvation. The Eucharist is Jesus! He commands us to eat his flesh and drink his blood in order that we might have eternal life. The Eucharist is a great mystery which requires faith in order to believe. Some might ask: how can this be? How can the Eucharist contain the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Christ? My answer would be: because God can do anything. If he desires to feed us with the mystery of his risen life, he can. We need not get bogged down on how this can happen or how this can be. In faith we accept the very words of Jesus and assent to this truth.

Dear friends, because of the pandemic, we have been deprived from receiving the Bread of Life for months. My hope is that this absence has allowed us to reflect upon the Eucharist. My prayer is that the absence of the Eucharist has shaken us up to realize what (or who) the Eucharist is and how without it (him) we will not have eternal life.

In Christ,

Fr. Tim

Mass Intentions - We have Mass intentions openings for the month of July . See Parish Website.
stcatherinelaboureconcord.org

Sacrament of Penance - Fr. Tim is hearing confessions at the regular scheduled time on Saturdays (3:00-4:30 p.m). If you are unable to make the Saturday time you may call Fr. Tim and set up a more convenient time.

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.

Mass attendance Numbers from June 6/7:

June 6: 50 people

June 7: 58 people

A reminder that at this time we have a limit of 75 people per Mass. As you can see we still can accommodate more people at each Mass. We will keep you informed as to when we can increase our capacity.

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

June 7th - \$3,445 (\$4,432 weekly goal) 37 envelopes and 14 online (\$104 was loose cash) YTD Below Budget \$28,283)

DSA to date numbers - One new donation: \$100.00 **\$1,869 is still needed to make our 2020 Goal.**

Group Meetings - Please do not schedule any group meetings at this time. We have not yet received any directives from the Diocese regarding the resumption of public meetings.

St. Catherine Laboure Shrine Update - Jim Legault has ordered the tile, adhesive, and grout for the new shrine. As soon as the materials arrive he will begin to place the tile work on the new shrine. The statue of St. Catherine is in the process of being repaired and repainted.

The Sacristy and Chapel Windows- Recently we have installed material on the windows to reduce heat and damage from the sun. Both of these rooms face the west and receive a great deal of sun during the summer months. The temporary shades have been removed.

Mass Readers Needed - With public Masses starting back up - we will need to have one reader for 5 p.m. Mass and one reader for 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please contact Leslie Reagle if you would like to volunteer.

First Friday Devotions: Will resume in September. (September 4th: begins at 11 am with Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration)