

**St. Catherine Laboure Parish E-Newsletter**  
**July 9th, 2020**

**Notes from Fr. Tim**

**Covid 19: Month Four**

Mid July will mark four months since our country shut down everything in fear of the spread of Covid 19. How quickly everything has changed for us: nothing is the same. There is still such great uncertainty about what will happen with returning to classroom education. We have not received any directives as of yet from the Diocese regarding the resumption of religious education programs in our parishes.

Fear and anxiety can manifest itself in various ways. It can cause increased aggression, it can plunge people into addictions, it can increase abuse in the home, it can cause people to revolt. As people of faith we must turn to Jesus and bring to him our fears and anxiety and allow him to bring us security and comfort. We need to pray more intently for the deliverance of our country and the world from the pandemic. We need to receive the grace of the sacraments. We need to be attentive to those around us who are alone and isolated. Jesus is all that we have. Let us draw closer to him.

**Daily Mass**

If you are anxious about attending Sunday Mass, I encourage you to try to come to a daily Mass. There are usually no more than 10-12 people in attendance. Social distancing is observed and I wear a facial mask when distributing Holy Communion. We all need the graces that flow to us from the Holy Eucharist. Please consider coming to a daily Mass.

**Landscape Work**

A few parishioners have volunteered to spruce up the landscaping around the parish grounds. They have sprayed for weeds in the parking lots and planted beds. They have been working on the planted area around the church sign at the main entrance. One thing that grows well on our property is weeds! It doesn't take time for them to have the upper hand if you do not keep up with them. I am grateful for all that they are doing to make our parish grounds look great!

**Removal of Fallen Trees**

I would like to thank all those who have been working at removing the remains of the trees that came down in the June 10<sup>th</sup> storm. Brother Knight's and others have been working hard at cutting up the wood and removing it from the property.

## **Deacon Tom**

On Tuesday June 30<sup>th</sup> Deacon Tom had a heart attack. He happened to be working to get rid of the fallen trees on our property when he started experiencing some difficulties. Fortunately he came into the office and Emily called the EMS and they arrived quickly and attended to Deacon Tom, who was in the process of having a heart attack. Deacon was taken to Henry Ford Allegiance Hospital in Jackson where they performed a heart catheterization finding a double blockage. Two stints were inserted to open up the arteries. There was no need for by-pass surgery. There has been some heart damage. Time will tell as if the damaged area of his heart will heal. Deacon Tom will be released from the hospital on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Obviously Deacon Tom will not be with us for a period of time. If you would like to send him a card or a note please call the parish office and we will give you his new address. Deacon Tom and his wife Cathy have recently moved. Please keep Deacon Tom in your prayers.

## **Other News**

### **Mass Attendance Numbers**

July 4th: 37

June 5th: 60

### **Mass Intentions**

Mass intentions for July, August, September have been filled. There are openings for October. See Parish Website. [stcatherinelaboureconcord.org](http://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](mailto:stcatherine92@yahoo.com) The rectory phone is 517-524-6261 if you are in need of speaking with Fr. Tim.

### **Offertory Collection**

July 5th - \$4,414.00 (\$4,326 weekly goal) 45 envelopes and 14 online (\$154 was loose cash)

YTD Above Budget - \$88 This is the first week of our new fiscal year that begins July 1st.

### **DSA**

We are **\$1,479.00** short in meeting our 2020 Goal. Letters have been sent out to those who have yet to make a pledge to this year's DSA. If you have not given, please consider a gift. We are very close to making our goal!