

St. Catherine Laboure Parish E-Newsletter

July 23rd, 2020

Paula Mae (Dawson) Barton

September 11, 1956- July 14, 2020

Paula Barton, lifelong member of St. Catherine Laboure Parish, died after a courageous battle with cancer. Paula was baptized at the Opera House Church on September 30, 1956 and spent her entire life at St. Catherine. She married Jeff Barton on October 27, 1979. Together they had two children Chassidy and Clint. Paula is the daughter of Ray and Pauline Dawson. Paula touched many lives and was a beautiful soul. She remained close to Jesus through her 6 years of fighting cancer. May she now be given a share in Christ's victory over sin and death and join him in heaven. May she rest in peace. May God send comfort to her husband and family.

Witness to Hope Pledges

It seems like ages ago that we embarked on the Witness to Hope Capital Campaign through the Diocese of Lansing. A great deal of the collected funds from this Capital Campaign were to come back to the parish for improvements to our parish facilities. Thus far we have received roughly \$167,916.14, this includes interest. We have paid out 74,792.00 for the refurbishing of the asphalt. We roughly owe another \$72,000.00 when the work is finally completed. The cost to work on the cupola is still unknown.

I am so very grateful to those of you who contributed to the Witness to Hope Campaign. If you are still making pledge payments, I ask that you do the best that you can to fulfill them so that we will have enough funds to repair the cupola. If you are having any problems with receiving pledge billing reminders , please call the parish office and speak to Emily.

Landscaping Additions

This past week volunteers completed the landscaping work around the sign at our main entrance. The annuals and perennials that were added, as well as the mulch were generously donated. A great deal of hard work and sweat went into making our main entrance visually attractive. Some work was also done in moving gravel to various places on the parish grounds. More hard work and sweat. I am so very appreciative and grateful to those who worked so very hard to accomplish these beautification projects on our parish grounds.



Scam Alert!!!

We have heard from numerous parishioners that they are receiving texts and/or emails that look like they have come from Fr. Tim and are asking you to do him a favor. **These are not from Fr. Tim!!** This is not his email address or cell phone number. It is best to block the text when you get it or mark it as spam in your email. **PLEASE BE AWARE Do not respond back.**

Mass Attendance Numbers July 18th: 47 July 19th: 84 Saturday Vigil Mass attendance is much less than our Sunday Mass numbers and this has been consistent since the reopening of our doors for Masses. If you are anxious about crowds you may want to consider attending our Saturday Vigil Mass.

Daily Mass There are usually no more than 10-12 people in attendance. Please consider coming to a daily Mass if you are not yet ready to attend a Sunday Mass. We all need the graces that flow to us from the Holy Eucharist.

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions for July, August, September have been filled. There are openings for October.

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.

Offertory Collection

July 12th - \$2,831(\$4,326 weekly goal) 31 envelopes and 14 online (\$106 was loose cash)

YTD Below Budget - \$3049 This is the first week of our new fiscal year that begins July 1st.

DSA

We are **\$1,379.00** short in meeting our 2020 Goal. 1 new pledges received this week for \$100. Please consider a gift if you have not given yet.

Faith Formation Faith formation may look a little different than years past, but we are committed to providing a solid program for our students even with restrictions. Last year we had 7 1st grade students so if they all make a commitment to continue faith formation at our Parish; we will have 7 students in our 2nd grade class who will be preparing to make their Sacrament of Penance and 1st Holy Communion this upcoming school year. Parents: we will be sending out information soon about our fall programs.

We also have 7 Confirmation students that were on schedule to get confirmed in the fall of 2021. We hope to pick up where we left off very soon. Information for these students will be sent out soon as well.

