

## St. Catherine Laboure Parish E-Newsletter

### September 3, 2020

#### **Come to Mass**

We are nearing the sixth month mark since we have not been 'required' to attend Sunday Mass. One half of the year 2020 has passed since the state wide shut down. Things seem to finally be settling down in society regarding Covid 19. We have to expect flair ups in the virus, which will be dealt with when they occur. We are moving forward now not backward. I understand that some in our parish might still be experiencing fear and anxiety regarding going about a normal routine and I understand their concern. But I challenge those who are shopping at the big box stores, yet not coming to church, to start coming back to Mass in order to nurture their soul with the grace of the Sacraments. During Mass we are trying to observe the necessary protocols regarding social distancing and the wearing of face masks. Of course there are some exceptions and I do not feel that it is my responsibility to enforce compliance with wearing a mask. I have encouraged those who do not wear a mask to do so as an act of charity for those at Mass who are afraid. Please do not use the excuse that we do not have to go Mass right now to be the only reason why you are not coming to holy Mass on Sunday. You are missed. It is time to come to Mass.

#### **Welcome to Norah Lynn Neil**

On Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup>, I administered the sacrament of holy Baptism to Norah Lynn Neil, the daughter of Michael and Kelsey(Kryst) Neil. Norah is their first child. Norah has now become an adopted daughter of the heavenly Father and a member of the mystical body of Christ, the Church. Congratulations to baby Norah and to her parents. May Norah Lynn always walk as a child of the light.

#### **Parish Office Closed on Labor Day**

In observance of Labor Day, the parish office will be closed on Monday September 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be a 9:00 a.m. Mass celebrated on Labor Day.

#### **Parish Organization Meetings**

Beginning in September the members of the Women's Guild and the Knights of Columbus will be allowed to schedule meetings in the parish hall. The meetings will be limited to 10 people, they must be held at the tables set up in the main hall, social distancing must be observed as well as the wearing of face masks. If you are planning on using the parish hall please schedule your meeting through the main office.

#### **40 Days for Life**

40 Days for Life campaign in Jackson this fall is still on but due to the ongoing uncertain nature of the Covid situation, it will look very different this year. There will be no large events or gatherings. There will be no physical sign-ups in churches, instead all sign ups will take place through our website or through email, texts or phone calls. There will be no shared supplies at the vigil site and we will offer the opportunity for people who wish to hold a sign to get their own prior to the 40 Days. This will be a socially distanced, no-touch prayer campaign. St. Catherine parishioners will again cover each Friday from 2-6 p.m. at the prayer vigil. Please sign up online at [www.40daysforlife.com/jackson](http://www.40daysforlife.com/jackson)

### **Daily Mass Times**

The schedule is M, TH, and F at 9:00 a.m. W. at 7:00 p.m.  
First Friday Mass: 11:00 a.m.

### **Mass Attendance Numbers**

August 29: 62    August 30: 100

### **Offertory Collection August 30th**

Total: \$4,020.00

Online (15): \$690.00

Loose cash: \$300.00

Number of Envelopes: 48

\$4,326.00 (weekly goal) **YTD Below Budget: \$6,041.00**

### **Sunday Readers:**

If you are a reader and would like to resume reading again for a weekend Mass, please call the parish office in order to be placed on the schedule. Currently we have only 3 volunteers.

### **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 time that will accommodate your schedule.

### **Parish Office**

Hours: M, T, TH, F: 8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. The Office is closed on Wednesday. Please leave a message on the office phone for non-emergency items, or email at [stcatherine92@yahoo.com](mailto:stcatherine92@yahoo.com)  
The rectory phone # is 517-524-6261 if you are in need of speaking with Fr. Tim.

