

St. Catherine Laboure Parish E-Newsletter  
September 24, 2020  
Final Edition

**October 4: the weekly parish bulletin returns**

On the weekend of October 3-4 we will begin to issue the weekly parish bulletin. It will be available after Masses in the gathering space. This will be the last parish e-newsletter. We will no longer be mailing out newsletters. **If you would like to have a parish bulletin mailed to you after October 4<sup>th</sup>, please let us know at the parish office. The bulletin will be accessible on the parish website.**

**Parish Offertory Collection**

If you have been paying attention, over the past month or so, our parish offertory collection has fallen way below the weekly goal of \$4,326.00. As of September 19<sup>th</sup> we have fallen behind by **\$9,161.00**. I know that these are challenging times. But, we cannot give up on supporting a very important aspect of our Catholic lives, our local parish. I ask that you remain financially faithful to the parish. As you know we are trying to be accountable as to how your contributions are being spent. We do not have that much in excess in our diocesan savings and loan account (40,000.00). This amount will be depleted quickly if we have to use it to pay parish bills. I am grateful for anything that you can give to financially support our parish.

**Cupola Report**

On Friday September 11<sup>th</sup>, architect David Swanson, Jim Legault and Fr. Tim met with representatives from O'Harrow and Mercer Construction Companies, both of Jackson. They were on sight to view the church and to ask questions about the cupola replacement project. Both companies were interested in the project and were on sight for well over an hour. They will submit their bids for the project on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The bids will be reviewed by the architect, the Diocese of Lansing, Jim Legault, Deacon Tom and Fr. Tim. A decision will be made by the end of September as to which Construction company we will employ to remove the cupola and replace it with a clear pyramid shaped dome. The cupola was one of the main repair projects that was listed on our Witness of Hope Capital Campaign case statement. The use of these funds is overseen by the Diocese of Lansing to make certain that they are only being used for their stated purpose. I am grateful to all those who contributed to the WTH and encourage those of you who are still paying off your pledges to remain faithful, if possible, so that we have ample funds to cover the cost of the cupola project.

**Mass Attendance Numbers:**

September 19<sup>th</sup>: 46

September 20<sup>th</sup>: 108

**September 20<sup>th</sup> Offertory Collection**

Total: \$3,518

Online: \$2,130

Loose cash: \$221

Number of Envelopes: 25 Online: 17

Weekly Goal: \$4,326.00

**YTD Below Budget: \$9,969.00**

**Faith Formation News:**

## **Confirmation**

Confirmation classes have begun once again on Sunday nights. We are observing the distancing and mask requirements given to us from the Diocese of Lansing - Office of Catechesis. Even though it is not ideal - it is good to have some students back and part of our Parish life beginning once again. Thank you to our parents for supporting our decision to go face to face with the students. I think we were all glad to begin again!

## **2nd Grade Class**

Face to face instruction for our 2nd grade students is being offered starting Sunday, October 4th. It will be nice to get some of our younger students connecting with each other. Ms.

Brown will be teaching our 2nd grade class once again; and she is eager to get started. **Group**

## **Prayer**

Families are invited to join us at 9:40 Sunday, September 27th in Church for some time to reflect on the past months in home faith formation. We also will pray the St. Catherine Laboure Devotional Prayer together. It is important the kids are connecting with each other even with distance learning taking place. We will continue to offer this monthly if it is supported by family attendance.

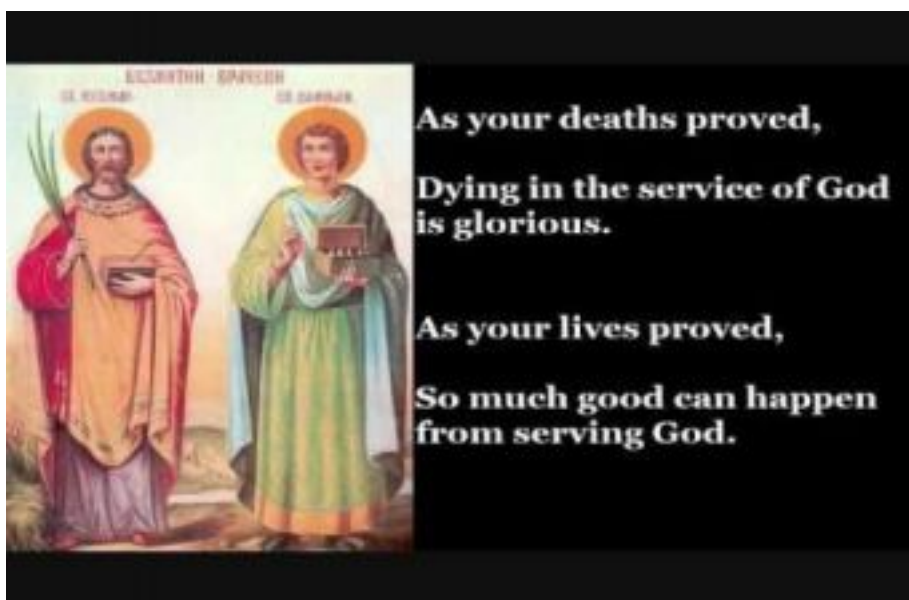
## **Packet Pick Up**

Next weekend packets for Faith Formation will be available in the parish hall before and after both Masses. Remember to bring back completed work as indicated on the weekly lessons. There will be a small gift for those students who do return the work.

Any questions please let me know.

Leslie Reagle

Faith Formation Director



**Feast Day: September 26th**  
**St. Cosmas and Damian**  
**Pray for Us**