

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Laetare Sunday

March 14th, 2021

Calendar:

- **03/14/21 Sunday:** Noon Penance Service St. John's Pisek; Fr. Moen and Fr. Eppler will assist.
- **03/17/21 Wednesday:** Faith Formation Classes normal times
- **03/18/21 Thursday:** 6AM Daily Mass St. John's Pisek
- **03/18/21 Thursday:** Fr. Lefor hosts Real Presence Live 9-11AM on 1370AM. Call in 9:30 1-877-795-0122.
- **03/05/21 Friday:** Men's Prayer Breakfast St John's 5:30am Breakfast, 6AM Discussion and Prayer, 7AM Morning Prayer and Holy Hour, 8AM Mass
- **03/05/21 Friday:** 6PM Stations of the Cross St. Joseph, Lankin; Consecration to St. Joseph to Follow, all are welcome
- **03/06/21 Saturday:** 10 AM Parents and Children Retreat First Reconciliation, St. John's
- **03/21-23/21 Sunday thru Tuesday:** Parish Mission St. John's Grafton preached by Fr. Lefor 7-8PM each evening. All are welcome

Pastor's Notes:

- Please make note that this Sunday is our Lenten Penance Service for all three parishes. It is held at Noon at St. John's in Pisek. Fr. Brian Moen and Fr. Jeff Eppler will be present to assist. Canon Law requires us to make our Easter Duty which is to make a good Confession and Receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season. Please take advantage of the Lord's tender Mercy and become friends with God once again!
- A huge thank you to everyone who assisted with St. John's Pork and Dumpling Dinner. By Covid standards it was a huge success. All the meals were purchased in a very short time. The meal generated \$5,700. Thank you for everyone's support.
- The Covid Virus is still active in our area. Two weeks ago I came down with the virus. I have recovered very well and have completed my quarantine period. I want to thank everyone who assisted in my

absence. Also, thank you for the outpouring of food and medical assistance from so many parishioners. Please continue to hold all of our parishioners who are still suffering in prayer and extend generosity to them in their needs.

2021 God's Gift Appeal

2021 God's Gift Appeal. Each registered household has received a letter from the Diocese. GGA is the way in which we fund the essential needs of our Diocese, for example the Bishop's salary, his house, the diocesan staff, the education for our seminarians, etc... Bishop Folda has asked that each Catholic of the Diocese of Fargo prayerfully consider tithing (this means giving 10% of one's income) to charity. 5% is to go to support your local parish, 4% is to go to support other charities of your choosing, and 1% is to go to God's Gift Appeal. Each parish has a determined goal based upon number of households and other factors. If we each gave 1% of our income to the 2021GGA we would far surpass our parish goals established by the Diocese. Below is a breakdown of each parish's goal and what it takes to make the goal:

St. John's, Pisek: This year's goal is \$9,947. There are 58 registered households. If each household gave an equal amount it would be \$172 per household. Based on the number who gave last year, each household would need to give **\$345** this year to reach our goal.

Sts. Peter & Paul, Bechyne: This year's goal is \$6,883. There are 34 registered households. If each household gave an equal amount it would be \$200 per household. Based on the number who gave last year, each household would need to give **\$400** this year to reach our goal.

St. Joseph's, Lankin: This year's goal is \$5,811. There are 31 registered households. If each household gave an equal amount it would be \$190 per household. Based on the number who gave last year, each household would need to give **\$390** this year to reach our goal.

St. John Nepomucene, St. Joseph, and Sts. Peter & Paul, Pray for Us!