

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Passion Sunday

March 28th, 2021

Calendar:

- **03/30/21 Tuesday:** 11AM Chrism Mass, St. Mary's Cathedral, Fargo, ND.
- **03/30/21 Tuesday:** NO Daily Mass St. John's, Pisek
- **03/31/21 Wednesday:** 6:30PM Living Stations St. John's Grafton, ND.
- **04/01/21 Thursday:** 7PM Holy Thursday liturgy of the Lord's Supper, St. John's, Pisek.
- **04/02/21 Friday:** 3PM Good Friday Services, St. John's, Pisek. Following liturgy everyone is invited to join Fr. Lefor for viewing Jesus of Nazareth. Half way thru will be cheese pizza.
- **04/03/21 Saturday:** 8:30PM Easter Vigil, St. John's, Pisek.
- **04/04/21 Easter Sunday:** 8:30AM Easter Mass, Sts. Peter & Paul, Bechyne.
- **04/04/21 Easter Sunday:** 10:30AM Easter Mass, St. Joseph, Lankin.

Pastor's Notes:

- Please hold in prayer our parents who are preparing their children to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. This is a busy time of and a busy time of preparation. Confirmation is on Saturday, May 1st.
- This weekend is the Sacred Liturgy of Palm/Passion Sunday. Celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem marks the beginning of Holy Week. We pay very close attention to Jesus each day as he teaches in the Temple and travels between the Temple Mount and the Mount of Olives. On Monday he curses the fig tree and cleanses the Temple. On Tuesday the Pharisees harden their hearts toward him and decide to kill him. On Spy Wednesday Judas looks for an opportunity to betray Jesus. Thursday of course is the celebration of the Lord's Last Supper, the institution of the Eucharist and the establishment of the priesthood. It is also the procession to the garden of suffering. Friday Jesus is arrested, tried, scourged, taken on the way of the Cross and is crucified. He is placed in the tomb and on Holy Saturday while he descends to the place of the

dead, we all wait in humble silence hoping that death does not have the last word. Early on Easter Sunday Christ rises from the dead conquering Satan, death, and sin. Once again allowing us to worship the God who brings life out of death!

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 of \$9,947 has been reached. \$11,046 or 111% of the goal has been given. 40% of our 58 registered households have contributed. **Congratulations on reaching goal!** Let us see if we can increase our participation rate.

Sts. Peter & Paul, Bechyne: This year's goal of \$6,883 has been reached. \$7,923 or 115% of the goal has been given. 57% of our registered households have contributed. **Congratulations on reaching goal!** Let us see if we can increase our participation rate.

St. Joseph's, Lankin: This year's goal is \$5,811. To date 85% of the goal or \$4,950 has been contributed. We have a 39% participation rate. 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. (I know we can do this, we did it last year. Heavenly Father, help us to grow in generosity!)

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