

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Easter Sunday

April 4th, 2021

Calendar:

- **04/06/21 Tuesday:** 2PM Emergency Meeting Church Roof Repairs St. John's, Pisek.
- **04/07/21 Wednesday:** Visitation for Marcell Flicek 5-8PM Tollefson's Funeral Home Grafton.
- **04/08/21 Thursday:** 10:30AM Marcell Flicek Funeral, St. John's, Grafton.
- **04/09/21 Friday:** 7AM Eucharistic Adoration, St. John's, Pisek.
- **04/10/21 Saturday:** 10AM Confirmation meeting for Parents, Sponsors, and children at St. John's, Pisek.
- **04/11/21 Divine Mercy Sunday:** 3PM Devotion with Confessions, St. John's, Pisek.

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 and First Eucharist is on Saturday, May 1st.
- Thank you to the many people who made our Triduum Liturgies so beautiful. Thank you to everyone who was so generous for the Collection for the Poor and the Holy Land Collection.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen! This is the good news that is heard around the world today and that lifts the heart of every follower of Christ. On this joyful Easter night/day, I extend my greetings to you and your families as we rejoice in the risen life of Jesus.

After remembering the events of his Passion and death, we can now celebrate once again the glorious Resurrection of our Lord, who lives forever. The gaze of our Risen Savior fills us with hope, because we know that he has conquered sin and death, and his love for us will never fail. Dear friends, I promise to remember each one of you and your loved ones as I celebrate the Mass of our Lord's Resurrection at Easter. May the Risen Christ bless you and your households with renewed hope and the promise of eternal life in his Kingdom. Happy Easter!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+John T. Folda
Bishop of Fargo

- **Starting May 1st, 2021 the general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation is reinstated in the Diocese**

of Fargo. This does not apply to those who are directly affected by Covid or the health crisis. For any questions please consult your pastor.

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. \$8,023 or 117% of the goal has been given. 60% 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 92% of the goal or \$5,350 has been contributed. We have a 42% 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!