

## WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Calendar:

- **04/11/21 Divine Mercy Sunday:** 8:30 AM Baptism of Justin Wallace Karas at Sts. Peter & Paul, Bechyne.
- **04/11/21 Divine Mercy Sunday:** Noon Baptism of Harrison Daniel Koenig at St. John's, Pisek.
- **04/11/21 Divine Mercy Sunday:** 3PM Divine Mercy Devotion with Confessions, St. John's, Pisek.
- **04/12/21 Monday:** 8AM-7PM Fr. Lefor in Fargo for Priest's Continuing Education Day.
- **04/13/21 Tuesday:** NO DAILY MASS Fr. Lefor in Fargo for Diocesan Priest's Council Meeting with Bishop.
- **04/14/21 Wednesday:** 7PM Parents and Sponsors of Confirmation Students meeting at St. John's, Pisek.
- **04/16/21 Friday:** 7AM Eucharistic Adoration, St. John's, Pisek.
- **04/16/21 Friday:** 7PM Fr. Lefor in Grand Forks to give Pre-Marriage Retreat.
- **04/17/21 Saturday:** 7PM Marriage Prep St. John's, Pisek.

### Pastor's Notes:

- Congratulations to Jake and Monica Karas upon the Baptism of their son Justin Wallace Karas!
- Congratulations to Adam and Emily Koenig upon the Baptism of their son Harrison Daniel Koenig!
- 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 1<sup>st</sup>.
- On Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> an emergency meeting was held in Pisek to make decisions to address the damaged roof on St. John Nepomucene Church. There are four companies that were asked to submit bids for the repairs. They are Bill Brandt from Pisek, Nathan Blair from Walhalla, Dean Fricke from Grafton, and Skinner Roofing from Grand Forks. Nathan Blair came with his crew to fix the hole in

the rectory roof, the siding, and to place tarp on the roof until a permanent solution is decided. Once the bids come in another meeting will take place to make final decisions with Bishop Folda's approval. There is a request in to the Diocese for an emergency loan to finance the project.

- **Starting May 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 of \$5,811 has been reached. \$6,050 or 104% of the goal has been given. 50% of our registered households have contributed. **Congratulations on reaching goal!** Let us see if we can increase our participation rate.

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