

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18th, 2021

Calendar:

- **04/17/21 Saturday:** 7PM Marriage Prep St. John's, Pisek.
- **04/18/21 Sunday:** 11:30AM St. John's Finance Committee Emergency Meeting to choose bid to fix church roof.
- **04/18/21 Sunday:** 11AM to 2PM Pisek Volunteer Fire Department Burger Feed and Fund- Raiser, American Legion, Pisek, ND.
- **04/24/21 Saturday:** 10AM Meeting for Parents, Sponsors, and Children receiving Confirmation and First Eucharist at St. John's, Pisek.

Pastor's Notes:

- A HUGE THANK YOU to the Tom Shirek Family. Tom was an advocate of a new lighting system at Sts. Peter & Paul in Bechyne. In memorial of Tom his family has donated the new lighting system. It is very beautiful. Please visit Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Bechyne to see the light!
- 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.
- On Sunday April 18th at 11:30 AM the St. John Nepomucene Finance Council will have an emergency session to decide the winning bid for re-shingling the roof on St. John's church from the wind damage. Four companies have submitted bids. They are Brandt Contracting, Inc. from Pisek, ND, Fricke General Contracting from Grafton, ND, BnB Remodeling and Construction from Wahalla, ND, and RRC Construction from Frago, ND. Decisions to be made will be the type of shingle, the life expectancy of the shingle, and the cost to repair the damage. Bids have been received for thirty and fifty year rubber compound shingles, and metal shingles.
- A new Tri-Parish Web page has been launched. Effective immediately the former web page plbtriparish.org is no longer accurate and you may delete it from your servers. The New Webpage can be found at **plbnd.org**. A huge thank you to Nancy Conway for all of the labor she has put into getting the new web page up and

running. I am open to suggestions from parishioners to make the new page more user friendly. If there are good suggestions for content please let me know.

- Our Honeywell Instant Alert System has come to an end. The Honeywell Company will no longer offer their services in this capacity. Rachel Bina has done the leg work to track down and new alert system for all the member of the Tri-Parishes. As we prepare for the launch of the new service beginning May 1st we have been updating the parish lists. **It has come to my attention that for most parishioners we only have a land line phone number. For this to be effective and function properly we will need your cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses.** If we do not have these on file the odds of us communicating effectively with you are very low. In the past I had Louise and in the recent past Sue send out letters to collect this information. Not many people responded to these mailings. If you want to make sure you are part of the alert system, please e-mail your cell numbers and email address to stjonne@polarcomm.com attention Sue.
- **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

The 2021 God's Gift Appeal has been a great success for all of our three parishes. Each of our parishes have exceed 110% of their goal and 50% participation rate.

In Bishop Folda's April Newsletter to the Diocese, he lists all three of our parishes in the top categories of participation rate and generosity! Congratulations! I am very proud of your generous spirit and your generous response to the Diocesan needs. You are the most generous parishioners in the Diocese and you make it a joy to be your pastor!

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