

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25th, 2021

Calendar:

- **04/24/21 Saturday:** 7PM Fr. Lefor in Grafton for Meeting
- **04/26/21 Monday:** Fr. Lefor in Fargo for Diocesan Marriage Seminar
- **04/27/21 Tuesday:** NO 5PM Mass in Pisek
- **04/28/21 Wednesday:** 4PM Confirmation and First Eucharist Retreat at St. John's in Pisek. Parents, Sponsors, and Confirmandi are all required attendance. Please arrive a few minutes early.
- **05/01/21 Saturday:** 7PM Confirmation and First Eucharist Liturgy at St. Stanislaus, Warsaw, ND. There will be 5PM Saturday Evening Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul, Bechyne, ND.

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.
- On Sunday April 18th at 11:30 AM the St. John Nepomucene Finance Council met for an emergency session to decide the winning bid for re-shingling the roof on St. John's church from the wind damage. Four companies submitted bids. They were Brandt Contracting, Inc. from Pisek, ND, Fricke General Contracting from Grafton, ND, BnB Remodeling and Construction from Wahalla, ND, and RRC Construction from Fargo, ND. The Finance Council recommended the winning bid be given to RRC Construction from Fargo, ND. RRC Construction bid a total of \$79,900 to replace the existing shingles on the roof and steeple of the Church with Arrowline metal shingles. The recommendation was forwarded to Bishop Folda and the finance council of the Diocese. Earl Wilhelm, the properties manager for the Diocese, met with RRC Construction to review their bid. Earl recommended to Bishop Folda that it was a good bid and good proposal. Bishop Folda chose a grey/white blend of shingle for the church roof. The project will begin the end of June or beginning of July and be completed by the end of July. An emergency loan of \$80,000 will be applied for from the Diocese. St. John's will be required to put \$15,000 down to secure the loan.

- 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. Rachel Bina has been doing diligent leg work to find an alert system that will meet the Tri-parishes needs for an instant alert system. It is an App called Remind. We are in the experimental stages with it at this time. The idea is that once we have the bugs worked out, we will advertise it. Then parishioners who want the instant alert messaging can apply for it with their phone number. I will stay in communication with you regarding this service until we make it usable.
- **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.**

Good Shepherd Sunday: We are called to pray for vocations: Today we are asked to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life so that we may have more holy, Spirit-filled shepherds to lead, feed, and protect the Catholic faith, and more responsive, loving, cooperative sheep. Christian thinking on vocation has been summarized in one profound saying: “All are priests, some are priests, but only one is the Priest.” Christ Jesus is the Priest in the full sense because he is the one mediator between God and humanity who offered Himself as a unique sacrifice on the cross. The universal priesthood of all believers, the sharing of all the baptized in the priesthood of Christ, has received special emphasis since Vatican II. Those who are called to make a lifelong commitment to serve as ordained priests share the ministerial priesthood of Jesus. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations we are asked to pray specifically for young men and women to respond to God’s call to serve His Church in the ministerial priesthood and in the religious life. Our world needs Jesus, please Heavenly Father, raise up in our midst men and women who desire to offer their lives for the service of the Church.

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