

**WORDS FROM THE PASTOR**  
**Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**  
**May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Calendar:**

- **05/30/21-06/02/21 Sunday Evening thru Wednesday Evening:** Fr. Lefor absent from parishes to celebrate graduation of his Goddaughter Monica Lefor in Lefor, ND.
- **05/31/21-06/02/21 Monday thru Wednesday:** NO DAILY MASS
- **06/03/21-06/04/21 Thursday thru Friday:** 8AM Daily Mass
- **06/04/21 Friday:** Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast St. John's. 5:30 Breakfast; 6AM Discussion and Prayer; 7AM Eucharistic Adoration; 8AM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
- **06/04/21 Friday:** 7PM Ordination to the Diaconate Robert Foertsch, Matt Kensok, and Joseph Littlefield – St. Mary's Cathedral, Fargo
- **06/05/21 Saturday:** 10AM Ordination to Priesthood Deacon Kevin Lorsung – St. Mary's Cathedral, Fargo, ND
- **06/06/21 Sunday:** 11:30AM Corpus Christi Procession and Benediction following 10:30 Mass at St. John's, Pisek. Potluck meal for everyone immediately after Benediction.

**Pastor's Notes:**

- We pray for the repose of the souls of Jerry Restad, Michael Waechter, and Louis Kadlec. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- We will celebrate Corpus Christi on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> with a Corpus Christi Procession and Benediction following the 10:30AM Mass at St. John's. There will be a potluck meal to follow. Parishioners of all three parishes are encouraged to attend for Christ's Eucharistic Blessing upon our lives and our livelihoods.
- **Memorial Day** is a public holiday on the last Monday of May each year honoring those who have died in the service of our nation. It is a time for visiting cemeteries, decorating tombs of heroes and loved ones, and taking part in religious ceremonies on behalf of those who have offered sacrifice for the benefit of our nation. It is also a time to remember our cemeteries and invest in the perpetual care of them. It is a sorrow that due to my travels I will not be present this year to assist with the ceremonies in our cemeteries.

Desmond Doss was a United States Army corporal who served as a combat medic with an infantry company in World War II. He was twice awarded the Bronze Star Medal for actions in Guam and the Philippines. Doss further distinguished himself in the Battle of Okinawa by saving 75 men, becoming the only conscientious objector to receive the Medal of Honor for his actions during the war. His life has been the subject of books, the documentary *The Conscientious Objector*, and the 2016 Oscar-winning film *Hacksaw Ridge*. Doss was ridiculed, tortured, and even court martialed for refusing to use a weapon due to his faith in Christ. He was thought to be weak and a danger to his unit. In the end Doss was the one who single handedly saved 75 of his fellow soldiers one by one in absolute hellish circumstances. The story of Doss is oft repeated in this world: a person is ridiculed and thought weak and ineffective because of his faith in Christ. But in the end it is faith in Christ that conquers the most horrible hell that can be thrown at man!

- **Graces Received this Past Week:** This past week was an awesome grace filled week. I was able to attend the diaconate ordinations in the Diocese of Bismarck. The diaconate ordination is the moment when the chosen man freely surrenders his right to the sacrament of marriage and embraces a life of continent celibacy. This is the moment when he surrenders his right to be self-determining and embraces a life-long promise of obedience. This is the moment when he makes a life-long promise of prayer and service for others. It is a powerful public testimony to the reality of Christ's call to the Sacred Priesthood. This past week one of the men ordained, was Deacon Paul Gardner (a close family friend) and two of the men, Deacon Logan Obrigewitch and Deacon Jacob Degale, are former students of mine. Also, in attendance was Sr. Gianna, MC (formerly known as Jesse Schmaltz from Garrison, ND and a former student of mine). Also, present were seven married couples (all former students of mine) and seventeen of their children. It was an absolute delight to experience the grace of Christ and the Church so very alive and active. The experience blessed me with great encouragement.

In May of 2021 the Diocese of Fargo granted St. John Nepomucene an emergency loan for \$82,100 for the repair of its roof. \$78,100 plus 3% interest remains on this loan. **\$1,000 was received this past week for this loan.** Thank you for this immediate and generous response!

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