

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Twelfth Sunday Ordinal Time

June 20th, 2021

Calendar:

- **06/19/21 Saturday thru Sunday:** Glenn Lefor Family to visit Fr. Lefor in Pisek
- **06/20/21 thru 06/23/21 Sun thru Wed:** Fr. Lefor in Bathgate as Spiritual Director for St. Benedict's Family Day and Priest Retreat
- **06/21/21 thru 06/23/21 Mon thru Wed:** NO Daily MASS
- **06/20/21 Sunday:** 11:30AM Corpus Christi Procession and Benediction following 10:30 Mass at St. John's, Pisek. Potluck meal for everyone immediately after Benediction.
- **06/24/21 Thursday:** 9AM to 11AM Fr. Lefor hosts Real Presence Catholic Radio 1370AM. Call In 1-877-795-0122 9:30 to 10AM.
- **06/24/21 Thursday:** DAILY MASS AT 5PM.
- **06/25/21 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
- **06/25/21 Friday:** 7PM Marriage Prep
- **06/26/21 Saturday:** 7PM Marriage Prep
- **06/27/21 Sunday:** 11:30AM Sts. Peter & Paul Celebration – Bechyne, ND
- **06/27/21 thru 07/03/21 Sunday thru Saturday:** Fr. Lefor absent from Parishes on Boundary Water Canoe Trip. He will have no cell phone communication on this trip.
- **07/03/21 Saturday:** 7:30 Saturday Evening Mass Bechyne by Fr. Bert Miller. **NOTE THE MASS TIME CHANGE**

Pastor's Notes:

- **Crosses for Fields and Gardens:** The Knights of Columbus have generously made a provided Blessed Crosses to place in our fields and gardens for protection and fruitful abundance. They may be picked up at the entrance to the churches. The Cross should be placed in your field or garden while saying the following prayer and then sprinkling Holy Water on the field or garden.

Prayer of Blessing for Field Crosses, Seeds, Crops, Gardens, and Pastures:

Blessing for the Cross (this has already been done by Fr. Lefor)

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who made heaven and earth.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Let us pray. Almighty, everlasting God, Father of goodness and consolation, in virtue of the bitter suffering that Your Only-Begotten Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, endured for us sinners on the wood of the Cross, bless these crosses which Your faithful will erect in their pastures, fields, and gardens.

Protect the land where they are placed from hail, tornado, storm, and every assault of the enemy, so that their fruits ripened to the harvest may be gathered to Your honor by those who place their hope in the holy Cross of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, God Eternally. Amen.

(Sprinkle crosses with Holy Water)

Blessing of Seeds (pray this blessing over your seeds or small plants)

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who made heaven and earth.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Let us pray. To You, O Lord, we cry and pray: Bless these sprouting seeds or plants, strengthen them in the gentle movement of soft winds, refresh them with the dew of heaven, and let them grow to full maturity for the good of body and soul. (From *With the Blessing of the Church*, National Catholic Rural Life Conference, Des Moines.)

(Sprinkle seeds or small plants with Holy Water)

Blessing of Crops, Pastures, and Gardens (pray this blessing over the land)

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who made heaven and earth.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Let us pray. We appeal to Your graciousness, O Almighty God, that You would shower Your blessing upon these first-fruits of creation, which You have nurtured with favorable weather, and may bring them to a fine harvest. Grant also to Your people a sense of constant gratitude for Your gifts, so that the hungry may find rich nourishment in the fruits of the earth, and the needy and the poor may praise Your wondrous name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Sprinkle with holy water)

In May of 2021 the Diocese of Fargo granted St. John Nepomucene an emergency loan for \$82,100 for the repair of its roof. \$71,350 plus 3% interest remains on this loan. Thank you for everyone's immediate and generous response to this unforeseen need!

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