



Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish

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Worship Sites

Sacred Heart – Winn
Saint Anne – Danforth
Saint Leo the Great – Howland
Saint Mary of Lourdes – Lincoln

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Dear Our Lady of the Eucharist parishioners,

It was back in January that we began to hear about the Pandemic. Nine months later we are still learning and adapting as to how to go about our daily routines. Given all that we know at this time, it appears we will continue living with protocols to ensure the safety of others and self. Be Safe! Included in this mailing is a letter from Bishop Deeley thanking all for your ongoing support during these extremely difficult and challenging times. I wish to thank you also. Your support and prayers have enabled us to maintain status quo.

This is the third letter we send out during these times. We will continue to do so to keep you informed as to the on goings in the parish. You can check our website and face book for information also. Besides the Bishop's letter in this mailing, our budget summary for the year is included. I will also share with you, projects completed; Catholic Appeal support; Harvest Supper: and "moving forward."

PROJECTS COMPLETED – Owning property means there will always be something to do or issues to address. This year we have at St. Mary worship site accomplished: painting of three rooms in the rectory; driveway sealed; side doors painted at the Church; driveway sealed at Church; and scrubs removed by main entrance to Church. At St. Leo worship site the following has been accomplished: new energy efficient lights in Church and rectory; shed roof repaired with metal roof; landscaping around Shrine and Stations of the Cross; the installation of a heat pump in the rectory. At all properties new signs have been installed thanks to the anonymous donations of parishioners. There are other projects that will have to be addressed. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

CATHOLIC APPEAL – The Pandemic has made it extremely difficult for any fundraising projects. The Appeal touches many lives. Thank you to those who have donated or pledged during these times. Fifty-four parishioners have given this year. We have made 64% of our goal with an average gift of \$294. If you would like to donate, please call the office for more information (794-6333). It would be great if 80 households from Our Lady of the Eucharist participated during these times. Thank you for your consideration. Please keep in prayer the success of this year's Appeal.

HARVEST SUPPER – Yes, there will be a Harvest Supper but under different circumstances. There will be no raffle this year. We want to thank those who are planning and working on this annual event. It

will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall on October 1, 4 to 6 pm, TAKE OUT ONLY. More detailed information to follow.

MOVING FORWARD – With the information we presently have given the virus, I am looking at continuing the present mass schedule as set up. Assigned seating is in place for the weekend and daily masses. There are still open places for daily masses. On weekends there maybe openings but one would have to call the office in advance. Remember the dispensation from Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation is still in place. Communion to homebound is still limited to the reception of Viaticum (for the dying only). If you have the desire to receive the Eucharist, I encourage you to call the office to schedule a weekday mass time. We thank you for your patience and understanding given present circumstances.

Our two candidates in RCIA have received their Sacraments after completing their year to a year and a half of studies & preparation. Our Confirmation-First Communion candidates will be receiving the Sacraments in early September. We thank them and their parents for being patient. A special time will be set aside for them to gather with just the immediate family and possibly sponsor. The protocols we must follow are making this celebration especially difficult this year. Bishop Deeley would have been here to administer the Sacraments, but when it became evident that protocols in place would have to be adhered to into fall and early winter, he delegated the pastor of the Parishes to preside over the distribution of the Sacraments. Please keep Natalie, Monroe, Julia, Stanley, Owen, and Leah in your prayers.

These have been challenging times. How we conduct funerals has changed. Wedding plans have been put on hold or rescheduled. We are fortunate to be able to gather for masses with 50 or less in the space following the wearing of mask and six-foot distancing. Plans are in the works for Faith Formation to take place in a safe atmosphere with parents providing some instruction at home. More to follow.

Given the present conditions and understanding of our situation, I see us going up to Christmas and maybe Easter with the present circumstances. Things can change one way or another. There is a need for prayer in all of this. We are fortunate to have Mass. We are blessed by your generosity. Your ongoing support and understanding gives witness to a people of Faith placing one's trust and hope in God. Some of us can remember the Depression Era. More may have recollection of World War II. These are tough times but no worse than what other generations have gone through.

For me, I know your support, presence, kind words, and the witness of your Faith lives have helped me during these times. The staff have made what we have going possible. Keep them (Gert, Trish, Pat, Jack, and Karen) in your prayers. To all the volunteers who have given of their time doing maintenance work or assisting at masses, thank you. If there is anything I or the Parish can do for you, please do not hesitate to call. Know that you are in my prayers.

Be Safe.

God Bless,



Fr. Richard Malo

Pastor