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Newsletter for the week of May 3rd 2020

In compliance with the shutdown ordered by Premier Doug Ford, all parish properties, including the church itself, the parish hall and the office will be closed till further notice.

If there is anything you need, please leave a message at the office. If it is of an urgent matter, please contact Fr. Joseph at 705-920-1514

The following masses will be celebrated **privately** by Fr. Joseph as they were previously requested for these dates. If you would prefer to have them celebrated after the churches open, this can be arranged with no extra stipend required.

St. Bartholomew :

Sunday May 3 – Richard & Suzanne Rheaume by Elise Charron

Sunday May 10 – For the People / Missa pro popula

St. Francis Xavier :

Thursday May 7 – Souls in Purgatory

St-Étienne/ St. Stephen the Martyr :

The Catholic Parishes would like to thank the parishioners who have continued to make their weekly donations. Your continued support and generosity at this very difficult time is truly appreciated!

Donations April 26th.

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| Church envelopes (white) | \$ 760.00 |
| Renovations | \$ 335.00 |
| HOP | \$ 640.00 |
| Easter | \$ 160.00 |
| Development & Peace | \$ 30.00 |
| Needs of the Church | \$ 45.00 |
| Ministry Formation | \$ 10.00 |
| Pope's Pastoral Works | \$ 10.00 |
| Total Deposit | \$ 1990.00 |

Donations in Misc. Deposit April 29th

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| HOP | \$ 550.00 |
| Donation for photo copies | \$ 40.00 |
| Total Donations | \$ 590.00 |

If any gifting imposes a level of hardship of any kind whatsoever, please do not donate.

If you are able to donate during this time, please consider one of the suggested gifting methods for your current weekly donation:

- 1) dropping your envelope into the parish mail slot
- 2) forwarding to the parish, by local mail, a series of post-dated cheques and Sunday envelopes.
- 3) Signing up for a **PADP** - pre-authorized donation program (contact office for the form)

Congratulations to Claude & Joanne Landry, winners of \$50 in week #2 of the Parish Lottery!

World Day of Prayer for Vocations – May 3

This Sunday, the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life for our Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie? Take this opportunity to pray for the priests and religious who have ministered to you in your life and consider encouraging your children, grandchildren or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious sister or brother. Pray that those that the Lord is calling to serve the Church will overcome their fear and allow God to shape them into who he has made them to be.

The Living Faith booklets are in (April/ May/ June). There will be a large tin in the corner of the closed entrance to the basement at St. Bartholomew Church. Please feel free to pick up a copy and place the cover back on the tin. Parishioners at St. Etienne will find a clear container by the door of the Church. Please replace the lid after taking a copy.

Parishioners in Cartier that would like Living Faith booklets, please see Sandy Young.

These booklets are provided by the Knights of Columbus and the Chevaliers de Colomb.

Homily for fourth Sunday of Easter

The fourth Sunday of Easter, on the Church's calendar, is called the Good Shepherd Sunday. On this Sunday, Jesus is compared to a good shepherd who loves his sheep to the point of laying down his life for them. On this day, we also pray for an increase in vocations in the Church so that the mission of Christ will continue to flourish in our world.

The death of Jesus on the cross for the salvation of the world is a living proof of his love for us. In return, we too are invited to care for others and to be living proofs of God's love and blessings. We can do this by sacrificing our time to pray for others and by using our talents and resources to alleviate the sufferings of those in need. Our lives will become richer if we live in imitation of the good shepherd.

We believe that no matter how ugly some events in our lives can become, the good shepherd is with us to protect us and to lead us to good pastures. Surely his goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever and ever!

Happy Sunday!!!

Le quatrième dimanche de Pâques sur le calendrier de l'Église, est appelé le dimanche du Bon Pasteur. En ce jour, Jésus est comparé à un bon pasteur qui aime ses brebis, au point de sacrifier sa vie pour eux. En ce dimanche, nous prions aussi pour une augmentation des vocations dans l'Église, afin que la mission du Christ puisse continuer à prospérer dans notre monde.

La mort de Jésus sur la croix, est pour nous une preuve vivante de son amour. En retour, nous sommes invités à penser aux autres et à être des preuves tangibles de l'amour de Dieu. Nous pouvons faire ceci en priant pour les autres et en utilisant nos talents et nos ressources pour venir en aide à ceux qui sont dans le besoin. Nos vies seront plus riches si nous imitons le bon pasteur.

Peu importe les circonstances souvent désagréables et pénibles dans nos vies, le bon pasteur est là pour nous protéger et nous guider vers de bons pâturages. Que sa bonté et sa grâce nous suivent tous les jours de nos vies!

Bon dimanche!