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Newsletter for the week of April 25th 2021

The Parish Office is closed to the public during this lockdown.

If you need assistance, please leave me a message and I will get back to you on the next day that I am in the office. Joanne

If you have an urgent matter, please call Fr. Joseph. His cell number can be found at the top of this newsletter.

Information from our Public Health Office.

Please, adhere to the following advice:

- **the importance of active screening everyone who enters our parishes (this requires a volunteer asking screening questions)**
- **the value of at least 6' between people (not between pews - a body adds about 1' of space)**
- **hand sanitizer before entry into church and before communion (please bring your own from home if possible to use before communion. If you forget, please proceed to the back of the church to sanitize your hands first and then you can receive communion from Fr. Joseph)**
- **no congregational singing**
- **and a solid exit strategy so that people are at least 6' apart. Please remain in your pew until you can remain 6 feet away from the next parishioner.**

We cannot emphasize enough how valuable these measures are, especially at a time when variants of concern are in the communities served by our diocese.

Five Things of which to be mindful

A GENERAL DISPENSATION FROM THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION WILL REMAIN. The dispensation for the obligation to attend Mass will remain in effect. Because of this, the live-streaming of Masses will continue for those who are not able to attend at their churches/parish.

Attendance will be limited. The maximum capacity of each church is reduced to 15% fire code capacity, or fewer if required to ensure physical distancing.

Physical Distancing must be consistently practiced. Expect that your parish church will have pews/rows that are sectioned off, and that family groups and individuals will be asked to keep at least two meters (six feet) distance from each other. Wear a mask to Mass to guard against germ spread. Anyone presenting symptoms of illness or who have travelled out of country in the past 14 days is directed to stay home.

Liturgical changes will be in place. Similar to protocols established when churches were closing, extra precautions will be taken. Temporary adjustments will be made with respect to how we celebrate Mass and receive Holy Communion.

There still will be a risk for anyone who attends a public Mass. Even with best health practices and strict physical distancing, anyone who enters a public space should recognize there is a risk of contracting the corona virus. Improved cleaning will occur in our churches, but no one should expect that they will be any safer from germs than in other public spaces.

The following masses will be celebrated privately by Fr. Joseph.

Masses from April 25th to May 2nd

St. Bartholomew/ Levack

Saturday April 24th 7pm – Jakob & Zofia Kleniewski by Mary Kleniewski

Sunday April 25th 9:45 am – Alice Besserer by Danny & Louise

St. Francis Xavier/ Cartier

Thursday April 29th 9am – Diane Dumont-Hearn by Jeff & Sandy

St-Étienne/ St Stephen / Dowling

Sunday April 25th 11am – For the People

Sunday May 2nd 11am – For the People

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

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)

Collection Information April 17th and 18th

White envelopes	\$ 2510.00
Loose	\$ 55.00
Renos	\$ 250.00
HOP	\$ 600.00
Easter Donation	\$ 20.00
Ministry Formation	\$ 50.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$ 10.00
Total Donations	\$ 3495.00

Homily for the 4th Sunday of Easter

Today we are invited to reflect on Jesus the good shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep. On this day, we pray for genuine vocations in order to meet the needs of our church and of the world. We individually ask God to use us as good instruments in his hands.

The spheres of our individual ministry are different. Because we all have different talents and opportunities, we serve in different ways. No matter our chosen profession, we should be using our skills and talents to serve others. To be a good Christian is to be aware of the relationship that binds us together and to have an attitude of care and contribution. This way, we are Christians in name and in truth. Jesus is the good shepherd and his life is a living example for us to follow.

Today, let us invite the Holy Spirit to reawaken in us the joyful energy that comes from understanding the love that God has for us, and may we follow in like manner. May our awareness of how we affect others, and are affected by others, for good or bad continue to grow. May the face of the Earth be renewed by our good conducts, through Christ our Lord, Amen!

Aujourd'hui, nous sommes invités à réfléchir sur Jésus le bon berger qui a donné sa vie pour ses brebis. En ce jour, nous prions pour des vocations authentiques afin de répondre aux besoins de notre Église et du monde. Demandons individuellement à Dieu de nous utiliser comme des instruments entre ses mains.

Les sphères de notre ministère individuel sont différentes. Parce que nous avons des talents uniques et des opportunités différentes, nous contribuons tous de façons différentes. Quelle que soit la profession que nous avons choisie, nous devrions utiliser nos compétences et nos talents pour être au service des autres. Être un bon chrétien, c'est être conscient de la relation qui nous unit et avoir une attitude de sollicitude et de contribution. C'est en vivant de cette façon que nous devenons de véritables chrétiens. Jésus est le bon berger et sa vie est un exemple vivant à suivre.

Invitons le Saint-Esprit à réveiller en nous l'énergie joyeuse qui vient de la compréhension de l'amour que Dieu a pour nous; puissions-nous suivre de la même manière. Que notre conscience de la façon dont nous affectons les autres et sommes affectés par les autres, en bien ou en mal, continue de grandir. Que la face de la Terre soit renouvelée par nos bonnes conduites, par le Christ notre Seigneur, Amen!

World Day of Prayer for Vocations – April 25th

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.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AT HOME, HOSPITAL OR NURSING HOME

Paisley Amyotte	Tina Benoit	Blake Bond	Roland Chouinard
John Dupuis	Wendy Fougere	Jim Golden	Greg Grant
Helen Hickey	Colleen Huskinson	Carol Besserer	Betty Leschishin
Dianne Luttrell	Keith MacDonald	Joe MacDonald	Chris Marcotte
Raymonde Matte	Doug McMahan	Mary Nowak	Vivian O'Bumsawin
Richard (Bub) Pellerin	Rheal Poirier	Kathleen (O'Shell) Robbie	Tammy Besserer
Pauline Sauve	Ed Serson	Roberta Tracanelli	Denis Vallieres
Bernice Kaczmarski Gemmell	Leona Dawe	Juliette Gravel	Jeannette Gaydos

If anyone's name should be added or taken off the list, please call the office.