

Update to Sacred Heart, St. Mary's and St. Philip's – April 3, 2020

Dear Parishioners -- Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I do not have too much that is new to report, but there have been some updates to the website and I want to give you some information about the live-streaming we will do of the Holy Week and Easter Masses.

1. **Online Giving** is now available at our tri-parish website and a link will be posted on the Roseau Catholic Community Facebook page during our live-streaming of the Masses. At the online giving site you will be able to donate by way of credit card or from your checking account. You will be able to designate the fund to which you are giving. All gifts are fully recorded and at the end of the month we will send the report and funds to each respective parish.

2. **Holy Week** We will be trying to involve parishioners from all three parishes at one time or another in our live-stream Masses. The Vatican has given directives on how we should minimize or not do some of the traditional rites such as processions and foot-washing, etc.

- **Palm Sunday** -- I will bless all the palms at the beginning of the **10 a.m. live-stream Mass** this Sunday. After Mass someone will put the palms outside by the garage door entrance at Roseau and also bring some to church at Badger and at Falun. So, if you want palms to put up in your home you can take drive on Sunday and pick some up. We will leave them out for the week. Because of some glitch by our supplier we received a double order so take as many as you like and maybe go on-line to learn how to braid them.
- **Holy Thursday** -- Live-stream Mass of the Lord's Supper at **7:00 p.m.** on the Roseau Catholic Community Facebook page.
- **Good Friday** – Live-stream service of the Passion of the Lord at **7:00 p.m.** on the Roseau Catholic Community Facebook page.
- **Easter Vigil** – Live-streaming of the Easter Vigil begins at **8:30 p.m.** on the Roseau Catholic Community Facebook page. This Mass will include the lighting of the Easter candle and singing of the Exultet, the vigil of readings (7), the renewal of our baptismal vows, and Mass. This is the first Mass of Easter.
- **Easter Sunday** – Live-streaming of the Mass of Easter will begin at **10:00 a.m.** on the Roseau Catholic Community Facebook page.

3. **Roseau Community Good Friday Service** – The annual ecumenical service will be broadcast on **Wild 102 FM radio at 4:00 p.m.** and again possibly at 7:00 p.m. Several local pastors led by Pastor Todd Erickson will be participating in the service coming to you from Messiah Lutheran Church in Roseau.

4. **Fear** – Knowing God's love for us and his promises to us give us the confidence to say: *"The Lord is my helper. I will not be afraid. What can human beings do to me?" (Hebrews 13:5-6)* One of the things the devil is trying to use against us these days is fear . . . a fear of not having enough, fear that we will run out of money, be fired from our job, fear about the future, fear about past sins coming out, fear about how we are going to handle today, and ultimately fear about death. ---- Jesus came to destroy that fear. For a Christian, Jesus says, "Even if you die, you will not die." The hope of resurrection defeats fear. Jesus has conquered death. For a Christian, physical death is transformation into freedom from suffering and fear, perfect communion and well-being, no more dying. A Christian can't lose. Whether we live or whether we die, we can't lose. (Renewal Ministries Newsletter)

Trusting in God's constant care and presence with us --- Fr. John Kleinwachter **463-2441**