

Saint Maurice Catholic Church

May 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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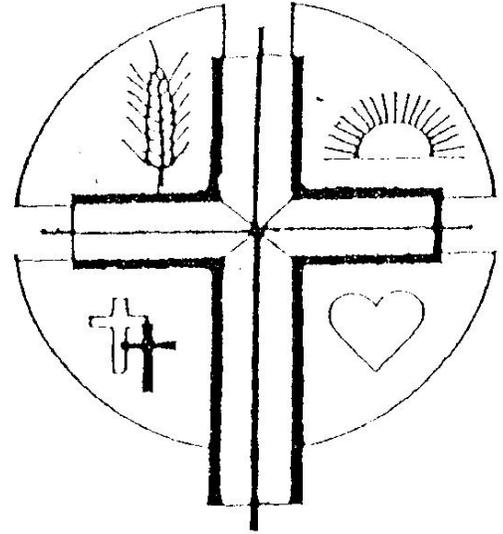
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We, the people of St. Maurice, are the people of God called to continue the work of salvation that Jesus began. Our purpose is to bring a deeper union with God through the announcing of the Gospel in word and action.

Mother's Day Poem

Dear Mom,
I will love you forever;
And forever you will be
The most wonderful mother,
You mean everything to me.

I thought of buying you flowers
In the usual way,
But I knew you would prefer
A FOREVER bouquet!



Dear Parish,

Welcome back! It has been difficult for us the last two months, but now Lent is over and we are already in the 5th week of Easter. According to the bishop's policies, we are practicing social distancing and trying to be as safe as possible. Unfortunately that means that we have to temporarily suspend some things like coffee after Mass. Hopefully it will not be for a long period.

This month we will celebrate Confirmation and First Communion in our parish. In addition, we will celebrate our graduates. While the circumstances might be unusual, we will still be still celebrate with joy. Happy Easter!

Fr. Jim

Prayer for those affected by the Coronavirus: God of Mercy, be with the tens of thousands of people who have contracted the coronavirus around the world. Comfort those whose loved ones have died. Bring peace to those living with uncertainty after perhaps being exposed to the virus. Give patience to those who are quarantined and unable to move freely in their communities. Amen

Ministry Schedule

May 17: Sixth Sunday of Easter
 Hospitality Ministers: Third Grade class
 Lector: Paul Corcoran
 Altar Servers: Felix Johnson, Grant Allison
 Money Counters: Len Splichal, Virgil Muscha

WELCOME BACK

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Mon. May 11	No Mass	
Tue. May 12		Spencer Azure
Wed. May 13		Parishioners
Thur. May 14		Families of Saint Maurice
Fri. May 15		Victoria Sadowsky
Sat. May 16		Parishioners
Sun. May 17		Confirmants

Please keep in your prayers:
 For those who have the COVID-19 virus, our Government leaders, Carmen Kunert, Tina Jassek, Rochelle Betsch, Jeff Kub, Audrey Casperson, Parish family, friends, those with unspoken needs.



Stewardship Moment

“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” 1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called “charisms” and they are used to build God’s kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God’s salvation plan.

Outside Our Parish

Beginning Experience: Divorced, Widowed, or Separated: Are you doing your best to cope with life alone? "Beginning Experience" is a program of peer ministry that has helped a lot of people going through the difficult times of the loss of a spouse. B. E. is peer ministry, sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Fargo, and open to people of all ages and religious denominations. The next B. E. Weekend will be June 26-28, 2020, at the Retreat Center in Hankinson. For more information please contact Frank (218-790-4202), Marlene (218-998-4300) or Jason (701-840-8951). Also, check the website: beginningexperience-easternnd.org, and talk with your pastor or priest.

You can make a difference in the life of a mom and her child this month by donating to the Valley’s Largest Baby Shower! The Women’s Care Center (formerly First Choice Clinic) and Life 97.9 encourage you to purchase gift cards from Walmart, Target, or Amazon, then send them or drop them off at the Women’s Care Center, 103 University Dr. N, Fargo ND 58102! Women’s Care Center also has an Amazon Wish list, https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/15OWNI4TFN05S?ref_=wl_share! For further details go to Life979.com. Thank you for supporting moms and babies through the Valley’s Largest Baby Shower!



30 April 2020

To the Faithful of the Diocese of Fargo:

The COVID-19 health crisis has led to extraordinary measures being taken throughout the world. As Catholics, we have a serious responsibility, not only in charity, but in justice, to prevent the spread of this disease to those who are most vulnerable. On March 17, 2020, I made the difficult decision to cancel public celebrations of the Mass, other sacraments, and parish events for a limited time.

After consulting with experts, I judge that provided we diligently observe the safety protocols which I elaborate below, we can reasonably resume the public celebration of the Mass and other sacraments beginning on May 4. I am grateful for the patience and cooperation of the faithful during this difficult time without the ability to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist, and I once again call upon their good will to observe the guidelines listed below for the good of our brothers and sisters in Christ, and for the entire community.

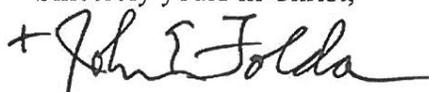
Therefore, effective Monday, May 4, the following directives are to be observed throughout the Diocese of Fargo *until further notice*:

- The faithful are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass.
 - Those who have tested positive for COVID-19 and those exposed to someone with COVID-19 should follow quarantine guidance from medical professionals.
 - Those who are at higher risk from COVID-19 (i.e. those who are older or who have underlying health conditions) are strongly encouraged to stay home. If they have spiritual needs, they should contact their parish priest.
 - Anyone with a cough of any sort, and anyone feeling sick, should not come to the church for a visit or for any public liturgies or activities.
- The Diocese of Fargo will continue to livestream Masses for the good of those who cannot attend.
- In accord with current public health recommendations, the faithful should practice good hand hygiene, washing their hands for 20 seconds with soap and water, or using an alcohol based hand sanitizer.
- In accord with current public health recommendations, the faithful should wear cloth face coverings when they come to church. Please remember that face coverings are not just for one's own protection, but also for the protection of others. (See [CDC recommendations on face coverings](#).) Children under 2 years of age are not recommended to wear a face covering.

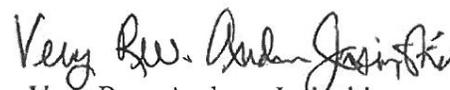
- Federal and state guidelines for strict physical distancing will be observed, namely, the faithful should maintain a 6-foot distance from each other at all times.
 - Members of a single household do not need to practice physical distancing with each other, but will need to practice it with those who are not members of their household.
 - The 6-foot distance should be maintained not only in the pews, but in all spaces within the church complex.
- In order to follow guidelines for physical distancing the number of persons admitted to each church at any given time will be limited.
- Because the virus seems to be spread largely by dispersion of respiratory droplets, and vigorous singing tends to produce such droplets, congregational singing and singing in choirs is not allowed.
- Although the faithful are entitled to receive Holy Communion either on the tongue or in the hands, in order to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus, the extraordinary measure will be taken of only receiving Holy Communion in the hand. For this to have its intended effect, however, the faithful must practice good hand hygiene.
- These directives are subject to change, depending on the development of the COVID-19 health crisis.

I am confident that the return to the public celebration of the Mass will be an occasion of great joy for the faithful of our diocese. Following these directives during the celebration of the Mass will feel strange, as it should, since they are extraordinary measures only adopted out of necessity. Nevertheless, our Lord, Jesus Christ, is always present in the Church's liturgical celebrations, most especially in the Eucharist. The awkwardness of the current situation need not distract us from his presence, nor prevent us from receiving him with open and eager hearts. And may our renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharistic fill us with his charity, that we may in turn love and care for our brothers and sisters.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



+Most Rev. John T. Folda
Bishop of Fargo



Very Rev. Andrew Jasinski
Chancellor