

Church of St. John the Baptist
PO Box 68
Swanville, MN 56382
Fr. Ron Dockendorf, Pastor



Parish Office (320) 547-2920
Kitchen 547-2225
Grey Eagle -Office (320) 285-2545
Fr. Ron 547-2920 or cell (320) 290-4902
Confessions: Sat.Night 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

May 3, 2020 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

UPDATE ON CHURCH CLOSING:

Bishop Kettler is waiting to hear from our governor as to when he plans to lift the stay at home restrictions.

At that time, the bishop will let us know when we can open our churches again. He thinks we will likely start with individual prayer and adoration before we have public Masses and other large gatherings. Meanwhile, please continue to be safe .

If you want to go to confession, please call Fr. Ron at 320-290-4902 to make arrangements..

For Mass on T.V. there are several options:

Mass is also offered on EWTN, Dish 261, and Direct T.V. 370.

Our diocese has Mass on KSTC-45 at 11:00 Sunday

Even though we cannot attend Mass at this time, Fr. Ron continues to have Mass during the week and of course on the weekends. Some may be video taped for us to watch on facebook. He is offering up these Masses for the people of both parishes as well as other intentions.

Be sure to go to facebook to see how beautiful the church looks. What a terrific job the gals did to decorate. Thanks to Melinda for all the video taping she has been doing for our Masses, showing the decorated church, etc. etc.

Flowers were donated in memory or honor of:

Allan "Corky" Cornell , John & Irene Loven, Joe Cichon, Roger Cichon, Jerome & Maryann Cichon, Joe Gessel, Louis & Gladys Heroux, Cardy Heroux, Robert Heroux, Richard Lentz, Don & Rich Gessell, James Piekarski, Lisa "Yanta" & Dwayne Lulich, Wilmar Traut Sr., Joe & Elizabeth Gessell, Chris & Julie Karnowski, Elmer & Julia Vavra, Deceased Schneider Family, Deceased VanHeel Family, Joseph & Susan Birchem, Richard & Josephine Sobotka

May is the month of our Blessed Virgin Mary. It is A good time to spend more time in prayer with Mary, asking her to intercede for us with our needs. We ask others to pray for us....who better to ask than the mother of Jesus? A good time to say the Rosary.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal:

Thank you to everyone who is supporting diocesan ministries through the appeal, especially during these trying times. As of April 20, the appeal raised \$865,841 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$1,300,000. Please remember that it is especially important at this time to support your parishes and safely reach out to family, neighbors and people in need.

We hope you continue to donate to your church weekly and bring your donations in when we are able to enjoy Mass together again. God Bless !!! Thanks those who are dropping off their donations at this time. I will post the amounts in the next bulletin.

Marge will get in touch with those who will have first Communion and those who need work done before they can be confirmed when those dates are set.

Thank you to the teachers & helpers who donated their time and talent to help with our religious education program. Also thanks to the parents and the children who came to learn more about their faith and come closer to God.

Fr. Ron said Bishop Kettler called and asked him to forward a message to let us know that he is keeping all of us at St. John's and St. Joseph in his prayers and support.

As always, parents and teachers can also learn from our children and students: the teacher started the evening with a prayer and then asked the students "where did you meet Jesus today?" Some answers were...1) While I was waiting at the bus station I saw some people helping others who needed help 2) I saw Him in my classmates smiles and sharing 3) He was in the supervisor of the soup kitchen who serves us every day with a smile 4) I saw Jesus in the lady at the soup kitchen when she gave me a napkin with a bible verse on it 5) I also found Jesus at the soup kitchen. So many unfortunate people were so thankful and happy that we were there to help serve them. That day I knew my students would continue to teach me that we everywhere in the holy presence of God. People do notice how we conduct our lives. Be sure you show them a positive example to follow.