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April 26, 2020 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

UPDATE ON CHURCH CLOSING:

Due to the Coronavirus, Bishop Kettler has decided to extend the date for churches to be CLOSED. Until after Friday, May 15th. He stresses that we should go out only when necessary, not only for our protection but for the protection of others.

First Communion and Confirmation has been cancelled at this time. We will be notified when they will take place.

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

The Bishop's Annual Appeal:

We receive many prayer intentions from the diocesan faith community. All are carefully preserved and prayed over by Bishop Kettler, diocesan staff and the good sisters at Saint Clare's Monastery in Sauk Rapids. Please know that whether or not you are able to send a gift, your request for prayer are welcome.

<u>Past two weeks collection:</u>	
Adult	\$2,855.00
Easter	440.00
Good Friday-Holy Land	80.00
Rice Bowl	<u>19.23</u>
TOTAL	\$3,394.23

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 !!!

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES AT THIS TIME. 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.

Worth repeating a 2nd time during this time of the virus:

Look around you...the world is constantly grappling with crisis and war. People are weary from the dysfunction of their own lives. The chaos is crying out for order. The complexity is crying out for simplicity. At every level in society, from the beggar on the street to the leader of nations we are all looking for something to solve the crisis of our lives and of our times. It is time to stop looking for something and start looking to someone – **Jesus of Nazareth !!**

Just for fun.....

The question is what? _____

The question is where? _____

The question is when? _____

Put a "t" in place of the "w" on each question and you will get the answer.