

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church - Weekly E-Newsletter - May 8, 2020

NOTE from Fr. Stephen Lattner, OSB:

April 30, 2020

Dear Parish Members of Our Lady of Sorrows Church and Holy Name of Jesus Church,

Over the past few months we have experienced many changes. We have journeyed through the season of Lent, seeking to find God through the works of fasting, almsgiving and penance.

We are now experiencing the joy and peace of the Risen Jesus, who brings light into our world and our lives.

We have and are experiencing a new way of living brought about by the Covid-19 virus, which has changed our lifestyle. The separation of people from each other, the precautions we take to make sure we don't spread the virus to others and the fear that we may catch this virus have brought such separation from each other that it is hard to imagine how or if things will ever return to our "old" normal.

The separation from Mass and the Eucharist have also changed our lives. No longer are we able to join together to experience the community of God's people worshipping together as one. We are unable to share in the Eucharist, the food that feeds our soul and our body, the food that makes us Jesus to one another and calls us to spread the Good News of God's love to others.

We see the change in seasons from Winter to Spring. The grass beginning to grow and turn green, flowers blooming and trees budding tell us that summer is coming and the earth once again shows its life.

With these changes comes a change in our parish life. Beginning in July, I will be leaving Our Lady of Sorrows and Holy Name of Jesus. My Abbot has decided that it is time for me to return to community life as a monk. I have been assigned to a parish in Maryville, Missouri, St. Gregory Barbarigo, where I spent four months as a Deacon in 2007, so it will be a bit of a homecoming.

I have enjoyed ministering to and being among our two parish communities. Experiencing the joy of Baptizing a baby; celebrating the Mass and bringing Jesus in the Eucharist to you have been my privilege. There are also the times of sorrow and

sadness as we return to God a family member or friend who has died. Yet, there is the privilege of being with and supporting the family and friends as they walked the journey with their loved one and being allowed to participate in that journey.

Thank you for your kindness, support, and friendship over these eight years. I will keep you in my prayers and I ask you to pray for me.

Sincerely,
Stephen Lattner, O.S.B

NOTE FROM FR. PAUL:

A Word About Giving Tuesday and Our Finances

This statement applies to both Holy Name of Jesus and Our Lady of Sorrows Parishes, and I am happy to report that during this terrible time of disease which has caused economic uncertainty for many, the generosity of our parishioners has made it unnecessary for us to take extraordinary measures to keep the parishes in good financial shape.

Weekly contributions at each parish are down somewhat. However, the Holy Name of Jesus and Our Lady of Sorrows Business Managers and I have determined that we do not need the SBA PPP (small business administration payroll protection program) loans offered by the government. Recent additional guidance from SBA has stressed that organizations should re-calculate if the SBA PPP is "necessary." At first, we thought it was necessary. However, due to the generosity of our faithful parishioners and reduced operating expenses, we can no longer "certify" that the SBA PPP is "necessary." Thank you for your generosity! Praise be to God!

Your continued generosity has allowed us to pay our bills and meet payroll as usual. Neither parish is in debt and that greatly helps our financial stability. Both parishes have adequate reserves, which we haven't needed to tap into either. We are richly blessed, blessed far beyond many parishes who find themselves in hardship at this time. It is this strong position that has kept us from spending much time and energy on Giving Tuesday which has never produced the kinds of returns to justify the outlay of time and energy of our staff. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity! And if you need help from your parish, please let us know.

- Fr. Paul Gebhardt

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NOTE from Deacon Larry:

Please pray daily for vocations this month and make it part of your daily Rosary.

VOCATION PRAYER:

Almighty Father,
You have created us for some definite purpose.
Grant us the grace to know the path
You have planned for us in this life
and to respond with a generous "Yes."
Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts
fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations.
May our young people respond to Your call
with courage and zeal.
Stir among our men a desire and the strength
to be good and holy priests.
Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a
chaste single life, permanent deacons,
and faithful husbands and wives,
who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church.
We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father,
through the intercession of Mary our Mother,
in the Holy Spirit,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr

Additional information from Connie:

- **WEBSITE** - See our website for a copy of **Fr. Stephen's homily and readings** and a link to the **Live Mass** for Sunday.
- **Yard n Garden** - The grounds and gardens at Holy Name of Jesus are beautiful. Take time for some quiet prayer and meditation at the Grotto. A special thank you to the Yard n Garden team! If you are interested in helping with the yard or gardens, please contact the office.
- **The church is open for prayer.** The church is never empty, Jesus is there. A special thank you to the team of volunteers, that are

taking turns cleaning front section of the church daily. May God bless you for your service! If you are interested in assisting in this duty, please call the office.

- **MONDAY Cleaning Help Needed** - in a few weeks one of our volunteers will need to step down from cleaning the Church on Mondays, we will need a replacement for the Monday position. Are YOU available to fill this need?
- **Aluminum can recycle will cease** due to COVID-19 to help keep our volunteers safe at Holy Name. Please take your recyclables to your local recycling center.
- **GIVING** - We send out our gratitude to everyone for your prayers and for your contributions through on-line giving and US Postal service. Your generosity allows our parish to continue to do God's works. One of those missions, is our social outreach. During this unprecedented times, we are able to continue support to: food pantry, LIFE (local pregnancy centers), and our sister parish Holy Trinity in Harlan, KY.
- **IRA distributions - A way to save on your federal tax bill** - If you are over 70 1/2 age and taking out IRA distributions, you could make your distribution from the IRA as a direct payment form your financial institution to charity. This distribution would not be taxable on your personal return. Talk to your accountant and your financial institution to see how you can make use of this opportunity.

May God bless you and your family and keep you safe!

Sincerely,

Connie Schenck

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM STAFF:

Website - See the [Holy Name of Jesus' Website](#) to get current information, including bulletins and much more.

Financial Support - A special thanks to all who have continued your financial support either through mailing your contributions or making [on-line contributions](#). Your contributions allows us to continue to do God's work. May God bless you!

Bulletins - [CLICK HERE](#)

Live-streamed Mass - for Holy Name of Jesus and Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Churches broadcast from Monroe. We hope you can join us through the internet! [Click Here for Live-streamed Mass](#)

Connect - with fellow parishioners on our [Holy Name of Jesus Group Facebook page](#)

Concerns/Requests - If you have any concerns, needs or prayer request, please contact the parish office. **513-988-6335 (Office)** or email: holynamercc@gmail.com

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