



## Longing

My dear family (Brothers and Sisters in Christ in Kaukauna and Hollandtown):

### **The Peace and Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.**

This Sunday, we celebrate our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Lenten Journey. Who could have imagined that this year our Lenten fasting would include a Eucharistic Fast. Spiritually, this fast from our communal celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ has filled me with an incredible longing to gather with my family around the Altar of our Lord. This fast has opened many to how much we have taken for granted, to the power of our Sunday celebration of the Eucharistic Feast and how it is so essential in our journey of faith.

In faith, we know that our journey will lead us to the glory of the Resurrection and new life. In the not-too-distant future, God will gather us again around the table of our Lord Jesus Christ. Until then, we simply seek to do whatever we can to sustain each other.

This week, once again, new restrictions were passed to help bring an end to this crisis and to protect, especially those most vulnerable among us, during this pandemic. Because of these new restrictions we once again have, through the power of the Holy Spirit, sought ways to reach out and meet the spiritual needs of you, our family. At the same time, we will do our part to ensure your safety.

We will be able to continue to live stream daily Masses (Tuesday through Saturday) at 8:30 am and live stream Sunday Mass at 9:30 am. We have set up a new YouTube link on the home page of our website. Go to:

[www.kaukaunacatholicparishes.org](http://www.kaukaunacatholicparishes.org)

The link enables you to watch live-streamed Masses and to view our pre-recorded videos of the Stations of the Cross (three versions), the Mysteries of the Rosary (four mysteries), the Divine Mercy Chaplet and my daily Spiritual Message. I encourage you to share the link on your own social media platforms. Share it with your family and friends on Facebook, Instagram, or any other way possible. Help share the messages of hope, light, and faith that are so essential to the human spirit. In doing so, we hopefully will help others around us who are lost in the fear and darkness to experience the abundant love of God through the life of Jesus Christ.

We also have begun endeavors to reach out by phone to our parish families. Our Pastoral Care Department (Fr. Kyle, Dcn. Bruce, Dcn. Steve, Dcn. Mark, and Brittany) will start by calling Holy Cross and St. Katharine Drexel family members who are 70 and over to check on them. We are starting with this age group because they are the most likely to not be able to connect via social media. We want to find out ways that we can provide spiritual support for them.

Our Discipleship Department and Headmaster from our school will also be reaching out by phone to all of our Discipleship families and school families to check on them. Discipleship is also doing a number of virtual events. You will be able to check out their article on Page 3 of the March 29th *Bulletin* to see what they are doing to reach out to our families.

Because of the new restrictions, we will no longer be able to have office hours for you to stop in and drop off or pick up items. **You can still reach us by phone during our normal office hours (Monday - Thursday 8 am to 4 pm) and anytime via email.** Items you might need can be sent via email or by mail. **We also will begin a SCRIP DELIVERY SERVICE.** Your scrip order can be placed via email to our Scrip Coordinator, Lisa Natrop, by emailing the order by Wednesday noon to [lnatrop@kaucp.org](mailto:lnatrop@kaucp.org). The

order will be delivered by Thursday or Friday to your home. You can arrange to leave payment taped to a door, left hanging on a door handle or on a porch. The scrip order will be left for you in the same location. We are able to deliver to Kaukauna, Little Chute, Kimberly, Sherwood, Hollandtown, and Darboy.

Another change because of the newest restrictions is that we will be unable to offer confessions in our church during this “Safer at Home” order. We are simply unable to ensure the safety of the church because we do not have the proper supplies needed to disinfect the church (a result of the hoarding). However, **we will provide drive-thru confessions starting this Saturday, March 28.**

### **Drive-thru Confession Times/Locations**

#### **Holy Cross - 11 am to noon Saturdays**

Drive-thru location is in the school parking lot on Sarah Street by the back center school entrance – Door #7. Fr. Kyle will be sitting in the entranceway.

#### **St. Katharine Drexel - 3 to 4 pm Saturdays**

Drive-thru location is by the only school door (where the new offices will be located).

**Please adhere to the following mandatory precautions** for *your* safety and the safety of *others*. These will also ensure the confidential nature of the confession.

#### **Only one person in the vehicle**

A family that currently LIVES together can arrive in one vehicle. Other family members exit the vehicle from the opposite side of the priest. Each take a turn in the vehicle for confession.

#### **Do not approach other cars**

If you are in the parking lot, do not get out of your car or approach another car that might be waiting for their turn. Family members in the same vehicle waiting their turn for confessions should not approach other vehicles.

#### **Vulnerable use drive-thru only if necessary**

Those who are most vulnerable are asked to use the drive-thru confession only in dire need to ensure their safety and well-being.

#### **Arranging individual drive-thru confession**

An individual drive-thru confession time can be arranged by contacting Fr. Kyle at [frkylesladek@kaucp.org](mailto:frkylesladek@kaucp.org) or by calling the parish office at 920-766-1445. Leave a message for Fr. Kyle to return your call.

### **Drive-thru Eucharistic Benediction**

#### **Next Wednesday, April 1, from 6 to 7 pm,**

Fr. Kyle will offer drive-thru Eucharistic Benediction. It will be located by the center school door in the Holy Cross parking lot (Door #7 on Sarah Street). A car from your household (**family members who currently live together**) can stop by to be blessed by the Consecrated Host during this time. Please do not leave your vehicle; do not approach any other vehicle. Again, those who are most vulnerable should take extreme precautions and continue to stay at home.

Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. We will continue to do all we can to meet any of your spiritual needs. Do not hesitate to contact us by phone, email or any other way possible to let us know how we can walk with you during this time of crisis.

#### **Longing...**

I long for the day when we can be together around the Eucharistic Table. I long for the day when I can see you in person and actually shake your hand and look in your eyes. I long for the day when the darkness is passed and we come together to celebrate the glory of the Resurrection.

In the Peace and Joy of Christ,

Fr. Don Everts

Pastor

Holy Cross & St. Katharine Drexel Parishes