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Dear Friends of St. Michael's,

As I begin this newsletter on the 27th day of June, St. Michael's parish has a lot to be thankful for. Later today the parish will welcome two new members into full communion, they and a recent high school graduate will be confirmed and the two newest members will receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time.

I hope and pray that in this time of uncertainty and challenge, you can find ways to be thankful and that you are safe and healthy.

Peace,

PARISH HAPPENINGS and OTHER NEWS

What a Difference a Few Days Make! On March 11, Bishop Vincke sent out directives for changes for Mass—no holy water, no sign of peace, no Precious Blood, no communion on the tongue, etc. By the weekend, Dickinson County Health Department shut down schools for two weeks (until March 30) so we cancelled Religious Education and Adult Formation also. By the 19th of March everything was shut down at St. Michael's. The remainder of the newsletter is divided into three sections: Before, During and After the shutdown!

BEFORE! Parish life was going along as usual with a few new additions:

Annual Soup Lunch by the Ladies of St. Michael's was held on January 12th with homemade chili, potato and chicken & noodle soups with homemade cinnamon rolls. The proceeds help with their charitable causes. Just as it was finishing up, the roads became treacherous with freezing mist/drizzle.

Annual Fish Fry by the Knights of Columbus was held February 28 with baked and fried fish, coleslaw, vegetable, roll, and ice cream. The proceeds help with their charitable causes and the CYO (Catholic Youth Organization).

Fr. John marked his 79th birthday on January 15th and his 53rd anniversary of ordination on March 12th.

New Additions:

➤ **St. Michael's Challenge:** Parishioners are "challenged" to check in on their spiritual status with points assigned for spiritual activities that range from attending Mass, being a liturgical minister, praying the rosary, reading spiritual materials, etc. From January through May, an average of 15 parishioners turned in points averaging 117 points per month per parishioner.

➤ **FORMED** is provided for free to all parishes in the Diocese. This digital resource gives everyone access to study program, audio programs, movies and eBooks. The Adult Formation group used it to study *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist*.

➤ **Deacon Walt Slingsby**, a permanent deacon from Clay Center, assisted Fr. John with Mass on February 9th including giving the homily.

Other "Regulars":

- ❖ **21st Annual Pro-Life Shower** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in January to benefit Junction City Pregnancy Center.
- ❖ **Sr. Carolyn Juenemann** returned as accompanist on January 26th when Marlo Zumbrunn was gone.
- ❖ **Blessing of Throats** on February 2nd after Mass.
- ❖ **World Marriage Day** on February 9th with 14 couples marking milestones and 13 couples married over 50 years with Kenneth and Frances Long married the longest at 70 years.
- ❖ **Stewardship Commitment** weekend was February 23rd. By March 15th, 59 out of the 98 family units had returned at least one of the stewardship forms with 51 returning all three—time, talent and treasure.

DURING! Parish life slowed down considerably but didn't completely stop!

What Stopped!

- ✓ **Sunday Mass**—from March 16th to May 16th there was one Mass at St. Michael's. This was not publicized and was after Fr. John heard confessions. **Daily Mass or Communion** Services also were not offered.
- ✓ **Church Open Only By Appointment** from March 16th to April 5th. From Palm Sunday until Masses resumed on May 17th, the church was open each Sunday for a few hours.
- ✓ **Other "Regulars":** Stations of the Cross, Chapman Valley Manor Services, Holy Week Services and First Communion (which will be later this summer).

What Was Cancelled!

- ✓ **CHS Mixed Ensemble** did not get to share their musical talents with the congregation on March 22nd.
- ✓ **Knights of Columbus Founder's Day Mass and Meal** on March 26th.and their **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast** on April 19th.
- ✓ **All meetings and gatherings:** Parish Pastoral Council, Knights of Columbus, Summer coffee & rolls, etc.
- ✓ **Graduate Recognition and Reception** for high school graduates: Ashlynn Bledsoe, Elijah Jacquet, Elizabeth Morgan, Harley Pelfrey and Jackson Wasyk.
- ✓ **Memorial Day Mass** at St. Patrick's Cemetery or St. Michael's. With flooding from a deluge of rain, it was a blessing that Mass was already cancelled. The American Legion's planned ceremony also ended up being cancelled.

- ✓ **VBS** (Vacation Bible School) for the Community of Chapman from June 1st-5th sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene, Chapman United Methodist Church and St. Michael's.
- ✓ **Thank You Meal** for parishioners who completed the three Stewardship forms on June 13th.

What Changed!

- ✓ **Discernment for Parish Pastoral Council** was delayed. Letters to those discerned were sent out June 18th with final selection taking place the weekend of July 11th-12th.
- ✓ **Religious Education:** Parents were provided with on-line options to continue their children's religious formation. Access to the materials used for grade school, including 2nd Grade First Sacraments, were provided. High school catechist, Sara Cook, put together materials since that program was not available on-line.
- ✓ **RCIA:** After a few weeks delay, RCIA resumed with Afton and Michael Diehl meeting in the Parish Center with Marita and Ryan and Laci Foltz joining via ZOOM.
- ✓ **Confirmation Prep** continued for Elijah Jacquet and his sponsor, John Christensen, but was moved to the parish center to maintain social distancing requirements.

What Happened!

- ✓ **E-mail & Bulletin:** Marita maintained her connection with parishioners with two e-mails a week and continuing with a bulletin which was sent via e-mail and distributed or mailed to those requesting it. FYI: This took much longer than a "regular" bulletin.
- ✓ **Fr. John** provided a couple of messages for the bulletin to maintain his connection with parishioners.
- ✓ **Confessions** were offered on March 29th with social distancing and disinfecting in place. **200 Palms** were blessed by Fr. John and made available for parishioners to pick up on Palm Sunday—all were taken.
- ✓ **Financial Support:** parishioners continued their regular support of the parish.
- ✓ **Catholic Charities** distributed food and hygiene products on April 29th and are continuing on a monthly basis.

AFTER! The parish is opened up but restrictions by the Diocese (Bishop) and Dickinson County Health Department continue to be followed.

- ❖ **Two Masses** are offered on the weekends in order for all parishioners to be able to attend. Saturday Mass is at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday Mass was moved to 10:30 a.m. to give Fr. John extra time between Solomon and Chapman.
- ❖ **Live Streaming** of the 10:30 a.m. Mass began May 24th on Facebook. A parish family made this possible. The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelschapman/>.
- ❖ **Worship Aids** are being used instead of Breaking Bread books.
- ❖ **Reservations** for Mass are made so Marita can figure out seating.

Welcoming New Members: On June 27th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass, Afton Diehl (sponsor, Michael Diehl) and Ryan Foltz (sponsor, Laci Foltz) were received into the full communion of the church. Afton, Ryan and Elijah Jacquet (sponsor, John Christensen) were confirmed with Afton and Ryan receiving the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time.

Death of Family and Friends of St. Michael's:

- DeWain Krinhop of Chapman, Kansas died on January 13, 2020. He is the father of Roger (Coleen Zumbunn) Krinhop and grandfather of Cole (Mindy) Krinhop and family.
- Randy Biegert of Lindsborg, Kansas died on February 10, 2020. He is the stepson of Harlan and Peggy (Haynes) Janke.

+**Daniel "Dan" Corbett** died June 6, 2020. He is survived by wife, Dee, stepsons, Jason Marshall and Joshua Marshall, six grandchildren, eight siblings, Mildred Fink, Wayne Corbett, Kenneth Corbett, Judith Klocke, Mary Zimmerman, Geraldine Hall, Raymond Corbett, and Donna Bathurst, and numerous nieces and nephews.

St. Patrick's Cemetery Appeal was another success thank to YOU! Over \$8,000 was donated.

MEMORIAL FUND FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS

Marvin Dreiling (dec.)

Ed Lindlar (dec.)

ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY NEWS

+**Alberta Zurmely** died January 18, 2020. She is survived by her husband, George Sr., son, George Jr., daughters, Debbi Fowler, Frances Baldwin, Kathern Zoska, Susan Martens and Mary Cairns, and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

+**Richard "Dick" Sherraden** died January 22, 2020. He is survived by a sister, Patricia Chamberlin, a brother, Bill Sherraden, five nieces and nephews and 15 great nieces and nephews.

+**Edward "Ed" Lindlar** died February 1, 2020. He is survived by a niece, Deb Pelfrey, a great niece, a great nephew, two great-great nieces and one great-great nephew.

+**Marvin J. Dreiling** died June 2, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, son, Ron, daughters, Deb Budden and Trudy Sims, sister, Charlene Herman, nine grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and four step grandchildren.

NEW MEMBERS OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

- **Laurel Arlene**, daughter of Joel and April Calovich, was baptized on January 19, 2020.
- **Holden Joseph**, son of Ryan and Laci (Keating) Foltz, was baptized on February 2, 2020.

New Parishioners:

Anthony & Kelsey Hill

Ryan & Laci Foltz and son, Holden

David & Jenny (Hoffman) Whitehair and children, Ray, Reese, Wesley, Wakeen, and Grant

Bryson & Jillian (Wieters) Haverkamp and daughters, Hadley and Nevaeh