

Dear Parishioners,

Thousands of people, many of them sick and all of them hungry, walked for miles from towns throughout Galilee just to see and hear Jesus. How fortunate we are that Jesus is with us here whenever we gather in his name. He nourishes us at his table, strengthening our weaknesses and fortifying us for our own journeys. Let us pray that we may all eat and be satisfied at this Eucharist.

Each summer the Mission Office of the Archdiocese of Chicago facilitates the Mission Cooperation Plan, an opportunity for more than 100 international missionary dioceses, congregations and organizations to share their stories and invite support from our faith communities. Typically, missionary representatives visit churches over a weekend to speak and appeal for contributions. In the summer of 2020, travel is impossible for most missionary speakers and protecting the safety of both the worshipping communities and speakers is paramount. This means that in-person appeals are not possible. Yet needs are greater than ever for communities of faith in under-resourced areas throughout our world. For this reason, the mission collection will be taken this weekend August 1-2, 2020. Please be as generous as you can.

New Mass Book for 2021 is already open. If you would like to schedule a mass, please call the rectory.

Office Hours – due to the restrictions placed on us by the Archdiocese of Chicago because of the Corona virus, visitors to the church office are not allowed at this time. Our office hours are also limited; however, someone will be available to take your call on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm, and Thursday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. If you reach us after hours, please listen to the message, as it will direct you in ways to leave a voice message.

Tomorrow I will begin my summer vacation. Due to the Corona virus, I cannot visit my family in Poland this year, so for two weeks I will stay in the US. I would like to offer a big “thank you” to Fr. Francisco Ortega and Fr. Tomasz Wajdzik from Sacred Heart Parish in Melrose Park for being mass celebrants here at St. Bernardine in time of my vacation.

May good and gracious God bless us as we enjoy warm days of the summer.

Fr. Stan