

### **THE SHEPHERDS WALKING STICK**

Yesterday, May 1, marks the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. It is also the beginning of the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Francis through the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization is calling for a global prayer marathon for the entire month praying for the end of the pandemic. The daily Holy Rosary is the main prayer for the marathon. It will be streamed live each day from a different shrine from a different place in the world at 6:00 PM (Rome time). The pope is inviting as many shrines, parishes, and individuals to be involved. Therefore, for the entire month of May, the Rosary before the Mass here in our parish will be offered for the end of the pandemic ..... Beginning last Wednesday, civil authorities had mandated that at least until May 26 only 10 people are allowed during religious gatherings (no matter the size of the church building!!!) Not included in the head count, however, are: the priest, the cantor, the musician, the lector/reader, the server, and the tech person who will operate any electronic device to be used during the liturgy. Kindly sign up in our parish website prior to coming to Holy Mass..... Those who are able to sign up for Mass this weekend are encouraged to give chance to the others to sign up for next weekend's Mass..... Furthermore, I am adding a 5:30 PM Mass on Sundays. This is just until the current restriction is lifted. Thus, Mass schedule during the weekend will be: Saturday @ 5:00 PM, Sunday @ 11:00 AM, 5:30 PM and 7:00 PM. I have also added another Mass at St. Patrick in Manitou. For those who cannot be accommodated to the weekend Mass, I would like to invite you to come to any of the weekday Mass instead – Tuesday to Thursday @ 7:00 PM, Friday @ 10:00 AM (with Chaplet and Adoration) ..... The parish has acquired a NP410W NEC projector through the generosity of Jason Lopez and Family! May the Lord who cannot be outdone in generosity bless their family always. Every parish group/organization is welcome to use the said projector..... From May 3-7, the priests of the Archdiocese on St. Boniface will go on spiritual retreat. Due to the pandemic and the current restrictions, it will be done via Zoom. This year's retreat

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conferences will be presented by Bishop Thomas Dowd. He is the current bishop of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie in Ontario. I ask for your support during these days of retreat. Do offer prayers for me. Short but intense prayers are best. Weekdays Mass will still be celebrated throughout the week. I will try my best to dispose myself for the retreat, but do not hesitate to call me if the matter is urgent. God bless us all.