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14 April 2024 + Third Sunday of Easter

When Fr. Emmanuel Kiganda was with us last fall you might remember that his brother, who is also a priest, was in very serious condition fighting cancer. On Wednesday of this past week, I heard that his brother has now passed. Please keep him in your prayers along with the whole family. Africans take such interesting Christian names when they are baptized. Fr. Emmanuel's name comes from the fact that his birthday is Christmas day - Emmanuel meaning "God with Us." The brother's name who passed away is Deogratias, meaning "Thanks be to God." A few days earlier, Fr. Emmanuel sent me a few pictures on the progress of the new roof on the rectory. It is coming along well, thanks to your generosity. He sends both his greetings and his thanks.

On Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> our parish will be taking a coach bus to La Crosse to welcome the Eucharistic pilgrimage making its way from northern Minnesota to Indianapolis, Indiana during this year's events of the Eucharistic Revival happening throughout the USA. We will be attending the Eucharistic Rally at the La Crosse Center. The monstrance that is carried in procession will be greeted by our diocese when it crosses over the Mississippi River from the Diocese of Winona. We will then bring our Eucharistic Lord to the La Crosse Center for a time of prayer, talks, and music.

Our Knights of Columbus and PCCW are providing both the bus and tickets for the event. Registrations, are first being offered to our younger families in our St. Joseph School and CCD program. If there is still space, you can contact Kim Gundlach for more information. I look forward to being with our parishioners to celebrate this historic event in our diocese as part of the Eucharistic Revival.

We are so fortunate to have a movie theater in our area that is willing to bring in movies that are supportive of both faith and family - The Stanley Theater. I asked the Eslinger's to let me know when there are movies available that may not necessarily be shown in franchise theaters, but are great for families and the message they contain. I am told that next weekend Ordinary Angels is being shown again. I saw it last week and it is an incredible movie with an incredible story that is based on a real life miracle. The theater is also bringing back Cabrini, a powerful story about the first Italian-American canonized saint - Frances Xavier Cabrini. She was quite a lady who did amazing things as she energized the Catholic Faith in the United States. She was also quite a "spit-fire" who did not take no for an answer when God gave her a task to accomplish. I sort of liken her to Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta. I encourage you to check out these films.

Continue to have a blessed Easter season!