

November 4, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk,

“Remain at peace with one another. We exhort you to admonish the unruly; cheer the fainthearted; support the weak; be patient toward all. See that no one returns evil to any other; always seek one another's good and, for that matter, the good of all.” (1 Thess. 5:14-15 NAB)
Saint Paul wrote these words about Christian conduct, words that are very appropriate for these challenging times of the Covid Pandemic and the Election.

One can feel the edginess and tension and it did not help us to be bomb-blasted by political ads the past several months, ads that attacked the person and were mostly void of real informative content. During the week of self-quarantine, I have spent time in prayer for you, our nation and our Church. Christ must be in our homes and in our hearts if there is to be any real sense of peace and hope in our world.

I received the good news this morning that my Covid test came back negative and I ask you to hold in prayer Bishop Kettler and Fr. Brady Keller, both of whom have tested positive for Covid. Others have sent me texts indicating they also are quarantined. Prayers go out to all those medical personnel on the front lines.

I went to vote this morning and was pleased to see so many people standing in line awaiting their opportunity to vote. I am thankful for the freedom to vote. What a privilege and immense responsibility we have been given in exercising this civic duty.

I also found that a good way to self-quarantine is to spend some time in the deer stand. I went crossbow hunting in Wisconsin and was able to harvest two deer and take in some beautiful sunsets.

Please hold Fr. Nick Zimmer in your prayers. His health is declining and he is in hospice care. What a gift, a blessing he has been to the parish of Saints Peter & Paul and the Diocese of Saint Cloud.

In Christ,

Fr. Don Wagner