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Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to noon. However, they do vary so call 547-2920 first. Val's home phone 547-2479. view bulletin: stjohnschurchswanville.org OR on face book. Diocese web page: www.stclouddiocese.org our e-mail: stjohnscatholicswanville@centurylink.net

Please continue to donate to your church. We still need to pay expenses, etc. Also the Bishop's Annual Appeal does a lot for the diocese. With the coronavirus situation we are all going through....more of us will hopefully watch Mass on television. This service is available to us because of the Appeal.

Channels on T.V. to watch a Mass :
EWTN , channel 73, channel 094, Dish channel 261,
Direct channel 370

AND OUR DIOCESE Mass is on KSTC-45 at 11:00 each Sunday.

I found this in our e-mail.

Today, as part of the daily coronavirus task force update, Vice President Mike Pence along with President Trump, urged people of all faiths to remember that the ministries of faith communities throughout this country are reliant on their sacrificial gifts. The Vice President outlined the fact that faith communities are streaming their Masses and Services as well as continuing to serve their communities by caring for those in need. He specifically made a public call to everyone to remember to give their offertory contributions in this time of challenge here in America because of all the good works which our faith communities do !

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Transformed by faith and sent in service to all. The appeal supports ministries that affect you, your family and your greater parish community. Please make a gift today. Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is NOT used for any other purpose.

First Communion and the Ham Bingo will be scheduled at a later date.

I will cut back my hours in the office if I don't have work to attend to so please call before coming if you need me to be here. I do plan to be here from 9 to 11 A.M
For your convenience to visit the church, doors will be open during the hours from 9 to 11 A.M. during the week. NO planned gatherings please.

Also, the church should be open from 5:45 to 7:00 P.M. Wednesday evening if you want to visit.
NO Mass and NO stations at this time.

If you come to visit church, I have hand sanitizers for your use before and after your visit.

Stations of the Cross sheets are on the table in the entrance for your use or to take home at this time.

Word Among Us book for April are on the entrance table.

Remember that **this is a good time** to pull out a book you have been planning to read, letters you have planned to write, games you can play as a family, and even catch up on meditation and relaxation for yourself. OR also a good time to do the exercising many of us have continued to put off for one reason or another, AND a good time for extra prayers for many others needing our prayers at this time.

Be cautions not only for your own safety but for the **safety of others.** But don't panic. GOD BLESS

A couple of timely quotes:

- 1) I'm not lazy, I just really enjoy doing nothing.
- 2) When things get rough, faith doesn't get you around trouble – it helps to get you through it. As a result you often become a stronger person.