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UPDATE ON CHURCH OPENING AGAIN

We are looking at ways to open the church for Mass. We have more restrictions to follow and our parish will submit a plan to the bishop Monday, May 25th. He will let us know when we can open.

Until further notice we still have the church open 9 a.m. to noon for individual prayer and only ten people. Wednesday Mass is 5:30 p.m. and Sunday Mass at 8:30 a.m. and still only 10 people. These two Masses can be viewed on facebook live and also saved for your viewing later.

Please use the hand sanitizer when you enter the church. If another person comes while you are here, please put on a mask for your safety and theirs. I must sanitize areas used EACH day. I would not know where people sat in the pews so I have put up 10 chairs and closed off the pews. Please turn your chair to the side when you leave so I know what has to be sanitized. Please bring your own prayer books because I had to take out all prayer materials from the pews until further notice.

If you know people who don't have computers to keep up to date on changes, please contact them to let them know when church will be open for prayer, etc.

For Mass on T.V. there are several options:
Mass is also offered on EWTN, Dish 261, and Direct T.V. 370. Our diocese has Mass on KSTC - 45 at 11:00 Sunday

Please keep all of our “year 2020” high school seniors in your prayers.

Lucia Bryce, Tori Kircher, Jamison Koetter, Brady Scherping, Cathleen Rieffer, and Jackson Thieschafer. They have to forego many traditions celebrated by seniors for many years. They have to do without the prom, a last chance at their sporting events, their graduation parties and ceremonies, and feeling isolated from their peers as they must prepare for their future without the closure they would typically have.

We thank those who continue to donate to church. We hope others are going to bring donations in when we have Mass together again. God Bless !!!

DONATIONS THE PAST TWO WEEKS:

Adults	\$ 1,040.00	Funeral Lunch	\$ 140.00
Plate	\$ 1,330.00	Home Missions	\$ 20.00
Easter	\$ 100.00	Votive Lights	\$ 98.35

TOTAL \$ 2,728.35

The Bishop's Annual Appeal:

We receive many prayer intentions from the diocesan faith community. All are carefully preserved and prayed over by Bishop Kettler, diocesan staff and the sisters of St. Clair's Monastery in Sauk rapids. Please know that whether or not you are able to send a gift, your requests for prayer are welcome.

Marge will get in touch with those who will have first Communion and those who need work done before they can be confirmed when those dates are set.

We can now do Baptism in the church but no Mass and only 10 people. Call Fr. Ron for Arrangements.

Please continue to practice distancing for yourself as well as for others. We have been fortunate so far in Swanville and we want to keep it that way.

After we pray, we should let go and turn our concerns over to God. Don't try to manipulate or force the outcome. Just trust God to open the right doors at the right time. This is very hard to do and that is why we must continue to pray until we truly trust God to take care of our concerns. We must remember that He will open the correct doors at the correct time....not the time we set.