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May10, 2020 – FIFTH Sunday of Easter

Today is MOTHER'S DAY !

Most of us won't be able to visit mom today because we are still being careful about travel And gatherings. SO—a phone call to let her know she is loved will be most welcoming today !

May is the month of our Blessed Virgin Mary. It is A good time to spend more time in prayer with Mary, asking her to intercede for us with our needs. We ask others to pray for us...who better to ask than the mother of Jesus? A good time to say the Rosary.

UPDATE ON CHURCH OPENING AGAIN:

The Bishop is slowly phasing in ways we can have the church open. **We can now open the church for individual prayer. I will have the church open weekdays from 9 a.m. till noon. No more than 10 people at one time.** 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. I set out prayer booklets by the chairs. Please turn the chair to the side when you leave so I know what has to be sanitized. Thank you for understanding and following the regulations set by our governor and Bishop Kettler. Watch for more updates near May 18th.

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.

If you want to go to confession, please call Fr. Ron at 320-290-4902 to make arrangements..

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

Colletction for past couple of weeks:

Adults	\$ 1,810.00
Plate	\$ 905.00
Easter so far	\$ 325.00
Funeral Lunch	\$ 40.00
Catholic Home mission	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,100.00

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

The Bishop's Annual Appeal:

We are the church Together: Your diocesan ministries are walking with you during these challenging times. Diocesan staff continue to reach out to parishes, advance ministries from home and respond to phone calls and messages. Our diocesan website has updates, weekly video messages from Bishop Kettler, spiritual resources and prayers at www.stcdio.org. May God be with you and those you love.

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.

Fr. Ron said Bishop Kettler called and asked him to forward a message to let us know that he is keeping all of us at St. John's and St. Joseph in his prayers and support.

Even though we cannot attend Mass at this time, Fr. Ron continues to have Mass during the week and of course on the weekends. Some may be video taped for us to watch on facebook. He is offering up these Masses for the people of both parishes as well as other intentions.

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