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A Message from Fr. Howard

Dear Brothers and Sister in the Lord,

By now, everyone has heard the news that Governor Mike DeWine has announced that the State of Ohio will begin to “re-open” in phases beginning on May 1st. As of this writing, there has been no announcement regarding when we will be permitted to resume the public celebration of the Mass and other liturgies. As you recall, the Archbishop, along with the other diocesan Bishops of Ohio, had initially extended the temporary suspension of all public celebrated Masses and liturgies through and including Sunday, May 3rd in their respective (arch)dioceses. I suspect that the Archbishop and the other Bishops of Ohio will consult with each other soon, in order to determine the safest and most sensible path for us to take in this regard. And, of course, we will pass on such information to you once we have been informed of our archdiocesan plan. In the meantime, I would like to continue to offer you encouragement during this challenging and troubling time, to invite you to partake in the immense treasury of the Church’s prayers and devotions, and to view this time as a special opportunity to intensify your relationship with our Risen Lord! In the meantime, please know that I miss you, that I continue to pray for you daily, and that I look forward to be able to gather again hopefully very soon!

Spiritual Communion

(Since you are unable to receive Holy Communion during this time, you can make this Prayer of Spiritual Communion, a source of grace in the midst of difficulty.)

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
 come at least spiritually into my heart.**

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Re-consecration of the United States to the Blessed Mother – Friday, May 1, 3:00 p.m.: During this time of great need, the bishops of the United States and Canada will renew the consecration of the two nations to the care of our Blessed Mother on Friday, May 1. The Most Reverend José H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles and the current president of the USCCB, will lead a brief liturgy with a prayer of re-consecration to Mary, Mother of the Church at 3:00 EDT that day. All members of the faithful may join in live via the USCCB’s social media platforms: Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Please keep in your prayers these parishioners who passed away this past week:

Bertha Dirksen, a member of St. Nicholas Parish, and

Wilfred Tumbusch, a member of St. Louis Parish.



May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

The Catholic Bishops of Ohio have extended the temporary suspension of all publicly celebrated Masses/liturgies at least through and including Sunday, May 3. The Bishops of Ohio dispense the Catholic faithful who reside in their respective dioceses and all other Catholics currently in Ohio from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass during this period.

The Sacraments of Initiation for our two Elect,
 Eileen Page and Courtney Norris, and our Candidate for Full Communion, Mark Rismiller,
 has been tentatively rescheduled to be celebrated at the Vigil Mass of Pentecost.

Please remember to keep them in your prayers.

Baptism for Norma Louise Barlage, daughter of Andrew and Shawntel Barlage, will be held next Sunday, May 3 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Nicholas Church. Congratulations to the family!

Confessions: At this time Father Howard will be hearing confessions Thursday evenings at St. Louis Church beginning at 7 p.m. and on Saturday mornings at St. Nicholas Church from 9-9:30 p.m., or by appointment.

Catholic Relief Services collection originally scheduled for this weekend has been moved to November 8. There will be a second collection.

Planting your garden? Plant an extra row for St. Maria's Produce Stand the helps to feed those less fortunate at St. Vincent de Paul Hotel in Dayton.

Baptism & Beyond Class will be held Monday, June 22 at 7 p.m. in the St. Nicholas Church basement. All couples are to attend before baptism. Call 419-582-2531 to register.

CCD News

Vacation Bible School for June this year is cancelled at both parishes.

Recycling Drive will be held Saturday, May 2 at the Osgood Park from 9-11 a.m.

St. Denis K of C is selling carryout BBQ chicken dinners for Mother's Day, May 10 from 11-1. Dinners are \$8 each or a 10-dinner bundle for \$75. To preorder text/call Jake Broering 419-733-5502; Charlie Borchers 614-565-0004; or Jake Demange 1-937-475-3113. Payment can be made at pickup or ahead via VENMO to @ Jacob-broering.

Want to stream movies through your Internet service? FORMED has movies for your viewing pleasure that can also help you grow in your Catholic Faith. There are movies for kids and families. To register go to nsoregion.formed.org and sign up.

Thank you to those who are continuing their weekly contribution to our parishes!

Contributions

Since all public Masses and liturgies have been temporarily suspended, the question has arisen regarding how a person might continue to offer their gift of financial participation and support to our parishes, so that they, like every other household, can continue to meet their expenses.

For those members who would like to continue to financially participate in their support, Parish envelopes may be dropped off at the Osgood State Bank, in their night deposit at any time, or mailed to:
 The Pastoral Center, P.O. Box 9, Osgood, Ohio 45351.