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A Message from Fr. Howard

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Please allow me to express my profound gratitude for your generosity over the past weeks, and during this challenging time for all of us. I am grateful for the meals, the Easter cards and gifts that you have so kindly shared with me. Please know that I continue to pray, and to celebrate Mass, for you each day, and I am hopeful that we will be able to gather together again very soon around the altar of the Lord! Happy Easter!



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.

You can livestream Mass (closed door)

from the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains on the Internet daily by going to

www.stpeterinchainscathedral.org

scroll down to

Live-streamed Mass Schedule

(Mass is streamed live Monday-Saturday at 8 a.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. or watch anytime.)

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 Cortney 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.

Annual clean up of St. Louis Cemetery will be on Monday, April 20. Anything not attached to the footer will be subject to removal by the Cemetery Board.

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.

Century Farm Awards: Catholic Rural Life is seeking families who have farmed the same land for 100 years or more and are eligible for the award. Winners will be recognized at the Rural Urban Farm Mass on July 16. For more information, go to catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/catholic-social-action/rural-life-ministry/. Applications are due by April 20.

Beware of Email Scams: Unfortunately, some people see this pandemic as an opportunity to take advantage of others. We have had multiple reports of fraudulent “phishing” emails, purportedly from the pastor of a parish, asking parishioners to urgently send money. Of course, close inspection of the email address reveals that the email is not actually from the pastor after all; however, in their haste to help, some parishioners do not look closely enough. Please warn your parishioners that any version of your email address other than the official one printed in your parish bulletin is not to be trusted.

Roses will not be sold after Masses on Mother's Day weekend this year.

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.

BBQ Chicken will be available at the Osgood Legion today, April 19 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

CCD News

First Communion at our parishes is tentatively rescheduled for June.

May Crowning at our parishes is cancelled this year.

CCD classes are cancelled for the rest of the year.

Please call or email the office to register your child who is in kindergarten at the present time for first grade for next year.

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.