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UPDATE ON CHURCH OPENING AGAIN:

I will have more of an update in the next bulletin after the governor and bishop give us more directives. We are now looking at ways to open the church for Mass. We will have certain restrictions to follow and our parish will submit a plan to the bishop shortly after May 20th. Meanwhile the following remains the same.

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. Please turn your 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 20th. **NOTE: 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. They are truly making history but in a way we wish was not happening. 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 !!! A list of donations will be in the next bulletin.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal:

We are the church Together: The diocese is grateful to be able to offer weekly Mass to the faithful in many formats...TV, online and radio options are available at <http://worship.stcdio.org/tv-mass/>.

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.

Even though we cannot attend Mass at this time, Fr. Ron continues to have Mass Wednesday evening and of course on the Sundays. These are video taped for us to watch on facebook either live or at our convenience.

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.