



St. Jude Church

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Dear Parishioners,

The second reading from Mass this coming Sunday tells us “If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God” (1 Peter 2:20). During our pandemic we have many opportunities to exercise patience. Through practicing patience, we may receive God’s grace. I want to share the following information with you to help us in our patience as we await God’s grace.

Celebrating Mass

On Tuesday, April 28, the four Roman Catholic bishops of Iowa released a statement saying, “it would be most prudent for now to continue to follow the liturgical restrictions we have in place, including the suspension of public Masses.” The bishops’ statement is available on our website - **judes.org**.

At St. Jude Church, this means we will continue to:

- livestream the weekend Mass on Saturdays at 7:00 PM. The link to the livestreaming video is available at **judes.org**.
- broadcast the Mass on KMMK 88.7 FM on Saturdays at 7:00 PM.
- post the 7:00 PM on weekend Mass on our website, if you were unable to attend at that time.
- maintain other prayer resources on our website.
- make available for your home use the ‘Today’s Missal’ booklets we use at Mass that include the Sunday readings. Note: You may pick up a copy of the missalette or drop off your financial contributions or food donations for Metro Catholic Outreach from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Monday – Friday. Thank you to those whose contributions are supporting St. Jude Church and MCO during these trying times.

Virtual Pancake Breakfast and Parish Coffee and Donuts

Normally our Knights of Columbus host a pancake breakfast on the first Sunday of the month, and the parish hosts coffee and donuts on the second Sunday of the month. These are great opportunities for us to be with each other.

With that in mind, we are hosting a virtual pancake breakfast/coffee and donuts the first two Sundays of May, May 3 and May 10, at 10:00 AM. From the safety of your own home, via computer or phone, you can visit with fellow parishioners. You need to register beforehand at **judes.org** to participate.

May, the Month of Mary

May is a month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. On Friday, May 1st, the Roman Catholic bishops of The United States of America will renew the consecration of our nation to the care of our Blessed Mother. The Archbishop of Los Angeles will lead this consecration on Friday, May 1, at 2:00 PM. The website of The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org) has more information as well as a copy of the worship aid, which is also attached to this message.

Also, we are offering virtual faith formation meetings for all ages on the Virgin Mary this week starting Sunday, May 3. Go to judes.org or contact Brian McGee at b.mcgee@dbqarch.org for more information or if you are interested in participating.

After our country's consecration to Mary is renewed and after our parish has the opportunity to learn more about the Blessed Virgin, I will consecrate our parish to Mary on Monday, May 11 (the day after Mother's Day) at 6:00 PM. This prayer will be livestreamed. (Go to judes.org for a link to the livestreamed video.) The worship aid for this consecration is the same one used by the Archbishop of Los Angeles to renew the consecration of our country. It can be adapted to consecrate a parish, a family, or an individual to the Virgin Mary, and is attached to this message.

The closing words of the Gospel for this Sunday's Mass are: "I came that they might have life and have it more abundantly." While we are facing trying times in our life, some of us more so than others, we have confidence that our Lord, the Good Shepherd, is with His flock, desiring to give us a share in His abundant life.

~Father Mark Murphy