

# Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ



**Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16; psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;  
first corinthians 10:16-17; john 6:51-58**

To: Priests of the Diocese of Fargo

From: Most. Rev. John Folda

Date: June 12, 2020

Re: COVID-19 updates

Insofar as health officials of the State of North Dakota have changed the risk for transmission of COVID-19 to low on May 29th, it is now possible to reduce the restrictiveness of some of the directives which came into effect on May 4. All parishes must be offering public Masses. There are to be no exceptions to this rule without consulting the bishop.

Communion may be given on the tongue. If contact with the tongue or mouth of the communicant occurs, the minister of communion must sanitize hands before distributing to the next person. It may be helpful to keep a small table with a corporal, ablution cup, and hand sanitizer close by so that sanitizing may be less obtrusive, and reverence for the Eucharist maintained.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion may be used, but only insofar as necessary. With smaller numbers attending Mass, and since communion is not distributed from the chalice, in most places their service will not yet be necessary.

Masks are still highly recommended as a measure to protect others, but they may not be required.

Missalettes, or books with readings in them, may at the discretion of the pastor, be returned to the pews.

Congregational singing and choir singing is still to be avoided, and hymnals should not be returned to the pews.

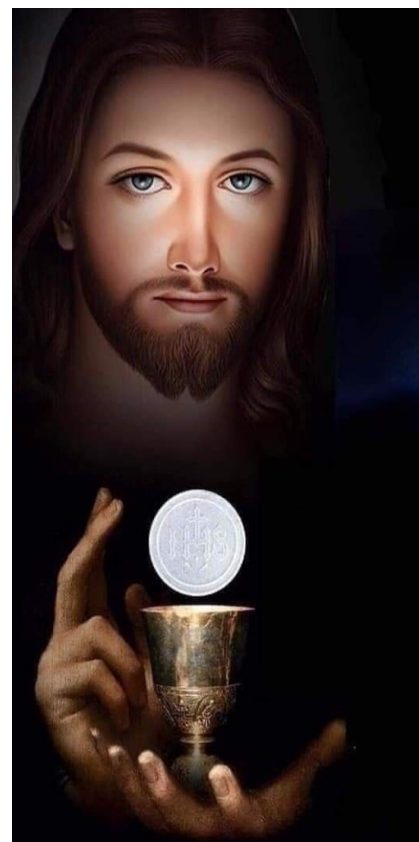
Social gatherings may be held outside of Mass, but state health recommendations for social distancing should be maintained.

It is appropriate to encourage the faithful who are not at higher risk from COVID-19 to return to Mass, even though the dispensation from the Sunday obligation still remains in effect.

Based on local conditions, Pastors are given discretion to admit additional persons into the church for Mass. Social distancing should still be practiced insofar as possible.

Instructions on Confirmation, sent from the Liturgy Office on 5/29/2020 indicated there was doubt whether an instrument (cotton ball, or swab) could be validly used for the anointing of Confirmation. The Congregation for Divine Worship has responded that "The use by the minister of an instrument (gloves, cotton swab...), does not affect the validity of the Sacrament." This is not to suggest that you must use an instrument at this time, but to indicate that the doubt has been clarified and should the need arise, you may use an instrument for the anointing in Confirmation.

Previous directives not modified in this memorandum remain in effect. (see documents on the [www.fargodiocese.org/clergyresources](http://www.fargodiocese.org/clergyresources) page) If a local community experiences an outbreak, please be prepared to return to earlier restrictions. The link to the "ND Smart Restart" document can be found on [www.fargodiocese.org/covid-19](http://www.fargodiocese.org/covid-19).



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### *future events*

July 7—SJ Parish Council  
July 9—OLPH Parish Council  
Oct 6—SJ Parish Council  
Oct 8—OLPH Parish Council  
Aug 1—Hysten-Morgan Wedding SJ  
Aug 15—Confirmation and First  
Eucharist at St Jude's  
Sept 27-30—Fall Priest Meeting  
Jan 12 2021—SJ Parish Council  
Jan 14 2021—OLPH Parish Council

## **MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)**

*"Because there is one  
bread, we who are many are  
one body, for we all par-  
take of the one bread."*

1 CORINTHIANS 10:17

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a two-fold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it helps us strengthen each other's relationship with God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. It becomes our roadmap to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!

### Hospitalization at Altru in Grand Forks

At the last deanery meeting of the priests, we were notified that layoffs have occurred at the hospital that included the pastoral staff. Only one chaplain has been retained, but there are no chaplains on-call. Families have no recourse to notify the chaplain at the hospital to call their respective religious affiliation for notification of a loved one in the hospital. From what we have been told, the families have to call for their pastors, ministers. The one chaplain retained will be present during the day, but not the weekends or evenings. Additionally from what we have been told there are well over 100 people laid-off by the hospital. The chaplaincy at the nursing homes does not seem to be in jeopardy. One comment made about Altru was that this was a "good time" for downsizing because of the virus and their building expansion at Altru. It has been hard in the past to get information about people who are hospitalized, but now it has gotten harder.

### mass intentions

June 2020

13 OLPH +Millie Leddige by Walt Majkrzak  
14 SJ Mass for the people  
OLPH +Carla Sletten by K/V Krogstad  
16 OLPH +Francis Fetter by F/S Kowalski  
17 SJ +Tom Meagher by his dad  
18 OLPH +Gary & Marie Anderson  
- Mass of Thanksgiving  
19 SJ +Father Knoke by Jim Weber  
20 SJ +Vernon Adams by his family  
21 SJ Mass for the people  
OLPH +Verdeen Leddige by G/S Schreiner23 23  
OLPH +Kate Adam by K/M Knutson  
24 SJ +Diane Majkrzak by M/B McGurran  
25 OLPH +Francis Fetter by F/S Kawalski  
26 SJ +Deceased family members of Jim Weber  
27 SJ +Arlene Storbakken  
28 OLPH +Kate Adam by K/V Krogstad  
30 OLPH +Pat Krile by F/S Agenziano

### REMAIN WITH HIM in EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In today's Gospel, we were taught that the Lord wants to remain with us. Do we want to remain with him?

How do we show that desire to remain with him? Reception of the Eucharist is a start, also, incorporating weekly Eucharistic adoration will also deepen our relationship with our Lord.

We all do a little Eucharistic adoration in the silent moments after receiving Holy Communion (I hope; if not, start there), but do we spend any more time with Our Lord than that? Do we ever visit him for no other reason than spending some quality time with him?

The blessing of having the Eucharist is that Our Lord is sacramentally present; the Eucharist reminds us physically and gives us a place to go and be with him sacramentally, whether we're participating in Mass or not.

Every Tuesday evening from 5pm to 9pm, Adoration is offered, pay Our Lord a visit. You'll be amazed at how much silent adoration of Our Lord will help your spiritual life.

A decree has been received from the bishop's office that pastors are to complete the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Accordingly, the date set for these sacraments to be held is August 15th (also the feast of Assumption) at 4pm at St Jude's for both OLPH and St Jude's. We have a total of 15 candidates so please ensure their readiness. Please contact the DREs' if you have future questions. Hopefully by then, the restrictions about social distancing will be relaxed and we can have a wonderful celebration for our young people.

Offertory 2020-06-07 OLPH—\$914.00 Online—\$770.72 / St Jude—\$1752.00 Online—\$511.25