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MPB opportunities:

The Church is open for private prayer. The Holy Eucharist is present in the tabernacle. Use this time of physical isolation from others to deepen your relationship with Jesus. Sit in quiet meditation, say the rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet, pray the Stations or just sit and soak in the love of God. We will come through this with the love and mercy of our God.

Daily Mass is offered on MPB's FaceBook page, usually at 8:00 AM Monday –Saturday; and 9:00 AM on Sunday. Watch their bulletin for weekly schedule. <https://www.mostpreciousbloodchurch.com/> Stay close to Jesus.

Confession is currently offered at MPB, on Saturday afternoons from 3:45-4:30 pm. In these days, it is drive-by Confessions. Drive to the school parking lot, stay in your car, stay three car lengths away from car in front of you, wait your turn, and Father will come out the side door to hear your confession. Stay right with Jesus.

Thank you for your email addresses.

Continue to visit St. Patrick's Website and FaceBook page for updates.

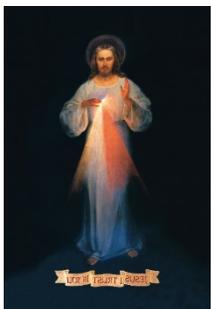
Thank you for your contributions. Please continue to support the parish as you can, and please let us know if you need anything.

Bishop's Appeal: As of 4/14/2020 our Parish has pledged and donated \$9300. 53 Parishioners have made their donations, if you haven't, prayfully consider donating today. To make a gift to the Bishop's Appeal contact our parish, visit the Bishop's Appeal website at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give, or call Tammy toll-free at 877-500-3580, ext. 8123.

From Fr. Ted Lewandowski – Fr. Ted is doing fine during this time of stay at home. He misses the parishioners, and continues to keep us in prayer. Pray for him.

From Fr. John Kleinschmidt

Divine Mercy Sunday – Jesus I trust in you!



Below are some quotes from a blog at the National Catholic Register website. I think it's a great idea for your home! You can read the whole article at this link:

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/joseph-pronechen/a-priests-instructions-to-protect-and-seal-our-houses>

"The Marian Fathers at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy are asking you to trust and to believe by joining in an easy yet very powerful act to safeguard your family and you. "We urge you to post an image of Jesus, the Divine Mercy, on your front doors, facing outward, to express your trust in the Lord's promise of protection," explains Father Chris Alar of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception.

Father Alar calls the display of the Image of Divine Mercy "a simple but incredibly powerful act of faith." He goes on to say, "the Lord promises us through St. Faustina that the soul that will venerate, or honor, this image will never perish." The Lord told St. Faustina, "By means of this Image I shall be granting many graces to souls; so, let every soul have access to it" (*Diary*, 570)."

"Further, the Lord said, "Let everyone procure for their homes this Image because there will yet come trials, and those homes and entire families and everyone individually who will hold this image of Mercy in deep reverence, I will preserve from every sort of misfortune." In light of all this, Father Alar urges, "Put the image of the Divine Mercy with the inscription 'Jesus, I Trust in You' upon your doors, as many have done in times of calamity. Remember, it is Jesus whom we worship in this image."

For those who don't have one, the Marians are giving one free. Just go to TheDivineMercy.org/DivineMercyImage. Download it for free. Print it out. Put it on your doors.

Father Alar gives this further direction: With the situation in various places and dioceses, if you are not able to have a priest bless it, "the Church allows you to invoke a blessing yourself. The Catechism of the Catholic Church [in 1669] teaches that lay people, on account of their baptismal priesthood, may administer certain blessings." How to invoke such a blessing upon the image of Divine Mercy in this circumstance? He instructs: "While making the Sign of the Cross over the image say, 'O Lord I seek your blessing upon this image, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.'"