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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, **and on Tuesday from 5:00-6:00pm**. 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.

Your contributions 4/15-4/23:

Envelopes: \$2,735.00, Maintenance: \$50.00, Easter Giving: \$75.00, Other: \$30.00, Rice Bowl:\$62.42.

Thank you to Emery Auer who took many homework breaks to find as much change as she could around her house to donate all this week's money for the Rice Bowl Fund. The generosity of all the church members, including the very young, has been outstanding. Thank you for your continued support during this time. Please continue to support the parish as you can, and please let us know if you need anything.

Online Giving - is now available. Go to website and click on link, or enter following URL address: <https://app.gabrielsoft.com/guest/wigbdioocese/138> - as always, thank you for your contribution.

Thank you for your email addresses. Continue to visit St. Patrick's Website and Facebook page for updates.

Let's pray that the churches, Mass, and activities can continue very soon. God's Will be done.

Pastoral Council meeting for April 28th is **cancelled**, and will be rescheduled when we can gather again.

Life Touch photography – is **cancelled** and will be rescheduled. We will not have family pictures in May.

Bishop's Appeal 2020: We have just lived the sacred Triduum and celebrated the Lord's Resurrection. Over these last weeks, we were reminded about how Jesus calls us all to be His disciples. Through the good works of the Bishop's Appeal, we are able to follow Jesus by sharing our faith. As of 4/21, 56 parishioners and families have donated on behalf of St. Patrick's Parish, for a total of **\$9,750**. To make a gift to the Bishop's Appeal, visit the Bishop's Appeal website at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give

COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED: We need more people to volunteer to be on the councils, because this is what keeps this parish maintained. This is a two-year commitment, and six meetings a year. Please pray about volunteering to be put on the ballot for either the Pastoral Council or the Finance Council. Thank you for your consideration, and let Barbara Tate know of your interest. The 'absentee' ballots will probably be presented in May somehow.



May is the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The following are some ideas that you can do while 'Stay at Home' is in place.

May Altar - Set up a dedicated area in the home with statues, pictures, and holy cards of Our Lady. Decorate it with a special tablecloth, and add pretty flowers, fresh each day if you have any daffodils budding out. You could include candles too if you'd like.

Plant a Mary Garden - If you have an outdoor area where you can dedicate to the Blessed Mother, set up a nice garden statue and plant some pretty flowers in her honor.