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June 12, 2020

Dear parishioners of St. Patrick and St. Charles,

Greetings in Christ!

In my continued effort to keep you all connected and updated as best as I can, here are a few changes to the protocols and diocesan directives which come into effect this coming weekend.

- 1) Social distancing inside our churches will continue to be required. Holy Communion will continue to be distributed at the very end of Mass after the final Blessing.
- 2) 5:30 Saturday evening Vigil Mass at St. Charles will remain designated specifically for the vulnerable, although anyone may attend. Just know that at this Mass, masks will continue to be required.
- 3) At all other weekend Masses, **masks will be optional**. (7:30, 9:00, 10:30)
- 4) Music without congregational singing will now be permitted.
- 5) Our normal weekday Masses will resume starting Monday, June 15th. Social distancing will be required, but masks will be optional.
- 6) While confessions will not be offered this Saturday morning, our regular Confession schedule will resume starting Monday, June 15th. (Mondays: 5:30-6:30pm @ St. Charles rectory front porch, Saturdays: 8:30-9:30am @ St. Patrick sacristy (enter from side door))

In other news:

First Communions have been scheduled at both parishes:

St. Patrick: Sunday, June 21, 10:30 Mass

St. Charles: Sunday, June 28, 9am Mass

The Rite of Confirmation for our parishes will take place on Wednesday, June 24th, at the 5:45pm Mass.

The Rite of Receiving Candidates and Catechumens into the Catholic Church from our parishes will take place at the 5:30 Saturday Vigil Mass on June 27th. Masks will be optional at that Mass.

Finally, I hope you all have been praying along with the Sacred Heart novena videos that have been e-mailed to you each day and can be found on our website. On the Feast of the Sacred Heart, which is Friday, June 19th, starting at 5pm we will have an hour of

Eucharistic adoration at St. Charles for any and all parishioners from both parishes. During this time of prayer, we will make a special act of consecrating our parishes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It would mean so much to have many of you praying with us that evening.

As always, let's hold each other in prayer!

Under the Mercy,

Father Haan