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August 1, 2020

+Feast of St. Alphonsus Liguori

Dear parishioners of St. Charles and St. Patrick,

1. Last weekend I had mentioned possible changes to protocols for Mass, due to the Governor's new mask mandate. However, our Bishop has reiterated that as long as six feet distance can be maintained between households, masks will not be required. So to clarify, our current practice has not changed: the Saturday 5:30 Vigil Mass at St. Charles will remain a "mandatory mask" Mass, and our other weekend Masses will be "optional masks." I highly encourage you to bring a mask with you, regardless of which Mass you attend, in case the six feet distance cannot be maintained. Wearing a mask can be uncomfortable, but it is a gesture of being concerned for your neighbor.
2. Today at 11 o'clock in our Cathedral, three men will be ordained: one to the priesthood and two as transitional deacons. **Seminarian Elliot Zak**, who spent the summer at our parishes, will be ordained a transitional deacon. Many of you have spent time with him and know what a great young man he is. The ordination Mass will not be open to the public, but will be livestreamed and recorded. Here is the link to the livestream from the Cathedral: <https://www.iscsportsnetwork.com/videos/2020-ordination-mass-from-st-mary-s-in-lafayette-in> . Next weekend, Deacon Elliot Zak will return to our parishes to preach the weekend Masses.
3. I hope to see you all at the **Farewell ice cream social at St. Patrick's on Friday, August 7th**. I will certainly be soaking in these last two weeks with you all. God's Providence guides our steps, and His grace sustains us.

God bless you and your families!

Under the Mercy,

Father Haan