

**ST JOHN THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
STATE OF THE PARISH REPORT

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MAY 4, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear St. John parishioners,

In this time of the COVID-19 pandemic and all the protocols that are in place to stop its spread, I want you to know that I and the staff at St. John's have been and are praying for you. I hope that you have been able to watch and participate in the live feed of me celebrating Holy Mass five days a week, for your needs and intentions: and for a quick end to this world-wide crisis.

We have been busy preparing for your return and last Thursday we heard the good news from Bishop Kagan that public attendance at Mass will begin Wednesday May 6th. Alleluia! Praise God!

There are still restrictions, such as social distancing and other elements of the Mass; as well as recommendations to not attend if one is not feeling well. The Bishop has restated that anyone who does not attend should watch the Mass on TV or live feed without worry of sin because the obligation to attend is lifted. The weekend of May 9 & 10 we will only have two Masses: one at 5:00 Saturday and one at 10:30 Sunday.

We have missed you and all our parishioners; we hope that you can join us for Mass and see the newly varnished pews and worship in person at St. John. We have worked to be frugal during this difficult time and hope that we can return to a bit more normal reality.

I am so grateful to all of you who have been so generous with your prayers and support. We are still in need of your financial support to continue paying the bills that enable us to make our parish a school of prayer that is forming new disciples! May the risen Lord bring this pandemic to a swift and glorious end!

Your Pastor, Fr. David Richter and Staff



Spread the Gospel

RCIA
Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry
Adult Faith Formation in Lent and Advent
Donations to Real Presence Radio

Celebrate the Sacraments

Eucharistic Adoration
Hosting Pre-Marriage Preparation
Weekend Marriage and Baptismal Preparation
Cor Christi Confirmation Retreat
Liturgical Ministries

Exercise Charity

Donations to:

St. Vincent De Paul Society
Minot Area Homeless Coalition
Catholic Charities
ND Right to Life

Parish Charitable Ministries:

Christmas Angel Tree
Prayer Blanket Ministry

Works of Mercy

Funeral Meals
Homebound Visitation and Eucharistic Ministry
Prayers for Priests through the Seven Sisters Apostolate
St. Monica's Guild
Knights of Columbus
Trinity Homes Ministry
Honoring those who Serve

During the last 7 weeks many of our wonderful ministries that reveal who we are, have not taken place; however, we have celebrated Baptisms, funerals, holy hours, confessions, anointings and two new members entered into full communion!



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Details about Mass

The following instruction are from our good Bishop:



First, before and after Mass the parishioners are not to congregate in the vestibule or the Church and visit. You should instruct your ushers to direct all to the properly marked pews. If you must use a Parish hall or Church basement or classroom for seating, the same social distancing must be observed as in Church. After Mass you, the priest celebrant, are not to wait in the back to greet and visit with parishioners. You can explain why at some point before the end of Mass. Once Mass has concluded, all should exit the Church.

Second, for the Entrance Procession and the Recessional, only the priest celebrant and a deacon if present should participate in them and do so single-file and keeping the proper social distancing between you.

Third, do not use Mass Servers but arrange the altar so that you may pray the Mass Prayers from it, have all that you need for the Offertory close at hand as well as a sufficient number of hosts to be consecrated. The priest celebrant can prepare the gifts, etc. for the Offertory, Consecration and Holy Communion or, if there is a deacon present, he may assist you with this.

Fourth, the customary manner of taking up the collection is not to be done. Baskets are to be placed at the entrance of the Church, clearly marked for the collection so that the parishioners may place their offerings in them.

Fifth, make sure that there is hand sanitizer readily available for all to use as they see fit.

Lastly, my good brothers and sisters I will give instructions for any other items before and/or during Mass so that it will be clear for everyone how things will take place. It will be a great joy to be together again for the Holy celebration of Mass! Let us continue to pray for one another and to enter into God's holy will.

PS If any individual or family is willing to help purify the church after Masses, please call parish office!

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

Reconciliation time

Saturday 3:45-4:45

Sunday 9:30-10:15

**Weekdays 35 min
before Mass**

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 5:15 pm

Wed-Fri 7:15 am
