Sunday, June 7, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 8, 2020

6:30am John Schnur

7:30am † David Frey/The Wipperfurth Family

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

6:30am D.C.

7:30am † Earl J. Schoepp

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

6:30am Bernadine La Fave

7:30am † Roy Schoepp

Thursday, June 11, 2020

6:30am Special Intention

7:30am † Jan Breunig

Friday, June 12, 2020

6:30am Ethel Howard

7:30am † Tony Statz

Saturday, June 13, 2020

4:00pm Living and Deceased of the Roland and

Joan Mack Family

8:00pm † Ralph Breunig/The Wipperfurth

Family

Sunday, June 14, 2020

6:30am Living and Deceased of the St. Norbert's

Parish Family

8:00am † Maurice Maier

10:00am Raye Renee La Fave

Traditional Latin Masses are italicized.

The Sunday Traditional Latin Mass will be moved to

10:00am for the summer.

We are able to have 70 people attend each Mass (approximately 25%). You will no longer have to sign up to attend weekday Masses. To attend a weekend Mass please sign up or contact Fr. Jerry in advance.

ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED OR POSTPONED

Adult Faith Formation Classes are cancelled.

Annual CCW Fun Fest, Silent Auction and Raffle are cancelled for 2020.

CCW Brat Stand is cancelled for 2020.

Choir Rehearsals are cancelled.

Confirmation date yet to be determined.

Fellowship is cancelled until further notice.

First Communion is postponed to a later date.

Senior Mass date yet to be determined.

6:8 High School Mission Trip for 2020 is cancelled.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fr. Jerry would like to start evening and overnight Adoration this Thursday, June 11. Adoration will start at 5:00pm and end with Benediction on Friday at 7:15am.

CONFESSIONS

Mondays - Friday: Starting a half an hour before each

Thursdays: 5:00 - 7:00pm.

Saturday: Starting one hour before each Mass

Sunday mornings: Starting one hour before the 6:30am Mass, between the Masses, and an hour after the 11:00am

Mass.

BANNS OF MATRIMONY

Richard Jalbert and Maria Howard

HOLY COMMUNION MAY BE RECEIVED IN THE HAND OR ON

THE TONGUE The U.S. bishops' conference (USCCB) is informing American prelates that it's safe to distribute Holy Communion on the tongue. This guidance came in the form of a memorandum <u>sent</u> April 30 to all U.S. bishops by the Committee on Divine Worship chairman Abp. Leonard Blair of Hartford. The memorandum contains <u>guidelines</u> that reference a universally binding instruction titled <u>Redemptionis Sacramentum</u>, issued in 2004 by the Congregation of Divine Worship (CDW)

"We have carefully considered the question of Communion on the tongue vs. Communion in the hand. Given the Church's existing guidance on this point (see <u>Redemptionis Sacramentum</u>, no. 92), and recognizing the differing judgments and sensibilities that are involved, we believe that, with the precautions listed here, it is possible to distribute on the tongue without unreasonable risk.

"If the priest senses that his fingers have made contact with a person's hands or mouth, he should pause, place the ciborium on the corporal, and use hand sanitizer. (He may also arrange for an ablution cup to be on the table, and may purify his fingers in the ablution cup before using hand sanitizer). He may repeat this process as often as he judges necessary during the distribution of Holy Communion. It is not necessary, however, for him to use hand sanitizer between each communicant unless he makes actual contact.

NO WEARING OF GLOVES FOR DISTRIBUTION AND RECEP-

TION OF HOLY COMMUNION There would be no need since the priest would have sanitized his hands properly before and after Holy Communion.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Exciting News: The scaffolding is starting to take shape. Next week the main beam will go up. Thank you to everyone for your patience during our renovation project.

We are still short of our pledge goal! Please prayerfully consider what you are willing to pledge to help us complete the project. Fr. Jerry is able to conduct the pledge conversation via phone or Skype. We are not doing any in home visits at this time. If you are ready for a virtual visit or a phone call please contact Fr. Jerry or Juanita to schedule a time to talk to him. If you already have a pledge form please return it to Fr. Jerry or the Parish as soon as possible. If you have already made a pledge and are able to pay it all now instead of over a three to five year period please consider doing so.

A very special thank you to everyone who has already pledged to the Capital Campaign.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

We are looking for St. Norbert parishioners that would like to become a member of our wonderful Parish Council. The Council meets about 4 times a year and the commitment is for three years. Please contact Fr. Jerry or any Parish Council member if you are interested or for more information by June 14. We need at least two men and two women to fill the positions of the outgoing members.

STEWARDSHIP DURNING THE PANDEMIC

The Diocese of Madison in response to questions about how to support your parish during this time has created a guide to Stewardship during the pandemic and the suspension of Masses. The Diocese has created an on-line giving opportunity for parishes. We have a link on our website. Simply click on the Support Your Parish Link with the colored picture of St. Norbert's Church on it and it will take you directly to the portal. Please make sure to choose St. Norbert Parish, Roxbury. You may also send your offertory envelopes by mail to the parish at 8944 County Road Y, Sauk City, WI 53583.

Those of you that already donate using the Electronic Transfer of Funds previously set up can continue to do so.

A very special thank you to all of you that are continuing to keep our beloved St. Norbert's in your prayers and are sending in your offertory donations during this pandemic.

PARISH WEBSITE

The St. Norbert Parish website is https://www.saint-norbert.org/. On the website you will find Fr. Jerry's Masses, bulletins, photos. COVID-19 updates, a link to Bishop Hying's daily talks, and more.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

Church doors will be opened every day at 6:00am and closed at 8:00pm. PLEASE respect the 70 person limit and the six foot "social distancing" rules. Fr. Jerry has made some rope barriers that will help with the distancing. We have blocked off every other pew for the time being. Please remember that we have disinfectant spray and paper towels at each entrance so parishioners can spray and wipe their pews before and after use.

Parishioners will no longer be required to register for weekday Masses.

In order to be able to keep the attendance at weekend Masses at 70 parishioners, every Sunday evening, Fr. Jerry will send a message via Flocknote with a link to the weekly registration form. If you wish to attend with your family you may now register more than **one person at a time.** If you do not have computer access please feel free to contact Fr. Jerry and he will sign you up. If you have registered to attend a Mass but later on wish to cancel, please do so at least 1 hour before Mass by emailing Fr. Jerry at jzhanay@slsonline.org Weekly bulletins are available in Church, by mail, and on the website. If you do not have computer access to get the bulletin online you may request to receive the bulletin by mail by contacting Juanita at 608-643-8108 or thewipps412@gmail.com. The St. Norbert Parish website is https://www.saint-norbert.org/. We ask that you take a bulletin on your way out the door. PLEASE do not read it and leave it behind we are trying to avoid cross contamination. Any bulletin found in a pew will be destroyed.

If you personally (or if you have a loved one who) would benefit from a phone call of support and reassurance from Fr. Jerry, please contact Fr. Jerry or Juanita.

Fr. Jerry has a link on the St. Norbert webpage to watch Mass. There are two forms of the Mass available, both Latin and English. He is currently able to livestream the 11:00am Traditional Latin Mass. Every day, the Diocese is adding to and updating its page related to COVID-19 (in both English and Spanish). Please check it out at https://madisondiocese.org/madisondiocese.org/updates.

All missalettes (both English and Traditional Latin), Living Faith booklets, pens and pencils and flyers have been removed from the bulletin stations. Last week all those attending Mass were encouraged to take one home and use week after week. If you missed the opportunity to take one home and would like to have your own please contact Juanita or Fr. Jerry.

Please feel free to contact Fr. Jerry at any time at 608-370-9588 or at jzhanay@slsonline.org.



On the occasion of his ordination to the priesthood, St. Norbert said, "O Priest! You are not yourself because you are God. You are not of yourself because you are the servant and minister of Christ. You are not your own because you are the spouse of the Church. You are not for yourself because you are the mediator between God and man. You are not from yourself because you are nothing. Who then are you O Priest? You are nothing and everything. O Priest! Take care lest what was said to Christ on the cross be said to you: 'He saved others, himself he cannot save!""

St. Norbert, Apostle of the Blessed Sacrament, pray for us!

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YOUR PRAYERS NEEDED

Miriam is so far doing very well. She is continuing her treatments. Remember there is a GoFundMe page set up to help Miriam and all the Consecrated Ladies during this difficult time.

Here is the link to the GoFundMe page organized for Miriam in case you want and can contribute to help her: https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-fund-medical-cost-for-ms-maiquez

One small change to the Meal Train started for Ms. Miriam Maiquez and the Consecrated Ladies during this difficult time is that instead of meals you may sign up and purchase gift cards to help out. Instead of making a meal. Please consider donating a gift card at https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/nngydq. There is a link on the CCW Facebook page.

CCW GROUP SIGN UP SHEETS AVAIALBE

The 2020-2021 CCW Group Sign Up Sheets are available on the back register. All ladies of the Parish are members of the CCW and are asked to sign up as soon as humanly possible. If you would prefer, you may contact Juanita and she will sign you up for the group you would prefer.

FLOCKNOTES

We are excited to announce that the Diocese of Madison has set up each parish with a free Flocknote account. Flocknote is a tool that parishes can use to get information to parishioners. The information then gets sent to each parishioner with an email account or via a text. Please watch your emails for Flocknotes from Fr. Jerry or even the Diocese of Madison. We do ask that if you are unsure if the parish has a current email or cell number for you on file to please contact our Parish Secretary, Juanita, at thewipps412@gmail.com. There have been a few parishioners that are not receiving their email please contact Juanita to let her know quite often you need to add flocknotes to your email.

BISHOP HYING TO BRODACAST MASSES

You can watch a broadcast of Mass on WISC-TV / Channel3000 Sunday at 6:00am, and replayed on TVW and Direct TV 14 Sunday at 7:00am. Mass will also be on WISC-TV on Saturday at 5:00pm and 6:30pm. Thank you to WISC-TV for hosting this weekly televised Mass, for the Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities for over 50 years!

COUNTY ROAD Y ROADWORK

CTH Y will be closed to thru traffic during construction. This means that traffic stopping at a business, the Church or residence located between US 12 and CTH KP may legally enter the construction zone. Traffic may not drive through and exit the other end of the project.

The large culvert located just west of St. Dominic Street will be replaced. This work will take approximately 3-4 weeks to complete and traffic will not be able to get through while the culvert is being replaced. Access to the Church will need to come from the east during this time. A marked detour will be posted directing traffic to use US 12 and CTH KP around the closed road section.

In addition to the large culvert mentioned above there are 4 small cross culverts that will be replaced during construction. Two (2) are west of the Church driveways, One (1) is between the Church driveways and One (1) is east of Kippley Road. These will require short daytime closures during which time traffic will not be able to get through. At the end of each work day and on weekends the road should be passable from either direction.

The remainder of the work in the rural area will involve widening the roadway to accommodate the new paved shoulder. The total pavement overlay width will be 30 feet.

The "downtown" urban area starting near the Church and extending to Kippley Road will be milled and overlayed. Milling and paving operations will cause short delays (1/2 hour) as the work progresses but will not otherwise limit access to either parking lot.

Inserted into the bulletin is the letter Bishop Hying sent to all priests last Saturday, May 30. We were unable to insert the letter last week due to the timing. Even though Fr. Jerry was able to make copies available in church we feel that it would be beneficial to print it and insert again.

My Dear and Faithful People in Dane County, As I said to you ten weeks ago, the decision to cease public Masses in the Diocese of Madison was a very difficult one. Concern for the health of the community and the unknown dynamics of the Coronavirus made that decision a reasonable one in the moment. We have been willing to forgo Mass and parish activities for months now as a part of an essential, near-complete shutdown for the safety of the community, especially the elderly and the immune deficient.

At the same time, we have continued to live our Catholic faith as always. As individual Christians, you have been generous in caring for your neighbors. Our priests have been heroic in their service of our people. Our schools have adjusted heroically to continue in their work of educating children, Catholic hospitals have never ceased to care for the sick and suffering at this time, and our charitable organizations continue to get help to those most in need. I have worked to accelerate financial assistance from various sources to those affected by the coronavirus, including an accelerated gift from the Heart of Mercy Fund to go to the Beacon Day Resource Center, where Catholic Charities of Madison works side-by-side in an excellent relationship with Dane County and the City of Madison to care for our homeless population.

As a pastor of souls, I hold the spiritual health of the flock to also be of paramount importance. Our souls need the grace of Jesus Christ. As Catholics, the Holy Mass is central to our existence, far more than something we do together, it speaks to and summarizes who we are. The Eucharist is the "source and summit" of the Christian life. The Sacrifice of the Mass is tied to the Sacrifice on the Cross and the Eucharistic banquet is a promise and foretaste of the heavenly banquet. At the Catholic Mass, we encounter eternal life. We cannot live without the Mass. In recent months I have been deeply moved by the deep spiritual hunger shared by so, so many of you. We are a people of life and we wish to protect life – both here on earth and for eternity.

It has been difficult. At the same time, we have listened to health officials, who are dealing with a fluid reality, as are all of us. As they've worked to create their models and offer their theories with regard to COVID, we have tried to respond and adapt for the common good. We have been compliant with everything asked of us, while looking for every reasonable option which would allow us to gather again for Mass. In fact, in so many cases and certainly in many of our counties we have been more cautious and restrictive than county health departments, and have often waited to take every option open to us, in favor of creating a consistent and prudent plan for reopening. This is why we were surprised this week, two days before our weekend Masses. Allow me to explain. Operating fully within the restrictions issued by the health departments of our eleven counties, we labored to create a plan for safely reopening our churches for Mass – albeit in a limited fashion – with a particular focus on the "Forward Dane" Plan and the regulations given by Public Health Madison and Dane County, which were the most comprehensive of all county plans. When Dane County Emergency Order #1 came out, we were hopeful, in that Dane County had shifted religious organizations from a position of being deemed "essential," but with significant restrictions, to a place of equal treatment under the law.

When the county's revised Emergency Order #2 came forward on May 18th, we were further confirmed in our sense that we could move forward with reopening safely and carefully, alongside so many other businesses and services in our eleven counties.

In response, on Thursday May 21st, we issued our "Guidelines for the Resumption of Public Masses in the Diocese of Madison in Relation to the Coronavirus Pandemic," which included a plan for Mass attendance at a limit of 25% of occupancy capacity, along with physical distancing and sanitary measures, which was in conformity with civil orders at that time. However, on Friday, May 22nd Madison/Dane County Health issued Emergency Order #3 which, inexplicably and with no consultation seemed to relegate religious organizations to an entirely new and more regulated category. Initially, we did not think a strict reading of the order could be correct in that it would constitute an undue and unequal burden placed only on religious organizations. As such, I told our priests we would stay the course with our fully developed reopening plan.

However, late this week, I was contacted by an official at Madison/Dane County Health and told that not only were they interpreting the order in this more restrictive way, but they were planning to send overseers to our churches, which could face a fine of \$1000 for each instance wherein more than 50 people gathered for Mass. (I understand that they are now backing away from threats that they'll be watching us in person but the public health official clearly stated that to me.) In addition to contacting me, these officials also directly contacted our parishes. As such, after prayer and discussion, I am counseling compliance for this weekend, until we are able to better examine this situation. We hope for some fruitful dialogue with Dane County Officials this coming week, who took this discriminatory action against people of faith suddenly and without any consultation with us.

Please be clear, I am not quietly submitting to the directives of the County in this matter. Under grave protest, we are asking our 40 churches and oratories in Dane County to comply with the 50-person limit for religious services, solely for the reason of avoiding citations and punitive enforcement this weekend. Complying this weekend allows time for Dane County to remedy this injustice and, in the absence of a remedy, allows us more than just two days to evaluate, to strategize, and to prayerfully consider action going forward. Our parishes outside the limits of Dane County are not affected.

Three facts need no further evaluation: we are not receiving equal treatment under the law, our beloved people of faith are suffering for it, and this unequal treatment is occurring in one of the eleven counties in the Diocese of Madison. With those suffering members of our faithful, I ask, "If theatres, gyms, malls, and public pools can reopen in a way that is safe, with a 25% occupancy cap on their basic operations, why can't we?"

There was clearly a sense under Dane County Emergency Orders 1 & 2 that we would be able to reopen, with all appropriate protections, under that occupancy cap. Why now are we being singled out as not able to surpass 5 or 10% occupancy in many of our Churches? Are we once-again not deemed as "essential" as other services and businesses? Is a gymnasium filled to 25% capacity with people running, sweating, and breathing deeply really so much safer than a Church filled to 25% capacity with people maintaining social distance and quietly praying (not singing)? Is a restaurant that much safer at 25% capacity? A movie theater?

To all those who were let down this weekend with the sudden reversal from Mass attendance at 25% occupancy to only 50 people, I am sorry for your suffering. I ask for your continued prayers. Please pray for all those who have died or suffered from this pandemic. Please pray for the wisdom of our government officials and pray that we all can make good decisions going forward.

God bless all of you and please pray for me.

Sincerely in Christ, +Donald J. Hying Bishop of Madison

June 5, 2020

"We are pleased that the County and the City have ended the unequal 50-person cap on religious gatherings. As Bishop, it is my duty to ensure that Sunday Mass be available as widely as possible to the Catholic faithful, while following best practices when it comes to public health. Indeed, in a time of deep division, it is more important than ever for the Church to provide solace and comfort to all, in the great tradition of American religious freedom. We look forward to working together with the County and City to continue the reopening process in a safe, cooperative, and responsible manner."

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