



# St. Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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## **Update from Bishop Quinn:**

While I realize that all of you are eager to return to the public celebration of Mass, I am not able to set a date at this time.

- **The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect until further notice.**
- **Those over age 65 and those with underlying health conditions will be strongly encouraged not to attend.**
- **The date for the reopening our churches for worship is still uncertain.**
- Anyone showing any symptoms of sickness, or anyone who has a household member who is sick or showing symptoms of sickness should not come to Church.
- A meeting has been scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2020, between faith leaders and public officials to solicit feedback on a new set of public worship guidelines that the Governor's administration will be producing for churches and other houses of worship. Early next week, all the bishops of Minnesota, will together decide on a path forward, which will include identifying a specific date on which to return to limited public Masses for a number greater than 10 people.
- Our decision will be guided by three principles: 1) love of neighbor and concern for the common good, including the health and well-being of our neighbors; 2) respect for public authorities and their directives and guidance, and 3) the rights of the faithful to the Sacraments and the duty of worship we owe to God.

## **Additional Comments:**

- All the faithful should continue to follow hygienic practices at home: wash hands often, avoid touching the face, cover coughs and sneezes, etc. It is also recommended to use the restroom at home before coming to church.
- "In solidarity with the entire Body of Christ, we are aware of our obligation to respect our liturgical traditions, but also our obligation to respect the dignity of every human life." (Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, May 2020)
- **We continue have a Live Stream Mass each week. Check the current bulletin, since the time and day will vary.**
- **We will resume the celebration of weekday public Masses (in the near future) with no more than 10 people (including the priest), once we have meet certain current directives and protocols (which our Task Force is presently addressing).**

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## LIMITED RE-OPENING OF OUR CHURCHES: PHASE II COVID-19:

The Course of the pandemic remains unpredictable, and it is too soon to know when Phase II will begin.

- This virus will be around until we have a vaccine. Counties/cities with few cases now will be prime targets for later outbreaks. We can't become complacent. There will be risk when attending Mass for the foreseeable future.
- These recent shelter at home orders have only prevented overloading of the health care facilities. The Covid 19 virus has not been eliminated from our community. Although public Masses are resuming, people are still going to get the infection.
- 80% of the Covid 19 deaths are in people over age 65.
- **If a Mass attendee tests positive for Covid 19 it is possible that all others in attendance would be quarantined for 2 weeks.**
- Singing and loud speech spread aerosolized particles of saliva that can remain airborne for several hours, spreading the virus.
- A face mask may not prevent one from being infected, but it helps prevent carriers of the virus, who may be asymptomatic, **from infecting someone else**. Using a mask is a neighborly thing to do.

**Before our churches begin to resume public Masses**, the Diocese has required Task Forces to be set up in every parish to address numerous issues.

**St. Patrick's Task Force** will meet on Tuesday evening, May 19, and **Crucifixion Church's Task Force** will meet on Wednesday evening, May 20.

All information regarding when churches will begin to resume public Masses and the related precautions and steps will be relayed within our Bulletin and on our facebook page. For Parishioners that do not have either outlet, a personal phone will occur.

*Mother of God and our Mother,  
pray for us to God, the Father of mercies  
that this great suffering may end  
and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Amen.  
~Pope Francis*



**Mass offering** envelopes can be mailed to St. Patrick's Parish at the address below. Support for our Parish is still needed especially during this time of crisis.

**Donations to St. Patrick's Cemetery** can be sent to St. Patrick's Parish Office at 604 Adams Street, P.O. Box 155, Brownsville, MN 55919 **OR** placed in the collection basket during Mass. Mark "St. Patrick's Cemetery" on the outside of envelope and on the check.

**Requests for the Prayer Network** may be emailed to [stpatricks@acegroup.cc](mailto:stpatricks@acegroup.cc) or leave a message at the Parish Office at 507-482-6818. Make sure to provide your name, to whom the request is for and any other details you wish.

**Reconciliation** is available **by appointment only until after May 15**. Confessions are taken in the back of the church, in a small room. A red light will be turned on when Father is hearing a confession.