

Dear Saint Michael Parishioners,

I hope you are well. This is the latest from Saint Michael parish:

1. Weekday and Sunday Masses are open to the public. The obligation to attend weekend Masses remains lifted. That is, if you have extenuating factors and believe you would be at risk in contracting the coronavirus, you are not obligated to attend. We continue to pursue all Nebraska Department of Health and Diocese of Lincoln protocols for Mass attendance. These include:

A.) Social distancing B.) Sanitizing chairs C.) Providing hand sanitizer and masks.

I would ask those who attend Mass to please wear a mask. Therefore, I invite you to please join us for Mass. Weekday Masses are 7:00 A.M. and 8:15 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. Weekend Masses are Saturday at 5:00 P.M. and Sunday at 8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., and 11:10 A.M. All Masses are in the gym. Confessions are Saturday afternoon from 4:00-5:00 P.M. and one half-hour before each Sunday Mass. Weekend confessions are heard in the entrance to the bell tower.

In addition, we are reinstating daily confessions from 7:30-8:00 A.M. in the regular confessional in the parish offices.

Fathers Schwenka, Pfeiffer, and I would love to see you. Please join us if you can.

2. The Day Chapel remains open for anyone wishing to make a Holy Hour or pray. The code (24 hours a day) is 4863 then hit "bell" at the bottom of the key pad. This code is written on the west side of the nearest brick column at about eye level. The Chapel is secure with access to a bathroom. I truly believe the many blessings we are experiencing as a parish are due to the time that you spend in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.
3. Let us continue to pray for each other in these unsettling and troubling times. I hope the issues of the day do not divide us, discourage us, or kill our spirit. Remember, we are Christians and, in particular, Catholics before all else. Try to shut the TV and all social media off for at least a week. I assure you it will do you good. I think many people are anxious, angry, frustrated, and confused. Television and social media just add to this mix of emotions.
4. I find it necessary to ask you once again to continue to support Saint Michael parish through stewardship for our ongoing financial needs for ordinary operating expenses. If you have not sent in your envelope for church support, would you consider doing so? Decrease in Mass attendance has resulted in smaller collections. Whatever you can do is greatly appreciated.

Lastly, as always please feel free to contact me with any questions, ideas that you may have. frborowiak@cdolinc.net; call or text (cell) 402-525-2566. Know that I keep you in my prayer every day.

With the Lord's blessings,

Fr. Borowiak