



SAINT DENNIS PARISH

A CATHOLIC CHURCH CENTERED ON CHRIST

IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

NOTICE of Worship & Events

There is a great deal of information coming out with regard to the current COVID-19 outbreak, but a great deal remains unknown. What is clear, is that it is important for us to do what we can to diminish opportunities for the spread of this virus. It is certainly important that we not panic and that we keep our trust firmly in the Lord, His promise to remain with us, and our ultimate promise of Eternal Life. Having received directives from the Diocese of Madison and Bishop Donald Hying, we are encouraging and offering the following:

- The Bishop is dispensing everyone in the Diocese of Madison from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation until further notice.
- **This weekend (3/14-3/15) our Mass schedule will remain as scheduled.**
- **Under consideration - possibly beginning next weekend (3/21-3-22) we may only have Mass at 4:00 pm on Saturdays and 9:00 am on Sundays. Stay tuned for confirmation.**
- **Next weekend, we are planning to live stream a Mass. This video will also be available afterwards.**
- Weekday, daily Mass at 8:00 am will remain as scheduled.
- All large-scale events are being cancelled. Smaller meetings of organizations, committees, and ministries may make their own judgement call if they would like to convene or not.

Options to Give

During this time, we especially rely on your gifts and generosity to Saint Dennis. In lieu of placing your contribution in the offertory basket on weekends, you may wish to consider using our online giving system. It's easy and convenient. You have the option to select one-time gifts or set up recurring gifts.

[Click here to access online giving.](#)

We're here to help. If you need any assistance with online giving, please contact the Parish Office at 608-246-5124 or e-mail office@stdennisparish.org. Also, feel free to bring your contributions in person to the Parish Office during the week.

Please Take Comfort

Remember, no matter the distance or our decision not to gather

physically, we are never alone. The Lord is always with us and among us. And, so long as we are united to Him, we are alive in His Body, the Church. In this way, we may create “social distance,” but deepen our corporate closeness in Him. With events being cancelled and work hours reduced, we should be communing more frequently in prayer with our God, remaining in mystical communion with Him and the Universal Church, and always remembering our duty to charity. We should not close in upon ourselves, but continue to reach out – even if over the phone or electronic means – to check in with one another, to reconnect, and to attend to the needs of our neighbors as we are able.

Please know that we will continue to monitor this situation and will update you if things change.

We Pray

All the faithful of the Diocese of Madison and all people of good will are asked to pray fervently and to attend lovingly to the needs of those around them, especially the most vulnerable. The ultimate goal of our lives should be communion with God and an act of spiritual communion can help a person draw closer to that goal.

*My Jesus, I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
-Amen*

-- Father Randy Timmerman

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