

18 May 2020

Dear Saint Peter Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! As you may have heard already, public celebration of **Mass for Sunday/weekends resumes on May 30-31, 2020** on Pentecost. While we are looking forward to this with great joy, in this writing, I want to share a few details about what this will look like for us and expectations.



Before the details, I want to **thank you** for your continued support of the parish by your prayers; your financial support; your kind words, actions and service towards myself, Fr. Rick and your neighbors, friends and families.

Thank you also to our incredible staff and volunteers who have allowed us to keep the Church open, our facilities clean and safe, and religious education and formation going digitally.

Then, below are details regarding attending Sunday Mass beginning on May 30.

- We will only be able to allow 25% of our church capacity at each Mass. This means 175 people in the church, with an additional 125 people in the church hall downstairs, for a total of **300 people**.
- The typical Mass schedule will continue (Sat. 5PM and 8PM; Sun 7:30AM and 10:30AM).
- Only the **north entrance (canopy door)** will be open.
- All parishioners will be encouraged to wear masks, and a small supply will be available.
- Ushers will direct parishioners to seats to maintain social distancing; households may sit together.
- Communion is to be received only in the hand; only the priest and deacon will distribute Holy Communion; Communion will not be distributed by the Cup.

Given the excitement to return to church for Mass, there is a possibility there will not be room at the Mass you wish to attend. I encourage you to consider the 8PM (which typically had lower attendance) if you are able. Please be patient with us and with one another as we move towards celebrating Mass together again.

If you are uncomfortable coming to Mass for any reason, please know that you are dispensed from your Sunday obligation through July 5, 2020. Those in at-risk groups due to age, pre-existing conditions, compromised immune systems or any symptoms are encouraged to stay home.

Confessions will be offered Monday – Saturday at 11AM and Tuesday – Friday at 6PM at St. Peter Church. St. Peter Church will continue to be **open for private prayer** Monday – Friday, 11AM – 7PM. Both of these opportunities would be good ways for you to prepare to receive Jesus again. There will *not* be confession right before Mass on Saturday evening.

If you have any questions, please contact us: Fr. Rick, 262.644.8083, ext. 2106, or fr.rick.stoffel@stpeterslinger.org; or, Fr. Jonathon, ext. 2205 or frjs@stpeterslinger.org.

Yours in Christ,

Father Rick J. Stoffel

Father Jonathon A. Schmeckel

NEIGHBORING PARISHES MASS SCHEDULE

Resurrection: Saturday 6:30PM; Sunday 8:30AM**St. Lawrence: Saturday 4PM; Sunday 10AM***

TRUSTEE AND PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Please watch the weekly bulletin or go to St. Peter's website at www.stpeterslinger.org for information on upcoming Trustee and Pastoral Council Elections. Nominations close Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 3:30PM. Voting will be held the weekend of July 4th/5th, 2020. If you have questions please contact the Nomination Committee: Paul Rogers 262-627-0636 or Cheryl Wachtel 262-629-9714.

PASTOR'S SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT..... I am recovering steadily and well from my cardiac event and hospitalization on March 24 and have begun to perform some priestly services and pastoral duties. My doctors and the Archbishop agree that I can return more fully with Catholic Comeback beginning May 30-31, granting me permission to say public Masses. While I will not do more than stamina allows and promise to take good care of myself, I'm very happy to become somewhat useful again! Fr. Jonathon will continue as temporary administrator (Isn't he doing a GREAT job?!) 'til Monday, June 01. At that time the pastoral situation will be considered resolved; I promise to make "good use" of him as my long-term recovery continues! I am deeply grateful for the get-well cards, prayers and good wishes ... I read every one, and appreciate each of you very much. Looking forward to seeing more of you when we are able. - *Affectionately, Fr. Rick*

St. Peter Catholic School Happenings... A Special THANK YOU to all of our St. Peter, Resurrection and St. Lawrence parishioners for supporting our Catholic school. We appreciate all the talents, time and treasures that you continue to share with us as they help to build the foundation of our Catholic faith for our precious children to become our future Catholic leaders of tomorrow.



Come and Visit our Catholic School!! We would be very happy to give you a "social distancing" tour, a visit with the teacher and answer any questions you may have about our wonderful Catholic School in Slinger!! We also offer before/after school childcare and summer childcare. Education Scholarship Fund applications are available for all families. We are accepting registration for 2020-2021 school year for grades 3K – 5th. Please contact Cheryl Jaeger, Principal/Marketing Director, at cheryl.jaeger@stpeterslinger.org or call 262-644-8083 ext. 3105, with any questions, make an appointment for a "social distancing" tour or mail a registration folder.

Summer Childcare – Summer childcare will open on Monday, June 1 from 6:30AM – 5:30PM. If you have any questions or are interested in registering your child(ren), please contact Mrs. Yvonne Stucke, 262-644-8083 x3105 or schoolsecretary@stpeterslinger.org.

2020-2021 Religious Education registration and calendar information was recently sent to existing families. Sunday School is available for PK-5th grade. Middle and High School youth may choose from Traditional Monday (9th-11th) and Wednesday (6th -8th) evening classes, Summer or Family Programs. More information is also available on our website at www.stpeterslinger.org/parent-resources. Contact Kim resecretary@stpeterslinger.org or 262-644-8083 x2211 if you have questions or need more information. An early registration discount is given to those who register by June 30, 2020.

Coffee and Catholic Answers will continue through the summer via Facebook www.facebook.com/StPeterSlinger/live_videos/. Watch live and participate in the conversation every Sunday at 9AM. Or catch up with past episodes at any time. Watch the bulletin and Facebook for upcoming topics.

A message from Lisa Schmitt, Minister of Aging

An Act of Spiritual Communion

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

If you have a loved one and feel a phone call from Church would be helpful please contact me at 262-644-8818 and I'll give them a loving call to say hello!

Rita's Table will return! Watch upcoming bulletins and check St. Peter's website for updates. We hope to see you VERY soon.

