



March 25, 2020

Dear Parish Family,

The St. John's team was elated to see that Governor Evers deemed houses of worship to be essential! Praise God. As a result, we will continue to do all that we have been doing thus far, and then some. We want to recap some of what we have been doing and share with you some new things as well!

CHURCH

Open 12:00pm – 3:00pm Monday – Sunday – The church will be open, however, social distancing and CDC guidelines will be enforced. The church will be monitored to ensure only 10 are present at a time. If it is full, you will be asked to return another time or to wait until someone leaves. We have assigned seating, Clorox wipes and hand sanitizer for each person to utilize. Please be sure to adhere to these stipulations we have put into place so we can continue to provide this to our parish.

WORSHIP

We will continue to livestream the following Masses and opportunities for worship.

- Daily Weekday Mass – Tuesday 6:30pm/Wednesday – Friday 8:30am
- Weekend Mass – Saturday 4:30pm/Sunday 10:00am (there will not be an 8:00am Mass)
- Wednesday Home Church Holy Hour – 6:30pm-7:30pm (see below for more information)
- Stations of the Cross – Friday 7:00pm-8:00pm

DOMESTIC CHURCH – Inviting Jesus into your home

There are various ways that we will provide you with opportunities to worship, connect, pray, and ponder. We will continue to share other ways via our website, email and Facebook so keep watching for those. For now, here are a few:

Home Church Holy Hour – Every Wednesday Fr. Jim and Deacon Nick will join us together for prayer 6:30pm – 7:30pm. We will be praying the Rosary, the Litany of St. Joseph, read scripture and have time for reflection all at the feet of Jesus. More information on this, including the prayer sheets for this evening's Holy Hour, will be sent in a separate email

FORMED – This is a wonderful free online tool purchased by St. Johns for the entire parish to use. There is something for everyone- movies, studies, podcasts, audio books, and great content for kids! Here is how it works:

1. Visit formed.org
2. Click "Sign Up"
3. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"
4. Find St. John the Baptist, Green Bay
5. Enter your email- and you're in!

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will remain “open” from 8:00am – 12:00pm. However, to limit the amount of people coming into the office, we ask you call before you arrive. If you need something, we will meet you at the door to assist you in any way possible. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need us for anything at all. We are here for you!

STEWARDSHIP

So many of us are being impacted financially by this virus and are hurting. We will continue to pray for all of you that are experiencing hardships. We are committed to being there for you although in a different way than we have before. Therefore, we want to remain fully operational during this challenge.

We have been receiving phone calls from some parishioners wanting to sign up for automatic withdrawal and asking how they can continue to contribute. We understand not everyone is able to do this.

If you are in a position to do so we have several ways that you can continue to contribute.

RECOMMENDED

EFT – This is the recommended way to contribute due to the fact that 100% of your contribution will go directly to St. John’s parish without any fees. We have attached the form to be filled out and mailed back to the parish office. Our address is 2597 Glendale Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54313

NEW

We now have an online giving opportunity for our parishioners. There is a transaction fee for the parish associated with the online giving. It is a minimal fee although a fee all the same. Ctrl + Click on the link below to submit your stewardship for the parish.

<https://www.osvhub.com/sjbh/funds/parish-support-2020>

CHECK

You can always use your church envelopes as many of you have been. You can either mail them into the parish office or drop them in the mail slot in the door on the parish office porch.

Any option you decide is much appreciated and will allow us to continue to care for our Parish home and bring our Lord and Savior to our parish family. If you have any questions on either of these, please contact Lisa Piechota at lpiechota@sjbh.org. We want to thank you for your prayerful consideration in deciding to continue to support your parish home.

Together, in Christ, we will conquer the coronavirus with the grace and love of God. Pray we will be together again soon.

Fr. Jim & Sarah Wulf