

# The Vianney Vine

“I am the vine and you are the branches.” John 15.5

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## Working toward our new normal



A microscopic organism thrust our world and way of life into a “different normal.”

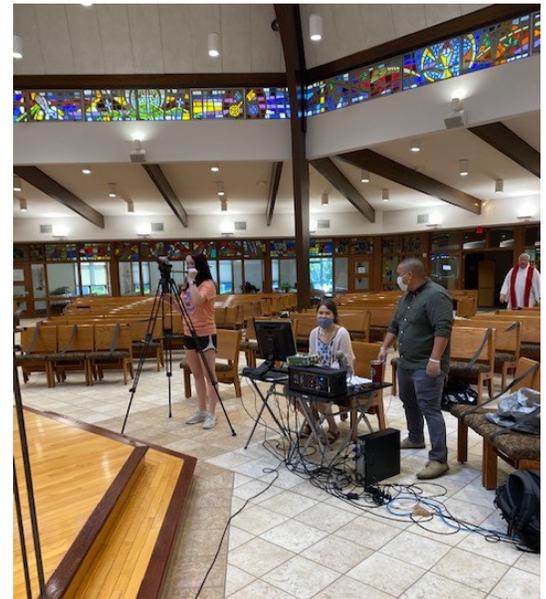
Ever since spring break, all the churches in the Diocese of Davenport have responded to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. Public liturgies morphed into online virtual liturgies. Scripture services at funeral homes replaced funeral Masses. Weddings were postponed. We all became accustomed to a new phrase called “social distancing.” Life changed. We look forward to the way things used to be.



Father Vrba

Several weeks ago, Bishop Zinkula gave us the “green light” to move to Step Two of our diocesan response to the pandemic. We again are able to celebrate public Mass – with new protocols to help keep everyone safe and well.

Parishioners may sit in every third pew – with a 6-foot “social distancing” between family groups. Face masks are required to help ensure the safety of others. (Many



TOP LEFT: Father Jim looks over his script for the video produced to instruct parishioners on Step Two procedures for attending Mass. TOP RIGHT: Eleanor Kiel, Lori Lower and Sue Cassatt discuss how the distribution of Holy Eucharist will be done. ABOVE: Mitchell Narvasa gives training to Catherine and Lizzie Moore in live-streaming the Mass.

# A time to appreciate what matters the most

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are quite fashionable!) We sanitize our hands before and after Mass, as well as before and after receiving Holy Communion. Colorful arrows on the floor direct the flow of people to and from Communion.

Instrumental music replaces congregational singing. A bowl and pitcher of water replaces the baptism font.

I wondered how we were going to help institute all these new protocols. I'm happy to say that our Liturgy Commission, under the direction of Eleanor Kiel, has made the transition much easier. This talented and energetic group of parishioners responded to the call to ensure all the diocesan directives of Step Two could be creatively implemented.

I hope you have a chance to view the informative and creative video about celebrating Mass during Step Two. Mitchell Narvasa, our Pastoral Associate of Evangelization and Discipleship, has been the technical person behind the scenes with camera, tripod, and a host of electronic equipment, to make the daily and weekend Masses accessible on our parish Facebook and website. Eleanor Kiel composed the basic script. Members of the Liturgy Commission and staff took part in the video. Mitch took the raw video and crafted (cut and pasted) it into a fine and entertaining instructional piece. Kudos to them all!!!

I don't know when life will return to normal -- when we will be able to celebrate the liturgy with "full, active and conscious participation." We may have to wait until science gives us a vaccine.



Father Jim addresses parishioners via Facebook in March.

Until then, we will adapt as necessary. RCIA candidates will be received into the church the afternoon of July 12. Children will receive their First Holy Communion during Saturday and Sunday Masses toward the end of July. Weddings and funerals may again take place during Mass.

At some time down the road, Bishop Zinkula will give us permission to begin Step Three. Every other pew will be used for seating. The Gloria, responsorial psalm and responses may be sung again (but no hymns). Face masks and sanitizing will remain necessary.

Life has indeed changed. This world has become even smaller. Family and friends have learned to become closer through formats such as Zoom, Skype and FaceTime. We have learned to do without. We have learned to be creative. And maybe we have even learned to recognize and appreciate the things in life that matter the most.

Several months ago, the Vatican composed new Mass texts "In Time of Pandemic." Praying the collect to this Mass helps to put life in perspective:

*Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray, look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.*  
Amen

*Fr Jim*

# BUSY HANDS CRAFT PALM CROSSES

When the pandemic forced Palm Sunday Masses to go online, it was not possible to distribute the palms delivered to the parish. SJV parishioners came to the rescue, crafting hundreds of palm crosses after bags of palms were dropped on their porches. Pictured are just a few of the volunteers. TOP ROW: Isabella and Max

Flores; Norah and Reese Valleroy. MIDDLE ROW: Donna and Kait Kuhl and Missy Schulz (inset) work over FaceTime; Joan Wysoske and niece Hailey Wilson; Anne and Ellie Kurth. BOTTOM ROW: Mason and James Breen (sister Regan not pictured); Sarah Landwehr, Rachel Norton and Becky Landwehr.

*Palm crosses can be picked up in the Gathering Space at church or outside the north entrance.*



# Welcome back to Mass at SJV

## STEP 2 OF REOPENING

Bishop Thomas Zinkula has announced that parishes may enter Step 2 of the Diocesan plan to reopen. We may celebrate the Eucharist together, beginning Tuesday June 23, with safety precautions in place. *Attendance at any public gathering will still involve some risk.*



## HEALTH PRECAUTIONS

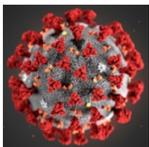
All persons ages 3 and up must wear face protection inside the building. Please make sure you have just washed or sanitized your hands before entering. We will also have sanitizer available at the entrances. Please also bring your own small bottle of hand sanitizer, which you will use both before and after you receive Eucharist. Hand sanitizer is now back in stock at grocery stores and drugstores.



**Throughout this pandemic, the obligation to attend Mass remains suspended.**

## COVID-19

Please stay home if you or another member of your household/someone in your care:



- \*Are experiencing symptoms of or have been recently exposed to COVID-19
- \*Are over 65 years of age or have an underlying medical condition
- \*Have traveled to an area with a high rate of COVID-19 cases

## MASS SCHEDULE

Until further notice, our Mass schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday 7:45 a.m.**
- Wednesday 9:00 a.m.**
- Thursday 9:00 a.m.**
- Friday 9:00 a.m.**
- Saturday 4:30 p.m.**
- Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.**

We ask parishioners to attend only *one Mass per week* for now, as we will have very limited seating. Those who are able to attend a weekday Mass are urged to do so, to allow room for those who work on weekdays to attend on the weekends.

**WE WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE STREAM ALL MASSES, WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING LIVE OR AT A LATER TIME.**

## WEEKEND MASS TICKETING

Those who wish to attend Mass on the weekend will need to get a ticket.



Please use this exact link for tickets:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mass-tickets-106818390682>

Please get one ticket per person in your family (including children). You will show your tickets (either printed or on your phone) to the ushers when you enter the building. Those who do not have internet access may call the office (563-332-7910) to receive their tickets via snail mail. (The office will remain closed to visitors.) *Tickets for Daily Mass are not required at this time.*

## ENTERING THE CHURCH

Fifteen minutes before Mass begins, three entrances will be opened for you to enter the building. Ushers will be directing you to your seats. Please understand that you will not be able to choose your seats for now, in order to follow Diocesan directives for efficient and safe seating. All of our seating must be filled from front to back. At the conclusion of Mass, the ushers will direct you for safe dismissal, exiting from back to front.

## WHAT MASS WILL LOOK LIKE

For now, we will not be having altar servers, cantors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick and Confined, nor Welcome Center ministers. We will also be using only one reader initially, and the only music will be instrumental when we gather, process to communion, and exit.

Fr. Jim will be seated on the altar as you enter the worship space. Our cue to start Mass will be when he stands to reverence the altar. We join him in standing and then he will lead us in the sign of the cross. All of our acclamations will be spoken instead of sung. The prayers, readings and the homily will be shortened. The sign of peace will be by non-contact gesture only. Please see the other side of this letter for details on receiving communion.

## AFTER MASS

After Mass, we will need everyone to exit the building right away, in the order that the ushers direct us. We will need plenty of time to sanitize the building to be ready for the next Mass.

The safest place for conversations will be outside, maintaining at least 6 feet distance at all times. Please do not linger in the church or Gathering Space.

## ST. JULIAN OF NORWICH

The 14th Century mystic Julian of Norwich once wrote: "All shall be well, all shall be well... For there is a Force of love moving through the universe that holds us fast and will never let us go."



May almighty God bless all of you: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen. All shall be well!

# Receiving the Eucharist

When we come together as a faith community to celebrate Mass during the pandemic, we must observe safety precautions to protect the health of all those gathered. When you approach to receive the Eucharist, we ask you to follow these guidelines.



After the sign of peace, we prepare to receive communion. Please sanitize your hands in your pew, using the small bottle that you brought from home. Ushers will direct us and we will have one-way markings on the floor, directing our movement and assisting us to maintain 6 feet distance during the communion procession.



We will be receiving the Precious Body in the hand only (not on the tongue). Please keep wearing your mask. A reminder that our posture is to give a slight bow of the head when saying "Amen."



Then, please step to the side, carefully remove one side of your mask, consume the Precious Body, and then put your mask back on. Our Extraordinary Ministers will be taking utmost precaution in sanitizing their own hands multiple times and avoiding touching your hands when they distribute. If you come forward for a blessing, they will extend their hands in gesture only without touching you.



When you return to your pew, please sanitize your hands again.

For those who will continue to participate in Mass from home, here is the St. Francis Liguori prayer for spiritual communion.

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot receive You now 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.*



Guidelines adapted from the Diocese of Des Moines based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

# Volunteers help the hungry during pandemic

By JAN TOUNEY

With needs in the community greater than ever during the pandemic, parishioners are continuing to volunteer, especially to provide meals and food to those in need.

Sisters Lizzie and Catherine Moore helped to pack food boxes for the COVID-19 Emergency Food Box Project at the One Eighty Community Center in Davenport. The boxes were delivered to food insecure families from a variety of Davenport schools.

Lizzie, a student at Northern Illinois University, and Catherine, a student at Pleasant Valley High School, found themselves with time on their hands after schools shut down.

Catherine, who was confirmed in February, said she can't imagine what it would be like to wake up hungry and not know what there would be to eat that day.

Volunteering at One Eighty "gives you a feeling of communion with those who are going through a tough time," she said.

Lizzie said her experience puts things in perspective.

"People are just struggling to get through," she said. "The biggest satisfaction is seeing how much 2 ½ hours of your time affects people."

Those interested in participating in the Food Box Project or donating supplies can contact Cheryl Winger at [Cheryl@oneeighty.org](mailto:Cheryl@oneeighty.org).

Lizzie and Catherine also are volunteering this summer to assist in livestreaming Masses so parishioners can still watch on Facebook if they do not feel comfortable attending in person. They are pictured on Page 1 getting trained by Mitchell Narvasa, Pastoral Associate of Evangelization and Discipleship.

Dan and Katie Schlader have continued their volunteer work at King's Harvest Ministries in Davenport.

"Katie and I go together on Wednesdays to pack lunches and I go Friday for lunches and Saturday to pack breakfasts," Dan



Catherine Moore helps pack food supplies for the COVID-19 Emergency Food Box Project at the One Eighty Community Center.

said. "The meals are handed out the front door by other volunteers. We wear masks when close by other volunteers, which is most of the time. We start our meal packing with prayer. We feel like part of another family working together."

"This activity helps us focus our good works since church activities are down," Dan said. "The poor will always be with us and especially now with the pandemic hitting them hard, we feel it necessary to assist where we can."

The pandemic also has changed the routine at Café on Vine in Davenport, where Sue Cassatt is a volunteer. Patrons are served through a window, and she misses the interaction with the guests. But she also appreciates the

safety precautions that are taken.

"I serve on Monday and I can't think of a better way to start my week," she said. "I'm so thankful that I'm able to help, and I thank God for all the blessings He has given me."

Barb Emerson said her volunteer work at the Bettendorf Ecumenical Food Pantry has helped her live her faith through the Corporal Works of Mercy.

She has subbed for volunteers who have been unable to fill their shifts because of health issues or caring for someone with a health issue.

"I am so grateful to all the members of the Church of St. John Vianney who have helped feed my clients through their donations of food and money to buy food," she said.



Barb Emerson volunteers at the Bettendorf Ecumenical Food Pantry.

## 2020 NOMINATE A PARISHIONER TO THE MINISTRY OF PARISH COUNCIL

### *The Vision Statement of Saint John Vianney Church:*

*To be a welcoming, liturgical community calling all members to Christ action.*

**Prayer:** O God, send forth your Holy Spirit into my heart that I may perceive, into my mind that I may remember, and into my soul that I may meditate. Inspire me to speak with piety, holiness, tenderness, and mercy. Teach, guide, and direct my thoughts and senses from beginning to end. May your grace ever help and correct me, and may I be strengthened now with wisdom from on high, for the sake of your infinite mercy. Amen. (Saint Anthony of Padua)

I would like to be considered for Parish Council. My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

I recommend this person be considered for Parish Council: \_\_\_\_\_

I believe this person would be a good candidate for Parish Council for the following reasons:

Signature (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY SUNDAY, JULY 26**

### Criteria for Membership to the Parish Council

#### Way of life:

- ◆ A registered and participating member of the faith community
- ◆ A regular participant at Mass on the Lord's Day
- ◆ An excitement about Saint John Vianney Church
- ◆ An ability to listen
- ◆ An ability to articulate accurately what one has heard
- ◆ A desire for spiritual growth
- ◆ An openness to study and reflection
- ◆ An eagerness to help the parish articulate its vision and direction

#### Skills:

- ◆ An ease in working in groups
- ◆ An ability to inspire and lead others
- ◆ A willingness to delegate responsibilities
- ◆ An ability to 'follow through' after making a commitment
- ◆ An ability to make decisions
- ◆ Availability of time and focused energy



**Current Parish Council Members and Committee Chairs are:** Bob Baldes, Christy Barnum, Judy Benevento, Marty Corrigan, Dan Drescher, Dc Daryl Fortin, Eleanor Kiel, Mark McCluskey, Joe Morales, Jeannie Moran, Deb Morse, Wayne Morse, Mitch Narvasa, Brian Nikulski, Dan Schlader, Jan Stevenson, Deb Sullivan, Tom Sunderbruch, Phil Tyler, and Tia Watson. **Finance Council Members are:** Mia Frommelt, Dennis Gerard, Don Lower and Earl Payson. **Parish Directors are:** Kathy Langley and Les Lipinski.

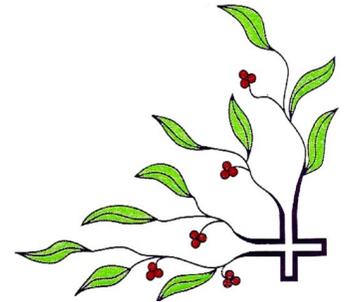
***Since all the above are already serving in this ministry, they are not eligible for nomination.***



Celebrate the feast of our patron, Saint John Vianney, with a novena of prayer leading to a feast day Mass at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4.

Pamphlets with the daily novena prayers will be available at the church entrances for weekend Masses July 18-19 and July 25-26.

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