

April 22, 2020

Dear Faithful of St. John the Apostle: A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOVING PASTOR,

Until the national health emergency is lifted by President Trump, while obeying the directives of the Archdiocese of Louisville, regarding Mass schedules, other liturgical services, and private prayer opportunities, the church remains CLOSED.

We have been directed by our civil government leaders to stay home as much as possible. For the health and safety of fellow citizens the church is closed which means no public Rosary, Adoration, Daily Mass or weekend Masses.

A Funeral Service (no funeral Mass) will take place in church, with the proper social distancing, and is open to the IMMEDIATE FAMILY ONLY, NO ONE ELSE.

The Sunday Masses of April 26th, May 3rd, 10th and May 17th will be live streamed from the convent chapel at 4:30pm on Saturday. The Feast of the Ascension on May 24th, the Feast of Pentecost on May 31st, The Holy Trinity on June 7th and Corpus Christi on June 14th will be live streamed from the church at 4:30pm on Saturday afternoon.

PLEASE PONDER your own personal spirituality and relationship with God. That relationship is PRIMARILY improved through prayer in the privacy of our homes and hearts, NOT in public worship for 1 hour or less per week inside the church building.

My home is open for Confessions, please call first at 422-2996. A sincere and heart-felt prayer of sorrow for our sins is "Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." A Perfect Act of Contrition requires a sincere desire for forgiveness and the firm intention to make a regular confession when it is safe to do so. I can only absolve sins in the Church's name; Our Lord and Savior forgives us and continues to do so any minute of our day, without the sacrament.

During the week of April 12th specific church members, unhappy with the pastoral services currently being extended to parishioners, did not have a conversation with me, but then bypassed me and reported their concerns/complaints/ and unspecified misery to the archbishop. His staff contacted me. Such behavior on your part is dysfunctional at best.

Since 2011, my office door, my telephone have remained open to listening to your occasional concerns/complaints and unspecified suffering. These social devices will remain open until my retirement in June 2021. Meanwhile I would appreciate my title and office and pastoral practices not being disrespected and diminished by the faint of heart (if not cowards) who choose to discuss your concerns/complaints and general unhappiness with others who aren't holding the office of pastor at St. John the Apostle.

You personally and the world remain alive in my prayer. I relish the day when this 21st century plague is past and the new abnormal can be lived one day at a time.

May God continue to bless you and keep you in His care!

I am with you in His Service,

The Reverend Kevin J. Bryan

Your compassionate Pastor