

Greetings All,

On instruction from the Archdiocese, we at St. John Vianney will adhere to the following and close parish offices, chapel and the church buildings effective today, March 25 through Friday, April 24. Select staff will be available and working remotely and our school will continue virtual learning.

- The suspension of public daily and Sunday Mass throughout the archdiocese continues in place. Priests can – and are encouraged – to continue celebrating Mass privately. Anointing of the sick and confession/absolution guidelines will be forthcoming.
- There can be no live Stations of the Cross or any other gatherings anywhere on parish/school property, nor can any parish personnel be involved in organizing them on any other site.
- Following directives for Holy Week from the Holy See, the Chrism Mass is postponed. Once the pressing health crisis has passed, a Chrism mass will be scheduled and the faithful will be called to gather in thanksgiving.
- April 1, was designated as the day for 12 hours of the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the archdiocese. This will be postponed.
- Holy Week and the Triduum are the most solemn time of our liturgical year. Public celebrations are canceled in all of our parishes. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil will be celebrated at the Cathedral (without public audience), accommodating modifications as decreed by the Vatican. These Masses will be live-streamed. Information will be forwarded once available.
- Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmation and Weddings are postponed until the health crisis has passed.
- Funerals and wakes are strongly encouraged to delay the rituals if at all possible. If there is no way to delay, the minimum grouping and proper social distancing between people must be observed. This is especially difficult at such a sensitive time.
- With the suspension of Masses obviously comes the lack of offertory giving. Parishioners are encouraged to make use of our online giving through FaithDirect, electronic transfer of funds, or simply mail in your offertory, to assist the existence of our parish at this time of crisis.

Please know that we are here to support you in whatever way we can through these challenging times. Although the church and parish offices will be closed, you may reach us by email just as you have in the past. We will also check phone messages, with the option for urgent calls to be forwarded.

Thank you to everyone for your support through this unforeseen and difficult time. Please pray for the health and wellbeing of our parishioners and those in need. I keep you and your loved ones in my prayers.

Blessings,



Very Rev. Edwin Kornath

Please note, you can watch Sunday Mass on TV, online or listen to the radio. Listings are available on our website (www.stjohnv.org) and in our bulletin.



St. John Vianney Parish

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Updates and Prayer Resources
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Church, Chapel and Parish Office buildings closed through Friday, April 24th

Due to the mandatory safe-at-home order for the State of Wisconsin, the church, chapel and parish buildings will be closed through April 24, 2020. Read the accompanying letter from Fr. Ed Kornath for details.

Please visit www.stjohnv.org for updates, prayer resources and more.

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