



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Making Christ the Center of Our Lives

March 29, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Lent

YOUR SUNDAY "BULLETIN"

My Dear Friends,

While you're all at home, in lieu of a bulletin, I'll be sending you a weekly letter with our online event schedule, news, and our weekly collections.

LIVESTREAM DAILY MASS: You can join us for Mass everyday via Facebook: [facebook.com/saintjohnfortwayne](https://www.facebook.com/saintjohnfortwayne) and YouTube: search "saintjohnfortwayne". Our Livestream Mass schedule is: Sun, 9AM; Mon-Fri, 6:30AM & 9:00AM; Sat, 9AM.

LIVESTREAM DAILY ROSARY: Fr. Patrick, Mark Hellinger, Brian Isenbarger and myself will also pray a Live Rosary from the Rectory living room at Noon each day. We've had as many as 60 of you join us at one time!

TUESDAY & THURSDAY THEOLOGY: We'll also have talks on various topics posted on Tuesday & Thursday at 9:30AM right after the morning Mass.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE Q&A: Join the priests and seminarians every Wednesday night at 7:30PM on Facebook or YouTube and send in your questions about anything in the comments sections.

CONFESSIONS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Fr. Patrick and I are available for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick. Please call 744-4393 or email us: frandrew@stjohnsfw.org, frpatrick@stjohnsfw.org and we'll be happy to make an appointment.

LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH BISHOP RHOADES: Friday, April 3, 7PM. To join, visit the Diocese of Fort Wayne - South Bend YouTube or Facebook pages. Search "@diocesefwsb".

DIVINE MERCY BLOOD DRIVE APRIL 19: Weeks ago, before the days of Covid-19, we scheduled a blood drive at St. John the Baptist with the Red Cross for Divine Mercy Sun-

day on April 19th. As the Red Cross is in desperate need of blood, we will continue as planned. The Red Cross has established safe distancing protocols which they will coordinate. So, mark your calendars: April 19, 8A-1P. We'll have more information about how to sign up and follow safe distance protocols soon.

GUERIN CHAPEL: Like public parks, Guerin Chapel remains open even during the "stay at home" order. However, please limit capacity to no more than 10 people at a time and practice social distancing maintaining six feet of distance from each other not of the same household.

HOLY WEEK: So, what's going to happen during Holy Week? Are we going to be able to come back to the church? Truth to be told, we don't know yet. Like virtually everything else, it will depend on whatever social distancing recommendations we'll be obliged to follow. In the meantime, we are setting things up so that you will be able to watch the Holy Week liturgies online.

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR MARCH 22, 2020

Sunday Offering:	\$1,310.00
Online Giving:	\$2,327.00
Buildings & Grounds:	\$60.00
Total:	\$3,697.00

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$13,308.00

Rice Bowl	\$200.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society:	\$30.00
Tuition Assistance:	\$55.00
Catholic Relief:	\$45.00
Easter Flowers:	\$10.00

I want to say a big "thank you" for your weekly offering especially while we are unable to have you present at the Mass. Everyday, I find a couple envelopes in the mailbox. However, as you can see, ***we are frighteningly below the weekly income we rely on to pay our staff and bills.*** That being said, I want to encourage as many of you as possible to sign up for Online Giving at our parish website: stjohnstfw.org. I signed up for Online Giving when I came to St. John's and tithe 10% of my income to our parish and other Catholic charities. If you decide not to contribute via Online Giving, please feel free to mail your envelope to our office at 4525 Arlington Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46807. And *please be as generous as you can.* Thank you!

My friends, know of my deep prayers for you everyday. I miss you terribly. However, know that we are one day closer to the great and glorious day when we will all be back together.

Your pastor,

