



CHURCH OF SAINT PETER

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June 2, 2020

Dear Parishioner of St. Peter's:

Plans are in the works for a limited re-opening of parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Paul. I am happy to say plans are moving forward at St. Peter's, too. I miss gathering and celebrating with you the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Archbishop Hebda, in keeping with Governor Walz's guidelines, is allowing Masses to be celebrated in a manner that acknowledges the reality that our community is still in the midst of a pandemic. **St. Peter's will reopen for the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, June 13, 2020 and then again for the 11:00 am Mass on June 14, 2020. We will keep this schedule for the following weekend of June 20/21.**

Weekday 8:00 am Masses open to the public on Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday starting June 13, 16 and 18. There will be no morning Masses on Monday, Wednesday or Friday due to the schedule for funerals. Masses need to be celebrated under strict guidelines for the safety of people attending Masses. As of yet, we don't know how long these guidelines will be in effect. These guidelines may change in the near future. Please check our St. Peter's website or listen for phone tree calls from St. Peter's for updates.

All Masses, both weekday and weekend Masses, are limited to 133 people. All participants not in family groups need to be spaced at least six feet apart. Now the obligation to attend Mass is still suspended in the Archdiocese and people 65 years old or those with special health conditions should continue to attend Mass through streamed Masses on our website or on television, St. Olaf, Ch. 6, 8:00 Sunday evening or 10:00 Monday morning; or Ch. 45 St. Cloud; or Ch. 10 cable, 12:00 noon, Our Lady of Grace. If weekend Masses fill up, people are encouraged to attend weekday Masses.

1. More guidelines 25% occupancy
2. 65 and older are discouraged from entering the building.
3. People with Covid symptoms must stay home.
4. The South door will be closed and people will need to enter through one of the west doors and exit through another. The elevator door will be staffed by an usher to let people in to use the elevator. If you do not need the elevator, use the west doors.
5. The parish office will slowly re-open, but not be fully open until mid-July.
6. If you are planning on attending weekend Masses, please consider contacting me to volunteer as a lector or usher to greet, seat and help disinfect the pews after Mass.

May Mary, Consoler of the Afflicted, keep us close to each other and to the loving heart of her Son.

Father Jerry Dvorak
Pastor, Church of St. Peter, Richfield