

Growing in the Spirit

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Mass Schedule Livestreaming

Wednesday 9:30 AM Sunday 9:00 AM

Reconciliation Wednesday 4:30-6:30 PM

> **Private Prayer** Tuesday-Thursday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 24, 2020

WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

No matter who you are, or where you are in your faith journey, you are welcome at All Saints Parish. Would you like to join us as an active parishioner? There are registration forms available in the kiosk in the gathering space or visit our website: **allsaintsberlin.org** Find **Registration** under **the About Us** tab at the top We are blessed to have you here.

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit to signal the True Presence of Christ in the Tabernacle and is donated in memory of Tom Kollat

We will be livestreaming Masses from All Saints Church on Facebook. Please join us this week. Monday at 9:00 AM, Wednesday at 9:30 AM and Sunday at 9:00 AM.

Masses can be viewed on our website as a replay at a later time as well.

Public Masses will resume on Saturday, May 30 Please see below for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS			
SAT 5/23	Private Mass	All Saints Family	
SUN 5/24	Private Mass	Tom Kollat and deceased members of the Kollat and Bink Families	
MON 5/25	Private Mass	Deceased Veterans (livestreamed at 9:00 AM)	
TUES 5/26	No Mass		
WED 5/27	Private Mass	Joseph Sobieski	
THURS 5/28	Private Mass	Bob Mlodzik	
FRI 5/29	Private Mass	Kimberly Parker	
SAT 5/30	4:30 PM	Deceased Parents of David & Nancy Resop	
SUN 5/31	7:30 AM	Bill & Helen Kasuboski	
	10:00 AM	All Saints Family	

PARISH PRESS

Catholic Churches in Diocese of Madison to reopen at 25% capacity Pentecost Weekend

MADISON — The weekend of Pentecost (May 30 – 31) Catholic Churches throughout the 11-county Diocese of Madison will resume public Masses, limited to 25% of each church's occupancy capacity, with adequate social distancing, and numerous safeguards in place.

In his communication with priests of the diocese, Bishop Donald Hying laid out his rationale for this approach, saying, "Given the lifting of civil restrictions in most counties of our diocese, some may ask why we are adopting a gradual approach to reinstituting Masses with significant congregations present. The answer lies in the fact that COVID-19 cases continue to emerge in the state and there is still a very real danger of infection without adequate care; therefore, we want to be prudential in light of public health concerns. To simply emerge from these weeks of physical distancing without any gradualism would be irresponsible. Our hope is that our elderly and at-risk faithful people will exercise prudence and not yet attend Mass, especially given the current dispensation from the Sunday obligation, but we do want to begin enabling others to participate in the Eucharistic sacrifice, the central experience of Catholicism, which we have all sorely missed in these challenging weeks of the pandemic."

Other practical safeguards that will put in place and strongly encouraged, as we resume public Masses include:

- Continue to obey all applicable local restrictions;
- Recommend that the faithful gathered wear face masks;
- No choir or congregational singing;
- Frequent sanitation of surfaces, as well as frequent hand washing/sanitizing;
- Removal of hymnals, missalettes, and other items in the pews;
- Continuation of the streaming of Masses live online, and
- Increased signage and direction from trained ushers.

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Fr. David and staff are working on ways to implement these guidelines for our parish, and will be posting them as soon as finalized. We ask for your patience and understanding, knowing that there will be necessary limitations and modifications to the ways we are accustomed to socializing and gathering together while at Church. We remain hopeful because we know these restrictions are temporary, and joyful because we can once again participate in the Eucharist Sacrifice. May God bless us and keep us safe from harm.

EVENTS

Update to Church Building Schedule - The church will be open this week for private prayer, Tues Fri., 8 AM - 4 PM. Beginning the week of May 31, we will once again have public weekday Masses following our regular schedule with social distancing recommendations in place. Beginning June 1, our church office will be staffed Tuesday-Friday, 8 AM—4PM. To minimize close contact, we ask people to use the phone in the hall to talk to office staff, and the door will be opened for those who need to take care of business inside the office.	THIS WEEK ATALL SAINTS PARISHMay 25 - May 31, 2020Monday: Parish Office and Church Closed Memorial Day Mass livestream 9AMTuesday - Friday:• 8AM - Noon - Office will be staffed, but not open to the public.Tuesday - Friday:• 8AM - 4PM - Church will be open for Private PrayerWednesday:• 9:30AM Mass livestream on Facebook• 4:30-6:30PM - Private ConfessionsSaturday: 4:30 PM Mass Sunday: 7:30 AM Mass10:00 AM Mass
Memorial Day Mass - Will be livestreamed from church on Monday, May 25 at 9:00 AM. You can join us on Facebook for the livestream or you can see the Mass as a replay on our website.	
Ushers' Meeting - We will be having a meeting for all ushers on <u>Thursday, May 28 at 6:00 PM</u> in the social hall. We will go over the new guidelines that need to be followed for welcoming people back to Mass. There will be a brief training session and a time to ask questions. Thank you!	

Cleaning Crew - With the need to follow stricter guidelines to protect public health, we will need to sanitize pews, bathrooms, and high-touch surfaces after each Mass. If you are able and willing to help with this after the 4:30 Mass on Saturday or after the 7:30 Mass on Sunday, please contact the office or let Sr. Michaeleen know. Thank you!

Chris Kroeze Concert - Due to the recommendations by our state and local officials, we have cancelled the Chris Kroeze Concert that was scheduled for June 20, 2020. Even though we are not able to see Chris in person, he will be holding a Virtual Concert on Facebook Live for our community! We have kept the date of June 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Please check back for details about this FREE Virtual concert hosted by Chris Kroeze that will benefit All Saints Catholic School and Faith Community Church. A concert will be rescheduled for June 2021! Thank you for your continued support and for those of you who have already worked so hard on this event to make it happen in the future.





Lawn Mowing Volunteers Needed - Over the past 2 summers we have had a few individuals step down from the volunteer schedule, so we are looking for few good volunteers who would like to fill those places and serve the church by mowing the lawn. With a rotating schedule, you would only be needed every 3-4 weeks. We have ride-on mowers, or if you can bring your own mower if you prefer. Interested individuals can call or email the parish office by May 26 to let us know your availability. Thank you!

Calling all Students and Parents of Students Who Will Be Graduating From 8th or 12th Grade This Spring! We are planning to have a slide show that could be shown on Sunday, June 7. We will post it on our Facebook page and webpage, so you can view it anytime and help Grandma and Grandpa find it as well. To do this, we are asking you to email us one picture of your graduate. You can include their name as you would like it to appear, grade, and school (if desired). We understand some people may be concerned about having their child's picture and information available on the internet, so if you prefer not to participate, or to send us just some of their info, (ie, just a picture without a name, or just a name with no picture) we will only include what you send us. Please email pictures and information for the slideshow, no later than May 26, to: <u>parishoffice@allsaintsberlin.org</u> Additionally we would like to acknowledge our graduates in our bulletin as we have done in the past, by listing their name, grade, and school graduated from. We encourage you to call our office to make sure your student is on our list. If you do NOT wish for your student to be included in the bulletin, please contact the office so we can remove them from our list.

Parish Elections will be postponed until a later date when we are able to hold the public celebration of Mass and everyone has the opportunity to vote. The elected members whose term is up have agreed to graciously extend until we can hold elections. For now we would like parishioners to consider being part of the parish council or education commission. Any parish member who is over the age of 18 is eligible to run for Parish Council, Education Commission, or Trustee. If you would like to submit your name to be placed on the ballot, contact the parish office for an application form. Any youth of high school age, and active in the parish, who wish to be considered for the youth representative appointed by the Pastor, should reach out to Fr. David at the parish office and provide a brief explanation to why he/she feels they should be considered for the one (1) school year term to serve on the Parish Council.

All Saints Catholic School



Building Saints, Scholars, and Children of God

SCRIP is still available at the school office from 8 AM - 1 PM Monday - Friday. Stop in or call ahead with your order. 920-361-1781

Remember you can always buy SCRIP online through our website: shopwithscrip.com. Our ScripNow code is EDB23A4F82L2 If you have any difficulties or questions about ScripNow contact our scrip coordinator at: scrip@allsaintsberlin.org

ASCS enrollment is open for 2020-2021! This includes enrollment for our 3K program.

Please register your student(s) at our website: school.allsaintsberlin.org There is a button on our home page to direct you through this process. Please contact the school office with any questions or concerns.

Take a virtual tour of our school by watching our YouTube video at the web address below!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LEQE8et3M6Y



Our Mission Statement:

All Saints Catholic School offers a Christ-centered education that develops the academics, morals, and values needed for students to reach their full potential as children of God.



Congratulations to our All Saints Catholic School Graduates!

We are all so proud of you, and we will be praying for you as you continue your life's journey in high school and beyond.

Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but be an example for the believers in your speech, your conduct, your love, faith, and purity.

1Tim 4:12

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FAITH FORMATION

A Reflection on the Gospel of John 14:15-21 - by Fr. David Greenfield

In the Gospel, Jesus is preparing his disciples for the fact that he will soon be leaving them and ascend to his Father in Heaven. Before (go back with me a ways to Lent), Jesus was preparing his disciples for his death/crucifixion. But *now* he's talking about leaving them in a far different sense as he takes his seat at the right hand of the Father. For the disciples, and for Mary his mother, things were always changing. And change can be hard. There's a whole lot of you reading this right now who know that. You're experiencing it now.

We're fortunate though, that Christ left this earth and ascended to heaven, because doing so means that we have a Heavenly High Priest to intercede for us. And we believe, His Blessed Mother as Queen of Heaven whispers requests on our behalf. We see that foreshadowed in the Old Testament with King Solomon and his queen mother Bathsheba (1 Kgs. 2:19–20), but that's for another time. So Jesus promises his disciples that although he must depart, good things are going to come out of it. (For one thing, he says, 'I will come back again') but he *also* promises to send an *Advocate* - the Holy Spirit. Vs. 15: "...*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always- the Spirit of Truth...*"

It may be difficult to see this 3rd Person of the Trinity in our mind's eye, but we'd be in a lot of trouble without him. In my studies this week, I was reminded of something interesting: The Greek word for Advocate is *parakletos* which, used in the Greek setting ,was a legal term like 'defense attorney'. That takes on an even deeper quality in light of how Scripture refers to Satan as "*our adversary who never stops hurling insults against us*" (Zech 3:1;Rev 12:9). If you've ever followed some of history's infamous court cases, you can detect the strong relationship or bond that develops between client and attorney. Understandable. It has to be comforting for the accused to know they have someone in their corner. It should give *us* comfort knowing we have an Advocate in *our* corner... the Ho-ly Spirit, to console us, defend us and speak for us. *We* should have a close bond as well.

And who among us doesn't need an Advocate to plead our cause?! As we all experience, we can profess our love for Jesus all day long, but try as we might, we fail-sometimes all too often. We do well for a while, but then drift away; a pandemic calls us back, then we grow lax again... We know how Judas walked, talked, ate and ministered with Jesus for three long years, yet he left and didn't come back. If anyone reading this today feels that somewhere along the way, for whatever reason, your life's path has taken a turn away from Christ and His Church, I invite you with all sincerity, with all my heart, to come back.

Some will say, well, I may not attend Mass, but I haven't "left Christ." I can't be the judge of that – I won't even try. But there's a growing sentiment in our culture that we have "Jesus" and then, we also have the church...if we want it. I don't know if that's how it works. Christ and His Church are <u>one</u> - I don't know that we can take one without the other. Also, the Church is here because Christ wanted it here. It isn't man's idea; it's Christ's. Jesus said, "*Thou art Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church*." It's not *our* church... it is Christ's. I like to speak of that with our children at our Catholic school - I begin the first few words and they chime in and finish it. "*Thou art Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church*."

But Christ understands our need for help so he makes a request of the Father- did you catch that in the Gospel? He asks God to send us a helper: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father/// and he will send you another Advocate to be with you always..." If you ever feel you're not good enough, or that God has given up on you, remember your defender, your advocate, your defense attorney- the Holy Spirit. Draw close.

<u>A Prayer While Washing Hands</u>

As I take up my hands to wash them and reassure my heart, I pray for healing and wholeness for the whole world. I remember that every life is unique and of infinite value, from those living on the most remote part of the globe, to those in our cities, to our neighbors and family members. Let me use my hands for good to help bring love and



hands for good to help bring love and compassion to others. "Let us lift up our hearts and hands to the Eternal" (Lam 3:14). **Prayer Ministry** - All Saints continues to offer up prayers for the community, the nation, and indeed, for the whole world during this most challenging time. We invite anyone (Catholic or non) to send us your prayer request that we may pray for you, a loved one, or anything that weighs heavily on your heart and mind. Father David will place them at altar in church, lifting them up to God in prayer. You may send your prayer requests through our All Saints Church app, or you may email your prayer request to parishoffice@allsaintsberlin.org

News and Announcements

Dear Parishioners,

A letter to help update you on our parish financial health during the COVID-19 pandemic:



The requirement this past March to suspend the celebration of public Mass ushered in an unprecedented time for the Church, disrupting our routine of fellowship, worship, and holy communion. As we are seeing all around us, when routine is disrupted, there can be a domino effect, as is the case with the routine of regular offertory collections. We realize too, that some of you are experiencing the same loss of routine when it comes to your personal income!

Many of you have continued to send your regular offertory envelopes by mail, drop them off in the boxes at church, or you enrolled in Pushpay Online Giving! Your parish continues to be blessed by our long time, dedicated and consistent supporters. God bless you for your continued generosity, and to all who do whatever they can.

As a reminder, the majority of our income comes from offertory collections. The remainder comes from fundraisers and donations. When our 2020/21 budget was approved in February, no one foresaw the coming pandemic and its rippling effects. One of our largest fundraisers, the All Saints Church Festival is postponed (hopefully) to early fall. The Chris Kroeze Concert scheduled for June 20 must be moved back to summer of 2021, although we will have a virtual livestream concert on June 20 as sort of a "teaser" for next summer. In short, with the loss of opportunity to hold these important fundraisers, we are beginning to make some tough decisions for the operations of our parish and school.

We have taken a number of measures to cut expenses while the students are learning from home (i.e. school utilities of electricity and water, and the heat has been turned off. We have reduced trash disposal services for the school and put completely on hold for the church. With students studying at home, general supplies, toiletries and cleaning supplies have been adjusted accordingly.

The parish has also turned the heat to lower setpoints, made adjustments to maintenance hours and contracted lawn care. For the time being, services for printing the bulletin have been discontinued. The need for printed bulletins has dropped to a minimum and we're able to print the needed copies on the office printer. IT (computer) services for the parish are being reduced, although that's only temporary, as computers require ongoing service. With the guidance of the Finance Council, all school and parish staff salaries will be kept at their current salaries and will not receive an increase in the new fiscal year. Father David has made the decision to reduce his priest stipend by 50% for the month of May and for June if it's necessary.

With the loss of opportunity to fundraise, our overall parish income will depend on offertory collections, which depends on each of us; whether you would've dropped an envelope into the weekly collection basket or use online giving - it is important we continue to have a steady level of collections. Thinking and talking about finances can be unpleasant and make us uncomfortable, especially when family incomes may be suffering as well. God often uses challenging and uncomfortable situations among his people in order to strengthen their resolve, and make known his will for us. May this hold true for all the parishioners of All Saints Catholic Parish and School!

God bless all of you who continue to answer God's call to be part of our Catholic community as you participate in Holy Mass (even if it's LIVEstreamed at this time) and for your continuing support of All Saints as God enables you to do. We hope to be together to celebrate Mass publicly again in the near future. What a joyous day that will be! May it please God.

Thank You to all the families who have provided me with meals during the "Safer at Home" act. I appreciate your kindness and generosity. The meals were so delicious, I've been spoiled, and have placed my pots 'n pans in a garage sale! Hahaha.

You've been a blessing to me. ~Fr. David Greenfield



Stewardship & Sacraments

Stewardship: Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given



Online Giving GIVE NOW USING Now Available

Online giving is a help to the parish finances especially during the summer when vacations and schedules change. Setting up your Pushpay Giving Account is rather effortless. You can find the bright red link as shown above on our website or app.

Now it's easier than ever! Just scan the QR code on this page and go directly to our PushPay giving portal. Fr. David asks us all to ponder signing up. E-Giving options include your regular weekly



offertory, holy day offering, school support, diocesan assessment or any other unrestricted donation. You may designate your donations to any of these funds, on your preferred schedule. If you have any questions, call the parish office for assistance 920-361-5252.

ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH

- Little Saints Tuition Assistance Fund
- All Saints Congregation Endowment Fund
- The Berlin Catholic School Endowment Fund, Inc.

Envelopes are available in the kiosk in gathering space or contact the parish office.

Remembering the Parish in your Will

An important way for members of one generation to have a lasting impact on the parish and its institutions is to make a lump sum bequest, or estate percentage bequest, in one's Will.

Sacraments

Baptism

At All Saints Parish, Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sundays after the 10 am Mass.

All parents who wish to baptize a child are asked to call the Parish Office 920-361-5252 to speak with Father David about scheduling the Baptism.

Baptism for adults is part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA program)

Marriages

Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance. Marriage Preparation courses are required.



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