

June 17, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Now that our churches are open to fifty percent capacity, I am encouraging those families that had to postpone the funeral of loved ones to contact me to set a date for the Funeral or Memorial Mass. The social distancing guidelines remain in effect along with the other guidelines we are following for the celebration of the Mass with a congregation. There will be no gathering for viewing of the body or cremains in the church. Please note that we will not be serving any funeral lunches. Families will be permitted to videotape the Mass or Memorial Service.

It can be a difficult decision for families to schedule a date for a Funeral Mass or Memorial Service as many family members and friends live a distance away and travel these days is difficult due to the pandemic. But we need to start planning due to the backlog of funerals. If you are working with a funeral home they also need to be updated with your plans. Let us commend our loved ones to the Lord and allow the healing to continue.

Please call the parish offices for scheduling a baptism or marriage prep. Baptisms are being held outside of Mass at this time. The Diocese has given permission for engaged couples to participate in an online Marriage Preparation Course. In regards to Confirmation, no further updates have been received from the Diocese. As soon as I get any information, I will inform Barb Karel.

Continue to lift up in prayer the needs of our nation and world. We remember all fathers as we prepare to celebrate Father's Day this Sunday. Make sure you find a way to connect with your father. If they are deceased spend some extra time in prayer for the repose of their soul.

In Christ,

Fr. Don Wagner