

THE CORONAVIRUS & SAINT MARY'S CHURCH

Everybody is familiar by now with the threat of the Coronavirus. Although there has not been (as of this printing) an outbreak or even a diagnosed case here in Lincoln, the virus is in Nebraska, and most medical experts believe the spread of the virus is just a matter of time.

We want to take reasonable precautions against spreading the virus at Saint Mary's. To this end, we will be implementing the following policies for the duration of the time that this outbreak seems to be occurring.

First, please remember: The best way for church-goers to avoid picking up the virus is by avoiding hand-to-face contact from the time they arrive at church until the time they have washed/sanitized their hands after they leave!

People who have flu-like symptoms or who are otherwise feeling sick should not go to Mass or other Church gatherings; instead, they should make a "spiritual communion" and if possible, on Sunday, watch the televised Mass of the day on KLKN, channel 8.

The practice of exchanging the Sign of Peace will be suspended until further notice.

The Holy Water fonts will not be in use for the time being.

The front doors of the church are to be kept open for the 15 minutes before Mass and again as the crowds leave, so as to minimize the touching of door handles. We will not be able to do this with all the doors, so please enter through the front as much as possible.

Door handles and outside rails will be sanitized after each Mass.

Priests and acolytes will wash or sanitize their hands before and after distributing communion.

The regular collection will be taken up AFTER communion. This way the baskets are handled after people have already received communion; it also gives the priest and ministers an opportunity to wash their hands.

At this time:

We will not be cancelling Masses or curtailing confession times.

We will not be cancelling parish activities.

We will not be providing Hand Sanitizers as people enter and exit, as it is too cost prohibitive for us, plus there is now a shortage due to Coronavirus fears. We encourage people to keep their own hand sanitizer with them, especially for when they arrive and leave.

Of course, if an outbreak does occur here in Lincoln, it will call for a further response. Please pay special attention to the bulletin and to the announcements during the coming weeks.

Please remember that, while nothing can replace attending and participating in Sunday Mass, those who refrain from Sunday Mass due to illness or due to a reasonable fear of coming into contact with the Coronavirus (i.e., those with underlying health issues, who are the ones mostly at risk from serious harm or death from the virus); have not committed a mortal sin.

Let us all pray for the doctors and researchers working to contain this virus, and for a swift end to this pandemic.

January 2020 Expenses and Income

Expenses

Income

-746.49	Windstream	office	24530.3	Envelopes
-355.6	Vivial	office	10634.42	Plate
-229.52	Star City	maintenance	1073	PIN
-246.81	Schwartz paper	maintenance	581.32	Resale
-81.41	QP Ace Hardware	maintenance	7210.55	Donations
-7469	Piux X	school support	109	Bequests
-150.9	Orkin	maintenance	440	Stole Fees
-742.5	Oak Creek	flowers	50	Rent
-877.97	Lincoln Water System	water	30	Flowers
-55	Liguori Publications	resale items	100	Winterfest
-170.47	Culligan	water	1280	Mass Stipends
-1294.48	Constellation Energy	fuel	11175	CSA rebate
-83.98	Cintas	maintenance	1000	education fund
-74.79	Fr. Joe Finn	household	58213.59	Total Income
-303.33	Gloria Gilroy	household		
-761.61	LES	electricity		
-2683	Cosgrave's	liturgical		
-800	Fr. Doug Dietrich	household		
-410	Barry Lake	PIN		
-200	Luxury Inn	PIN		
-49.6	Word Among Us	resale items		
-270	Gabel Construction	maintenance		
-157	Fireguard	maintenance		
-298.17	Cathedral Corp	office		
-191.3	Super Saver	household		
-136.78	Carbonite	office		
-200	Big Red Storage	PIN		
-21.44	Staples	office		
-137.24	O'Reilly Auto Parts	PIN		
-128.47	DISH	household		
-11.36	Journal Star	household		
-200.51	Black Hills Energy	fuel		
-304.98	Mike Neuman	Winterfest supplies		
-750	Gregg Trautman	PIN		
-200	College View Auto	PIN		
-50000	Blessed Sacrament	school support		
-10803	Paycor	payroll		
-3417.12	Paycor	taxes		
-286.6	Paycor	office		
-247.83	Bishop	401k		
-20	Union Bank	office		
-85568.3	Total Expenses			