

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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**Father Jaskierny, Pastor**

**Deacon Warren LaMont**

### **The Ascension of the Lord**

#### **Fr. Jaskierny's Private Mass Intentions**

Saturday, 23 May  
Sunday, 24 May

Marge Beldt  
St. Mary's Parishioners

Tuesday, 26 May  
Wednesday, 27 May  
Thursday, 28 May  
Friday, 29 May  
Saturday, 30 May  
Sunday, 31 May

Purgatorial Society  
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Orv and Mary Brockway  
St. Mary's Parishioners

#### **From the Pastor**

The Diocese of Rockford has given the parishes the specific norms for reopening the parishes in the diocese. In accordance with those norms, I have formed a reopening committee to advise me and help me implement the norms. Right now, we are working on the particulars of implementing these norms at St. Mary's. Once the particulars have been determined and further preparations have been made, I will be sending information to parishioners which will detail the steps we have taken to implement the Rockford norms, as well as descriptions of changes to how things are done before, during, and after Mass. As of right now, there is no set date when public Masses will begin again at St. Mary's. We want to make certain that we are ready before announcing a specific date. Once we have made the necessary preparations, I will seek authorization from the Diocese to resume public Masses in conformity with the Back in His Presence directives given by the Diocese. Thank you for your continued patience and your continued prayers during this time.

**Public Masses, both weekday and Sunday, are suspended until further notice.** Catholics of the Diocese of Rockford are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass indefinitely until the time when circumstances allow for public Masses. With this dispensation,

there is **no sin** for not fulfilling the obligation to attend Sunday Mass while public Masses are suspended. Additionally, **the regular confession schedule at the parish is suspended until further notice.** The meetings of parish groups are cancelled until further notice.

Where the individual faithful find themselves in the painful impossibility of receiving absolution in the sacrament of confession, it should be remembered that perfect contrition, coming from the love of God, beloved above all things, expressed by a sincere request for forgiveness and accompanied by the firm resolution to have recourse, as soon as possible, to sacramental confession, obtains forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones, in anticipation of confession, not apart from it; mortal sins still have to be confessed later (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* §1452). Perfect contrition means a sorrow for sin out of love for God; it does not mean being "perfectly sorry." Perfect contrition is sorrow for sin out of love for God and His goodness whereas imperfect contrition (while still a gift of God and sufficient for the sacrament of confession) is sorrow for sin due to a fear of Hell, judgment, and punishment (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* §1452-1453). **Those who are in danger of death should call the parish emergency number: (815) 708-2308.**

#### **Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**In your charity pray for the sick,** especially: Cody Leschner, Mary Winter, Colette Axelson, Kathy Rudy, Rosemary Naill, Kathy Dolenga, David Johnson, Patrick McLaughlin, Carmen and Bob Meyer, Denny Shippy, Brenda Mabry, Daniel Cuniff, Frank Brown, Carol Meyers, Bridget Holub, Harold Herrmann, Pat Dowdakin, Jim Christianson, John Mroz, Karen Reddy, Deacon Warren LaMont, Larry Schnorr, Cheyenne (Schnorr) Green, Amy Stringer, Janet Stringer, Barbara Futch, Kaitlyn Myers, Michael Maguire, Brittany Wiegert Long, Joyce Martenson, Dawn Powers, Bridget Reddy, Richard Nortch, Kevin Cuniff, Millicent Bauer, Norma Frey.

For all the souls of the faithful departed.