

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church
904 Summit Street
Spooner, WI 54801

June 29, 2020

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It has been good seeing many of you at Mass on the weekends. With attendance increasing at all four Masses, we will return to our normal weekend Mass schedule beginning July 4th and 5th.

Saturday 4 pm – St. Joseph, Shell Lake
Saturday 6 pm – St. Francis de Sales, Spooner
Sunday 8 am – St. Catherine, Sarona
Sunday 10 am – St. Francis de Sales, Spooner

You can attend whatever Mass fits your schedule. However, our seating capacity will remain at 25%. When we have reached our capacity the ushers will not let anyone else in. Those who attend are **strongly encouraged to wear a mask**. Social distancing will be enforced at all three parishes.

The 8 am Mass at St. Catherine will be outside (weather permitting). If you attend this Mass, **YOU MUST bring your own chair**.

I thank all who continue to send in or drop off your weekly contribution envelope. With your financial support coming in on a regular basis, I have not had to transfer money from our investments. Again, I thank you.

I ask all of you to continue praying for an end to this pandemic and for the unrest that our country is facing at this time. Pray for those who have died and their families. Pray for patience and understanding among members of our families, society and country. Pray for healthcare workers and those who serve to protect us. Pray for each of us.

We do not know what the future holds for us. However, we are all in this together. We must not think only of ourselves. As Christians, we have a responsibility for the common good as an embodiment of charity and justice. In the words of Pope Benedict XVI, "To love someone is to desire that person's good and to take effective steps to secure it. Besides the good of the individual, there is a good that is linked to living in society: the common good. It is the good of "all of us", made up of individuals, families and intermediate groups who together constitute society. It is a good that is sought not for its own sake, but for the people who belong to the social community and who can only really and effectively pursue their good within it. To desire the *common good* and strive towards it *is a requirement of justice and charity.*" (*Caritas in Veritate*, no 7)

Have a good week. Have a holy week. Stay safe and healthy.

Fr. Phil