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It has been a long time since we have been able to celebrate together as a faith community. I pray that all of you are weathering this storm and staying safe, As we look forward to coming together again, we need to keep in mind our safety and the safety of others in our community.

The good news is that public Masses will resume on the weekend of May 30-31 (Pentecost) at the regular times.

HOWEVER, there will be a number of restrictions.

- 1. THOSE WHO ARE 65 AND OVER AND THOSE WITH HIGH-RISK HEALTH CONDITIONS SHOULD REMAIN AT HOME. This is the population that is most vulnerable to the coronavirus. Of course, those who are symptomatic or have tested positive for COVID-19 should not enter a church until released to do so by their health care professional. Because of this, the dispensation from the obligation to participate at Mass on Sundays is extended in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and throughout the State of Indiana until August 15, 2020.
- 2. All who come to church will be required to wear masks or face coverings. It is doubtful that we will be able to purchase masks, so you will have to supply them yourselves. Masks can be taken off for communion.
- 3. Hand sanitizer will be available for use when you enter, go for communion and return from communion.
- 4. Pews and hymnals will need to be sanitized after masses, so I ask that you leave hymnals on the seats so we will know areas that need attention most. If you would be willing to help sanitize after mass, let me know. Gloves and cleaner will be provided.
- 5. All liturgical ministries (including music) will be suspended with the exception of lectors. If you are a lector and feel you can continue this role as we proceed forward, please let me know and we will get you scheduled.
- 6. Seating will be restricted to certain pews alternating side of entry. Pews will be marked where you can enter. You should not go farther than half way into the pew from the side marked.

I am working with Fr. Darvin to determine the best protocol for the sacrament of reconciliation. A parish bulletin will be published to the website (shjth.org) the weekend of May 23-24. Please check it for further updates.

Finally, you will soon see in the Criterion that I have been assigned as temporary PLC for St. Mary's Village Church. I will still continue my responsibilities to Sacred Heart, but my schedule may change some.

Until we can gather together, may Christ's peace be with you.

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In case you missed the email....

Sacred Heart of Jesus Terre Haute 2020 Take Me Out to the Ballgame FUNdraiser GOES VIRTUAL!!!!

While we were so looking forward to your participation in this ye ar's fundraiser, current circumstances have afforded us a DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITY! The Sacred Heart Fundraising Committee has decided that this year we need to adapt our event so that participants can all stay safe!

We will no longer gather on May 16. Instead we will be going virtual with an end date of June 28, 2020.

Virtually what you can expect!

Our big raffle drawing will be on June 28, 2020. Please do continue to sell tickets and turn the money in at the office, via mail (2322 N 13 ½ St., **47804**) If you need more tickets, leave a message on the office phone, or text Barb at 812-240-8092..

Silent Auction Items will be available for view and bidding ONLINE the week of June 21-28. BID HIGH! AND OFTEN! Silent Auction Items can be donated until June 14. More detailed information on how to bid on silent auction items will be coming later in May.

Virtual Dinner: While we will not be gathering or actually sharing a meal together, we will still sell VIRTUAL DINNER TICKETS, \$20.00 each. Your dinner ticket will be a way to give a 100% donation to our parish effort. Tables of 8 are available for \$160.00. Again, purchasing a table of tickets will give the parish a 100% donation. The Fundraising Committee decorating folks plan to do a visual display of donors which will be on display when we return to share Mass together as well as on the SH website.

Other ways you can give!
Dinner Sponsorship \$300.00
Table Sponsorship \$100.00

Any funds can be mailed to the parish or made online.

To donate online, go to <u>shith.org</u>. Click on the green online giving box. You can set up an account or do a "Quick Give". Be sure to choose "Fundraising" from the Fund drop down box, then in the Special Intentions box let us know what it is for (dinner, raffle tickets, donation).

We realize that many of you may be suffering financially because of the fallout from the coronavirus; and understand if you cannot give yourself. We would still appreciate if you could sell raffle tickets and direct others to the silent auction when it is up.

We need your help in reaching our important fundraising goal of \$8,000.00.

God bless you all.

Fundraising Committee