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Notes on recent developments from Father Joe

Here is an update as to where we are at right now

- I am now offering Daily Mass on Mondays, and Wednesdays at St. Marcus and Tuesdays at St. Lawrence at 8:00 a.m. I will open the door at approximately 7:40 a.m.
- Please read through the plans for daily Mass which are posted to familiarize yourself with procedures etc. as they are going to be different than what we have done in the past.
- I have submitted a plan to the Bishop for approval to open for Sunday Masses, I am waiting for a response.
- I also am in need of at least three volunteers who would be willing to sanitize pews, door handles and sink handles after Sunday Masses. So, I would need at least 6 from St Marcus and 3 from St Lawrence. Please call my office at St. Marcus and leave a message if you can help. 320-743-2481, Extension 2
- I can tell you that after thinking through the plan and writing it up it will be different going to Mass as far as how we move around especially getting into Church, receiving Holy Communion, and leaving Church. This will be quite different from what we are used to so please prepare yourself and be ready to listen for instructions especially from the ushers when we get to that point.
- I have experienced a personal setback in getting set up for re-opening. Much of my time and energy last week was spent mourning the death of my spiritual father: Father Nick Landsberger who died last week. Many of you know him. I've known Father Nick for 25+ years and he has been an inspiration, a spiritual father, a gardening companion, a mentor, and just a good friend and brother priest to me. As a result I will do what I can this week to in the midst of his funeral and burial.
- I am hoping to go online with Sunday Masses on June 14th. This will partially depend on your response. I do have some volunteers for cleaning after Mass and could use a few more at St. Lawrence. I am also still working to get ushers on board as they are integral to the execution of this plan. Once the plan is approved for Sunday Mass, volunteers and Ushers are in place we will proceed.