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Dear Friends in Faith,

I hope these days of new life and warmer weather, have been uplifting for you! I'm writing to update you on some parish matters as summer approaches.

Regathering for Mass

To mark the importance of gathering each Lord's Day, the bishops of Minnesota are reinstating the Sunday obligation as of July 1 (with exceptions for the vulnerable, caregivers, etc.). Many of us have regathered for Mass as conditions have improved and pandemic restrictions are lifted. We hope to see even more of you in the weeks ahead. Face masks are recommended indoors for now, unless you are fully vaccinated – but we are allowed full capacity nowadays.

We are blessed by those who prayed with us throughout these months, whether virtually, in person, or both. Many have thanked us for our virtual worship, while adding, "It's just not the same." In the end, nothing substitutes for the physical reality of our community and sacraments, where the Lord is truly present. So, we will conclude our video recordings of the St. Joachim Mass on June 5. After that, we'll provide links to the diocesan Mass at our website – but we hope that everyone will feel comfortable rejoining us for in-person worship, as soon as possible.

You are welcome to return no matter how long you've been away, or for whatever reason – we look forward to it! Feel free to enter or exit via any entry, and visit freely after Mass – indoors or outdoors as desired. We'll also resume scheduling various liturgical roles soon.

Schedule updates

The *Tuesday* morning Mass is now held at the Green Prairie Center chapel. Only campus residents are allowed for now, but we look forward to the day when all are welcome to attend, once again – as a beautiful way for residents to connect with our wider community.

The *Wednesday* evening Mass has moved to 5:15 pm for the summer. We'll reassess the time when Faith Formation resumes in the fall.

Each *Friday*, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held at St. Joachim from 9 am to 1 pm (although evening devotions have ended on First Fridays). In mid-July, we plan to resume individual Exposition in the side chapel, on Tuesdays & Wednesdays; to sign up for an hour, please contact Mary Neau (or call our office for her contact info).

Funeral luncheons will also resume as desired, this summer. We thank those who serve this ministry of goodness and consolation.

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Parish Community Events

Please join our summer events, as we continue to regather our community. Flyers are online, for Totus Tuus & Cat Chat, Steubenville North, and Camp Summit; and Conception will offer VBS once again. A flyer is also enclosed for some other, wonderful family events – mark your calendars and watch our bulletin and Facebook page for details:

Wed. June 9	Campfire & Nerf Tag	7:30 – 9:00 pm at St. Joachim
Fri. June 25	Outdoor Rosary & Movie	8:30 pm at St. Joachim
Wed. July 7	Potluck Picnic & Music	6:30 pm at Wedgewood Park
Wed. July 21	Campfire & Nerf Tag	7:30 – 9:00 pm at St. Joachim
Wed. Aug. 11	Pool Party	8:30 – 9:30 pm at Plainview Pool
Wed. Aug. 25	Potluck Picnic & Hike	6:30 pm at Carley State Park

By the way, it seems too soon to think about autumn, but still ... the Fall Festival at St. Joachim will be Sept. 25-26, and the Fall Dinner at Conception will be Oct. 3!

Other

There are now serious efforts to impose taxpayer-funded abortion at the federal level. For many years, this has been prohibited by the “Hyde Amendment,” but its future is now in jeopardy in Congress. Our bishops remind us: this is a serious “red line” for those who support human life! Let your voice be heard – sign their petition to ban taxpayer-funded abortion, online at <https://www.notaxpayerabortion.com/>

Due to construction on County Road 8, the east driveway to the St. Joachim parking lot will be open when needed, in order to access parish buildings whenever 10th Street NW may be closed.

A scammer frequently impersonates our Father Becker or other parish leaders via text or email, to ask for a favor, gift card, or reply – often with a sense of urgency. This is a periodic and ongoing scam, and operates nationwide. If you are uncertain about a text or email, please do not reply, but contact us by phone during office hours.

Remember to watch our bulletin, website, and Facebook page for parish events and updates. You can also sign up to receive our bulletin via email each week – click on the bulletin link at www.saintjoachimchurch.org.

Both parishes welcome your financial support in these unusual times. We are grateful for whatever might be possible for you. You can bring your offering to church, use the drop-slot in the Parish Center (parking lot entrance), mail it to us, or contribute online via the parish website.

Finally, thank you for staying close to Christ’s Body in this unusual year. I look forward to seeing us regather at the Lord’s Table, growing together in goodness and grace.

Blessings to you and yours,

