

## St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church Ascension Sunday, 24 May 2020

God bless you and families in this public health crisis time, with changing health protocols. It was so good to pray with those able to be in St John church this week for mass.

One adjustment in implementing this: mass will last only 35 minutes; the fewer minutes in an enclosed building, the safer is the situation with an unseen virus.

We have **safe seating capacity in church for 12 pews**. One family per pew, or 2 single people per pew. We could put **people in padre hall with 20 tables**, 1 family per table, or 1 single person per table.

We will not ask you to register for attending, but that sets up the possibility of more attending than can safely be in the building. **So if there are 60 people filling the church and hall safely, and you are the 61st, you will hear from an usher, 'we are full.'** You could then wait in parking lot, and receive Holy Communion in a half hour.

So we will go back to usual schedule, with 1 exception:  
So, **starting May 23, mass schedule** is

Saturday	5:30pm
Sunday	7:30am & 10:00am
Monday	5:30pm (changed)
Tuesday	5:30pm
Thursday	7:00am
Friday	7:00am

If you have a weak immune system,  
**there is a mass at 10am Wednesday,**  
**reserved for those at higher risk,** with fewer people attending.

**You are encouraged to wear a mask** or a loose covering like a white towel over your nose and mouth, to protect other people around you.

If you do not, be careful where you cough and sneeze.  
Spit and bodily fluids can carry a virus.

**You are God's beloved,  
living through a dangerous time.**

**You are not obligated to attend mass on Sunday.**

**If you are sick, stay home.**

**Worship God as you can. Respect each other and  
work for the common good.**



### **The Vatican has named a new bishop for Rapid City Diocese: Fr. Peter Muhich** (*pronounced Mew-ich*)

He was born on May 13, 1961 in Eveleth, Minnesota, to Louis and Sally Muhich. The second of seven children he grew up in a devout Catholic family on the Iron Range of Northern Minnesota where mining is the main industry. He graduated from Eveleth Public High School in 1979. He graduated from St. Thomas in 1983; was ordained a priest in 1989.



He has been serving as the Rector of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary in Duluth for 11 years.

With pandemic precautions, he doesn't yet know when he will move to Rapid City, or what the ordination liturgy will look like.

On the Diocese of Rapid City website front page is a link for his video greeting to us.

Thank you for praying for a good bishop. Pray now for a good transition.

Catholic Social Services is taking applications for a grant up to \$250 from households anywhere in western South Dakota where: + A household member who has a positive test for COVID-19, which has adversely impacted the family's income. +Temporarily lost employment due to the COVID-19 pandemic which has adversely impacted the family's income. +Health care providers in the family whose employment has resulted in financial hardships for the family. +Lost income due to a lack of childcare. +Members with pre-existing medical conditions that has caused them to self-quarantine, resulting in financial hardship for the family.

Apply for assistance online at [cssrapidcity.com](http://cssrapidcity.com)  
or call CSS at 605-348-6086.

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