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Dear Friends,

Last week I wrote about the conflicting stories we hear about COVID and the confusion and division that can cause. Unfortunately, I used an erroneous statistic. I am sorry for that. This week, our parishioner Dr. Susan Bleasdale, M.D. graciously agreed to write about some common questions about the COVID virus. I am grateful to her for sharing with us.



-Fr. Ed Pelrine

Father Ed asked if I could help with some of the common questions people have about COVID-19 and to clear up some confusion. I am a parishioner and an infectious disease physician caring for patients with COVID-19 and helping to implement and guide public health measures to keep us safe and get us back to work, school, mass and doing the things we enjoy. Here are some common COVID-19 questions:

COVID-19 - Some think it is the Black Plague and some think it is the common cold, what is the truth?

Maybe both. There are some people that can get very severely ill with COVID-19 requiring hospitalization, needing support with a ventilator, and there are still people dying of COVID-19. We did have a time in early July where the hospitalizations and deaths from COVID-19 were very low. Unfortunately, we have seen a dramatic increase in the last few weeks due to the Delta variant. Hospitals are getting full again with patients with COVID-19 infections and are still very busy caring for all other patients. Most of those who are getting so ill from the virus are those who have not been vaccinated yet or those with conditions or medications that weaken their immune system. It is true that some may get COVID-19 and only have mild symptoms, especially those who are vaccinated. However, even with mild symptoms you can get it and spread it to others who might be vulnerable to more serious infection.

Children and young adults have not been as severely ill in the last year, however with the delta variant being so contagious, there are much more cases in these age groups, and we are starting to see some young people with severe illness and hospitalization now. There have unfortunately been young people who have died from COVID. Often, they have conditions that put them at risk for more severe disease.

What are the conditions that put you at risk for severe COVID-19 infection at any age?

Here is a list but you can check this site for the most up to date information CDC Medical Conditions with Increased Risk. Older age (65 years and older), cancer, heart trouble (heart disease or high blood pressure), diabetes, chronic lung disease, chronic kidney disease, dementia, down syndrome, AIDs, liver disease, being overweight (having an elevated body mass index over 25 kg/m²), pregnancy, sickle cell disease, smoking, having had an organ or blood transplant.

What can you do to protect yourself from COVID-19 infection?

Get vaccinated, wear a mask around others outside your household, wash your hands often and stay home and get tested if you are having symptoms. There are currently three vaccines available - Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson. The Pfizer vaccine is FDA approved for age 12 and up. The Moderna will likely be approved soon. All three had a safety and efficacy review in December and January 2021 and were approved for Emergency Use Authorization.

As of 9/6/2021 the US has given over 370 million doses of vaccines [CDC COVID-19 Vaccinations in the US](#)

Why should I get vaccinated if I don't have any of these conditions?

This will keep you at work or school by decreasing your risk of getting COVID-19 by about 8-fold. You likely will not need to quarantine if exposed to someone with COVID-19 if you are vaccinated. You will need to wear a mask around others and get tested though. By being vaccinated you will slow the spread of the disease, and the risk of further variants that happen when there is ongoing transmission person to person.

Why should I get vaccinated if I can still get infected?

It is true that you can still get COVID, and the vaccine is not 100% protective against getting the infection similar to other vaccines we have available. However, it is very effective against severe disease. It is estimated that being vaccinated will decrease your risk of hospitalization or death by 25-fold.

Why do I need to wear a mask if I am vaccinated?

As mentioned above, you can get it and still spread it although there is less risk. There has been an increase in cases across the country over the last 1-2 months. This is related to the delta variant that is spread very easily and infects more people when there is exposure even those who are vaccinated although likely will be a mild case, more like a cold. It is important to still wear masks:

- To prevent you from getting infected and missing work or school
- To protect you on top of vaccination to prevent hospitalization or serious illness
- To prevent you from spreading infection if you have it to others at risk for severe disease. The highest amount of virus is in the 2 days before you develop symptoms.

Will I need a booster?

We know some people may not be fully protected from the vaccine and may need an additional dose:

- Those who have cancer
- Those who have had an organ or blood transplant
- Those getting medications to suppress their immune system
- Those with severe HIV and AIDs

If you are in one of these groups, you should get a third dose of vaccine at any time after 28 days from completing the Pfizer or Moderna series. Talk to your doctor or vaccine provider. (There are not recommendations yet for those that got J&J but likely will come soon). There will likely be a recommendation for those vaccinated over 8 months ago to get a third dose, but it is best to wait for formal recommendations is approved by the CDC and FDA.

How can I go to mass safely?

Get vaccinated if you are able. Wear a mask at mass and only taking it down to receive communion. This helps to protect you and those around you and allows us all to participate in mass safely. We have learned a lot about how we can continue to do things safely over the last year and now thanks to God's work through the hands of scientists we have 3 highly effective vaccines in the US to help protect us. In July it was discovered that those vaccinated can still get the infection, although the risk is lower, and they can spread it. So, the CDC and the Illinois Department of Health recommended masks should be worn in indoor settings for all those age 2 and up so we can continue to do the activities we need and love and be safe.

I hear all kinds of conflicting information about COVID-19, where can I go to get reliable information?

Talk to your doctor about your risks and how to protect yourself. Look to reliable sources on the internet, CDC and local departments of health are most reputable.

Other links that are reliable:

CDC COVID-19 and Your health - CDC COVID-19 and Your Health
Information on Illinois statistics - IDPH COVID Data
Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center
Data in the United States - CDC Data Tracker

I am a practicing Catholic, should I get vaccinated?

Pope Urges People to get Vaccinated "It is an act of Love"

Dr. Susan Bleasdale, M.D.

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MARCH 29

DECEMBER 21

APRIL 26



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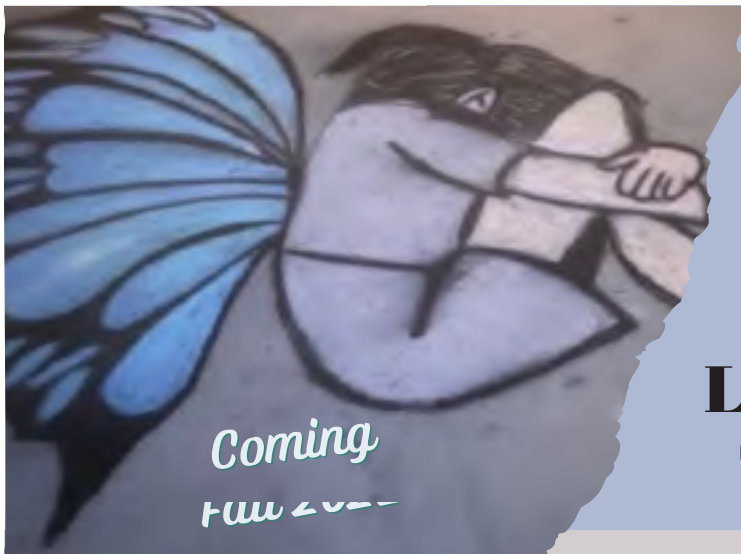
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Meeting Mental Health With Grace



VETERANS EXITING HOMELESSNESS SUPPLY DRIVE

We've all heard the stories. We've all seen the pictures of homeless veterans struggling to regain their footing when returning to civilian life. They risked their lives for us. They could use a hand and we can be that hand to them.

The good news is that the Veteran's Administration (VA) has a wonderful rent subsidy program that moves homeless veterans to apartments - with a success rate of over 60% by the 2½ year mark! Please help our veterans by donating items needed to set up a new home!

When a veteran leaves a shelter or transitional housing and moves to a permanent residence, they often do not have the basic items needed to set up their new home. Aside from a need for bedding and furniture, they need the basic items we often take for granted. This collection drive will serve to assist veterans that are moving into a new home. All items will be delivered to a VA facility to be distributed to a veteran in need.

In conjunction with a national veteran's organization (Military Outreach USA), we will be collecting the household items shown below. The VA will distribute 100% of the items collected to service veterans in the greater Chicagoland area by the following week's end. Please help us fill the collection bins.

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Personal Hygiene

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Towels/Wash Cloth
Plunger
Shower Curtain
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Light Bulbs
Toilet Paper

Miscellaneous

Flashlight
Garbage Bags
Sandwich Bags
Laundry Detergent
Aluminum Foil
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Hamper

Drive Up-Drop Off Event on Sept. 25th & 26th

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Want to help unload and load? Please signup here:

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All donations and volunteers are greatly appreciated.



WEEKLY INTENTIONS

Please pray for our sick...

Mary Opon, Joanne Resch, Kenny Salvo,
Dave & Sue French

Rose for Life

This week's Rose for Life is in loving memory of Joe Bielat.

Remembrances

Saturday Evening/Sunday September 11th/12th

Bill Roller, Martha Wrobel (1st Anniv.), Helen Soper (1st Anniv.), Frank & Victoria Bosco, John Glueckert Sr., Richard & Catherin Lyons, Rita Nemeth

Monday, September 13th

Elorza Costello, Donato Brescia

Tuesday, September 14th

Jack Ruane, Helen Marie Bailitz, Patricia Rago, Marsha Clark

Wednesday, September 15th

Louise Gehrke, Paul Luehrs

Thursday, September 16th

Jack Ruane, Kevin James Houlihan

Friday, September 17th

Catherine Sabey, Margaret Deeke (1st Anniv.), Carmen Swanson,
Deceased members of the O'Neil Family

Saturday 7:30am September 18th

Donald Seiler, Sharon Seiler-Scanlan, Nancy Ellingsen

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

	Mass Times	Presider
For Saturday	Sat. 5PM	Fr. Ryan
and Sunday	7AM	Fr. Ryan
September	8:30AM	Fr. Ed
18th & 19th	10AM	Fr. Ryan
	11:30AM	Fr. Ric Halvorson
	5PM	Fr. Ed

In Loving Memory

Francis Kenneth "Ken" Dempsey Jr., is survived by children Mary (Steven) Galligan, Michael (Traci), John (Debbi) and Thomas (Heidi) Dempsey; grandchildren Patrick (Sarah), Brian, Erin (John), Megan (Justin), Alyssa, Shannon, Griffin, Emily, Kevin, and the late Matthew and eight great-grandchildren.



Wedding Banns

September 10, 2021

Samuel Frasco & McCall Reed

September 11, 2021

Brendan King & Meghan Bucaro

September 17, 2021

Daniel Grieco & Dana Biancalana

September 18, 2021

Blake Bazarnik & Jenna D'Agata

Patrick Nix & Nicole Obarski

September 24, 2021

Steven Patzke & Krista Chichilla

September 25, 2021

Patrick Eder & Morgan Sandelin

October 1, 2021

Nathan Goetz & Jessica Danduran

October 2, 2021

Justin Tworek & Jacqueline Hermanson

WEEKLY READINGS

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Ps.116).

Second Reading — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

Gospel — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

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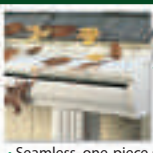


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Sunday	8:30am	Traditional
Sunday	10:00am	Contemporary
Sunday	11:30am	Contemporary
Sunday	5:00pm	Contemporary

Weekday Masses (Church)

Monday – Saturday Mass at 7:30AM

Holy Day Liturgy

Please see special schedules for Holy Days.

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Saturday & Sunday

9:00am—1:00pm

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Baptism - Please call the Parish Office with your preferred date at least one month in advance.

Marriage - At least six months prior to your wedding date please contact the Parish Office about setting a date.

Reconciliation -Tuesday – 6PM-7PM
& Saturday – 8-9AM following daily Mass

ADORE - Join us Tuesdays in the Church for eucharistic adoration, procession of the blessed sacrament, meditative praise and worship music, silent prayer, and confession.

HOLY HOUR - Thursdays 7-8PM in the Church for exposition of the blessed sacrament, evening prayer, and the rosary.



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St. James Perpetual Adoration Chapel is open to the public Monday-Friday 6:30AM-8:30PM, Saturday & Sunday 6AM-6:30PM. All are welcome. Come and Adore!