

Bishop's Schedule

No public scheduled events.

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From the desk of
Most Rev. Joseph M. Siegel

- Appointed **Rev. Claude "Dusty" Burns** to serve as pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Newburgh, effective June 24, 2020.
- Appointed **Rev. Brian Emmick** to serve as pastor of Precious Blood Parish in Jasper, effective June 24, 2020.
- Appointed **Rev. Brian Emmick** to serve as priest-delegate to Holy Trinity Catholic School in Dubois County, effective June 24, 2020.
- Appointed **Rev. Tony Ernst** to serve as Associate Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Evansville, while continuing as administrator of St. Philip Neri Parish in Bicknell and St. Francis Xavier Parish in Vincennes, effective June 1, 2020.
- Appointed **Rev. Ryan Hildebrand** to serve as pastor of St. Matthew Parish in Mount Vernon and St. Philip Parish in Posey County, effective June 24, 2020.
- Appointed **Rev. Gary Kaiser** to serve as pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Princeton and St. Bernard Parish in Snake Run, effective June 24, 2020.
- Appointed **Rev. Simon Natha** to serve as administrator of Holy Name Parish in Bloomfield and St. Peter Parish in Linton, effective June 24, 2020.
- Appointed **Rev. Biju Thomas** to serve as administrator of St. Mary Parish in Huntingburg, effective June 24, 2020.
- Appointed **Janie Kempf** to continue as pastoral life coordinator at Divine Mercy Parish in St. Anthony, effective immediately.
- Appointed **Rev. Jose Thomas** to serve as parochial vicar of St. Philip Neri Parish in Bicknell and St. Francis Xavier Parish in Vincennes, effective June 24, 2020.

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Resumption of Public Liturgies

Out of concern for the prevention of the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19, and following consultation with other Bishops, the College of Consultors, and the Deans, in accord with canon 838 §§1 and 4 of the Code of Canon Law, I previously suspended the public celebration of Masses in the Diocese of Evansville until further notice.

Now, following consultation with the Bishops of the Province of Indiana, the College of Consultors, the Council of Priests, and the Deans, and in accord with canon 838 §§1 and 4 of the Code of Canon Law, the above-noted prior decree is hereby emended, and I hereby decree the reinstatement of the public celebration of Masses. However, this is regulated by the particular law of the Diocese of Evansville, executive orders

of the Governor of the State of Indiana, and directives from local governing entities, all in an effort to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19. Furthermore, I hereby direct the Guidelines for the Resumption of Public Masses and the Implementation Verification Form to be followed in the Diocese of Evansville.

The dispensation which I previously granted, effective 12 March 2020, from the obligation to participate in Mass on Sundays and holy days to the faithful of the Diocese of Evansville and travelers who are present in the Diocese of Evansville remains in effect until further notice. This means that the faithful are not under an obligation and pain of sin to attend the public celebration of Mass. In fact, those who are simply uncomfortable attending the public celebration of Mass or in a vulnerable population are encouraged to pray at home, watch the

online celebration of Mass, or pray the Act of Spiritual Communion.

The provisions of this decree are effective 18 May 2020, all things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us!

Given at Evansville, Indiana
7 May 2020

+ Joseph M. Siegel

Most Reverend Joseph M. Siegel,
DD, STL
Bishop of Evansville

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Chancellor

Nurse relies on the Holy Spirit in caring for COVID-19 patients

BY DAVE HRBACEK
Catholic News Service

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA (CNS) — Rebecca Maslow’s workday begins long before she walks through the doors of Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, where she is a nurse in the intensive care unit.

She prays before going to work, seeking the help of the Holy Spirit to love and care for the patients she will see that day. Every time she walks into a room, she knows that this could be the patient’s last day of life. She must be ready to help them die.

That’s because, woven into her job description in recent months is caring for seriously ill and dying patients, most of whom have COVID-19. Since being assigned primarily to the intensive care unit in March, she now sees the worst of the coronavirus pandemic every day. It is exhausting work, physically and emotionally, and she can’t for a moment neglect the intensive protective regimen needed to keep her from getting the virus herself.

At the same time, she feels that avoiding the virus likely is a losing

battle.

“I know that I will probably get it in the near future,” said Maslow, 28, who graduated from the University of Minnesota in 2014 with a nursing

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CNS photo by Dave Hrbacek,
The Catholic Spirit

This May 1 photo shows Rebecca Maslow, a nurse in the intensive care unit of Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She is a parishioner of Nativity of Our Lord in St. Paul.



Journey

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Steve sent me a link to a local newspaper story about the little restaurant along U.S. 219. C&J’s closed last December.

In 1982, WVU’s men’s basketball team made the field of the NCAA Division I men’s basketball tournament for the first time in decades. The Mountaineers were seeded in the West region, and our first-round games were on the campus of Utah State University in Logan, Utah. After exchanging rosters and team statistics with my sports-information counterparts at Utah State,

let’s pray for one another as we are trying to save ourselves from these worldly things, that we find comfort in the fact that whether what we read or hear about those things is true or not, there will always be a place that we can go that we know without doubt we can find truth. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit may we all come to know the only truth that really matters; the Truth, that, through His life, death and resurrection we have already been saved.

Brenda Hopf is a member of Divine Mercy Parish in Dubois County and also contributes to the “Sharing the Load” column in The Message.

Faith and Life

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and to calm our troubled hearts.

This is just a small sampling of the truths that I discovered in John 14. I have no doubt as I go back to read it again and again, and as I turn to the many other scripture passages in the bible, the Holy Spirit will reveal new things and remind me of what I have already learned about the truth but may forget as I falter in my human weakness.

As we all continue to search for the truth in the information we read and hear about the COVID-19 pandemic and other daily controversial issues that our society faces,

they asked if I had any other questions. “Yes, is your trout season open, and is there fishing nearby?” They answered yes and yes.

Jimbo and I fished the Blacksmith Fork River out there, and it was full of wild brown trout. Jimbo caught one almost 18 inches long that sported a hook-jaw. I happened to turn around and look

up as he was playing the fish. High above us stood an elk, watching the proceedings unfold. I see it all now as if it happened yesterday — not 38 years ago.

Rest in peace, my dear friend.

Contact me anytime at tlliley@evdio.org with your comments, questions or suggestions. My Twitter feed is @Timonbass.

Grace

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heart to honor my husband all the days of my life. I was surrounded by the people that I loved the most in the world.

When my family walked into the church for my mother’s funeral, I was so comforted by the presence of so many people that I cared about.

It just helps, in good times and in bad ones, to have people near us, the people that we love.

The Catechism tells us that the sacraments “touch all the stages and all the important moments of Christian life: they

give birth and increase healing and mission to the Christian’s life of faith. There is thus a certain resemblance between the stages of natural life and the stages of the spiritual life.”

We don’t know if we will ever go back to the old normal, or if we are forging new paths. What I have learned is that what I thought was important no longer has much value. What I accepted as easily available to me now is precious.

Mary Ann retired as the managing editor of The Message in December 2015.