

June 19, 2020

Dear St. Elijah Parishioners:

Thanks be to God, St. Elijah is doing great. It has been quite some time since I have written to the Parish. First, I want to thank our Clergy and Staff for the incredible job they have done keeping ALL parishioners engaged during this most difficult time. As we start to move back into attending church, I want to continue to caution all parishioners to please exercise diligence in maintaining your health and protecting the health of others. We all want to be in church; but if you think you could have been exposed or just do not feel great, we ask that you refrain from attendance. If we are diligent in our efforts, I know we can get through this pandemic!

So, what has been going on at St. Elijah while we have been attending via Cyber Space? Actually, several things. Here are a few highlights:

1. If you have been to the Church, you should have noticed the completion of the wood flooring in the entry and grand hallway. Thank you to the decorating committee for their hard work in beautifying and maintaining our facility. Also, specialty area rugs have been ordered to enhance the beauty of the floors.
2. Our online presence continues to grow with our live streaming. We have had people from all over the country participating in our services. A special thanks to our youth director, Anthony Ruggerio, Deacon Ezra, John Larson, and Rick Yeager for installing and updating our equipment.
3. Also, our Youth Director, Anthony, has continued to try to stay involved as much as possible. He is willing and available for private meetings with families, if you so choose. Please feel free to contact him to set up a time for a one-on-one visit.
4. As far as Stewardship, we have continued to do well. As we approach the summer months, giving sometime gets put on the back burner. We ask that you remember to support St. Elijah. Also, our online giving program, REALM, has been very successful throughout this pandemic time. If you have not used it, and would like help in setting it up, please contact John Larson or Denise Mettry for instructions.
5. St. Elijah Charities and the Families in Need program have continued to stay active. Although we have not been able to continue with the Raven Project, we have been providing box lunches through the Homeless Alliance.
6. Lastly, I know there have been a lot of questions regarding the 100th Anniversary Celebration and the Bake Sale. Although no final decisions have been made, it is highly unlikely that either will take place this year. As we continue to pray for an end to the pandemic, the uncertainty of the future makes the possibility of both functions highly unlikely. We anticipate some new directives from the Archdiocese in July and, upon receipt, we should be in a better position to make a final decision.

As always, please feel free to contact any of the board members with any questions or concerns.

Yours in Christ,



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