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MOST RECENT UPDATE FROM FATHER JOE DIERMEIER, PASTOR

Earlier today, March 17, I wrote about how St. Mary's would handle the directive from Governor Evers stating that no more than fifty (50) should be in attendance at any public gathering as well as the directives that came from Bishop Callahan about the cancellation of public Masses.

Given the ever-changing status of COVID-19 and the growing number of cases in Wisconsin, Governor Evers has now mandated that as of today no more than ten (10) can gather together in any one public place. This includes places of worship. We are further notified that to violate this order may result in a fine or imprisonment or both.

Therefore, everything that I had indicated for a gathering of people up to 50 persons is now to be disregarded.

For the time being, the church will remain open during daytime hours. You are welcome to come and spend time in personal prayer. All public forms of prayer will be discontinued for the time being (rosary, Stations of the Cross, etc.). These can resume once the public celebration of the Mass resumes.

The sacrament of Confession will be available for those who request it. Holy Communion can be administered for a serious reason if requested at an opportune time.

Let's continue to pray and hope that the 10 person limit for any public gathering will soon be lifted. In the meantime, please pray for all who are on the frontline during this virus outbreak and who are providing the leadership and care for all of us. God is good and in His compassion He will see us through this difficulty.

If a funeral should occur, it should be limited only to family members.

A number of parishioners listen to Relevant Radio. Daily Mass is livestreamed Monday through Friday from the Relevant Radio campus in Green Bay. If interested, the link to Relevant Radio is <https://relevantradio.com/faith/daily-mass-video>. You can also simply listen to the Mass on the radio station.