



St. Mark's Congregation

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Dear Parishioners,

The Catholic Comeback is a detailed plan for parishes in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to return to Mass in phases based on the readiness of each parish. The soonest a parish can resume Mass is Sunday, May 31.

After prayerfully reviewing The Catholic Comeback directives and discussing our parish's readiness, I, Fr. Carlos Florez, in consultation with the staff, councils, and commission chairs, have made the decision that **St Mark the Evangelist will not resume Mass on May 31. We will look at a possible start date of June 27th instead.**

We all long to be together for Mass. We greatly miss seeing each other and celebrating our faith as a community. **This was a very difficult decision, but I believe the right one for our parish community for the following reasons:**

1. The health of our community is our priority and we want you to be safe and healthy.
2. Catholics have been granted dispensation by Archbishop Listecki to physically not come to mass until July 5th.
3. While keeping the safety of our entire community in our minds and in our hearts, Archbishop Listecki has allowed us to decide to open our churches or to remain closed.
4. We understand the void in your hearts as you are unable to receive the Holy Eucharist. If you need to receive communion call us 262-656-7373, email us stmark.kenosha@gmail.com or text 262-515-8919. Leave a brief message with your name and phone number. We will return your call during regular business hours, Monday through Friday 9am – 4pm.
5. Most recent studies show that the number of people with Covid-19 is increasing.
6. Test availability is increasing, but we have also learned that almost half of the cases who test positive for Covid-19 are asymptomatic.
7. Some members of St. Mark's community have tested positive for Covid-19.
8. We have elderly, children and immune-compromised members in our community that we care for.
9. We have learned that we will not have enough volunteers to serve during masses at this time.
10. If we wait, we can learn from other communities how to take the most effective precautions for when we open and the level of confidence of our ministers can increase.
11. We will continue to live stream daily English and Spanish mass online on St. Mark's parish Facebook page.
12. We want to keep our priests safe and healthy because we want to be here for you.

We are united in prayer.

Faithfully in Christ,

Fr Carlos Florez

Where to find us on the web

Schedule of Virtual Masses

All Masses will be shown live and also recorded so that you can view them at any time that works for you.

- Saturday** – 4:00pm (English)
6:00pm (Spanish)
- Sunday** - 10:00am (English)
12:00pm (Spanish)
- Weekdays** - 9:30am (English)
6:00pm (Spanish)

Where to find us on the web: www.facebook.com/saintmark.kenosha or www.stmark-kenosha.org.

How can you continue to help St. Mark financially?

- On-line giving (ACH) either directly through your bank, or you can sign up for ACH giving through St. Mark's. We can help you set this up - call us!
- Credit Card/ Debit Card donations can be taken over the phone.
- Mail in or drop off your weekly donation at the parish office. There is a "Mail" slot to the left of the parish office door, you can use it to securely drop off your offering. We check it frequently throughout the day.
- We have PayPal set up on our website. We receive notification of your donation immediately.
- **Coming soon!** – We will be able to receive your donation on our Facebook page.

Father is planning on asking you to donate during Masses. Please be ready to help us.

If you have questions or need more information, please call Kris in the parish office. She will be happy to help you! 262-656-7373.

Your continued donations to St. Mark Parish will provide financial support to our parish during this difficult time. Please continue to give.

For those waiting to receive Sacraments We are praying for you

Right now, we can only do Baptisms (limit 10 people), Weddings (limit 10 people), and Funerals (limit 10 people)