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Dear Parishioners:

We have all been frustrated since the beginning of the pandemic because we have not been able to gather together to celebrate the Eucharist (since the Third Sunday of Lent on March 15<sup>th</sup>). We have coped during this time by streaming Sunday Mass since then.

Bishop Joensen has initiated a two-phase return to live Masses. Phase One is a return to daily Mass followed later by Phase Two, Sunday Mass. Some parts of the diocese have been able to enter Phase Two already.

I am happy to tell you that the Bishop has now allowed Dallas, Polk and Warren counties to enter Phase One on June 11<sup>th</sup>. **Thus, we will return to our normal daily Mass schedule** (Monday-Friday at 7:15 a.m. and Tuesday at Noon) **beginning Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**. There will be some differences for us to be able to celebrate Mass since we will still have to cope with COVID-19 restrictions. Please watch for a video to be released on social media detailing what to expect. We hope we may be able to enter Phase Two by the end of June.

Thank you for your patience and prayers during this time. I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Fr. Ray

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