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May 18th, 2020

Dear Parishioners of St. Ann,

We write to you with heavy hearts and sympathy as we are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of your beloved pastor, Fr. John Barasinski. Fr. John's sudden and unexpected death comes at a time when you were already physically separated from one another, and so the grief you feel from his loss may be now more palpable than ever. Please know of our prayers for you as you move forward in faith and trust in God.

We ourselves had the pleasure of getting to know Fr. John more deeply these last few years. We collaborated with his parish team during the Synod implementation process, and we enjoyed his company on occasion as he joined us for meals and fellowship at the St. Patrick rectory. As he was a brother in the priesthood, his sudden passing is also a loss for all priests who knew him. We pray that the Lord may look favorably upon his priestly ministry and grant him eternal rest and peace from his labors.

As our churches initiate the process of reopening, we understand that many of you will be searching for a place to attend Mass. As your neighbors in Chesterton, we welcome and invite you to join us at St. Patrick. We have already begun public weekday and weekend Masses on a limited basis. You may register for a Mass time at www.stpatsparish.org. During this period of uncertainty and transition at St. Ann, we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

You will remain in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May our eternal High Priest give you comfort and consolation, and may he grant eternal rest to Fr. John.

We remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Rev. Jon Plavcan, Pastor



Rev. Nathaniel Edquist, Associate Pastor