

Highlights of the St. John XXIII Parish Property Management for 2019-2020

This year has been dominated by COVID-19 concerns.

1. Social Distancing, hand sanitation, pew disinfection

Seating plans and foot traffic within the church met with all Federal and Cantonal requirements and were adjusted when Federal and Cantonal regulations changed.

Social distancing limited the number of parishioners attending mass to about 50, and attendance requires pre-registration. However, parishioners who are unable to attend mass are able to watch a livestream mass on Sundays at 11h30.

Hand sanitation stations are in place at the entrance of the church. A dedicated group of volunteers disinfect the pews between masses.

2. Bell School

Bell school followed the Federal and Cantonal protection plans for primary schools.

3. Mass Attendance

Prior to COVID-19, mass attendance at 8h30 was about 100-150 and at 11h30 about 350-600

There were no masses on 12 Sundays due to the first COVID lockdown.

Parking has not been a problem.

4. Fire Drill

The Fire Drill was postponed. A fire drill is normally conducted during the start of catechism classes. Catechism classes have been postponed due to COVID.

5. Burglary of priest's apartment

Father Paul's apartment was broken into by a homeless teenager. He entered by climbing onto a balcony and breaking a shuttered window. Cash was taken. Father Paul was not home at the time.

An alarm system for the apartments, and new locks were put in place.

6. Rooftop beehive

The bees survived the winter and are busy making honey.