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Archdiocesan Guidelines

As this has been a week unlike any of us have ever seen, out of concern for public health, Archbishop Carlson has mandated liturgical/sacramental practices for parishes in the Archdiocese.

- All public Masses, Stations of the Cross, bible studies, and other group gatherings are to cease.
- All Catholics are dispensed from their serious obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice.
- All are encouraged to read the daily Scriptures and to make an act of Spiritual Communion to unite themselves to the Lord's true presence through prayer.
- The Cathedral Basilica is live-streaming Holy Mass at 8:00 AM weekdays, and 10:00 AM on Sundays at cathedralstl.org/live/
- Priests are bound to continue to celebrate Holy Mass "sine populo" (without a congregation) for the intentions of the people .
- Churches are to remain open for personal prayer, devotion and confessions.
- With the proper social distancing, chapels for Eucharistic Adoration may remain open although the Blessed Sacrament will not be exposed.
- Weddings/funerals/baptisms may be continued with only immediate family members in attendance.
- Holy Communion may be administered to those who are seriously ill or in danger of death, only by those in good health.
- Please remember that it is essential for the continued operation of our parish that consistent contributions be made by online giving or by mail.

Pastors Perspective

In keeping with Archdiocesan directives there will be **no public celebration of Holy Mass** until further notice.

Be assured that both Father D'Amico and I will remember each of you in our daily private celebrations of the Eucharist.

We will be available for **confessions**, (behind the screen only), at our usual times on Saturday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:00 PM and Sunday morning from 6:00 to 6:30 AM, 8:00 to 8:30 AM & 10:00 to 10:30 AM or by appointment.

In lieu of the public celebration of Holy Mass we provide the Scriptures for your daily prayerful reflection:

4th Lenten Sunday:

**Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Ephesians 5:8-14;
John 9:1-41**

Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16

Wednesday: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38

Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47

Friday: Wisdom 2:1,12-22;

John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

5th Lenten Sunday: Ezekiel 37:12-14;

Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

After your reflection, make a prayer of spiritual communion to our Eucharistic Lord:

My Jesus,

I believe you are present

in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things

and desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You

sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You have already come,

and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Here at St. Elizabeth there will be access to the Adoration chapel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for personal prayer.

It is essential that the proper distancing and other hygienic practices maintained for the health of all present at all times.

We are most grateful to all who have worked so hard to prepare our Parish Mission, however it has been postponed to an as yet undesignated time.

We also thank the Knights of Columbus and all who have supported their Lenten Fish Fries which also have been cancelled.

All faith formation programs have been cancelled: That Man Is You, Adult Scripture Study, Baptismal Instructions, etc.

All religious instruction and athletic events for our children have been canceled.

In the absence of our communal activities your personal acts of faith, hope and love take on an added luster.

I strongly suggest that you be particularly aware of the kindness you show to those you encounter, at home, in the grocery store, or in transit.

Lent by means of the private use of the Holy Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Stations of the Cross, we recognize our obligation to recall in this sacred season the Lord's Paschal Mystery, the need for prayer, sacrifice and compassion.

Your prayers are requested for one of our parishioners in particular, Mrs. Mary Kay Schneider, recently hospitalized.

Let us all redouble our caution and pray to bring an end to this crisis.

May God continue to bless us all!

Father Bob Burkemper

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