

March 13, 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

My prayers and those of our parish staff are with you during this time when we are dealing with an unprecedented viral disease. We remain attentive to the recommendations of the State and the Archdiocese in response to the Covid-19 virus and have the following updates for you.

- Daily and Weekend Masses: The Archbishop is temporarily suspending daily and weekend Masses throughout the Archdiocese until April 6. (See the attached note from the Archbishop). You can still observe Sunday by praying individually or as a family, by reading and discussing the Sunday readings and by praying with the Mass broadcast on TV. You can watch daily Masses at [ewtn.com](http://ewtn.com) and daily TV Mass on U-Tube. Sunday Masses are broadcast on those same stations as well as Fox 2, Catholic Television Network of Detroit (CTND) and Solanus Casey Center.
- Rescheduled and Suspended Events: As of now, per the Archdiocese, events with attendance over 100 people will be cancelled, i.e. Friday Fish Fries, Coffee & Donuts.
- All Faith Formation Classes will be suspended through April 5<sup>th</sup>; This includes K-5 and Edge. Faith Formation personnel will be in contact with our families next week with any details concerning formation at home.
- For now, Stations of the Cross and Friday adoration will be happening as scheduled.
- The church will be open for private prayer throughout the day, except Sunday afternoon and evening.
- Leaders of small groups of less than fifty will make individual decisions about their meetings.
- We will be sure to keep you updated if there are other scheduled events that will be postponed or cancelled. Please keep watch on the website for more information.

Please keep in mind that this is an evolving situation with many moving parts. We will continue to update you as we learn more and as we monitor local and government responses. Please remember to pray for those who are sick due to the Coronavirus. Jesus often told his disciples to "Be not afraid," when they were experiencing a crisis. After his death, the first words that he spoke following the Resurrection were, "Peace be with you." Let that peace guide you in the days ahead and remember that this is an opportunity to be most charitable to each other.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. John Budde