

Holy Angels and St. John the Baptist

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Dear Holy Angels and St. John the Baptist parishioners,

As per the statement from Archbishop Naumann below, for the time being public Masses in the Archdiocese of Kansas City are suspended. I will offer private Mass daily for your intentions and remain available to you by phone at 785-433-5506. If you or any family members are in need of the anointing of the sick, please contact me.

At this time both churches remain open for you to come spend time praying before the Blessed Sacrament. Please stop in to visit our Lord and pray for this situation to come to an end.

Also at this time, I can still hear individual confession behind the screen. I plan to be available at the scheduled times on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday to hear confessions.

During this time I encourage you to watch a televised or live streamed Mass, read the readings, discuss them with your family, pray the Rosary together for an end to the situation. Throughout history prayer has been a powerful weapon in times of widespread disease.

I remain sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Daniel Stover

If you would like to watch Mass daily here is a link to EWTN's YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCijDos-LUTh9ROvSCMQqN6Q>

During this time Magnificat has made their resources available for free.

<https://us.magnificat.net/free>

At this time when reception of the Eucharist is not possible for most people, I encourage you to pray an Act of Spiritual Communion when watching Mass or visiting the Blessed Sacrament in church.

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

March 17, 2020

Statement of Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann Regarding Cancellation of Public Masses in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas

In conjunction with the bishops of Kansas, effective 1 p.m. March 17, 2020, and until further notice, all public celebrations of the Holy Mass in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas are cancelled except for funeral Masses. Funeral Masses must be limited to no more than 50 people, including clergy, assisting ministers, family members and friends. No funeral luncheons may be held. A funeral liturgy outside of Mass must be limited in size as above. In addition to celebrating the funeral Mass or funeral liturgy outside of Mass, families and pastors are encouraged to schedule Memorial Masses for their loved ones in the future, when public health restrictions are relaxed, so that larger numbers may gather if desired.

All communal penance services are cancelled. Priests should continue as much as possible to offer individual confessions at regularly scheduled times, including Wednesday evenings during Lent. Confessions are to be heard only behind a screen or other barrier and not face to face. At no time should there be more than 50 people gathered in the church.

Baptisms may continue but only parents, godparents and immediate family members who are asymptomatic may attend, and in no case more than 50 people.

I encourage all of the faithful to continue to join together in prayer for the health and protection of our entire community and nation, and for an end to this crisis. I encourage all families and individuals to pray the rosary, invoking the intercession and protection of our Blessed Mother, Health of the Sick, for these intentions and for the health and well-being of our brothers and sisters who are ill, for their caretakers, and for all doctors, nurses, medical and emergency preparedness personnel and elected officials. I encourage pastors, as much as possible, to post hours that their churches will be open for private prayer with our Eucharistic Lord present in the tabernacle. At no time should there be more than 50 people gathered in the church.

Do not come to any of the above if you are sick, if you have been exposed to the coronavirus, if you suspect you have been exposed or if you have been advised by a doctor not to go out in public or attend public gatherings.