

Following the 21-day statewide curfew beginning, Friday November 19, today it was reported that the City of Columbus and Franklin County will be under a stay-at-home advisory beginning Friday and lasting for 28 days, which would be Friday, December 18.

In the interest of helping to slow the spread we take this advisory seriously and interpret the advisory in a permissive way for worship and schools

In response to the State-wide curfew, our offices will be open and someone will be here during normal business hours, but there will be reduced staffing beginning on November 25. Keep this in mind as there might be a slight delay in responding to any questions you might have for those offices.

WORSHIP

Worship remains essential for us. We will maintain our current sacramental schedule including Mass, adoration, confessions, and baptisms. The sacraments are part of the healing process.

If you have a loved one that needs to be anointed, please have the hospital contact the on-call Catholic Chaplain before calling Fr. Vince; hospital Chaplains will have greater access to the facility due to visitor restrictions. If you are having difficulty getting a priest, please ask the hospital if Fr. Vince is allowed to be at the hospital before contacting the parish office.

SCHOOLS / CATECHESIS

In issuing the advisory, Columbus Health Commissioner Dr. Mysheika Roberts indicated that schools should continue their current mode of instruction. It is of the utmost importance to keep children in schools and learning in person. This will continue until we receive other information. Superintendent of

Catholic Schools Dr. Adam Dufault is in close contact with Kayla Walton during this time.

Religious Education at parishes is also of top priority but asking children to gather from multiple areas and school systems was judged to be imprudent. Therefore, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and other PSR courses will be held remotely.

MEETINGS

Since we are located in Franklin County, all meetings at the parishes are to be conducted virtually. While this is not an exhaustive list, this includes parish councils, finance councils, Knights of Columbus, Bible Studies, etc.

SPORTS / EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extracurricular activities are canceled or held remotely. Again, the Office of Catholic Schools is in close contact with Kayla Walton and our Athletic Director.

Know that you are in our prayers and if there's any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the parish office.