

March 17, 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19)  
Parish Response

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

We are living in unique and concerning times. Our top priority has always been and continues to be one of service to the people of God. We have always had the health and safety of our parishioners and employees as our top priority. We are committed to continuing this work during this critical time.

St. Stephen's administration is actively monitoring every development from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other state and federal agencies, in addition to following any protocols and directives issued by our Bishop Michael Sis. As such, we have established increased cleaning and sanitation for our parish facilities.

The parish office will remain open with new hours of availability effective Monday March 23rd, 2020 for half a day from 8am-12pm to serve the needs of anyone that may desire to conduct parish business in person. The parish office will operate by telephone and email communications only during afternoon hours of 1pm-6pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and 1pm-5pm on Wednesdays. This is a protective measure to help limit person to person contact and reduce potential exposure of COVID-19 in an effort to ensure the health and Safety of our parish staff and priests.

We encourage you to not come to the office if you have recently been on a cruise or travelled for at least 14 days following your return as symptoms may take that long to surface. If you are not feeling well please remember almost all parish business can be handled by a phone call or email. Many new features are being developed on our parish website to meet many of your needs such as the addition of our facility space request form which spares ministries and parishioners from a trip to the office or even the need for a phone call.

We are actively posting any important announcements by Bishop Sis, in addition to news/ministry alerts on our parish website home page. We encourage you to check <https://ststephensmidland.com> frequently for any future updates. Together by the Grace of God we can all do our part in helping to prevent disease from spreading and keeping our parish community healthy. Thank you for your cooperation, patience and understanding.

Sincerest Regards,

*Mandy Trevino*

Parish Business Manager