

St. Matthew St Therese of Lisieux Covid19 Protocols

To ensure the good health of parishioners and staff alike the following protocols will take effect immediately in our parishes:

Until further notice all Parish activities will be suspended, except for daily and weekend Masses, daily holy hours, and confessions.

Suspended until further notice:

- Youth Ministry (Junior and Senior High School)
- Faith Formation (Grades Pre-K through Fifth Grade)
- Funeral Luncheons
- Stations of the Cross
- Adult Faith Formation
 - TMIY
 - WINGS
 - BLING
 - ALL ADULT PRAYER GROUPS
- All Community events
 - Haddock Dinners (Beginning 3/20/20)
 - Sporting Events
 - Social Events
 - Scouting
 - Knights of Columbus
 - Suppers
 - Easter Egg decorating or hunts

Churches will be left open for private prayer and private celebration of the Stations of the Cross. Holy water has been removed from all holy water fonts and will be replaced as soon as possible. Until further notice, the Sign of Peace will be eliminated from the celebration of Mass.

We continue to urge those who are sick to stay home and to follow the precautions issued by the CDC and local medical officials. Please remember to cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing. Refrain from touching others including members of your own family.

Vigorous washing of hands or the use of a hand sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol should be repeated as often as possible, i.e. when entering a building, when leaving a building.

Please remember that there is no need to panic. We need to all remain calm and to make smart and healthy choices. ***If you will miss Mass, we need you to continue to support the parish so that once this crisis is over, we will be able to continue to operate.***

Finally, it is important that we pray for those who are sick and that, during this time of uncertainty we continue to pray for the patience, courage, and strength to face whatever comes our way.