



## St. Jude Catholic Church

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Dear Parishioners,

On Friday, July 17, it came to my attention that I was *potentially* exposed to COVID-19 on Wednesday, July 15. Neither I, nor any staff member with whom I have interacted, have shown any symptoms of COVID-19 from the time of the *potential* exposure. I will keep you informed of any changes to my health and other related parish updates.

This being said, after consultation with medical personnel, due to the possibility of transmitting the virus, we will have a different priest lead us in prayer for our regularly scheduled Masses this weekend, July 18/19. Also, there will be no daily Mass until further notice.

As a reminder, Catholics in the Archdiocese of Dubuque remain dispensed from our obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation. If you plan on attending Mass, remember the precautions we have in place at St. Jude:

- Entering the building only through the main entrance underneath the carport, and not entering the building more than 30 minutes before the start of Mass, unless you come for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays at 3:30-4:00. The “Reconciliation Room” is now the new Community Center.
- Maintaining social distancing within the church itself by sitting in every-other pew and having more than 6 feet of separation within the pews between people of different households.
- Wearing masks and receiving holy Communion in the hand.

Mass will not be livestreamed from St. Jude this weekend, so for those of us who have prayed with us via livestream I invite you to go to [www.dbqarch.org](http://www.dbqarch.org) to participate in a weekend Mass celebrated by Archbishop Jackels.

In this Sunday’s second reading, Saint Paul tells us “the Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness.” During this time of weakness in our world, let us pray for our parish and our world, that the Holy Spirit leads us back to Jesus, the One who can take on our weakness and give us healing.

Father Mark Murphy