



## St. Jude Catholic Church

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Dear Parishioners,

Last Friday, I emailed the parish informing you I may have been exposed to the coronavirus on Wednesday, July 15. As of today, Tuesday, July 21, I have yet to experience any symptoms.

Today I was tested for the virus at the Test Iowa site in Linn County. Hopefully I will receive results within 72 hours.

In the meantime, there will be no 7:00 AM Tuesday-Friday Mass at St. Jude until further notice. We will continue to have our normal weekend reconciliation and Mass schedule. Another priest will preside this weekend; it will be neither Archbishop Jackels, nor Pope Francis! There will be no livestream of Mass this weekend. Please go to [dbqarch.org](http://dbqarch.org) for a weekend Mass with Archbishop Jackels.

I am grateful for the notes of concern, offers of support, and prayers I have received, as well as prayers for the staff and all who are impacted in any way by this pandemic.

In light of all the offers of support I received, I thought, 'if only all people had a parish standing behind them.' And in a way, we all do have a parish standing behind us. By this I mean most of us who make up our parish can think of someone who may be quarantining for whatever reason and in need of support. Maybe it's a family member, a neighbor, a coworker, or a classmate. Reaching out to them with an offer of help, like bringing them Diet Mountain Dew, or extending a listening ear and a "How are you doing?" may make a greater difference for them than we imagine. And it is a way to live our Christian faith.

Father Mark Murphy