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Memorandum

TO: Parish and School Staff; Becky Cullinan, Pastoral Council Chair; Anthony Smith, Finance Council Chair, and All Parishioners
FR: Fr. Gary Pennings, Pastor
RE: Stay at Home Order for Miami County
DT: March 24, 2020

Greetings my dear sisters and brothers. The Health Officer for Miami County has issued an Emergency “Stay at Home Order” which becomes effective at 12:01am on Wednesday, March 25th and will remain in effect for 29 days, until 12:01am on Thursday, April 23, 2020. In light of this emergency order, the following will be suspended until the order is lifted.

- All administrative operations at the school and parish offices (effective March 25th)
- Perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (effective at 12:01am, March 25th)

The most difficult thing I must tell you is, that in compliance with the Emergency Order and in solidarity with the other parishes of our pastoral region, the church building will be closed until the Emergency Order is lifted. Unfortunately, churches were not included as “essential activities” in the recent Order issued by Miami County authorities.

I will continue to live-stream Masses daily and do my best to provide online devotions and faith formation opportunities for parishioners. Please pray for me, the staff and other parish leaders so that we come up with effective ways to keep people’s faith alive during this time of imposed social distancing. Let’s pray that we come through this stronger and better equipped to live and proclaim the Gospel.

Angel House daycare will remain open and comply with requirements as an essential business as clarified in the Emergency Order. Voicemail at Parish and School offices will be regularly checked and the parish emergency number will be monitored.

Education of students through our parish school and SOR programs will continue via Distance Learning Methodologies.

Funerals will be conducted in accord with the mortuary services provision of the Order, but limited to a maximum of 10 persons, including the minister. Daily and Sunday Masses, as well as other devotions, will continue to be live streamed or posted on our parish webpage. Confessions will continue to be offered at the usual time, but at the door to the adoration chapel and not in the church. Check the website for regular updates.

I and members of the Pastoral Council will continue to explore ways to keep us connected as a parish during this difficult Lent. Continue to stay connected with one another via phone, text and email. Don’t forget what God’s word tells us, “all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28). God will bring us through this in His time. Bless you all!