



March 13, 2020

Dear St. Therese Community,

As per directive of the local health department and consultation with local public and private school officials, **St. Therese School will be closed effective Monday, March 16 through Friday March 27.** The remote and virtual learning plans for students will be posted on the Teachers' Blogs, and will begin Monday.

During the past few weeks myself and the faculty have been promoting healthy hygiene habits, obtaining information from reputable websites and news outlets and communicating with other school officials about COVID-19. None of us want to close school, but we do not have a choice. The decision was made in consultation with other school officials and the health department. The building will be closed to all functions and thoroughly cleaned during this time.

Below is what we have planned for today and the two weeks ahead:

1. Teachers will be reviewing with students how assignments will be assigned in packets and virtually.
2. Assignments, links and websites will be posted on the Teachers' Blogs.
3. Schedules will be posted on blogs for students to logon onto Google Classroom, Google Meet and Google Hangout and any other means they choose to communicate their lessons so your child continues to be educated.
4. Students will bring home chromebooks, textbooks and any materials that they will need to continue instruction.
5. Teachers and myself will be available to answer questions during school hours via email.

Please know that this was not an easy decision. It was made in consultation with local health officials, the Department of Education, other local public and private school officials and diocesan superintendent. Also, know that the health and safety of our students, staff, faculty and St. Therese School Community was at the fore-front of making this decision.

Our tentative anticipated return to school is Monday, March 30. If there is a need to extend the closure you will receive notification by Thursday, March 26. As we enter into these uncharted waters of virtual learning, we understand the difficulty and chaos that it may present. We hope and pray as parents you are able to navigate your schedules with your children learning at home. Please be sure to email your teachers or me should you need assistance with anything that is presented to you.

In Christ,

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