

IMPORTANT

# UPDATE

March 22, 2020

Hi Everyone,

I just wanted to let you know that the weekly bulletin is available online. You can access it through our website: <https://www.stignatiushickory.org/>

I hope you are doing well and we miss you!

God bless you!

Kelly Gibbons

March 18, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

For Saturday's Confessions, each priest will be seated in a folding chair on each of the four sides of the Grotto. We ask that you pull your car up to one of the priests and we will hear your confession with you seated in the car. If there is more than one person in the car, please turn the car off and the rest of the family should get out of the car until each person has had the opportunity for private confession.

Secondly, Our Sunday Visitor, which supplies our parish envelopes for offertory, and much of our Religious Education materials has developed a daily digital newsletter meant to help Catholics keep the faith during this time of coronavirus. You can sign-up at the link below and also on our website.

<https://reply.osv.com/covid-19>

Please be assured of our continued prayers,

God Bless You,

Msgr. Jim

**March 17, 2020**

**A Message from Msgr. Jim:**

Although I know how difficult it is for parishioners to be without Mass and the Eucharist, we need to follow the Archbishop and State Officials directives to “flatten the curve” and to stop the spread of COVID-19 in order to protect the most vulnerable among us.

As we journey through Lent, I encourage parishioners to pray and to fast (when plausible) through the holy season of Lent. Try to include a few minutes of daily intentional prayer, with your family when possible. You can use scripture, the rosary and watch Mass on television and at [www.archbalt.org](http://www.archbalt.org) website. Please remember to pray for those who are suffering from the Coronavirus around the world and for all those on the front lines in our medical community.

**Here at St. Ignatius, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will still be held in the Historic Church on Sundays beginning at 7:00 AM. The Historic Church is also open for quiet prayer Monday thru Friday, 7:30 – 3:30 PM.**

**This Saturday, March 21st from 2:00-4:00 all four parish priests will be in the Grotto for private confessions. At 4:30, we will celebrate a Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent that will be on our Parish website. (We have hired a technician to do this for us.) [www.stignatiushickory.org](http://www.stignatiushickory.org)**

You can also use the resource [www.Formed.org](http://www.Formed.org) or [WoFDigital.org](http://WoFDigital.org) (which can be accessed through our website under GetConnected). They both have a library full of videos and reading for you to use. Bishop Robert Barron is also televising a daily Mass from his private chapel: [www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)

Please know that all of you are in our prayers and that we are praying for each of you.

God Bless you!

## **March 16, 2020**

Hello everyone,

Listed below are all of the Parish Cancellations until further notice:

All public Masses  
Stations of the Cross  
All Faith Formation Classes  
RCIA  
Discovering Christ  
Youth Group - Middle & High School  
CLOW  
Young Adult Bible Study  
Grief Support  
Saturday Confession  
Fr. Marc's Wednesday Bible Study  
Blood Pressure Ministry  
Legion of Mary  
Catholic Men's Fellowship  
Homeschool Co-op  
Scouts  
Respect Life Ministry Meetings  
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
All Music Rehearsals  
Knights of Columbus Meetings  
New Parishioner Welcome  
Scout Mulch Sale

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume Sunday, March 22nd.

Baptisms and Funerals will go on as scheduled but are limited to immediate family only.  
The Historic Church is open Monday thru Friday, 7:30-3:30 for quiet prayer.

As we get more information and as things change we will keep you updated.

God bless you!

#### Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have not options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those that have no place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.