

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC PARISH

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Below is a statement from the Diocese of Knoxville released today, March 17.

Please note that we will have more news forthcoming regarding details for All Saints parish. I will tell you that we have now cancelled Stations of the Cross immediately and until further notice as well as the other items outlined in my memo yesterday. Daily Masses continue as scheduled today through March 19.

In addition, due to the extensive planning needed right now and other reasons, the Adult Social has been cancelled. There is also the risk that it might not be safe or practical to even host it, please see Bishop's statement below. We are very grateful to the team and hope next year's event will be even more special.

Please continue to pray for us all and practice good safety. Staying home is a small price to pay for keeping us healthy. This is a very powerful way to show that we are the Body of Christ!

Sincerely,

Fr. Doug

STATEMENT FROM THE DIOCESE OF KNOXVILLE:

Effective March 20, the public celebration of Masses in the Diocese of Knoxville will cease until concerns over the spread of the coronavirus subside. Priests and deacons of the diocese were notified by Bishop Stika of his decision on Monday night. He announced his decision to the public on his Facebook page.

Bishop Stika has requested that all small adoration chapels in the diocese be closed but that all churches remain open for daily adoration, allowing people to spread out.

"I do this with great regret but with prudence and care for all," Bishop Stika said. "I have also mandated that all parish and diocesan meetings be postponed until after this crisis has passed," he added.

The bishop plans to provide more information in a video to be released by the diocese later today.