



St. Anthony de Padua
Catholic Parish · Established 1948

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Dear St. Anthony de Padua Parish Family,

With the “stay-at home” order from Governor Holcomb beginning on Wednesday, March 25, how can St. Anthony de Padua continue to help nourish your spiritual life during this time?

This is, of course, a chance for time with family in the home, time with the Lord in prayer, time to read Sacred Scripture, read about the lives of the Saints, pray together as a family, and so many other things as we stay at home for the health and safety of ourselves and each other.

As a parish family, we have the chance to stay connected and encourage one another through digital media. On our parish website I invite you to our resources page titled “*While We Are Away*.” There are many resources for you to continue to enrich your spiritual life. I will continue to upload my Sunday homilies and the Sunday petitions. You can also pray the Station of the Cross, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and continue to participate in the Mass with Bishop Robert Barron. Additionally, there are many more resources available for each of you.

I also want to address a couple of changes concerning our parish office hours and our bulletins for the next couple of weeks. Our parish office hours will now be in operation daily from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm., Monday through Friday. I kindly ask you please call the parish ahead of time for an appointment or to meet with a staff member. You can always leave a message and we will get back with you. Our parish bulletin will only be available online for the next few weeks, as our publishing company is suspending their printing operation for the health of their employees. Thank you for your understanding

Finally, two items of great importance must be remembered during this trying time. If you know of any parishioners in need during this time, please let the parish office know. Secondly, many people have asked about how to keep up their stewardship of offertory even when, for the time being, there is no basket to pass but there is still the commitment to give. **The need for the Church’s work is now greater than ever.** You may always mail in your contribution, drop it off at the parish office, or start giving online. For assistance please call the parish office.

In the great celebrations of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord, both shall surely come soon! May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and of the Church, Health of the Sick and Help of Christians, our Advocate, help suffering humanity, saving us from the evil of this pandemic and obtaining for us every good necessary for our salvation and sanctification.

God bless,

Fr. Bob Garrow
Pastor