

March 17, 2020

Dear brothers and sisters,

Amidst all the news updates we have been receiving in regard to the COVID-19 virus, Bishop Donald Hying has announced that **all public Masses in the Diocese of Madison be suspended until Friday April 4**. Nonetheless, all parish priests will continue to celebrate masses in private without an assembly and the faithful are encouraged to participate spiritually in the Sacrifice of Christ in the Holy Mass.

Bishop Hying is also planning to celebrate Sunday Mass through live-stream and more information will be available soon. In the meantime I ask that you take a moment to read the [Bishop's letter](https://bit.ly/2x3F7y0) here: <https://bit.ly/2x3F7y0>

Although public masses are suspended I humbly ask you to please consider giving your weekly donation through our parish website (<https://stmichaelwi.weshareonline.org/>). Your contributions are greatly needed to maintain our parish expenses. The office will remain open, at this time, Wednesday through Friday from 8am until noon. Envelopes can be dropped in the "Drop Box" during those times if you wish or mailed.

Other resources available to anyone free, online and through most satellite and cable companies are EWTN, the Eternal Word Television Network and Relevant Radio which is available by radio, 1240 am and by their website (<https://relevantradio.com/>).

Please check the Diocese of Madison's website (<https://www.madisondiocese.org/>) as well as our parish website (<https://stmichaelwi.com/>) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelwi>) to stay informed. Our parish bulletin will continue to be posted to our website each Friday.

Most importantly, referring to the Bishop's letter I ask that we together as one church take the time each day to offer private prayer and devotions.

Know that my prayers are with you. Stay safe and healthy.

God bless,

Father Chahm Gahng

