

Saint Zachary Church

March 13, 2020

Dear Parishioners and Families of St. Zachary Parish and School,

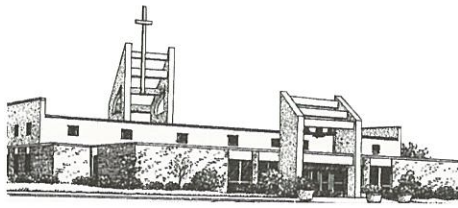
The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is impacting our world. Like all of you, we have been closely monitoring developments. The safety and well-being of our parishioners, students, school families, and employees is of utmost importance.

We have been in constant contact with our counterparts at different parishes in our vicariate as well as with the senior leadership team of the Archdiocese of Chicago. We have implemented their directives as we have received them. Today, based on current guidelines from the CDC, local health departments, and from directives issued by Cardinal Cupich, the following will occur at St. Zachary Parish and School:

- Public Masses (weekend and weekday Masses) will be suspended beginning the evening of Saturday, March 14.
- St. Zachary School will close effective Monday, March 16.
- REP classes and the 8th grade Confirmation retreat are canceled.
- All meetings and events scheduled to occur on parish grounds on or after Saturday, March 14 are canceled.
- The parish, school, and REP offices will be closed until further notice.

In an effort to provide for the spiritual needs of our parishioners and school families, we will do the following:

- Record and post Sunday Masses in both English and Polish on our parish website as well as St. Zachary School's Facebook page.
- Open the church Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Saturday from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., and Sunday from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. for private prayer.
- Hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Saturday from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., and Sunday from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.



Saint Zachary Church

We will offer private Masses and pray for the written intentions of each Mass. In addition, we will be praying for all those impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and for a vaccine and cure.

We rely on your generosity to fund the programs and operations of St. Zachary Parish and School. We ask that you kindly consider mailing your Sunday offering to us or signing up for electronic giving by visiting our website (www.saintzachary.org) and clicking on the Donate tab.

While our buildings are closed, our maintenance department will be performing a deep clean of all parish buildings and will specifically focus on disinfecting all surfaces, handles, door knobs, sinks, water fountains, etc.

We recognize the hardship this causes for parishioners, students, and school families. Please know that none of these decisions were made lightly. We will be in continuing communication with the senior leadership team of the Archdiocese of Chicago and will communicate any updates to you as soon as we have them.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Piotr Rapcia
Pastor