

April 29, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

As many of you might have heard already, the bishops of Ohio have decided to extend the suspension of public Masses through May 29th. They are hopeful that public Masses will resume the weekend of Pentecost on May 30/31. The bishops continue to be concerned for the safety of their people in trying to limit the spread of the coronavirus.

This suspension of public Masses is a trial for all of us. I know people are experiencing a variety of emotions, and I understand why some are angry or frustrated. It is difficult for me as a priest to not be able to offer the Mass publicly for our people, and I know many of our parishioners have not received the Eucharist for over a month. However, I am hopeful that we are through the worst of this situation and that May 30th will come quickly.

I continue to pray for all of you each day, and I am continuing to celebrate Mass daily for you and for your intentions. We will continue to livestream Masses on Sundays until public Masses resume. I am still offering confessions as scheduled, along with other sacraments (including the anointing of the sick, baptisms and the Eucharist) for those who request them.

Thank you to all of you who have generously continued to support the parish and St. Vincent de Paul during this shut-down. As you know, our expenses at the parish continue, and I want to be prepared to help parishioners and members of the community in need. Both parishes now have online giving, or you can mail or drop off donations at the parish office.

If anyone is in need of anything (whether it's food, medicine, or just someone to talk to), please let us know. Even though we can't come together at public Masses right now, our community is still strong. I am encouraged by the way people are watching out for each other. Please keep me, our Archbishop, and your fellow parishioners in your prayers!

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Shawn Landenwitch