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Dear friends in Christ,

As per Bishop McKnight's announcement this morning, I want to make sure we get the word out to our parishioners as best we can. Here is the information which I want to make sure you are aware of:

- 1) All public Masses are suspended at the Cathedral beginning Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and until at least April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 2) This means all Catholics are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass in person.
- 3) We are currently working to be able to provide online Masses and will make further announcements when that will happen. In the meantime opportunities are listed at [www.diojeffcity.org/public-health](http://www.diojeffcity.org/public-health).
- 4) The Cathedral is open to those who wish to come in and pray. It will be open 7 days a week from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. However, please do not enter if you are sick.
- 5) Please wash your hands and use hand sanitizer.
- 6) If you are sick or know of someone in need of anointing, please have them contact the priest before entering the hospital. 573-635-7991.
- 7) Please continue your tithes to the parish by postal mail, drop off at the Parish Office or online.
- 8) Mass intentions will be offered by our priests as scheduled in their private Masses.

The Bishop has asked us to be mindful of our responsibility to serve the community, with our time, talent and treasure in this extraordinary hour of need.

You can join the school live every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. for a school-wide rosary. You can join us from your computer, tablet or smartphone <https://www.gotomeet.me/SpencerAllen920> or by dialing in at +1 (872) 240-3311, using access code: 629-851-845. Until we can again gather to receive the Eucharist, families should consider saying this prayer of spiritual communion when they would otherwise attend Mass:

*My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Fr. Louis Nelen'.

Rev. Louis M. Nelen,  
Pastor & Rector