



Holy Spirit

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Dear parishioners,

This morning, as it was becoming light, I could hear the robins singing and it seemed like the beginning of a normal spring day, like the many we have all enjoyed. But it is anything but normal. We look forward to the day when we can return to a bit of normalcy, when we can all once again celebrate Mass together as communities of believers. In the meantime, we face some challenges. It is hard to feel the sense of community when we cannot join together as a community. We need to remember what gives us that sense of union is Jesus Christ. And ultimately, no one, nor any disease, can take that from us. So while we are physically separated, we are still united as one body of believers. As St Paul reminds in Romans, *so we, though many, are one body in Christ*. And as Mass is said, everyday, we can all participate spiritually. We are a large, diverse parish and it is up to all of us to make sure our parish remains strong and vibrant.

Unless we are notified otherwise, we will continue to have the Church open every day from 9 to 6. We will continue with our Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from Sunday evening through Tuesday evening. Confessions are available Wed evening from 5 and Saturday from 1 until all have received the Sacrament, or by appointment. You are all welcome to make a visit, and to pray for the end of this crisis, anytime the Church is open. We will update our web page when changes occur. Check our website home page for the links to our Masses. We will live stream the Mass on Sunday at 9 am. We will also live stream daily Masses at 8:30 am on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; and at 5:15 pm on Tuesday. The Rosary will be live at 9:15 on Wednesday and the Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm on Friday. We are all encouraged to stay in touch with one another, checking on each other by phone, making sure no one feels alone.

With prayer, especially the rosary, this crisis can soon be eliminated. I encourage you all to say the rosary daily and gather together, as a family, to say this powerful prayer. We will continue to stay in touch through email and texting. If you would like to be added to our email and texting communication please call and leave your name-email address-cell phone number (include area code) either with Mary Wingerter or on the main voice mailbox at the church and we will get you added ASAP.

If there is anything myself or the staff can do for you, please let us know. Do not hesitate to call the parish office (406)452-6491 and let us know what we can do to help. I pray for all of you every day,

May God Bless you,

Fr Doug Kempf

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.