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Dear Parishioners,

I hope this letter finds you well, and know that I continue to keep all of you in my prayers as we go through this difficult time. Know that all of you, as well as those infected by Covid-19 and our health care providers are in my intentions as Fr. Steve and I celebrate private Mass throughout the week. I hope that you are finding time to pray and/or be in the peace of God's presence. And please don't be afraid, know that God walks with us and is at our side as we pass through these next few weeks.

Most of you are aware that the Church of our diocese has suspended all public Mass and activities in order to help prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus. This means that all public celebrations of the Mass are suspended for the next 8 weeks, when the situation will be re-evaluated. Unfortunately this means that Holy Week liturgies are suspended. Although I am not broadcasting my private masses electronically, the following are resources for you to view daily Mass:

<https://www.ewtn.com> (7am, 11am, and 6pm)

<https://www.fhcradio.com> (mass at 9am on Sunday)

Radio Stations for Sunday Mass: Carroll: 103.1 Trinity Radio Station & Fort Dodge: 1400 AM

<https://spiritcatholicradio.com> (7am Sunday Mass)

<https://iowacatholicradio.com> (7am Sunday Mass)

You Tube- you can search for Catholic Mass and find many. <https://mass-online.org/daily-holy-mass-live-online>

Sunday Mass on TV channel CW Sunday Mornings at 8am.

<https://scdiocese.org/coronavirus> for many resources and online masses

Jenny Redenius, our Faith Formation Director, has created a website at

<https://sites.google.com/site/calhouncatholiccovid19> for you and your family to easily access Religious Education Activities and updates during this time.

Our church buildings remain closed for the next 8 weeks as well as our office in order to prevent the spread of the virus. The office staff is working mainly from home. I am available by appointment only. I am also available for confession by appointment only. To make an appointment call the office at 712-464-3395 and leave a message.

Baptisms, weddings and funerals will be celebrated with immediate family only keeping with the governor's regulation of 10 people only in a gathering. First Communion, Confirmation and Eucharistic Adoration are suspended for the present time. Communion to shut-ins and the

homebound is also suspended. Please keep in contact with our shut-ins & homebound via the phone or electronically to assure them of our concern and prayers. Note that I am not allowed to visit the hospital or nursing homes during this time. Please keep me informed of those who are sick or ill so that I can keep them in my prayers.

I also reach out to you today asking you to remember your parish financially during this time. You can mail your contribution to the office at PO Box 131 Lake City, IA 51449 or you can go online at: bitly/calhouncatholic and make your gift. The direct link to the donation page is <https://scdiocese.org/parishioner-resources> and scroll to the bottom where it says Give Today. 100% of your gift is sent to your parish. You can also go on our myParish App and click on the Giving icon and then Weekly Contribution and give directly to our parish there too.

After the suspension of Mass ends, we want to come back to a strong and thriving parish. This will happen through our continued prayer for each other and our continued financial gifts that we would typically put in the basket at the celebration of Mass. I deeply appreciate your support, prayer, and gifts you offer to our parish.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at the parish office, 712-464-3395, if you have any questions or concerns. We will all get through this together if we keep our faith strong and pray for one another.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Lynn", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Fr. Lynn