

St. Teresa, Good Shepherd and St. Patrick Families;

As you are aware with the COVID-19 outbreak things are changing rapidly. We will do our best to keep you updated via email and our myParishapp.

Updates:

- Effectively immediately, the Diocese of Sioux Falls has suspended indefinitely ALL public Masses and communal celebration of the Sacraments or other liturgies and events. Please make an act of Spiritual Communion in solidarity with all Catholics throughout the world who are unable to attend Holy Mass at this time. This policy is to safeguard the health of all of our parishioners and help prevent situations that might endanger you and others by exposure to the COVID-19 virus.
- You may access the Mass on TV, YouTube or radio. See these links for opportunities available as well as prayer resources. [www.sfcatholic.org/praying-at-home](http://www.sfcatholic.org/praying-at-home); [www.sfcatholic.org/praying-at-home](http://www.sfcatholic.org/praying-at-home)
- Confession times: St. Teresa: Saturdays 1-2pm, March 29th 7-8p, April 7th 7-8p. Good Shepherd April 5<sup>th</sup> 7-8p, St. Patrick April 6<sup>th</sup> 6-7p.
- St. Teresa will be available during this time for quiet prayer and devotions. At Good Shepherd and St. Patrick, arrangements will have to be made. The Tri-Parish office will remain open if you need anything. The office phone is 605-763-2028 and Linda's cell is 605-660-3112.
- For the foreseeable future, religious education classes for the 3 parishes have been cancelled. First communion interviews and First Communion will be rescheduled when we are able to have Mass.
- We are still in the season of Lent. This is a time of sacrifice and prayer, keep doing your Lenten promises. Additional prayers for everyone dealing with this pandemic either directly or indirectly should be considered.
- You may mail in or drop off your weekly parish support.

As information becomes available Linda will be posting on email or myParishapp.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. David Roehrich