



COVID-19
Parish Response Update

Dear Parishioners,

As many of you have heard, Archbishop Carlson and Archdiocesan officials have responded to the outbreak of the Coronavirus with measures that will help prevent the spread of the illness. These procedures will change much of our daily lives, including how we practice our faith.

All events and groups at the parish are cancelled until further notice. We will be following the guidelines and policies of our federal, local health, and archdiocesan officials.

Our pastoral team and I are preparing to offer a live-stream of Sunday 10:30 AM Mass from St. Elizabeth. For safety measures, please remember you cannot attend in person. You can find the live-stream on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/sehcrestwood/> ("St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church.") Other Mass opportunities can be found online at <http://bit.ly/EWTNmass> and EWTN Radio, 1460 AM.

We will continue to keep the church open for prayer from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Furthermore, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered 3:30 PM Saturday and 9:45 AM Sunday. These confessions will be "behind the screen" only for social distancing. I will celebrate Mass each day. While it will be without people, please know the intention is "For the People."

Some of you have already asked what we can do to reach out to help our parishioners. I think it's important for us as the Body of Christ to remember we might be isolated, but we're never alone! Get out your parish directory and call someone. Ask them how they're doing. Share a prayer with them. Ask them to call someone else.

It's important for us to remember that while this is a difficult time and we would much rather be together, taking these precautions will help slow the spread of the virus. We also need to think about one another, especially those in our community who are more susceptible to illness. Considering our parish has a prominent elder population, I cannot stress this enough.

Lastly, and very importantly, we are here for you. Please contact Deacon Bill, Jen, or myself if we can be of help to you. I'm reminded of St. Elizabeth of Hungary's love and care for the sick during the plague of 1226. We can ask for her intercession as we try our best to look after one another. St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Pray for Us!

God Bless You,

Fr. Brian Fallon