

As you probably know, both national and state emergencies have been declared because of the recent spread of coronavirus. Today we received additional directives from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee relevant to COVID-19. Archbishop ListECKI has suspended the public celebration of Masses throughout the Archdiocese, effective Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> through Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will affect St. James and St. Theresa parishes in the following ways:

1. All weekday and Sunday Masses will be cancelled, effective Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. We'll be live streaming a weekend Mass at 4:30pm on Saturdays. You can view this Mass by going online to YouTube and searching "St James Catholic Parish Mukwonago". You can also watch this Mass anytime on YouTube, by visiting either the St. James or St. Theresa websites.
2. All programs, meetings, activities, and prayer services are suspended at this time. This includes the March 25<sup>th</sup> Communal Penance, regular weekly reconciliation, and all other scheduled Lenten programs.
3. The parish offices will not be open to the public. We will still answer phones and respond to voicemails and e-mails. The offices will be partially functioning.
4. During this time, maintenance staff will be disinfecting all facilities. Therefore, access to the buildings will be strictly limited.

Let us hold each other in prayer during this time of concern. Together we can pray this Act of Spiritual Communion from Archbishop ListECKI:

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 in Christ,

Father Loyola, Shared Pastor

& the St. James and St. Theresa staff