

From the Desk of Mrs. Haller, Principal

Friday, March 13

Greetings Parents,

I write to you with the hope of Christ and the promise of His love as our world, our nation, our local communities, church and school, unite to take prayerful and prudent action in response to the COVID-19 situation.

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis is carefully monitoring the local situation as it relates to our Catholic schools and is providing great support and direction for us all. StMCS is also working in tandem with local public health officials through our partnership with STMA public schools and their COVID-19 Task Force.

Following today's statement from Governor Walz and the recommendations from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), a series of recommendations ([here](#)) and our school response plan follows. As of now, school will be in session on Monday, March 16.

Guidance is continually being updated and as we learn more, we will alter our response accordingly. As your principal, I am committed to the safety of your children and this entire school community. As such, I intend to see us through this tumultuous time. Therefore, I have postponed my final day at StMCS. The plan is that I will remain on staff until Easter when we will reassess this situation. You have my commitment and the pledge of the Catholic Schools Center of Excellence that I will support StMCS through this unprecedented season.

Bishop Cozzens wrote to our school leaders today saying, "Let's together trust in Jesus, who throughout the ages, in times of uncertainty and trial, never fails us." and our wonderful shepherd, Archbishop Hebda, recorded [this video](#) which brings a message of hope and comfort and is a welcome antidote for the daily news.

Finally, check here for ongoing parish and school updates: <https://www.stmcatholicchurch.org/virus>

Prayerfully yours and acting with love over fear,

Mrs. Haller