



Dear Parishioners;

Two things are important right now. First, please stay at home to protect yourselves and others. As Catholics we believe that it is imperative that we always look out for the *common good*. At this time the *common good* requires that we do whatever is within our power to practice social distancing to cut down on the transmission of the Corona Virus. Please follow the advice of our elected officials and bishops.

While at home, read a good book or play a game with your family. Consider cleaning out the basement or that room you never seem to find time to organize. Take a few moments to witness the birth of springtime through your window or by taking a short walk. View these unique days as a “gift from God” rather than a burden.

Second, find some time for prayer. As Catholics we come together regularly in prayer with one another, especially on Sunday’s, when we gather around the table of the Lord. Since we are unable to offer public Masses at this time, I am asking all parishioners to please dedicate a few minutes of prayer every day at 12:00 noon. Pray the Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic which follows this message, or some other prayer of your liking.

It is important to remember that at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, we are united with one another and all our brothers and sisters in Christ, no matter the circumstances. Until we can gather again around the table of the Lord, use the noon hour to pray for one other and an end to this pandemic. By dedicating a few moments of prayer, whether we are at home or at work, we can show that nothing “*will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus Our Lord.*” Rom 8,39

Fr. Stephen Dudek,
Pastor

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus’ pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen

*Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy
Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our
petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis, Knights of Columbus

