

Dear Saint Michael Parishioners,

I hope this finds you well. This an update on developments here at Saint Michael parish.

I continue to hear from a number of our parishioners who have great ideas on how to stay connected to the parish and the sacraments. I appreciate this feedback a lot. Here is what we have put together thus far:

1. Father Schwenka and Deacon Alec Sasse are live streaming the 7:00 A.M. daily Mass and posting it to our parish Facebook page and parish website. This has gotten a great response from parishioners. I might suggest to families who wish to retain as much of their children's daily routine to watch the daily Mass at 8:15 a.m. followed by their student's instruction time as we do every day in school. We will also record the rosary which is prayed after daily Mass on Wednesdays, and I am planning to record the Stations of the Cross on Fridays, which you can access any time. Click here to go to our parish website: <https://www.stmichaellincoln.org/>.
2. In addition, Fr. Schwenka and Deacon Sasse are recording reflections on the daily Mass readings which will be posted to Facebook and our website, as well. The reflections are called *Coffee-N-Clerics*. They are very well-done.
3. They plan to record other educational and devotional initiatives. I will communicate them as they develop. I have to say how impressed I am by these two young clerics and how very blessed we are as a parish to have them. They have the charisms of teaching, preaching, and reflection.
4. Just to reiterate, all public Masses continue to be suspended and will be indefinitely. If I hear of any developments in this area, I will let you know soon as I can.
5. The online publication *Magnificat* is now available without a subscription. This publication includes morning and evening prayer, the daily Mass readings and reflections. It is a good publication.
6. We are working to make confessions available. We are trying to determine what days and times and locations will be best for everyone involved. I will let you know what we decide as soon as I can, certainly before the weekend.
7. I am also in the process of creating prayers for us as a parish family to help us address this coronavirus situation and will get them to you as soon as I am finished.
8. We have had several parishioners who have offered to run errands and get groceries for anyone who is elderly, homebound, or sick. They want to offer this as their stewardship in response to this crisis. If any of you would like to take advantage of this, please let me know at your convenience at frborowiak@cdolinc.net.
9. Please know how grateful I am to all of you in your expressions through prayer and word of solidarity with Saint Michael parish during these trying times. They are evidence of your faith and belief in the Lord. The Church has been through difficult times before and the Lord will see us through this episode. With confidence, gather your family every day and ask the Father, Jesus, and the Spirit to be an essential part of your lives, to guard you, to protect you, and to guide you.

He will not be outdone in generosity. If there is anything I can do for you, please feel free to contact me.

With prayers and support for all of you,



Father Kenneth Borowiak, pastor