

HOLY ANGELS | ST. MARY'S | STS. PETER & PAUL

The CATHOLIC PARISHES of SANDUSKY

To: Local Media

From: Reverend Monte J. Hoyles, JCL

Re: Catholic Parishes of Sandusky Response to Coronavirus

Date: Friday, March 13, 2020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Following Governor Mike DeWine's Thursday press conference and Bishop Daniel E. Thomas' [announcement](#) on the same day, the Catholic Parishes of Sandusky have announced that regularly scheduled Masses will continue to be held at Holy Angels Parish, Saint Mary's Parish and Saints Peter and Paul Parish.

Bishop Thomas has granted a dispensation to the Catholic faithful from fulfilling their Sunday obligation of attending Holy Mass for the next three (3) weekends. **The Bishop has not canceled all Masses**; he has allowed local pastors to make their own decisions regarding this matter.

The Parishes' Mass schedule remains as follows:

- Holy Angels: Monday-Wednesday, 8 a.m.; Sunday 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5 p.m.
- Saint Mary's: Thursday-Saturday, 8 a.m.; Saturday 4 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.
- Saints Peter and Paul: Monday 6 p.m.; Tuesday-Friday 12 p.m.; Saturday 4:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.

The Parishes' Confession schedule will also remain the same:

- Holy Angels: Sunday 4-4:45 p.m.
- Saint Mary's: Saturday 3-3:45 p.m.
- Saints Peter and Paul: Monday 5-5:45 p.m.; Sunday 3:30-4:15 p.m.

While Mass will be celebrated at the regularly scheduled times for those who would like to participate, those who are sick, experiencing symptoms of illness or are at risk of illness are encouraged not to attend the Mass. They have the option to instead spend time in prayer, watch/listen to a broadcast of Sunday Mass via television, [radio](#) or [internet](#) and make a spiritual communion from home.

The Catholic Parishes of Sandusky are cancelling all parish-related events, beginning immediately and extending through Friday, April 3, 2020. The Parishes will remain open each day during business hours for private devotions and individual prayer.

Additionally, all events sponsored by non-parish organizations but held on our parish campuses have also been cancelled. In the coming weeks parish leadership will review those events that can be rescheduled and communicate new dates as they are known.

The following events will continue to operate on an adjusted basis: The Wednesday Catholic Community Supper and Friday SCCS Lenten Fish Fry will, both held at Holy Angels Parish, will be carry-out only events until further notice.

For further developments, contact Chloe Batara, Communications Specialist, at cbatara@sanduskycatholic.org. Additional updates will be given via the Parishes' [Facebook](#) page.