



March 11, 2020

My dear friends in Christ,

While we have great faith in God and there is no need to panic, we do want to take simple precautions to limit the oncoming threat of COVID-19.

Although the University has cancelled all events with over 50 attendees, many of the St. Paul's events - liturgies, Newman Dinner, Bible studies - will continue as normal until the beginning of spring break this Friday, March 13. Badger Catholic has cancelled the swing dance on Thursday, March 12. The large group speaker event hosted by Students for Life may be cancelled. Please check their social media accounts for updates.

Masses will continue as usual unless the Bishop says otherwise. As a reminder, all people at all times are exempt from the obligation for Sunday Mass if they feel sick.

At spring break and for the indefinite future you can expect the following changes:

Newman dinner will be cancelled, but A-O and Mustard seed will continue as long as the group attending stays relatively small. YouTube videos will be made available for all talks.

Bible studies will continue based on the prudent decision of each bible study leader. For those bible studies not meeting, we encourage bible study leaders to organize virtual bible studies. FOCUS will be posting weekly bible study videos for both men and women.

Our morning Holy Hour and daily Masses will continue if the group size remains small.

We will not expect any student to fulfill any ministry obligation at St. Paul's, but feel free to participate as you feel comfortable. The staff at St. Paul's will be available as well as the priests for confession and consultation.

Let us pray that this discontinuation of normal life will end soon. In the meantime, please use this opportunity to maintain a regular life of prayer putting your trust in God's divine providence.

God bless,

Fr. Eric