



St. Mary's
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Greetings of love and peace in Christ from Fr. Louis Maramreddy,
My dear brothers and sisters of our cluster parish:
St. Mary's Tomahawk,
St. Augustine, Harrison,
St. Francis, Pier Willow,

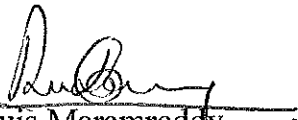
We are all in a state of fear and confusion because of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). It is very painful to write this letter but we need to continue to remember that the Lord will take care of us and we should place our trust in God. The world we know is changing and we do not know when this crisis will end. In the midst of every challenge there is always hope. Do not get too worried, God is in control of everything. Trust in the Lord and do take care of yourselves and others. As the parochial administrator, I am praying for you all and would like to be available to everyone in your spiritual needs and hence bring to you the following information:

- **Bishop Powers** has ordered that all Masses be canceled until further notice.
- **Come and pray:** the church is open from 8:00AM until 7:00PM, you may come through the handicapped door on the south side of the church. Please remember that there can only be ten people together at one time, so you may have to come back at a different time.
- There will still be **funeral Masses and Baptisms** but the limited number of people in attendance will be 10 as required by Governor Jim Evers.
- **Individual Confessions** will be on Friday and Saturday 9:00 – 10:00AM
- **Anointing of the sick** will be offered to anyone in need by calling the parish office at 715-453-2878 to arrange.
- The **parish office** will be CLOSED to the general public. If you have a scheduled appointment please know that someone will be in the office to assist you from 8:00AM – 3:30PM Monday through Friday, and you can call anytime during these hours to schedule something.
- Please do **PRAY** for the whole world, especially for the people who are affected by the corona virus and for the medical professionals who are working tirelessly to take care of them.
- As you all know the church functions through your generous support. This is a very difficult economic challenge, and we are doing our best to reduce expenses. But, if you are able, I ask you to continue to support us by your generous contributions to help with the salaries, church maintenance and other religious activities. You may send your contributions online, through the mail, or by dropping them off through our mail slot at the church office in Tomahawk.
- There are so many opportunities available to view the Holy Mass on TV. I encourage everyone to do so. EWTN has daily Mass, or you can go to www.watchthemass.com or <http://catholicity.org/masses>, these are opportunities from our diocese to watch the Mass

online. Several parishes in our diocese also broadcast their Masses live on Facebook as well.

- Please LIKE our **Facebook page** at “St. Mary’s Catholic Parish Tomahawk”. We will give you updates AND **I will be giving a reflection each Sunday on the Mass readings Live at 8:00AM.** We will post updates on our parish website. Our parish is not able to meet physically, but we remain spiritually connected as a Body of Christ.
- Please take care of those who live alone and may need help with shopping, obtaining their medications, or who simply need a human voice to speak with. Call our parish office if you can provide shopping services or simply make phone calls to people who are lonely. Do not hesitate to call the parish office if you are in need, and we will do our best to help.

I will continue to pray for all of you! Please be aware that things are changing rapidly and we will give you updates on WJJQ radio, our Facebook page and website.



Fr. Louis Maramreddy
Parochial Administrator

Here is a prayer for making a **spiritual communion**. It is a good idea to say this every day, but you should also say it during communion time when you are watching Mass on TV:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself
wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen