

St. Thomas Aquinas community,

Our prayers continue to go out for everyone impacted by the COVID-19. We are grateful for everyone who is helping to slow the spread of the virus and our hearts are with people and their families who have been impacted.

We wanted to share that our St. Thomas Aquinas parish staff has been impacted by this virus. Because our staff works so closely together, I am asking that our team move back to remote work as much as possible until November 29th, as we have all had 'close contact' with one another over the past week. We are so sorry for the inconvenience, but the office will be closed to walk in visits until November 29th. We are all still available via email and telephone however.

Please know that our staff has taken all the appropriate precautions to limit exposure to one another and to the community. We believe that the risk of exposure for others in the community is very low. Our staff members self-screen each day before work and stay home if they are unable to pass the self-screen questions. Because of this prudent practice, those that have felt ill have not been on campus recently. Public Health Clark County does recommend that unvaccinated exposures quarantine at this time since we did have close contact, therefore we are moving to remote work through the quarantine period. They do not recommend shutting down the parish.

We will continue our programs to the best of our ability during this period, however some events will possibly be cancelled. Please continue to watch communication for updates.

Please continue prayers for all those who are impacted. We wanted to be proactive and share this information with you so you could keep our staff and all those in our community that are ill in your prayers.

We wanted to alert you so that you can monitor for symptoms. Public Health does not advise that people get tested, unless you feel symptoms or have had known close contact with someone who tested positive. As a reminder, the symptoms to watch out for include:

- A temperature of at least 100.4°F
- Increased shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- A new cough
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, vomiting, runny nose/congestion or fatigue

If you experience any of these symptoms, please do not come to church or to Mass. Please follow-up with your primary care physician. Please wear a mask while indoors according to the recent archdiocesan and public health recommendation and avoid close contact with people outside your family.

Blessings to all,

Lorrie