

## *Message from Fr. Phil*

March 25, 2020

Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord

Dear Parishioners:

I received a letter from Dan Blank, Director of Administrative Service for the Diocese of Superior, regarding the recent order, *Safer at Home*, from Governor Evers. We all must do our part to slow down the rate of infection from Covid 19. It is not necessary to share the entire letter with you only the changes that are to take place immediately.

- **Governor Evers' Safer at Home order.** There are some "church business" operations that are essential, but in solidarity with the national and local media and government orders, we must practically shut down to a bare minimum.
- **Close offices to the public.** While we will continue to minimally operate, all should close their office. The office can only be "open" for minimal staff and minimal staff duties: pay bills, collect mail, etc. The parish office will no longer be open to the public.

For those of you who want to spend time in prayer at Church, (St. Francis) will be open on Thursday and Friday from noon until 3 pm. I will also be available for confession on Friday from 2 – 3 pm. Remember to keep some distance from other visitors. I encourage all of you to set aside some time each day to pray the rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Stations of the Cross or other devotions.

At this time I ask you to continue to financially support the parish and school. Please mail in your contributions or drop them off at the Church on Thursday or Friday (noon – 3 pm). I have provided a locked box for you to place them in. This crisis will have a definite strain upon our finances so I ask that you continue with a generous spirit in supporting the parish.

Finally, please take the time to read the recent letter from Bishops Powers posted on our website.

During this time of uncertainty, we will get through this together and take care of one another. I will offer a private daily Mass for your intentions and I will keep you in my constant prayer.

Blessings to you during this Lent. May our Blessed Mother watch over us.

Prayerfully,  
Fr. Phil