Dear parishioners and friends,

Our shepherd, Archbishop Hebda, wrote to us this evening to call us to remain hopeful in these uncertain times. Click here to see his letter. While he is making the difficult decision of suspending all public Masses for at least the next two weeks, we cannot allow this to discourage us. I am in support of his leadership, but the weeks ahead will force us to be creative in staying united as a parish.

First and foremost we are committed to pray for you. If you know someone in need or have a special intention to share, let us know so that we might hold them in prayer. You may send a letter, call or email the parish office with your intentions and our priests will lay them upon the altar.

We are not going to abandon you. We are poised to launch a more serious presence in the digital space offering regular updates, spiritual encouragement, invitation to virtual prayer, simple teaching about the Faith, streaming content including Masses, Stations of the Cross and other devotions. Of course, the Sacraments of Confession, Anointing and Viaticum continue to be available by request through the parish office. For sacramental emergencies outside of office hours contact the Pastoral Emergency Line at 612-930-0870.

While your physical presence at Mass for the near future will be impossible, you are invited to embrace the practice of Spiritual Communion and reflection on the Scriptures to grow in hunger for the Eucharist. Quiet prayer before the Tabernacle at Holy Cross Church, while making provisions for the required social distancing, will be available from 7:30am-4:00pm Monday-Friday. Lenten devotions will be offered throughout this sacred season virtually to keep us connected and focused on the Lord.

We are committed to be here for you and our community in this trying time. Please forward this message along to anyone who would like to receive regular communications from us going forward. You can sign up to receive regular text and email notifications by texting “holycrossparish” to 84576 or by contacting the parish office at 612-930-0860 to share your e-mail and/or mobile phone. Or simply go to ourholycross.flocknote.com.

This Lent will teach us in a unique way the priceless value of the Sacraments and especially the Mass. What a gift our Catholic Faith is as darkness sets in and our Faith ‘gives light to all in the house’ (Matthew 5:15).

In Christ, our light and our salvation,

Fr. Howe, united with the clergy, parish leadership and staff

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