

## AMENDED CHURCH HOURS

Bishop Rice has asked that all Churches in our Diocese lock their doors. This is being done to stress the importance of staying at home and not being in a position to contract the coronavirus. Here at St. Vincent de Paul, we are complying with this urgent request. However, the Church door nearest the Bell Tower will be open each day from 8:00am to Noon. This special permission from Bishop Rice was given to our parish so that we may continue our **Work of Mercy** in helping the poor and destitute of our area. Our Parish Lenten project of the "Beatitude Boxes" is making a difference in the lives of many. The "Beatitude Boxes" are still being assembled. After they are assembled, they are given away to families in need. If you have items to drop off, come the church door closest to the Bell Tower. Please remember to practice "social distancing" while you visit the Gathering Area. **There are still food items that are needed!** So, if you are going shopping for your family and want to take a slip with you to purchase some items, thank you! Thank you for helping those in need! St. Vincent de Paul would be very proud of how we are helping the poor and destitute.

Remember that the Gathering Area, along with the worship space, is being disinfected daily. However, please be safe and cautious! The following points from the CDC are still very appropriate:

- **Voluntary Home Isolation:** Stay home when you are sick with respiratory disease symptoms. At the present time, these symptoms are more likely due to influenza or other respiratory viruses than to COVID-19-related virus.
- **Respiratory Etiquette:** Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw it in the trash can.
- **Hand Hygiene:** Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with 60%-95% alcohol.
- **Environmental Health Action:** Routinely clean frequently touched surfaces and objects

Routine use of these measures by individuals and their families will increase community resilience and readiness during this coronavirus outbreak.