



March 19, 2020

Good morning,

As we continue to navigate the difficult circumstances surrounding this global pandemic, we do so trusting that God is faithful, loving, and very much at work through our church and in the world. Here are some updates to share with others in our community:

PRAYERS

If you or someone you love needs of prayer, please contact Rev. Whitney Peper at wpeper@stpkaty.org. If you would like to know how to be praying for our church, please click [here](#).

AGE-LEVEL MINISTRY

Our Age-Level Directors have sent out emails with information for our Children's and Student Ministries. The Children's Ministry email included information about things to do with your child(ren) while we are practicing social distancing. For more information on our Children's Ministry activities, you may send them an email at childrensministry@stpkaty.org.

The Student Ministry is meeting through the Zoom App, a safe, closed video chat hosted by our Directors. For more information on our Student Ministry, please email Chad McElveen at cmcelveen@stpkaty.org or Emily Parsons at eparsons@stpkaty.org.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

We are encouraging our Grow Groups (Sunday Schools, Life Groups, and other small groups) to meet online. Yesterday, we led 35 of our Grow Group Leaders on a Zoom conference call. If you are currently on a roster for a Sunday School, Life Group, or another active small group, you should hear from your leaders in the next few days to plan your next meeting. If you are not currently in a small group, please email Elizabeth Bücher at ebucher@stpkaty.org.

STAY UP TO DATE

Please continue to check your emails, the church website, and our social media pages. These sources are where our most up-to-date information will be posted.

To like us on Facebook, please click [HERE](#).

To follow us on Instagram, please click [HERE](#).

To visit our website, please click [HERE](#).

We also encourage you to visit Katy Disaster Response's *website*, as they share valuable information from our local officials and reliable sources.

HOW TO GIVE

Financial giving is a spiritual practice. We give because of what God has already given us. St. Peter's encourages all who worship with us to consider how directly investing in the ministries of this church forms you and impacts those in our surrounding community. You may give online by clicking [HERE](#) for our Giving webpage.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

As of now, we are planning for our campuses to be closed through Easter Sunday. We will reopen the church office on Monday, April 13, and our first Sunday back for worship on our campuses will be Sunday, April 19. Special Needs ministries will resume April 20. These dates may be adjusted as circumstances dictate.

Our pastors are meeting on Tuesday to plan Holy Week and Easter services. We will send out updated information in next week's email.

We will continue to host live worship online every Sunday morning at 10 a.m. We will be led by a panel of our pastors, and starting this week, we will include familiar pieces of worship, including an Affirmation of Faith, Offering Moment, a virtual Passing of the Peace, and songs and hymns led by David Galasso, our Director of Traditional Worship.

Click [HERE](#) for this Sunday's digital bulletin.

Join us on Sunday at 10 a.m. on our [website](#) or [Facebook](#).

Your church staff is seeking God's wisdom and guidance as we navigate this unprecedented time. It is our goal to continue to discover new ways of "Connecting the world with God's love."

Blessings,

Dr. Pat Sparks
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