

# *St. Bernard Catholic Church*

309 7<sup>th</sup> St., Beverly, OH 45715

July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear parishioner of St. Bernard/St. James.

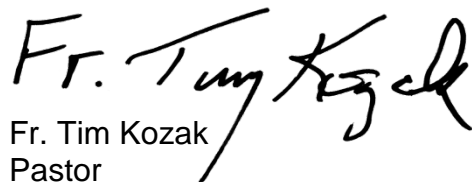
On Thursday afternoon, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, I was informed that I tested positive for COVID-19.

Although I had been taking an antibiotic for a sinus infection, this was clearing up. Sinusitis has symptoms similar to COVID-19, but my doctor did not tell me to get a test for COVID-19, so I did not believe that I had COVID-19 symptoms.

I was ministering to someone in the hospital that was later diagnosed with COVID-19. Although I did not believe that I had COVID-19 symptoms, I made an appointment to be tested. When I received the results I acted on the advice of my doctor and PWN Health. The testing facility, PWN Health, recommended that since I believed that I had no COVID-19 symptoms that I should inform anyone I was in contact with for the last two days. I contacted the parishioners who attended the Wednesday evening Mass and the Thursday morning Mass. I contacted my doctor and was told to self-quarantine.

During my self-quarantine of fourteen days, there will be no Masses or other liturgical functions at St. Bernard and St. James. The buildings will remain locked. We are looking into what we need to do to make sure that the churches are ready for when Masses start back up. The Mass schedule for Lowell is Saturday at 4:00pm and Sunday at 9:30am. The Mass schedule for Churchtown is Saturday at 6:00pm and Sunday Masses will be at 7:30am and 11:00am.

Although I did not believe that I had COVID-19 symptoms because of the sinus infection, I cannot ignore them. PWN Health recommends that I inform anyone I have been in close contact with since two days before the first symptoms. That would be Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. The CDC website recommends that anybody who has been in close contact with me should self-quarantine for 14 days from the time they were in close contact with me. I recommend that you speak with your doctor. You can find more information on the CDC website.



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