

## Bad Weather Policy

- The elderly and infirm, and anyone who is unsteady on their feet, should observe special caution when going outside during bad weather; it is a true health threat. If it is a health threat for them to go outside, they are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass (it is not a sin).
- If a bad weather "Emergency" has been declared, no one is obligated to come to Weekend Mass; if you stay home it is NOT a sin. However, please recall that an "emergency" is different than an "advisory" or "warning" which means bad weather is probably on the way. However, parishioners are always excused if by their best judgment they do not believe it is safe for them to be out in bad weather.
- We will never cancel Weekend Mass because of bad weather. The priest can make it to different campuses. Even if the servers, choir, musicians, readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and ushers cannot make it to church due to bad weather, we will still have Mass. Please do not call the office to ask if weekend Mass is cancelled- it will not be.
- If the weather is bad enough for the schools to close, all parish weekday events will be cancelled for the entire day. If school is closed for bad weather, there are also no ministries, practices, faith formation, parish meetings, prayer groups, Daily Mass etc. The **daily Masses** will be said at their proper times, but at St. Teresa in Bright. No one is expected, especially the elderly, to attend daily Mass if the weather is bad. **Adoration** will be cancelled when bad weather cancels school.
- For closings, each parish will follow their particular school district unless the parish event is a combined ministry for all three parishes: Confirmation, First Sacraments, Youth Ministry, RCIA . For these combined groups, if ANY of the three school districts of Sunman Dearborn, South Dearborn, or Lawrenceburg are closed, the event will be cancelled.
- If there is a 2 hour delay for the start of school, all events, including daily Mass, will go as scheduled.
- There may be times when Schools are in session, yet due to weather conditions later in the day/evening, bible studies, religious education or other evening events may need to be canceled. In those cases, check parish websites, social media, email, or watch Local 12 or go to [www.local12.com](http://www.local12.com). Look for: St. Teresa, St. Mary's or St. Lawrence.
- On the weekends, when school is not in session, check parish websites, social media, Facebook, parish apps, parish emails, or watch Local 12 or go to [www.local12.com](http://www.local12.com) to see about the cancellation of parish events (Religious Education, Social Events etc.). Look for: St. Teresa, St. Mary's or St. Lawrence.
- On days when Schools are closed, our Church doors will remain closed until the following day.

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