

This past weekend, January 19-20, our regular weekend Masses were disrupted by a snowstorm which officially dropped 11 inches of snow on our area. It is difficult for our staff and volunteers to keep up with the demands of clearing snow from parking lots, sidewalks and steps to permit safe access to all our churches.

A statement from the diocese reminded us that our obligation to attend Mass is suspended if conditions are unsafe for us to travel to church. We were still able to offer all scheduled weekend Masses for those who were able to attend.

Should another weekend storm hit this winter, we will continue to hold scheduled weekend Masses, if at all possible. However, to streamline our efforts to keep our church surroundings safe, we will consolidate our Masses to two locations on these occasions.

Step 1: If the weekend weather forecast suggests conditions are likely to make it difficult for our staff and volunteers to keep all five weekend churches safely open, the pastor will decide **by Friday afternoon** to activate the Bad Weather Schedule for the weekend. Such factors that might trigger a Bad Weather Schedule include a forecast of 8 inches of snow or more; blizzard-like conditions; ice storm; etc.

Step 2: Parish staff will update the parish Website, Facebook page, and phone system with notice of these changes. Staff will also send emails to parishioners and activate a phone tree for those who wish to be notified. The Schedule will be posted on the doors of all churches. To get on the phone tree, please stop by the Parish Office by or call us at (607) 733-3484.

Step 3: Parishioners are encouraged to monitor weather conditions and travel to Mass only if safe to do so. Note the Mass times will stay the same, but locations may change as below. We suggest you consider attending Holy Mass at a different time when travel is expected to be safer. During a Bad Weather Schedule, Masses will only be held in two churches:

Time	Normal Schedule	Bad Weather Schedule 2019
Saturday, 4 pm	St. Mary's Southside	St. Mary's Southside
Saturday, 5:30 pm	Ss. Peter & Paul	Ss. Peter & Paul
Sunday, 7:30 am	St. Casimir	Ss. Peter & Paul
Sunday, 9 am	Our Lady of Lourdes	St. Mary's Southside
Sunday, 10:30 am	St. Patrick's	Ss. Peter & Paul
Sunday, 11:30 am	St. Mary's Southside	St. Mary's Southside
Sunday, 5 pm	St. Patrick's	Ss. Peter & Paul

In the event of the implementation of the Bad Weather Schedule, all other activities in the Parish are cancelled that weekend unless otherwise noted.

We ask scheduled liturgical ministers to keep their assigned time and change locations accordingly, if they deem travel safe. If it is unsafe to do so, we ask those ministers to contact their corresponding Mass Coordinators.

Step 4: As the storm passes, our staff will clear other churches to permit a return to our normal schedule.

Note: We selected these two churches based on sufficient available parking, expected municipal plowing, and the proximity of a resident priest.