

Parish Memo
Re: Level 3 Snow Emergency
Effective: January, 2018
St. Bernard Parish, New Washington
St. Francis Xavier, Willard
Parish/School Policy
1-12-18

St. Bernard Parish and School and St. Francis Xavier Parish and School will comply with the Diocesan Policy of closing and cancelling all Parish and Parish School activities and Office Hours upon a County's declaration of a Level 3 Snow/Winter Storm Emergency. As specified in the Diocesan policy, even Masses are to be cancelled during a day in which a County Level 3 Emergency is declared (for St. Bernard: Crawford County, for St. Francis: Huron County.) The language of the Diocesan memo does not account for changing and improving conditions throughout the course of a day. So, this will be Parish Policy in regard to weekend Masses:

- **If, by 12pm on a Saturday, Huron County is at a Level 3: Confessions and the 4pm Vigil Mass at St. Francis are cancelled.**
- **If, by 3pm on Saturday Crawford County is at a Level 3: Confessions and the 6pm Vigil Mass at St. Bernard are cancelled**
- **If, by 7am on a Sunday, Crawford County is at a Level 3: Confessions and Mass are cancelled at St. Bernard**
- **If, by 8am on a Sunday, Huron County is at a Level 3: Confessions and Mass are cancelled for the 10:30 St. Francis liturgy**
- **If, by 9am, on a Sunday, Huron County is at a Level 3: Confessions and Mass are cancelled for the 12:30 Hispanic Mass at St. Francis**

This policy has been adopted in consideration for *the people*, primarily the people who commute to Mass, many of whom may attempt to drive to Church no matter the conditions. Many of our parishioners (both St. Bernard and St. Francis) live in rural areas: roads may not clear as quickly" as some urban/suburban communities.

If, for whatever reason, an employee is on campus at some point in the day/evening when a Level 3 Snow Emergency closed and cancelled the campus and events, **all buildings are to remain locked and closed to the public.** The only exception: unlocked Church doors for weekend liturgies as applicable from the above-mentioned guidelines. A point of Diocesan policy is to discourage people from driving on roads in which a County has declared unfit for driving.

Note: even if the weather "improves" later in the day, once a Level 3 Snow Emergency is declared for a given day, all Parish and School Offices and events are closed and cancelled for the entire day/evening.

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