

STAYING CONNECTED

SET UP A PARISH PHONE TREE

Reach out to your parishioners individually to let them know they are not alone. Let them know you and the parish are thinking and praying for them. A phone tree is a great way to do this.



Download a list of all registered parishioners' names and phone numbers.



Reach out to your Parish Pastoral Council, staff, and other parish volunteer leaders through online meetings. At the meetings:

- ♦ Pray together
- ♦ Divide the list among the ministry leaders present. Have each commit to calling as many as they can on their list.
- ♦ Ask the group to commit to pray daily for any intentions they receive.
- ♦ Provide the group with a basic list of resources and places to refer folks if they need support, including parish resources.



Calls to parishioners should focus on the following areas:

- ♦ Ask about how they and their families are doing.
- ♦ Assure them the pastor and whole parish community are with them and praying for them and their needs.
- ♦ Ask for special prayer intentions.
- ♦ Ask if they have everything that they need. Refer them to a helpful resource if possible.



Schedule another video conference with the group to discuss the outcomes of their conversation with parishioners. At the meetings:

- ♦ Pray together for the intentions you received.
- ♦ Share any specific needs, questions, or desires to connect more with the parish, that require more follow up.
- ♦ Ask ministry leaders to follow up with those who had unmet needs.



Keep making calls!