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Diocese Offers Guidance for Weekend Masses

A significant winter storm is forecasted to impact the region, with heavy snowfall expected to begin on Sunday. At this time, Masses scheduled for Saturday afternoon and early evening will proceed as planned.

Parishioners are strongly encouraged to attend the Saturday Vigil Mass if they are able to do so safely, as travel conditions may become hazardous on Sunday.

The Diocese reminds everyone that you are not required to attend Mass if you are unable to attend due to illness, dangerous travel conditions, or other serious reasons. Parishioners are asked to exercise prudence and good judgment in light of the forecasted storm.

“While participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is central to our Catholic faith, the Church also recognizes that the preservation of life and safety is of paramount importance,” Bishop Alfred Schlert said. “I encourage the faithful to use prudence and to remain safe during the storm.”

Those who are unable to attend Mass are encouraged to pray at home, read Sacred Scripture, or participate in a televised or livestreamed Mass where available.

Parishes will communicate locally regarding any schedule changes, cancellations, or delays related to Masses and other parish activities. The faithful are urged to exercise caution and comply with any state or local emergency declarations in their area.