

COVID -19 – Our Lady of the Angels, Crozet

Our community remains healthy with no COVID cases. We have good access to medical care and continue to practice recommended safety measures. We have a few guests for Sunday Mass, but our guest facilities remain closed. We are selling cheese through a door pick-up system.

Our economy is fine. With the loss of volunteers we scaled back our production and cheese sales remain the same as last year.

We've been without a permanent chaplain since mid-January. Since the COVID epidemic began, we've had a full-time Dominican priest who was self-isolating himself and writing his PhD dissertation. The beginning of August, we welcomed a retired priest from the Syro-Malabar rite to be our full-time chaplain.

The reduced number of medical and food shopping trips, have left more time for gardening and we are producing and storing a lot of our own vegetables.

Our use of computers has increased with more on-line shopping; live streaming a solemn profession; virtual discernment retreats; doctor's appointments; and the production of short videos of hope and prayer.

We have really lacked for nothing and are most grateful to Macau for the sending us masks when US supplies were limited.

Our solidarity and prayer for all who suffer during this time of pandemic has been heightened as some of our own family members contracted, fought and beat the virus.