

August 29, 2025

As previously shared on August 14, Father Jerry remains temporarily removed from the public exercise of priestly ministry following a report of behavior that is not consistent with the Archdiocese's safe environment policies, which apply to all clergy, staff, and volunteers. This measure was taken as a precaution, not punishment, and it remains in effect at this time.

As of today, an investigation by law enforcement is ongoing. The Archdiocese is fully cooperating with this process. In line with standard protocol, Archbishop Shawn McKnight has paused the Church's internal process until the civil investigation is concluded.

We know this situation has been painful and confusing. Moments like this test us, not just in what we believe, but in how we love and show care for those around us. Please know that the concern brought forward was serious and credible, and the Archdiocese took appropriate action to protect the well-being of all. These steps are never taken lightly.

If you ever witness behavior that concerns you, speak up. Protecting the vulnerable is a responsibility we all share. For more background on the Archdiocese's process and safe environment policies, please read [this: Safe Environment Policies & Procedures](#)

We urge you to avoid speculation, gossip, or division. Those who came forward are members of our community and deserve compassion, not judgment. So does Father Jerry. This is a time for unity, not sides.

More than ever, our parish needs healing. We need one another. And we need Christ.

All are invited to join us this Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:00pm, for "Adore & Restore," a special evening of prayer, adoration and reconciliation. Let's overflow the church as a visible sign of faith, solidarity, and support for those involved, Father Jerry, and our entire community.

Let us continue to walk this difficult road with courage and grace. With Christ at the center, we will remain faithful, patient, and strong.