



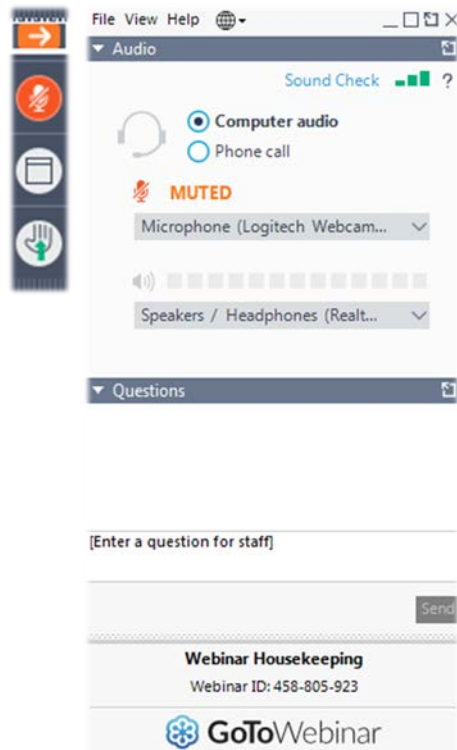
# S.E.C.U.R.E

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WEEKLY WEBINAR SERIES  
BUILDING VIRTUAL PARISH COMMUNITIES



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# Opening Prayer



# Introducing SECURE Weekly Webinar Series

In an effort to create and collaborate together, SECURE has launched its *Weekly Webinar Series* to share best practices, hear local impacts from around the Diocese, and share materials and how-to-guides. Webinars will be no longer than *30 minutes*.

Each Webinar will allow for questions and be accompanied with corresponding action documents to assist in driving parish activity during COVID-19.

## Upcoming Topics:

- Social Media & Online Ministry
- Revenue Recovery Strategies

## Today:

*Building Virtual Parish Communities*



# Agenda

1. Lead with Prayer
2. SECURE Update
3. Virtual Communities Best Practices
4. Examples Across the Diocese
5. How to Get Started
6. Tools & resources

## SECURE Update (5/1/20)

Average offertory decrease of **45% across all parishes**. Kick-off planning meetings held with **65 parishes since April 17**. **Individualized parish plans** created for parishes in need of revenue recovery or tech assistance.



It takes **teamwork**. Utilize your parish leaders and peer-to-peer contact to reach your parishioners.



Be **honest** about your parish's needs. The needs of your parish continue, and your parishioners care.



Ask **how *they* are doing**. Parishioners are craving connection with their church, and they may have spiritual or other needs the parish can assist with.

## Virtual Communities: Best Practices

We are **socially-distant, but not spiritually-distant**. Virtual Communities allow for parishioners to connect with each other through new media and spiritually grow together as one Church Family in a creative, innovative way.

- Develop a **roadmap** based on your parish's technological capabilities. It does not have to be perfect.
- Create **clear instructions** on how to access virtual communities. Technology is not always intuitive for the unfamiliar.
- **Communicate through multiple channels** about the launch of a virtual community.
- Look for ways to foster a **sense of community** beyond celebration of Mass: virtual coffee hour, prayer groups, bible studies.
- **Practice your virtual event** or gathering ahead of time prior to launch!

# Reframing Events: St. John Vianney Parish, Mentor



**“Visits with the Vicars”**  
*Watch on*  
*Saint John Vianney Pastor’s Page*  
Live-streamed M-W-F at 10:00 am

Father Dober and Fr Morris our Parochial Vicars will share some reflections on select topics.

[Click Here to Watch](#)





# Connecting via Video: Church of the Resurrection, Solon



**Church of The Resurrection-Solon**

42 mins · 🌐

Join our Pastoral Staff for an 8-week Virtual Tour of the art and architecture of Church of the Resurrection - Solon, Ohio.

Part II, with our Pastor Rev. Tom Dragga, features the Ambo, Altar, and Nave (the place of the assembly).

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=32CsCC3kKes>



YOUTUBE.COM

**Virtual Tour - Part II**

Join our Pastoral Staff for an 8-week Virtual Tour of the art and...

# The Cluster Parish Approach: St. Jude Parish, Elyria



**Elyria Catholic Cluster**

49 mins · 🌐



Wednesday of the 3rd week of Easter with Fr. Richard Gonser



Watch together with friends or with a group



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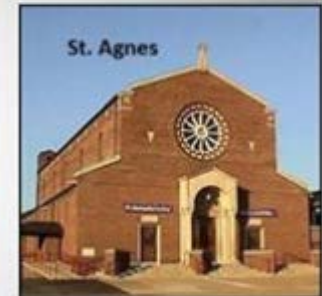
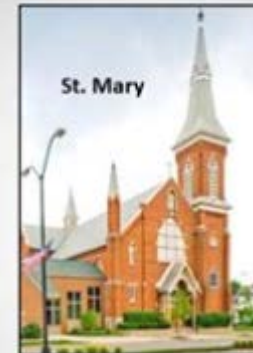


**St. Jude Church**

6 hrs · 🌐



Join Fr. Charlie, Deacon Pat and Donna Humphrey and Kristen Craig live from Kristen's patio Saturday night for faith sharing and conversation!



THIS SATURDAY AT 7:30 PM

**Elyria Cluster Fireside Chat**

Elyria Catholic Cluster · Elyria

🔗 Religion

★ Interested

# Virtual *Town Hall*: St. Peter Parish, Loudonville

**Bible Study on Isaiah**

When Tue, April 28, 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Description

Join Microsoft Teams Meeting

Learn more about Teams | Meeting options

[more details»](#) [copy to my calendar»](#)

Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time - New York

Google Calendar



## Other Creative Communities around our Diocese

Divine Word (Kirtland): *Spring Sing-a-Long, Bible Trivia, Book Study*

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish (Lakewood): *Karate with Father Kevin*

Our Lady of Victory Parish (Tallmadge): *Night Prayer with a Friend*



**HOW TO PRAY  
MASS FROM HOME**



# How Do I Start? Three Questions for your Parish:

## 1 What kind of virtual community could we build?

- Town Hall
- Prayer Group
- Bible Studies
- Recreational Activities

## 2 How can we make this accessible to all parishioners?

Many older folks are becoming familiar with virtual tools. However, these communities do not have to host the entire parish community. They can start small and grow over time.

## 3 What virtual tools are available to me?

Start with the tools you're comfortable with, or what your parish is using. Have you been using Zoom with your family? Great! If you prefer Google Hangouts, go with that. There is no one answer.



# Resources



## Step-by-Step Guides

YouTube Guide

Facebook Live Guide

Social Media Guide ... more soon!



## Personal Assistance

Your *SECURE Team* is prepared to help you build your communities and brainstorm solutions



## Matrix of Vendor Resources

Connections and resources around current vendors and their capabilities / product offerings (OSV, LPI, Church Budget, etc.)



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# Thank you! Join us next week...

- Wednesday, May 6 at 3:00PM | *Social Media & Online Ministry*
- Wednesday, May 13 at 3:00PM | *Revenue Recovery Strategies*