

St. Vincent's Cathedral Emergency Weather Plans

This emergency procedure is being applied when there is a church service or Sunday School underway.

1. If there is severe weather or the threat of severe weather in the area:
 - a. please designate someone or an Usher to monitor weather;
 - b. designate one or two Ushers to be stationed at points where they can have reasonable visibility to watch for a tornado and/or hear the warning sirens
2. Quickly access where all Parishioners are located:
 - a. Choir
 - b. Classrooms
 - c. Nursery
 - d. Children's church
 - e. Special classes (e.g. Fr. Cantrell's Adult Christianity class in School Library).
3. If warning sirens go off and it appears you have sufficient time:
 - a. Stop Church or Sunday School
 - b. Move everyone into the halls of both the north and south wings;
 - i. Direct the parishioners to exit doors on the side they were sitting and to go directly to the classroom hallways on the same side as well.
 - ii. Have the doors open and provide direction and instruction.
 - c. Close all doors leading into the hallway or from classrooms;
 - d. Hunker down and say your prayers.
4. If there is a warning and not sufficient time:
 - a. Stop Church
 - b. Notify other groups or meeting in process;
 - c. Move to center of sanctuary and toward the altar in the front as much as possible and try to get as low as possible (away from side windows and glass entry doors);
 - d. Move nursery in the hallway between nursery and sanctuary;
 - e. Say your prayers.