

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF



ST BERNARD

201 Main St. Blencoe, IA



ST JOHN

1009 13th St., Onawa, IA



ST JOSEPH

510 Tipton St., Salix, IA

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD APRIL 12, 2020

Coronavirus- COVID-19 3/19/2020

UPDATED DIOCESAN GUIDELINES

Following the recommendations released by the Centers of Disease Control to “cancel large event-
sor gatherings that could contribute to the spread of COVID-19,” Bishop Walker Nickless issued the mandate to suspend all Sunday and public Masses effective immediately.

This suspension will extend for eight weeks, and then will be re-evaluated as the coronavirus situation develops. The CDC recommends no gathering of groups of 50 or larger during this crisis, whereas the State of Iowa has mandated gatherings of groups no larger than 10.

Parishes within the diocese will resume normal activities when it is safe to do so.

“This has been the most difficult decision I have made during my time as bishop,” Bishop Nickless explained after making the decision to cancel all Masses, which will include Holy Week, the high point of the Catholic Church’s liturgical year. “The health and well-being of all people in the diocese, as well as all Catholics, is of the utmost importance at this time. I ask all the faithful for their understanding and to join me in prayer for the end to this public health crisis.”

During this period, Catholics in the Diocese of Sioux City are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, according to the bishop’s mandate.

Liturgical and parish guidelines for this 8-week period will include:

- Celebration of public Masses - All public celebrations of the Mass will be suspended.

Pastors are encouraged to broadcast private Masses via electronic means for their parishioners.

- Holy Week – Holy Week liturgies are suspended. New directives have been received from the Vatican and details will be released soon.

- Baptisms – Baptisms will only be celebrated with immediate family and godparents. There will be no large group baptisms.

- Weddings – Only immediate family members and witnesses are to attend weddings. Clergy are not to attend related social functions. Parishes are not to host receptions.

- Funerals – Funerals may be celebrated only with immediate family members. Parishes may not host funeral dinners.

- Confessions - The sacrament of reconciliation (confession) will be conducted by appointment only.

- Sacrament of Confirmation - All spring celebrations of the sacrament of confirmation are suspended.

- First Communion - The celebrations of First Communion are suspended.

- Quinceañeras - Quinceañeras are suspended.

- Eucharistic Adoration - The formal exposition of the Eucharist or adoration will be suspended.

- The Eucharist - Will be administered to the sick only as viaticum (danger of death).

Additional Directives:

- Church buildings are to be closed.

- All conferences, retreats, festivals or similar events in the diocese and the parishes are to be suspended.

- All religious education, faith formation classes, RCIA and related activities are suspended.

- Parish staff are to conduct meetings if essential, and if possible, electronically.

- Parish staff members are asked to telecommute, if possible.

WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE : NO MASSES

RESOURCES FOR MASS

EWTN online and on TV: <https://www.ewtn.com/> --
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 EWTN
 You Tube --you can do a search for Catholic Mass and
 find many.
Watchthemass.com

| Stewardship | St. John | 3/29/2020 | St. Bernard |
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| Envelopes/Loose building | \$ 210.00 | | \$ 120.00 |
| Candles | \$ 0.00 | | |
| E-offering | \$ 291.17 | | |
| Needy Fund | \$.00 | | |
| Easter Flowers | \$.00 | | |
| Total: | \$ 621.17 | | |

ST. JOSEPH

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STEWARDSHIP St. Joseph 3/30

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| Envelopes: | \$ | 765.00 |
| Loose: | \$ | .00 |
| Candles: | \$ | 20.00 |
| E-offering: | \$ | 140.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ | 100.00 |
| Debt Reduction | \$ | 1040.00 |
| FLOWERS | \$ | 5.00 |
| TOTAL: | | \$ 1965.00 |

St. Joseph Registered Families209
 St. Joseph Debt February 2020.....\$ 12,796.97
 St. Joseph Debt April 2017.....\$324, 880.66

DURING THIS TIME, THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC MASSES. THE CHURCH WILL NOT BE OPEN DURING MASS TIMES
 FATHER WILL BE CHECKING HIS VOICEMAIL FREQUENTLY AND THE SECRETARIES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU GET IN
 TOUCH WITH HIM IF NEEDED.+
 ACCORDING TO UPDATED GUIDELINES FROM THE DIOCESE, WE ARE TO KEEP THE CHURCH AND THE BUILDINGS LOCKED.
 PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY IN THE SAFETY AND CONVENIENCE OF YOUR OWN HOME

| ST. JOHN MARCH 29 | | | | |
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| LECTORS | SERVERS | EMS | GIFT BEARERS | USHERS |
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| ROSARY | | | Greeters | |
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| ST. JOSEPH —MARCH 28-29 | | | | |
| LECTORS | SERVERS | EMS | GIFT BEARERS | USHERS |
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| 28-Rosary | | | 28- Greeters | |
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES:

Father Patrick O'Kane, Midge Stanley, Madonna Dodd, Shirley Turner, Esther Mac Clure, Loretta Simoff, Doe Walker, Pete Mortensen, John Heisterkamp, Charlotte Zortman, Rosemary Kirby, Florence Ibsgaard, Gina Mortensen, Chris Metzger, Judson Bramow, & Sherry Wince. If you know of someone who is ill and needs our prayers, and would like to be listed, or if you no longer need to be listed, please contact Colleen @ office 423-1004

You tube recordings of the weekend Mass, celebrated by Father Erpelding will be available on the websites of our parishes. www.stjohnnawa.com or www.stjoesalix.com. Please check the websites daily for some weekday masses and updates.

A reminder that your weekly contributions are still needed. You can contribute online, in the mail or drop it off at church. You can do a drive-up, call the office @ 423-1004 and we will come out and pick it up from you... Thank you

Doing our best to keep "social distancing", please call if you need to get into the church. We are trying to comply and still serve the needs of our parishioners.

Father continues to say Mass, privately. The Mass intentions for this week are:

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| April 12- Sunday | John & Marjorie Zink |
| April 14- Tuesday | Charles & Christieann Zobel |
| April 15- Wednesday | Gene Zortman |
| April 17- Friday | Poor Souls |
| April 19- Sunday | Darlene Ellis |

Congratulations to Drs. Brandon & Allison Kovar on the baptism of their son William. Please welcome William to our parish on keep him and his family in your prayers.

Remember to pray for the sick of our Parishes.

Father O'Kane, Fran Mitchell, Nainna Gnat, Jeri Greiner, Mike Franken, , David Bogenrief, Linda Donnelly, Sue LaCroix, Bryson Harder, Justin Lamoureux, Sophie Helvey, Doreen Becker, Roger Huot, Tristan Parks, Colleen Ebner, Bailey Cleveland, Christian Case, Brady Worrell, Cal Worrell, Connie Wagner, Kathy Clayton, Helen Martin, Glenda Ullrich, Stella Serviss, Gerrie Lamoureux. Darrell Lux., Virginia "Pat" Huot. For all who travel, grieve, those in the military, veterans their families and our nations leaders. The candles burning on the Blessed Mother's altar are for the military serving in foreign lands.

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HOPE EVERYONE IS STAYING SAFE AND HEALTHY, IF YOU CAN, DON'T FORGET YOUR CHURCH SUPPORT DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES THANKS SO MUCH AND STAY SAFE.HAVE A HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER!!!

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| April 16- Thursday | Sue Lamoureux |
| April 18- Saturday | Sister Delores Ullrich |
| April 19- Sunday | Parishioners of Sts. Joseph, John & Bernard |

What Makes Us Laugh:

Attorney: "At the scene of the accident, did you tell the constable you had never felt better in your life?"

Farmer: "That's right."

Attorney: "Well, then, how is it that you are now claiming you were seriously injured when my client's auto hit your wagon?"

Farmer: "When the constable arrived, he went over to my horse, who had a broken leg, and shot him. Then he went over to Rover, my dog, who was all banged up, and shot him. When he asked me how I felt, I just thought under the circumstances, it was a wise choice of words to say I've never felt better in my life."

From Father Michael

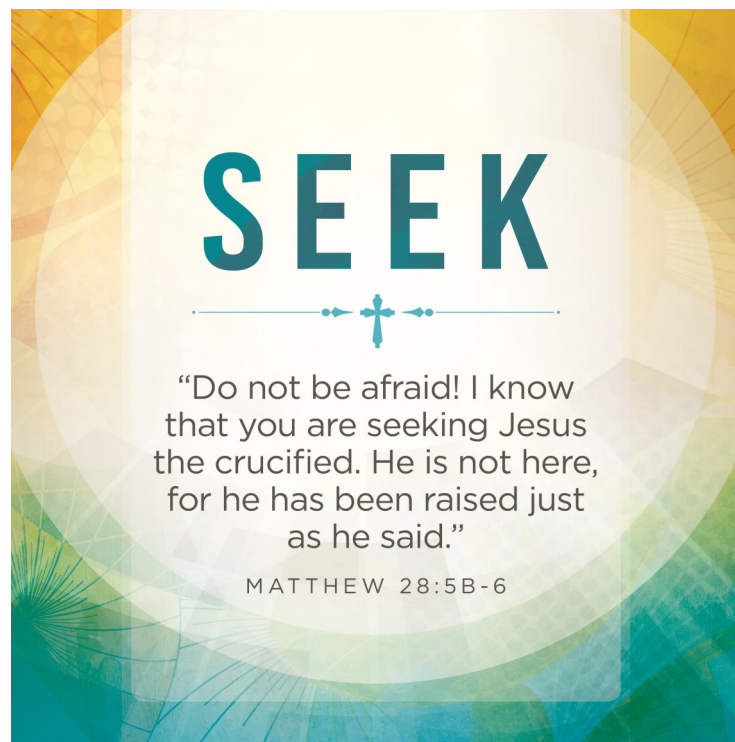
The annual Easter proclamation reminds us of St. Augustine's hymn to beauty (God): "ever ancient, ever new." At the door of the tomb, the realm of death, the women hear an affirmation of life: "He is not here, but he has been raised." Echoing through the centuries, this is the foundation of Christian belief, yet each Evangelist scores it with different notes. The women who had followed Jesus from Galilee to the cross (8:1-3; 23:55) come to perform burial rites in love and devotion. They are greeted by two figures in white (the number of required legal witnesses), who announce the astounding news of the resurrection; then only Luke adds, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" The messengers then summon the women to an act of remembrance of Jesus' words, that as suffering Son of Man he would be handed over to crucifixion. Joyously remembering these words, the women announce all these things to "the Eleven" and to the Apostles, who were last mentioned at the Last Supper and who did not follow Jesus to the cross. They dismiss the women's announcement as "nonsense," and Peter, as in John 21:1-13, runs to the tomb, sees the burial clothes and is amazed.

The message of resurrection, ever ancient, ever new, is that Christ is not "here" inhabiting the realm of the dead, but has emptied death of its power. Christians today are summoned to live, proclaim and celebrate this victory by resisting all those forms of death and violence that saturate our culture. The women at the tomb remember the words of Jesus about suffering; their story, dismissed as nonsense, was that Jesus was raised up from the tomb, but only after descending into death's chamber.

Questions of the Week:

***Children:** When have you seen someone do a good deed for someone else?*

***Adults:** Name one way or time when you experience the presence of the Risen Christ? Is it at meals? With those whom you love? At other times?*



**WE WISH EVERYONE A BLESSED,
HAPPY AND HEALTHY EASTER.
MAY THE RISEN LORD KEEP US
SAFE IN HIS ARMS**

