

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF



ST BERNARD

201 Main St. Blencoe, IA



ST JOHN

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ST JOSEPH

510 Tipton St., Salix, IA

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 21, 2020

“APRIL 28, 2020 STATEMENT FROM THE IOWA BISHOPS REGARDING SUNDAY MASS SUSPENSIONS”

Our Dear People:

Since the arrival of the coronavirus pandemic, Catholics in Iowa have been obliged by civil, scientific, and church authorities to sacrifice the opportunity to receive sacraments and worship in common. With the lifting of restrictions against certain public gatherings, including religious assemblies, by Governor Kim Reynolds, members of the faithful are understandably renewed in their hope that they might safely return to church and resume some form of regular parish life. Yet the spread of the COVID-19 disease remains a real and present danger. In particular, the health and survival of the elderly and other vulnerable populations is still a grave concern. Many parishioners and priests fall within these groups. In light of the expectation that positive cases of COVID-19 will peak in Iowa in the next few weeks, we have decided it would be most prudent for now to continue to follow the liturgical restrictions we have in place, including the suspension of public Masses. Without an effective vaccine or widespread testing and contact data that justifies a change in course, we simply are not at a place where we can resume our previous prayer practices. The suspension of the Sunday Mass obligation remains in effect statewide, and all vulnerable persons, the sick, and those may who have been exposed to the virus are asked to look after their own welfare with the support of those who care for them. We ask parish, school and diocesan staff to continue to minister to the faithful, and the faithful to each other, in ways other than meeting in groups during this difficult time of the pandemic. We strongly encourage parishioners to visit the website and social media outlets of the parishes and schools to stay in touch as we look forward to gathering in person. We will continue to closely monitor the statewide and respective regional situations through the weeks of May and beyond. When the time comes that we can gather in greater numbers while observing social distance, safe hygienic practices and other precautions without placing one another at serious risk, public Masses and other sacramental celebrations will be allowed to resume. These days are not easy. We understand that many of you are frustrated with this situation; so are we. We want to celebrate Mass with our parishioners and get back to “normal.” However, we take the advice of Paul: “Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer” (Romans 12:12). Take comfort in knowing that Jesus is with us and with you, our faithful. Your Brothers in Christ, *Most Rev. Michael Jackels Archbishop of Dubuque*
Most Rev. R. Walker Nickless Bishop of Sioux City
Most Rev. Thomas Zinkula Bishop of Davenport
Most Rev. William Joensen Bishop of Des Moines

THE LUMEN SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE –

The Lumen newspaper (formerly The Catholic Globe) subscription direct mail letters are on the way to your mailbox! If you are a paid subscriber, the renewal notices are coming. You will want to renew your subscription to the new The Lumen newspaper with our new look, more diocesan news, vibrant photos, to the point articles, new columnists in addition to Father Meinen and Sr. Walsh, Enlightened Catholic feature to learn more about your faith in a few paragraphs. All this for \$30 per year. Return the The Lumen renewal form or log on to our new website at www.lumenmedia.org to participate in this new era of diocesan media! Questions? Call us at 800-352-9035 or e-mail at dawn@scdiocese.org. We want to hear from you. Remember Lumen = The Light from Latin, the official language of the Catholic Church! We would also love to have your help in promoting LumeNotes, the free supplement to the comprehensive print news source. LumenNotes will be distributed in English and Notas Lumen will be distributed in Spanish twice monthly. The faithful just need to send us a text (preferred), or an e-mail, and they will be automatically signed up to receive the new product. This is not to take the place of the newspaper, but a supplement. We know the faithful will love it, especially the younger demographics. A sample announcement is below: LumeNotes and Notas Lumen –

“News for the time-starved Catholic!”

We have developed two quick-read electronic news formats – English and Spanish – that will be distributed in June for the diocesan faithful from our Lumen Media Office. Twice a month at no charge, you can receive a quick-read newsletter on your phone, tablet or computer with the latest diocesan announcements. If there is a last-minute notice, you’ll receive that also. Just text:
Notes to 84576 for English
Notas a 84587 – para en Español
Or e-mail news@scdiocese.org if you don’t text, and give us your name and we will sign you up for the latest Lumen Media platform.

WEEK OF JUNE 21, 2020

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7am -Noon 4pm-8:30 pm Wednesday 7am-11am Friday

MASS SCHEDULE : NO MASSES

RESOURCES FOR MASS

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televised, radio, and online each day at 7AM, 11AM, 6PM
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9AM on Sunday

Carroll: 103.1 Trinity Radio Station --EWTN program-
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You Tube --you can do a search for Catholic Mass and
find many.

Watchthemass.com

Stewardship	St. John 6/7/2020	St. Bernard
Envelopes/Loose building	\$ 2090.00	\$ 220.00
Candles	\$ 325.00	
E-offering	\$ 2.00	
Needy Fund	\$ 759.70	
Holy land	\$ 60.00	
Catholic Relief	\$ 0.00	
Retired/Infirm	\$ 0.00	

Total: \$ 3456.70

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STEWARDSHIP St. Joseph 6/7/2020

Envelopes:	\$ 3990.00	Mow & Snow	\$ 10.00
Loose:	\$.00	Cemetery	\$ 00.00
Candles:	\$ 00	Aid/Churches	\$100.00
Cemetery PC	\$ 200.00	Peters pence	\$ 5.00
E-offering:	\$ 453.70		
Maintenance	\$ 100.00		
Emergency	\$ 80.00		
Food Pantry	\$ 125.00		

TOTAL: \$ 5063.70

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				
LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
ROSARY			Greeters	
ST. JOSEPH —MARCH 28-29				
LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
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

Happy Father's Day to all our Fathers.

"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way." —Unknown

A big Thank You to our parishioners who have continued to support our Church by sending their contributions in the mail ,online or just dropping them by the Church. Your support is greatly appreciated and very much needed. Thank you!!

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

June 21- Sunday	Charles Zobel Sr
June 23- Tuesday	Joan Burns
June 24- Wednesday	Paul Benjamin
June 26 - Friday	Dayle & Darlene Ellis
June 28 - Sunday	Joe & Anne Langenfeld

What Makes Us Laugh:

TEACHER: *George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?*

LOUIS: *Because George still had the ax in his hand.*

A teacher asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favourite Bible stories. She was puzzled by a boy's picture which showed four people on an aircraft, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. 'The flight to Egypt,' he replied. 'I see... And that must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus,' she said. 'But who's the fourth person?' 'Oh, that's Pontius - the Pilot!'

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, O 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, Richard Hentges. 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.

I want to say "THANK YOU" to all of you who have supported the Church during these troubling times, it really helps as the Bills keep coming in you can mail it or drop it off at the office and Thanks again. There are also Bulletins at the Office if you would like one.

RUBY JUBILEE CELEBRATION FOR FATHER BRUCE LAWLER, July 5th, 1980. In lieu of a public celebration – due to the current restrictions of the corona virus---the family invites you to participate in a card shower for Father Bruce.

Cards and letters should be mailed no later than Thursday, July 3, 2020. Please mail cards to Father Bruce Lawler, All Saints Parish, 605 Plymouth Street NE, Le Mars, Iowa 51031. Father Lawler served St. Joseph's Parish, from 1991 to 1998. Send him a card and your well wishes for the great job he did when he was here. Thank You.

Happy Father's day to all the Father's, Grandfathers on your special day, Mom you can take them out to eat and support our businesses that are opening up.

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

June 21- Sunday	Marie Huot
June 25- Thursday	Cecil Gnat
June 27- Saturday	Sister Delores Ullrich
June 28- Sunday	Parishioners of Sts. Joseph, John, Bernard

Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors

Emma Christensen —Sergeant Bluff Luton

Eddie Dandurand —Westwood CSD

Steve Hellman — Westwood CSD

Dayne Lewis — Westwood CSD

Samuel Miller — Westwood CSD

Easton Plantenberg —Westwood CSD

From Father Michael

Suggestions for Contemplation and Action

(from: Carl Anderson, *A Civilization of Love*, New York: HarperOne, 2008, pg. 15-16.)

1. Spend one hour walking around the location of your choice—a city street, a residential neighborhood, even a mall—and make a point of looking at the things you see without mentally attaching price tags to them.
2. Take a person you know reasonably well and ask yourself what he or she is worth. What comes to your mind when you ask this question? If you find yourself thinking solely in terms of money or property, consider other ways which you might estimate the value of this person.
3. Close your eyes and think of the word “civilization.” What sorts of images or ideas come to your mind? Take the inquiry back further. What are the principles on which civilization as you conceive it is built?
4. Think back on a time or situation in which you did not feel free. Then think of a situation in which you did feel free. What are the circumstances that came to your mind? Were the limitations imposed on you from outside or by you yourself?
5. Sometime in the next week, take one action that will help you feel more free. It could involve writing a letter to a legislator, speaking your mind in a situation where you otherwise might have been silent, or even paying a bill that has been weighing on your mind. Note how you feel both before and after.

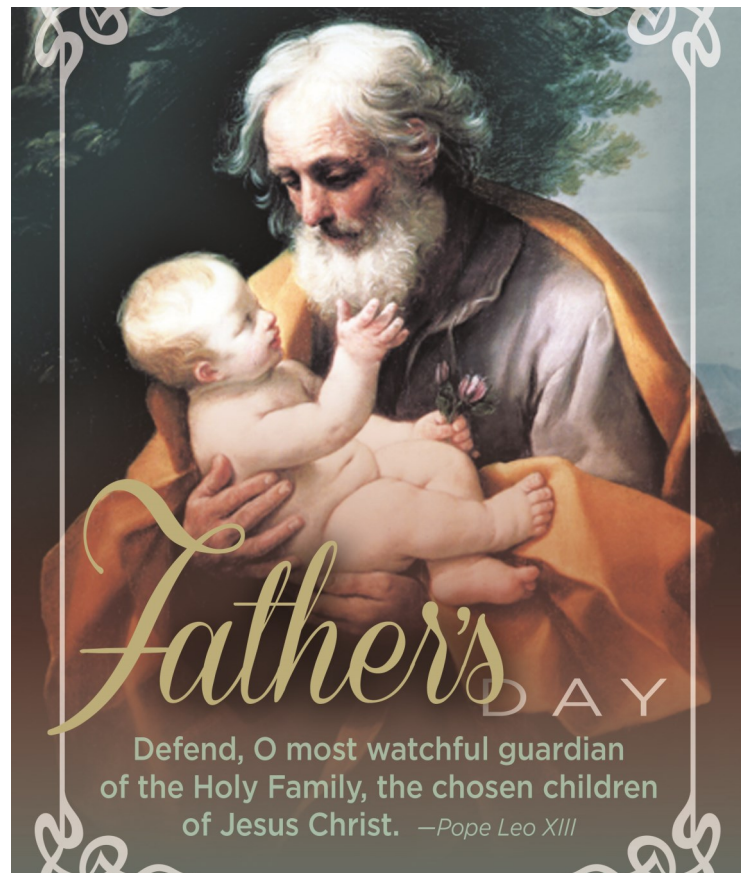
Questions of the Week:

Adults: *When has your faith in Jesus been most seriously tested?*

Children: *What could you do to encourage someone who is feeling hurt?*

Private Prayer in Churches

The Bishop has opened the Churches for private prayer 2 hours a week. Only 10 people are allowed in the Church at a time. Keep your distance from each other and you need to wear masks. Check the website for the times we will be open.



12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge... So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” - Mt 10:29, 31