

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF



ST BERNARD

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ST JOHN

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MOST HOLY TRINITY

JUNE 7, 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 7, 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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 9AM on Sunday

Carroll: 103.1 Trinity Radio Station --EWTN program-
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Western Iowa:<https://spiritcatholicradio.com/> 7AM Sun-
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Iowa Catholic Radio: [https://](https://www.iowacatholicradio.com/)

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You Tube --you can do a search for Catholic Mass and
 find many.

Watchthemass.com

Stewardship	St. John	5/24/2020	St. Bernard
Envelopes/Loose building	\$ 1000.00		\$ 120.00
Candles	\$ 105.00		
E-offering	\$		
Needy Fund	\$ 294.44		
Holy land	\$ 0.00		
Catholic Relief	\$ 0.00		
Retired/Infirm	\$ 0.00		

Total: \$ 1519.44

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STEWARDSHIP St. Joseph 5/24/2020

Envelopes:	\$ 1085.00	Mow & Snow	\$
Loose:	\$.00	Ascension	\$
Candles:	\$ 00	Cemetery Perp.	\$ 310.00
E-offering:	\$ 219.70		
Maintenance	\$ 25.00		
Emergency	\$ 150.00		
Food Pantry	\$ 00.00		

TOTAL: \$ 1789.70

St. Joseph Registered Families209

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

Congratulations to Timothy & Amy Card who had their son Noah James baptized today. Noah joins his big brother Andrew and big sister Genevieve at home.

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 7- Sunday	Paulette Rice
June 9- Tuesday	Ken Walker
June 10- Wednesday	Donna Davis
June 12- Friday	Fred Servia & Virgil Hedges
June 14 - Sunday	John & Marjorie Zink

What Makes Us Laugh:_____

Miss O'Toole, a teacher, was testing the children in her Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of getting into heaven. She asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big rummage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into Heaven?" "NO!" the children answered. "If I cleaned the church every day, cut the grass, and kept everything tidy, would that get me into Heaven?" Again, the answer was, NO!" By now the teacher was starting to smile - this was fun! "Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave sweets to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?" Again, they all answered, "NO!" Bursting with pride for them, the teacher continued: "So, how can I get into Heaven?" Five-year-old Sean shouted out, "YOU HAVE TO BE DEAD."

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. 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.

Congratulations to all the Seniors from Westwood, Sergeant Bluff Luton Class of 2020 what a year. Best of Luck in the next phase of your life it can only get better from her

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June 7- Sunday	Parishioners of Sts. Joseph, John, Bernard
June 11- Thursday	Steve "Bud" Mareau
June 13- Saturday	Parishioners of Sts. Joseph, John, Bernard
June 14- Sunday	Bud & Ilene & Pinkie & Ernest Mareau

What Makes Us Laugh:_____

Father O'Malley answers the phone:

-Hello, is this Father O'Malley?

-It is

-This is the IRS, can you help us?

-I can

-Do you know a Ted Houlihan

-I do

-Is he a member of your congregation?

-He is

-Did he donate \$10,000 dollars

-He will

After explaining the commandment to honor your father and mother, a Sunday School teacher asked her class if there was a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters. One boy, the oldest in his family, immediately answered, "Thou shalt not kill."

From Father Michael

God is a trinity of persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Father is not the same person as the Son; the Son is not the same person as the Holy Spirit; and the Holy Spirit is not the same person as Father. They are not three gods and not three beings. They are three distinct persons; yet, they are all the one God. Each has a will, can speak, can love, etc., and these are demonstrations of personhood. They are in absolute perfect harmony consisting of one substance. They are coeternal, coequal, and co-powerful. If any one of the three were removed, there would be no God.

Jesus, the Son, is one person with two natures: Divine and Human. This is called the Hypostatic Union. The Holy Spirit is also divine in nature and is self-aware, the third person of the Trinity.

Questions of the Week:

Adults: *How could God's mercy and love for the world be revealed through you this week?*

Children: *Do you know anyone who is sick or feeling badly and with whom you could visit?*

The Benedictine Peace Center is offering interactive online programs during the month of June to deepen your spiritual experience during this crisis. Topics include "Mystics in Turbulent Times," lectio divina with the Sunday readings, and a Scripture study on Hope. For more information, go to the webpage <https://yanktonbenedictines.org/retreats-online-group/>.

