

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

THE MASS OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 22, 2020

Coronavirus- COVID-19 3/16/2020 UPDATED DIOCESAN GUIDELINES

Following the recommendations released by the Centers of Disease Control to “cancel large events or 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. 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

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. The funeral vigil, wake or other events should all be held the same day as the funeral.

Holy Week – Holy Week liturgies are suspended.

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.

Additional Directives:

Church buildings may remain open for private prayer at the discretion of pastors.

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.

Parish governing boards are strongly urged to meet electronically.

WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE : NO MASSES

RESOURCES FOR MASS

EWTN online and on TV: <https://www.ewtn.com/> --

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

Sioux City area: 88.1 <https://www.fhcradio.com/>--Mass at 9AM on Sunday

Carroll: 103.1 Trinity Radio Station --EWTN programming (I could not find a web link)

Western Iowa:<https://spiritcatholicradio.com/> 7AM Sunday Mass from EWTN

Iowa Catholic Radio: <https://www.iowacatholicradio.com/> 7AM Sunday Mass from EWTN

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

Watchthemass.com

Stewardship St. John 3/15/2020 St. Bernard

Envelopes/Loose \$ 1008.00 \$ 145.00

building \$ 10 .00

Candles \$

E-offering \$ 300.00

Needy Fund \$.00

Easter Flowers \$ 145 .00

Total: \$ 1608.00

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STEWARDSHIP St. Joseph 3/14 --3/15

Envelopes: \$ 3217.00

Loose: \$ 272.00

Candles: \$ 17.00

E-offering: \$ 295.00

Maintenance \$ 45.00

Easter Flowers \$ 85.00

TOTAL: \$ 3931.70

St. Joseph Registered Families209

St. Joseph Debt February 2020..... \$ 12,796.97

DURING THIS TIME, THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC MASSES. THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN DURING MASS TIMES FOR YOU TO PRAY.

FATHER WILL BE PRESENT FOR ANY NEEDS.

FATHER WILL BE CHECKING HIS VOICEMAIL FREQUENTLY AND THE SECRETARIES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM IF NEEDED.+

PLEASE KEEP A THREE FOOT DISTANCE FROM EACH OTHER WHEN IN THE BUILDINGS OR IN THE CHURCH

REMEMBER, YOU ARE ENTERING AT YOUR OWN RISK. IF YOU ARE SICK OR VULNERABLE TO SICKNESS, IT MAY BE WISE TO STAY AT 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	

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, Maryann Muller, 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

Knight of the Month: Tabitha Housh-Hearn for often volunteering to help the Knights

Family of the Month: Our CCD teachers... collectively...for their selfless teaching and mentoring to the children of our parishes.

April 5th is Loretta Simoff's 95th birthday. Please join us in wishing her a very Happy Birthday by sending her a card with your wishes to 1308 10th St. Onawa

What Makes Us Laugh:

The local news station was interviewing an 84-year-old lady because she had just gotten married -for the fourth time. The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 84, and then about her new husband's occupation. "He's a funeral director," she answered. "Interesting," the newsman thought. He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living. She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she first married a banker when she was in her early 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, later on a preacher when in her 60's, and now, in her 80's, a funeral director. The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers. "Easy, son," she smiled. "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go!"

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.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Steve Spohr on the loss of his wife Kathy after a battle with Cancer, she will be forever missed was a CCD teacher for many years, Lector every third Sunday, Counted Money and always worked the Bazaar with the love of her life kept everything going smoothly. Throughout her illness never complained always so hopeful that maybe the next treatment would be the one, lit up the room with her smile so glad God gave her to us even if it was for too short a time. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

BAZAAR, I know the snow is still flying and the temperature will get colder just want to let the Parish know the Bazaar will be on September 27th this year a little later due to Labor day being a little later. For New Parishioners just want to let you know this is our Annual Big Fund Raiser for the Parish. We like each Parishioner to buy a Book of Tickets for \$10 pay \$10 for the cost of the Chicken from the Caterer furnish a Salad or Dessert for 15 people, and volunteer for a 2 hour shift. Sounds like a lot but it's only once a year. A solicitor one of your fellow parishioners will contact you before the Bazaar, welcome them their job is so important to the success of our Dinner.

Anyone wishing to donate a Raffle item please do so by June 1st, we will have no Silent Auction items this year if they are on the raffle seem to do much better. I will not accept any items after June 1st so if you have something let me know I am letting you know in March so everything can get done. Lot of work goes into the success of the Bazaar and you the Parishioners make it happen. Thanks in advance for your help, your donations, let's make this the Best one ever!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

THANK YOU to all who helped with the Simple Soup Supper, it was great and thanks again for all the delicious soups, bars, once again you make it happen the great Parishioners of St. Joseph's.

From Father Michael

The Church's official position concerning penance and abstinence from meat during Lent:

In 1966, Pope Paul VI reorganized the Church's practice of public penance in his "Apostolic Constitution on Penance" (Poenitemini). The 1983 revision of the Code of Canon Law incorporated the changes made by Pope Paul. Not long after that, the U.S. bishops applied the canonical requirements to the practice of public penance in our country.

To sum up those requirements, Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

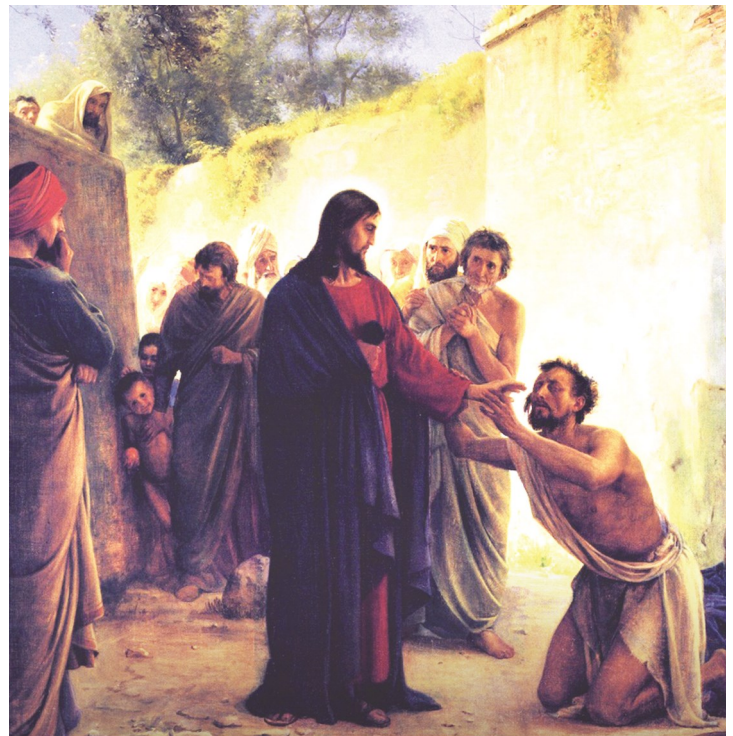
Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening—depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal. People who are ill and/or otherwise unable to abide by these laws are not bound by them.

Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat. According to Father John Huels (one of Fr. Michael's teachers) in *The Pastoral Companion* (Franciscan Herald Press), abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Thus, such foods as chicken broth, consomme, soups cooked or flavored with meat, meat gravies or sauces, as well as seasonings or condiments made from animal fat are not forbidden. So it is permissible to use margarine and lard.

Questions of the Week:

Children: *What are the things that Jesus wants you to do as his friend?*

Adults: *Share how you, as a child of the light, in the power of Christ, produce goodness, justice, and truth for the world. What specific actions do you take to do this?*



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

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