

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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 29, 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/> --
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Iowa Catholic Radio: [https://](https://www.iowacatholicradio.com/)
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EWTN
You Tube –you can do a search for Catholic Mass and
find many.
Watchthemass.com

| Stewardship | St. John | 3/22/2020 | St. Bernard |
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| Envelopes/Loose building | \$ 210.00 | | \$ 120.00 |
| Candles | \$ 0.00 | | |
| E-offering | \$ 300.00 | | |
| Needy Fund | \$.00 | | |
| Easter Flowers | \$.00 | | |
| Total: | \$ 6308.00 | | |

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STEWARDSHIP St. Joseph 3/21 –3/22

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| Envelopes: | \$ 00 |
| Loose: | \$.00 |
| Candles: | \$.00 |
| E-offering: | \$.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ 00 |
| Easter Flowers | \$.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$ |

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 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 | | | | |
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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, 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

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

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:*—————

Caffeine is my shepherd; I shall not doze. It maketh me to wake in green pastures: It leadeth me beyond the sleeping masses. It restoreth my buzz: It leadeth me in the paths of consciousness for its name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of addiction, I will fear no Equal™: For thou art with me; thy cream and thy sugar they comfort me. Thou preparest a carafe before me in the presence of The Starbucks™: Thou anointest my day with pep; my mug runneth over. Surely richness and taste shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the House of Mochas foreve

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

Chrism Mass

The Mass of Chrism comes once a year to your cathedral. This year it is 17 March 2008 at 1:00 pm. You are welcome to go. If you've never celebrated it, you're missing one of the most solemn and significant liturgies of our church. During the Mass, the bishop will bless the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick, and the oil of chrism. We use the first for adult catechumens and infants, the second for anointing the sick, and the sacred oil of chrism for baptism, confirmation, the ordination of priests, and the consecration of altars. All three are basically an olive oil; chrism spices the air with the scent of a perfume, traditionally balsam. For pastoral reasons, another vegetable oil and perfume may be used.

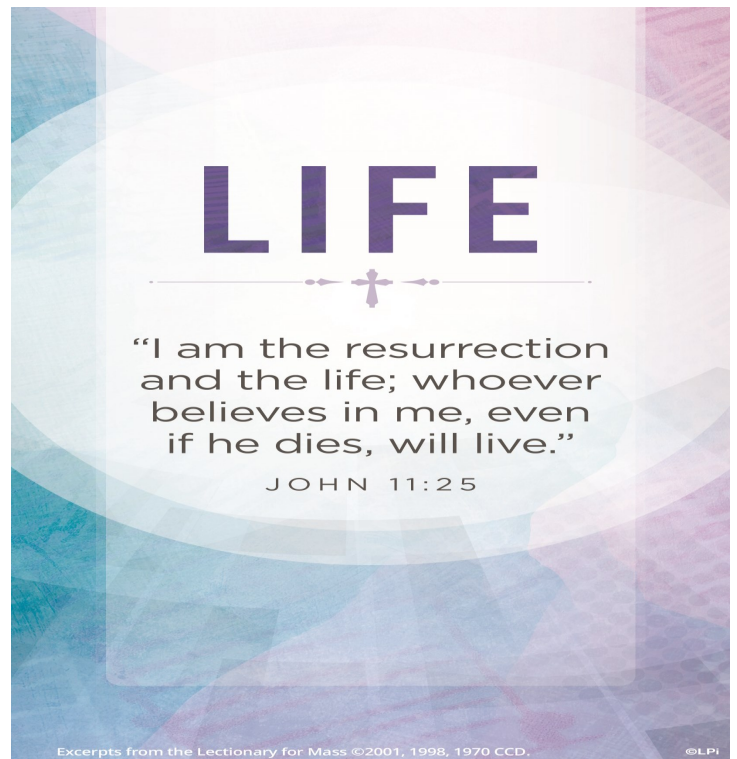
Bishops have blessed oil ever since the early church. They baptized catechumens at the Easter Vigil and prepared chrism fresh for the occasion. While they were blessing chrism, they blessed the other oils as well. Rather than overburdening the Vigil with this ritual, bishops blessed these oils at the previous celebration of the Eucharist, Holy Thursday. This also allowed time to transport vessels of oil from the cathedral to all the churches in the diocese. For more than one thousand years, bishops blessed the oils at the cathedral Holy Thursday liturgy, but in 1955 the church added a separate Mass, earlier in the day at the cathedral for that purpose, the Mass of Chrism. Today it may be celebrated on a different day shortly before Holy Thursday to give the celebration independence and so that more people like you may attend.

Since the bishop is the only minister in the diocese who may consecrate chrism, this Mass highlights his ministry and our union with him. He will not baptize and confirm everyone in the parishes of the diocese, but he will be symbolically present in the chrism which the priests and deacons will use. In recent years, this Mass has also acknowledged the ministry of priests. It invites them to renew their commitment of service and to receive the prayers and support of the people. The Mass of Chrism gathers the faithful of the diocese at the Cathedral of the Epiphany with their shepherd to prepare for celebrations of Christ in all our churches throughout the year.

Questions of the Week:

Children: How do your actions show that you put your faith and trust in Jesus?

Adults: The death from which we are called is healing from those things which bind us and hold us back: memories, fears, rejection, or other such things. What binds you? What keeps you from fully being your own most true self in Christ?



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25