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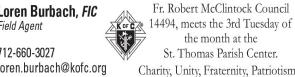
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Important Message from Father Lynn



There are five priests connected with our cluster parishes who are celebrating Mass privately for your intentions, including the health and well-being of the parishioners of our cluster, our diocese, and the people of the whole world. The individual intentions are published in our bulletin, which can be viewed online at calhouncatholic.org. I want you to know that our prayers for all of you continue, and please include the Mass intentions in your daily prayer.

Most of our staff continues to work from home. We come together as a staff once a week to touch base and to make sure we are meeting the needs of our parishioners. I thank Jenny Redenius, our Director of Faith Formation, for the resources she makes available especially for our religious education families. She has set up a new webpage so those resources are easy to locate and are user-friendly. That website can be found online at https://sites.google.com/site/ calhouncatholiccovid19. I also thank Tandy, our secretary and bookkeeper. who I call daily and without whom I would be lost. She, as well as Jenny, has given you a wonderful resource to use to celebrate Holy Week without Mass. That resource can be found at https://holyweek.pastoral.center.

Again I ask you to remember your parish financially. I realize that this may not be easy for some of you as some may not be receiving a paycheck at the moment. I would ask those of us who are not financially dependent of a regular paycheck and have the means to step forward to help manage the ongoing costs of running our parishes.

Take care and be safe. If you need to contact me directly, you may do so by calling my cell phone listed to the left. ~ Fr. Lvnn

HOLYWEEK@HOME EXPERIENCE

Holy Week is the most important time of year for us as Christians, but this year we are unable to gather to pray and reflect. But we CAN do that from home. We have gathered some activities that will help you and your children move through the week thoughtfully, prayerfully, and with some fun. What is most important this week—especially during this unsettling time—is for you to be present to your children, say you love them, talk to them about faith, and pray with them. Source: Pastoral Center Team | https://holyweek.pastoral.center

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Mass Intentions

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Palm Sunday April 5 Richard Clausen, Marie Ausborn, Melvin & Wilbert Wuebker, Jim Waller

Monday April 6 Ernest & Margaret Feld and Elmer Seifried

Tuesday April 7 Linda Hardy, Ralph Heisterkamp, Doug Lensing, and Maurice Alig

Wednesday April 8 Chelsey Henkenius, Bob Gulbranson, Keevan & Marcella Hammen family, and Mary Jo Croonquist

Holy Thursday April 9 Ezra, Larry, and Joe Boner, Warren Clark June Davis, and Martin Waller

Good Friday April 10 Good Friday

Easter Vigil Saturday April 11 Dale Sexton, Mervin Schreier, Jay & Mike Macke, Diane O'Tool Bunnel and Herb O'Brien

Easter Sunday April 12 Our Parishioners





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Religious Education

Jenny Redenius has created an Easter Challenge for all our families to participate in. Just because we can't have Mass together to celebrate Easter this year doesn't mean we can't all feel connected while celebrating. We encourage you all to still get dressed up as if you were going to Mass next week on Easter Sunday. Just because you are celebrating at home doesn't mean you have to leave those pretty Easter outfits in the closet. Snap a picture of your kids or your family and post it our Easter Picture Facebook post. This will be put up on Easter morning, so look for the post then! This is just one way we can all feel connected during the Easter holiday.



The following are options for listening to or viewing Mass broadcasts

https://www.ewtn.com (7am, 11am, and 6pm)

https://www.fhcradio.com (Mass at 9am on Sunday)

Radio Station Sunday Mass: Carroll: 103.1 Trinity Radio Station & Fort Dodge: 1400 AM

https://spiritcatholicradio.com (7am Sunday Mass)

https://iowacatholicradio.com (7am Sunday Mass)

You Tube - you can search for Catholic Mass and find many. Also, Fr. Patrick Behm will be going LIVE with daily Mass.

Daily Live Masses at every hour at https://mass-online.org/daily-holy-mass-live-online

Sunday Mass on TV channel CW Sunday Mornings

Charitable Giving Information

Susan O'Brien, Director of Communications and Development of the Diocese of Sioux City has recently sent the following information to our parishes as it relates to the new **CARES Act**. It might be of interest to some of you as it relates to your gift to your parish.

"As you know, Congress passed the new CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act designed to help you through the economic hardship caused by the coronavirus global pandemic. Here are a few of the key provisions of this new law as it relates to philanthropic support.

The new law **temporarily suspends the requirements for required minimum distributions** (RMD) for the 2020 tax year. This probably comes as a relief to many people who would have had to withdraw a greater percentage of their retirement accounts. Many donors use their RMD to make a gift from their IRA. If a donor is 70½ or older, they can still make a gift from your IRA or name us as a beneficiary. In addition, there are some new ways you can receive financial benefits and help organizations like us.

The new law allows all taxpayers to take a charitable deduction of up to \$300, even if you do not itemize. You might think that this is a small amount and would not make a difference. But what if all of our donors gave "just" \$300? Such support would have a huge impact on those we serve.

For those who do itemize their deductions, the new law **allows for cash contributions to qualified charities such as ours to be deducted up to 100%** of your adjusted gross income for the 2020 calendar year.

Please tell your donors to always consult with their tax professional about their charitable giving decisions, especially with these new provisions from the CARES Act.

Announcements

Catholic Charities is waiving their

co-pay currently if anyone needs anyone to talk to during this difficult

Please call office to schedule an appointment to pick up Word Among

Us, Little White Book of Saginaw, or the Living Faith if interested.

- If you or anyone you know does not have internet but would still like to receive. Please let us know and we can mail.
- Special Collections coming up are Holy Land and Retired Priests. Please be as generous as you can.





Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday of Holy Week

Holy Thursday







A Prayer for Each Day of Holy Week

Loving God, I am just beginning to realize how much you love me. Your son, Jesus was humble and obedient. He fulfilled your will for him by becoming human and suffering with us. I ask you for the desire to become more humble so that my own life might also bear witness to you. I want to use the small sufferings I have in this world to give you glory. Please, Lord, guide my mind with your truth. Strengthen my life by the example of Jesus. Help me to be with Jesus in this week as he demonstrates again his total love for me. He died so that I would no longer be separated from you. Help me to feel how close you are and to live in union with you.

God of love, My prayer is simple: Your son, Jesus, suffered and died for me. I know only that I cannot have real strength unless I rely on you. I cannot feel protected from my many weaknesses until I turn to you for forgiveness and your unalterable love. Help me to share this strength, protection, and love with others.

God of such unwavering love, how do I "celebrate" the passion and death of Jesus? I often want to look the other way and not watch, not stay with Jesus in his suffering. Give me the strength to see his love with honesty and compassion and to feel deeply your own forgiveness and mercy for me. Help me to understand how to "celebrate" this week. I want be able to bring my weaknesses and imperfections with me as I journey with Jesus this week, so aware of his love.

My savior, do you invite me to share in the glory of the resurrection? Please stay with me as I struggle to see how accepting the crosses of my life will free me from the power of the one who wants only to destroy my love and trust in you. Help me to be humble and accepting like your son, Jesus. I want to turn to you with the same trust he had in your love. Save me, Lord. Only you can save me.

Loving Provider, you gather me in this upper room with your son, to be fed by your love. At that supper, Jesus told us to "love one another" and I know that is the heart of his gift, his sacrifice for me. I ask that I might find the source of my own heart, the meaning for my own life, in that Eucharist. Guide me to the fullness of your love and life.

My Lord, your son has suffered so much, shed so much blood. I was born with so many faults and my nature is so full of weakness, and yet your son Jesus has died on the cross. For *me*. I know your grace has the power to cleanse me of my many sins and to make me more like your Son. Thank you for your goodness and love for me. I ask you, Father, to watch over me — always.

All-powerful and ever-living God, your only Son went down among the dead and rose again in glory. In your goodness, raise up your faithful people, buried with him in baptism, to be one with him in the eternal life of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.

Sources: https://onlineministries.creighton.edu www.thecatholictelegraph.com New St. Joseph People's Prayer Book