

# Welcome to St. Dominic Church

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 22, 2020

First Reading: **1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

Second Reading: **Ephesians 5:8-14**

Gospel: **John 9:1-41**



### Pastor:

Fr. Patrick N. Peter

### Deacon:

Linus Klostermann

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[deaconlinusk@gmail.com](mailto:deaconlinusk@gmail.com)

### Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm

Sunday 8am and 11am

### Weekday Masses:

8am: Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday and Friday

### Holy Day Masses:

8am, 12:10pm, & 7pm

### Confessions:

4:30pm on Saturday  
or by appointment

### Baptism & Marriage:

For arrangement please  
contact the Parish office

### Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday at Noon

### Office Hours:

Mon. – Fri. 9am-3pm

### Office Staff:

Judie Kuper

Office Manager

Carol Niemeyer

Office Secretary

### All Saints Academy

Dr. Robin Booth

Principal

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Principal

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Websites: **St. Dominic Church** [www.saintdominicbreese.org](http://www.saintdominicbreese.org)  
**Diocese of Belleville** [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org)  
**Knights of Columbus** [www.breeseknights.org](http://www.breeseknights.org)  
**Mater Dei High School** [www.materdeiknights.org](http://www.materdeiknights.org)  
**All Saints Academy** [www2.asasaints.com](http://www2.asasaints.com)

## Parish Organizations, Committees and Ministries

### Parish Council

Helen Essenpreis Pres.

Leann Wilke

Joe McNamara-V-Pres.

Bob Albers

Amy Koch

Laura Kruep-Sec.

Helen Klostermann

Paul Klostermann

Dave Kruep

### Trustees

Mike Niemeyer

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### Adult Servers

Mary Ellen Detmer

### Adoration

Allison Cowgill

### Altar Sodality

Barb VonAlst-Pres

Maribeth Detmer-V-Pres.

### Building & Maintenance

Bob Albers

Dave Kruep

Mike Niemeyer

### Choirs, Cantors, Musicians

Leah Loddeke

### Church Decorating

Lynn Hollenkamp

### Community Committee

Helen Essenpreis

Laura Kruep

Amy Koch

### Eucharistic Ministers

Deacon Linus Klostermann

### First Friday/Homebound Ministry

Fr. Pat

### Lectors

Rod Kloeckner

### Liturgy Committee

Leann Wilke

Amy Koch

### Men's Sodality

Dennis Ratermann

### Picnic Executives

Tom Zurliene

### Prayer Ministry

Lorine Schmidt

### Rosary Leaders

open

### RCIA

Fr. Pat Peter

Deacon Linus Klostermann

### Sacristans

Gail Linn

Josie Timmermann

### Servers

Fr. Pat

### Spiritual Formation

Helen Essenpreis

Helen Klostermann

Amy Koch

### Stewardship Committee

Joe McNamara

Paul Klostermann

### Ushers

Rich Eilermann

### Welcoming Committee

Dot Bauman

Leann Wilke

Laura Kruep

### Youth Faith Formation

Darlene Menietti

### Youth Ministry

Diane Klostermann

## **COVID-19 Parish Information on March 17, 2020,**

**Bishop Braxton has decided for the good of the faithful to suspend weekend Masses and liturgical services until further notice and has dispensed the faithful from the requirement. This includes Stations of the Cross, Reconciliation, Baptisms, Weddings, Communion Services, Communion to the Shut-Ins all due to the COVID-19 pandemic and health concerns regarding it being spread when groups of people gather together. With regards to Funerals, directions should be followed according to the local County Health Department guidelines. This is effective immediately.**

### **NO EVENTS THIS WEEK....**

#### **No weekend Masses, Meeting or Events**

We will, however, have Adoration on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 1pm to 7pm but no more than 10 people at one time in Church and practice social distancing of 6ft apart. We will also have weekday masses but are permitted only 10 in Church at one time which includes Fr. Pat and Deacon Linus. If more than 8 people attend Mass, then people will need to leave or Mass would be canceled.

#### **God is still with us during this crisis**

While we can't all be together to celebrate mass at this time, I hope you will, in some way, find time to pray. Some ideas might be to watch a televised mass on EWTN, read from the Bible, say a Rosary or maybe some quiet time as a family to reflect and pray separately. Let us pray for one another and protection from disease. Find ways to help, especially the elderly. As always, I am keeping everyone in my prayers and pray we all stay healthy and hope to see everyone back in Church in a few weeks.

Fr. Pat

**Safety.** In times when there are concerns about exposure to disease or spreading of a virus, **Online Giving** is a convenient option to continue to support your church and its mission. Even though we are not celebrating Mass in Church, we still have bills to pay and your support can still happen regardless of where you are. Use Online Giving (It's very easy) to keep up on offerings. Go to: [saintdominicbreese.org](http://saintdominicbreese.org) and click on the Online Giving link. Your support through this troubling time helps sustain our church. If you cannot do online giving, you can still drop off your envelope in the box in the breezeway or mail your envelope to:

St. Dominic  
Catholic Church  
493 North 2nd Street  
Breese, IL 62230

**Things available for you.** This is a time of great anxiety and stress for most people and these prayerful, consoling and healing opportunities can provide an opportunity for people to come together in a virtual safe environment with their family.

**EWTN:** <https://www.ewtn.com> (common link to cable channels is: <https://www.ewtn.com/channel-finder>  
Besides Mass, you can pray along with The Rosary, Stations of the Cross and many other programs for you and your family).

**Live Stream Mass:** Fr. Bill Hitpas from St. Nicholas Church in O'Fallon, will be live streaming Mass on Sunday morning at 9:00am on YouTube. Log onto YOUTUBE and search for "Saint Nicholas Parish O'Fallon" channel. Then click on the Live Stream at 9:00am Sunday.

**Mater Dei High School Videos** of Stations of the Cross; Divine Mercy Chaplet; Weekly Sunday Mass. Go to: [www.materdeiknights.org](http://www.materdeiknights.org)

**Catholic TV:** <https://www.catholictv.org>

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**Liturgy of the Hours:** <https://universalis.com/index.htm>; <https://www.ibreviary.org/en>;

<https://www.ebreviary.com>; <https://ebreviary.com/ebreviary/ebreviary.nsf/prayersforeveryone.html>

## **CANCELLATIONS DUE TO CORONA VIRUS**

**\*\*The following events have been cancelled\*\***

**St. Josephs Hospital Health Fair Screenings.**  
**Quilt Bingo** St. Augustine Church Breese March 22nd.  
**Quilt Bingo** St. James Church Millstadt Sun. March 22nd.  
**Resources for Caregivers.** Villa Catherine Assisted Living in Carlyle, March 23rd  
**Mouse Races** Saturday, March 28th at Corpus Christi Parish Center in Shiloh.  
**Omelet Breakfast** at St. Johns UCC in Breese  
**Sausage & Pancake Breakfast** at the Breese KC Hall  
**Chicken Dinner** at St. Teresa Church, Marydale  
**Wurstmarkt & Beef Dinner** at St. Damian Parish  
**Genealogy Club** meeting for March 31; the **Underground Railroad** talk has been rescheduled for May 26.  
**Breese Knights of Columbus** cancelled their Friday night Fish Fry, Taco Tuesdays, and Thursday Wings. Also the 5th Sunday Breakfast is cancelled.

**In our thoughts and in our prayers, we pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Ann Holtgrave and Virginia Ratermann. May God welcome them home, fill them with peace and bless those who will miss them.**

Katie Robben's "**Let Us Move Mountains**" is seeking donations. If you would like to donate, please go to: [letusmovemountains.org/donate/](http://letusmovemountains.org/donate/) or send a check to: P.O. Box 341 Breese, IL. Thank you.

**Holyland Arts** has rescheduled for September 2020.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

Diane K. 526-4395,  
Cheryl L. 526-7594 Rhonda P. 248-840-1857

**Meeting:** Next youth ministry meeting for all high school youth is tentatively scheduled for April 10th at 2:45pm at St. Dominic Cafeteria. We will be stuffing eggs for the egg hunts.

**Permission Slips:** Any parents needing permission slips for youth ministry events can find them on the parish websites.

### **THE NEEDS OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL**

**St. Vincent de Paul Needs socks! All sizes. Bottled water, Gatorade, Capri Sun** (individual pouches). **Clothing for all ages**, especially larger sizes for men but there is always a need for children, teenagers and women's clothing. **Diapers** all sizes. **Underwear, socks, t-shirts, large belts. Shoes**, especially men's size 10 and up, **personal soaps, shampoos, lotion, toothpaste** etc. (Like what you get in the hotels), **coffee cups (Not mugs) silverware, cereal bowls, plates**, and any household items.

**\*\*\*\*\*Please, no BIG bags or boxes. Smaller bags makes it easier to carry out and place in the car.**

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting ourselves in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping Him in the consecrated bread and wine which are His Body and Blood. Always remember that the consecrated bread is the Body and Blood of Christ and the consecrated wine is the Body and Blood of Christ, even if you receive the Eucharist only under one species. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. An act of Spiritual Communion increases our desire to receive sacramental Communion and helps us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

#### **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You in my body, my soul, and my whole being. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there And unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

#### **A Prayer**

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace. Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth. Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ heal us.

#### **Last Week's Stewardship**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>\$6,098.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$2,469.00</b>
<b>Loose:</b>	<b>\$124.00</b>
<b>Adopted</b>	<b>\$281.00</b>
<b>Needy</b>	<b>\$32.00</b>
<b>Tuition Assist.</b>	<b>\$37.00</b>
<b>Misc. Blue</b>	<b>\$11.00</b>
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>
<b>Building</b>	<b>\$1,140.00</b>
<b>Black &amp; Indian</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>





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## Diocese of Belleville Office of the Bishop

March 17, 2020  
Feast of St. Patrick, Bishop

Dear Priests, Deacons, Seminarians, Religious, Principals, Teachers and Diocesan and Agency Staffs:

May the Peace of Jesus Christ be with you!

*“I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life.  
whoever believes in Me, even if he should die,  
shall have Eternal Life.”*

*--Jesus of Nazareth*

Lent is the season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving; a time of preparation for Holy Week when we meditate on the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ. None of us knew on Ash Wednesday that this would be a Lent like no other, when the entire world would be engulfed by a new, potentially life-threatening illness, the coronavirus pandemic. In the United States, this illness has caused particular concern because our country seems to be lagging behind other countries in preparation for a such widespread health crisis, especially in the area of testing and hospital resources.

There is much about this virus that is unknown and the unknown can sometimes lead to fear and even panic. Some Christians are asking: Is this suffering God’s will? Is it part of a Divine Plan? Could it be a punishment for sin in the world with God punishing the just along with the unjust? If Americans had a greater faith and prayed more fervently, would a miracle occur and rid the world of this scourge? Or, could this sudden event be a random act of nature with no specific theological or religious meaning? In truth, I do not know the answers to these questions. However, I am confident of this foundational Christian belief that God so loved the world that He sent His Son to be our Savior. God loves and cares for each of us in every circumstance. He accompanies all of us in the journey of life through great suffering and great joy with His compassionate mercy.

With this letter, I am giving directives to the entire Diocese that go beyond my letter of March 13, 2020. **These directives MUST BE FOLLOWED faithfully by everyone in every parish.** This means that no Pastor or Administrator has the authority to act contrary to these directives or make changes in them. The Christian Faithful in every parish should be given the same instructions to avoid the confusion that would follow if different parishes provided different guidelines.

**In order to help slow the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community, I am now directing you to suspend all public celebrations of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Belleville effective immediately. This directive will remain in effect until personally rescinded or changed by me.**

Because of the rapidly changing mandates from local, state, and federal governments as well as health officials, this is necessarily an evolving situation which may require re-evaluation and adjustment in the weeks ahead. Social distancing and proper hygiene will diminish communal transmission and flatten the curve of the virus, thus sparing us the stringent requirements of “lockdown” and “sheltering in place.” (See Center for Disease Control and Prevention at <https://www.cdc.gov>).

As with my directives of March 13, 2020, concerning the Liturgy and school closure, this has been a pastorally difficult decision. I have made it only after wide consultation with the Cabinet, the Vicars Forane, the Presbyteral Council Officers, local physicians, and representatives of the laity. Still, it is depriving the People of God of the unique spiritual nourishment of the Eucharist during Lent, which is surely a painful paradox. Dire circumstances compel me to care for the safety and physical health and wellbeing of the families and individuals of our Diocese, while seeking other ways of providing spiritual nourishment. Please review the new detailed guidelines below.

**1.) MASSES:** I am dispensing all Catholics in our Diocese from the obligation of participating in the Sunday Eucharist effective immediately. It would distress me to have to cancel the Chrism Mass and the Sacred Triduum in our parishes. **At this point, I am not doing so.** However, you should know that I may have no choice but to do so, if the virus does not flatline in the coming weeks.

- All public celebrations of the Liturgy, as well as Liturgy of the Hours, Stations of the Cross, and all other group services, Bible studies, Parish School of Religion, Pre-Cana sessions, and **all other parish activities attended by more than ten people** must cease immediately. (Fish Frys *may continue as take-out meals only* with staffing in accord with allowable number of workers and safe distancing.)

- Priests should continue celebrating the Eucharist “*sine populo*” (without a congregation) and should include the assistance of at least one other adult minister, if possible. No more than four ministers should be gathered for this purpose. Holy Communion may still be distributed by the priest to the small group participating in a “*sine populo*” celebration of the Eucharist.

- The intentions for all Eucharists celebrated “*sine populo*” should be reassigned as “*missas pro populo*” (Masses offered for the people). Every effort should be made to reschedule the original intentions of these Eucharistic Celebrations for a future Mass, at a later date.

- Please work with your parish staff and lay members to offer live-streamed celebrations of the Eucharist where possible. A live stream can be accomplished by broadcasting the celebration of the Eucharist with a smartphone or tablet to social media streaming tools. Live-streaming from parishioners’ home parish is preferred, however, that may not be possible. Links to assist in setting up live-stream of the Eucharist are in the resources attached to this letter.

**2.) EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** There will be no Eucharistic Adoration at parishes or institutions, unless the pastor can arrange this in such a way that there are no more than 10 people present at one time maintaining the social distancing guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**3.) WEDDINGS/FUNERALS/BAPTISMS:** It may be best to reschedule these events, if possible. If not possible to reschedule, these important liturgies must be restricted to a small group of (10) immediate family and friends only. Often, it may be best to reschedule weddings. Some Funeral Directors are only allowing immediate families for visitations and only 10 family members at the burial. Parish pastors should determine whether to continue with baptisms. However, these must be simple, private, individual ceremonies.

**4.) SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** In the weeks leading up to Easter, the Faithful rightly seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation and look forward to going to confession during Lenten Penance Services, which will not be possible. In accord with Canon Law (960-963), and because of the current grave danger of transmitting the coronavirus in private confessionals (either "behind the screen" or "face to face"), I hereby authorize priests to legitimately use from the *Rite of Penance* the rite for General Absolution **during this time of crisis only**. This Rite includes sacred scripture, an explanation by the priest, a common act of contrition, the Lord's prayer and then the granting of absolution, followed by a penance. **N.B. This can ONLY be done if you can arrange a series of small services attracting no more than 10 people, who can maintain distance from one another in the church.** You could, for example, set aside a Saturday afternoon or a Sunday as "A Day of Mercy" and celebrate a modified rite several times on the same day between now and Easter. If you have a room in the church area that is large enough and provides confidentiality, you may continue one-on-one Confessions as long as you arrange chairs for priest and penitent at least 6 feet apart. (I know how awkward this sounds. But, I cannot think of another way of handling this unique situation!)

**5.) MINISTRY TO SICK AND AGED:** Holy Communion must be given in the hand to the elderly, the sick (not in nursing homes) or homebound by ministers in good health to individuals with no symptoms of the virus.

**6.) ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** The Anointing of the Sick must still be administered by priests to those seriously ill or in danger of death. However, priests administering this Sacrament must be in good health. All those administering sacraments to the elderly, sick or homebound **MUST** follow proper protocols from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) for handwashing and use of masks by those infected and those who are ministering to them.

**7.) COLLECTIONS:** Pastors should not be embarrassed or ashamed to remind parishioners that their financial support remains an integral part of parish life and the continued operation of our parishes and their mission of Christian service. Please encourage the Faithful to continue giving of their time, talent, and treasure at this difficult time. Encourage them to use online giving, mail, or drop-off their Sunday Offertory at the rectory or Parish Office.

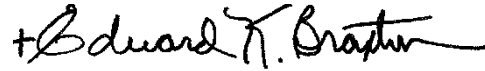
**8.) CHARITABLE GIVING:** The Diocese understands the economic impact that the current health crisis is having on so many individuals and families in our parishes as well as on our community as a whole. In times like this, it is particularly urgent for us to assist our brothers and sisters who are most in need. I encourage you to minister to your neighbors and those in need in your local communities. Please continue to work to support individuals who depend on parish charitable efforts for food and other necessities. Many Catholic people might feel a greater motivation, at this time, to support organizations that are responding to this crisis such as St. Vincent de Paul, the Catholic Urban Program, DAYSTAR, food pantries and clothing drives. Please do not neglect to encourage your parishioners to continue their needed support to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal.

I am deeply concerned about how each of you are doing at this time. I cannot overstress the need for you to take care of yourself. Follow hygiene rules carefully, take your temperature if you feel unwell. The body temperature of a healthy person averages 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit. If yours is 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or more, talk to your doctor. Please get a sufficient amount of rest and eat a healthful diet. Take your day off. Spend time with your family, stay close to the members of your support group, even online. Confide your concerns to a true friend and set aside a particular time each day to pray and reflect. Do not overindulge in repetitious, depressing and negative news coverage of the virus. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

I am fully united with you in mind and heart as we navigate the challenges of this Brave New World. I know that these new directives will have an impact on almost every aspect of your parish. They will be disturbing and frustrating to parishioners, some of whom may react negatively. This will require greater patience and empathy with them on your part. Be patient with yourself as well. Please pray for me that I may have the wisdom and the courage needed to make difficult and sometimes unpopular decisions.

Our Lady Help of Christians, Pray for us!  
*Oremus pro invicem*

Prayerfully and appreciatively yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward K. Braxton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross at the beginning.

The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D.  
Bishop of Belleville





## Diocese of Belleville

### **RESOURCES**

**(Please take the time to read these resources carefully  
and make use of them in your ministry.)**

All of the Bishop's statements and directives concerning the pastoral response to the coronavirus are being posted on the banner of the Diocesan web site: [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org)

The Chancery and the Diocesan Pastoral Center remain open at this time with all personnel observing the protocol of small group meetings and social distancing.

Sacred Heart and Kendrick-Glennon seminaries have been closed. Our seminarians have either remained in the seminary or returned home.

#### **The following are ways to help you and your parishioners to Keep Holy the Lord's Day:**

Our Catholic priests and the faithful have a great love for the Eucharist. In times of persecution, they have risked their lives in order to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist. Some have abandoned their faith in such times. My temporary dispensation from the Sunday obligation is not comparable to abandoning faith under the pressure of persecution. We are doing this out of love and concern for our sisters and brothers who are vulnerable because of their age or underlying health conditions. We are inspired by the many Catholic doctors, nurses, and ministers who are generously putting themselves at risk at this time to serve others. One way of keeping holy the Lord's day is by supporting these selfless individuals with our prayers and encouragement.

- Pastors are encouraged to prepare their Sunday homilies and communicate them to the Faithful by email, Facebook or other means. Or, you could easily make your sermons available online on the great readings from the Gospel of John on the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus.
- The Faithful should be encouraged to download the Sunday readings and use them for family prayers and reflection so as to continue to keep Sunday as a Holy Day. Pastors are urged to use part of Sunday to call parishioners, offering words of encouragement to them and offering support in the face of their worries about the virus and financial instability, even praying with them when appropriate.
- The stress and uncertainty of this situation causes anxiety for all of us. Look for helpful, uplifting, and informative articles and send them to your people so they can become more knowledgeable and more hopeful. Encourage them to read Scripture, pray the rosary, pray meal prayers and morning and night prayers together with family members.
- Encourage Spiritual Communion with Jesus Christ using the prayer posed on the Diocesan website.

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<https://ebreviary.com/ebreviary/ebreviary.nsf/prayersforeveryone.html>

- **Instructions on How to Live-Stream Sunday Eucharist at your parish:**

**Using Google:**

[https://support.google.com/youtube/topic/9257891?gclid=Cj0KCQjw6sHzBRCbARIsAF8FMpXCZoImDU6ilVb7UPEcMeIB8tWF6OIBOZH\\_R6uk1JYeJrwx7SW5ABYyaApMJEALw\\_wcB&gclidsrc=aw.ds](https://support.google.com/youtube/topic/9257891?gclid=Cj0KCQjw6sHzBRCbARIsAF8FMpXCZoImDU6ilVb7UPEcMeIB8tWF6OIBOZH_R6uk1JYeJrwx7SW5ABYyaApMJEALw_wcB&gclidsrc=aw.ds)

**Using Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/help/587160588142067>

If it is your custom to leave the church unlocked during the day, you should continue to do so and encourage private prayer and devotion, making sure that large numbers are not present at the same time.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

**Scrutinies:** Since the first Scrutiny took place on the Third Sunday of Lent and because of the extraordinary circumstances that we are currently experiencing, I am dispensing the elect and their parishes from celebrating the other two scrutinies. Only a Bishop may dispense from the scrutinies.

**Presentation of the Lord's Prayer and of the Creed:** The presentations normally take place after the scrutinies during the period of purification and enlightenment. They are celebrated on a weekday with the elect, priest and small group (no more than 10). The Presentation of the Lord's Prayer is celebrated the

Fifth Week of Lent. The Presentation/Recitation of the Creed is shared with the elect on Holy Saturday morning. Please adapt as necessary to fit your situation in these extraordinary times.

**EUCCHARIST AT THE POOR CLARES MONASTERY:** If there is a priest in good health who is available, the Eucharist may be celebrated for the Sisters ONLY. Regretfully, the Mass is closed to the public at this time.

**Additional Information:**

**SYMPTOMS TO LOOK FOR IN PERSONS EXPOSED TO THE VIRUS:**

Within 5 days of exposure, may exhibit a fever of 100.4 or higher (although some may exhibit NO fever and still have the virus), chills, a sore throat, a deep, dry cough.

Within 8-10 days of exposure, if shortness of breath occurs, hospitalization will be required.

A covered sneeze spans a distance of 6 feet in the direction of the sneeze.

An uncovered sneeze spans a distance of 8 feet in all directions.

**The latest update indicates that young people MAY NOT be as immune to the virus as previously thought. More and more cases of infected youths have been reported.**

*For more information go to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*  
<https://www.cdc.gov/>

**Additional Resources attached:**

“I am a scientist working to stop coronavirus... We should cancel all Masses.” AMERICA  
<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2020/03/13/i-am-scientist-working-stop-coronavirus-we-should-cancel-all-masses>

“Flattening the Coronavirus Curve: Chart explaining why slowing the spread of the infection is nearly as important as stopping it. Siobhan Roberts, The New York Times, March 13, 2020.  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/11/science/coronavirus-curve-mitigation-infection.html>

“What If Public Masses are Cancelled?” by Dr. Timothy O’Malley, McGrath Institute for Church Life, University of Notre Dame. <https://mcgrathblog.nd.edu/what-if-public-masses-are-cancelled>