

ST. HENRY CATHOLIC CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 22, 2020

SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF THE PARISH DURING THIS TIME OF CRISIS

As many of you know, Bishop Rice has sent a letter to us regarding the public celebration of Mass and other liturgical celebrations/devotions. These precautionary measures will hopefully be for the benefit of everyone's health and well-being. At the same time, we know that we must also take care of the spiritual needs of our souls during this time of confusion and crisis. I hope to make myself available to you in whatever way possible. Based on the requests and decisions of Bishop Rice and in consultation with him, I would like to implement the following provisions in our parish until this current crisis passes us:

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The regularly scheduled times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession are CANCELLED. If you would like to celebrate this Sacrament as part of your spiritual preparation for Easter, please contact me personally and we will schedule a time that is convenient for you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The public recitation of the Stations of the Cross is CANCELLED. Our parish church will remain open throughout the day during regular business hours. The Stations of the Cross booklets will be available at the entrance of the church and you are invited to come and pray this devotion privately at a time that is convenient for you.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Our monthly "Day of Eucharistic Adoration" will be CANCELLED for April. As mentioned above, the church is open throughout the day and you are invited to stop by and make a personal visit to the Blessed Sacrament. Prayer is very crucial during this time of need!

WEEKDAY MASS

I will be offering Week Day Mass PRIVATELY beginning the week of March 23.

SUNDAY MASS

The Bishop has dispensed all of the faithful from the Sunday Obligation and has asked that there be no PUBLIC celebration of Sunday Mass. Beginning THIS WEEKEND (March 21/22), Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday morning will NOT be celebrated and offered. In place of Sunday Mass, I ask that you watch a televised Mass at home and read and reflect on the Sunday Scripture readings. At the same time, we know the importance and need of nourishing and strengthening our souls with the Most Holy Eucharist. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PRIVATELY RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT ANY TIME DURING THE WEEK OR ON SUNDAY, PLEASE CONTACT ME PERSONALLY. WE CAN MEET BRIEFLY IN THE CHURCH AT A TIME THAT IS CONVENIENT FOR BOTH OF US.

If you have any questions or concerns, again PLEASE CONTACT ME PERSONALLY!!

Let us keep one another in prayer during this time. May our faith in God be deepened and with humble hearts may we always turn to Him who is the source of our healing and salvation!

May God bless each of you and your families and surround you with His Divine Love and Protection!

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DAILY MASSES

As scheduled in the Bulletin

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Evening: 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning: 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday evening after Mass
upon request or by appointment.

THIS WEEK AT ST. HENRY

NO PUBLIC MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, March 28, 2020

Rosary: 5:30 p.m.

Mass: 6:00 p.m.

NO MASS

Sunday, March 29, 2020

Rosary: 7:30 a.m.

Mass: 8:00 a.m.

NO MASS

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

IN OUR PRAYERS

Greg Bell, Dorothy Ann Brink, Kevin Chambers, Junior DeLay, Carolyn Fennell, Frances Gentry, Meekee Graham, Tom Halstead, Mark Hart, Tim Harvell, Don Moxley, Jim Rolwing, Joe Telker, George Voehringer and Fr. Tim Vowels

SERVING IN THE MILITARY
Jason Lee, Jr. and Andy Klunk

Your Gift of Praise of God

Please take a few moments to prayerful consider the many ways the Lord has blessed you this week!

**STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR TREASURE
MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT**

Projected expenses for March.....	\$15,837.92
Amount received for March.....	\$12,090.00
Sunday Envelopes.....	\$3,299.00
Number of Families.....	120
Envelopes received for the week.....	37

Thank you for your generosity – may the Lord bless and reward you for the good you do!

NEWS FOR MARCH 22

FISH FRY

The Fish Fry scheduled for March 27 is being postponed and will be rescheduled for a later date.

There are eight boxes of fish that are available for purchase at \$80 per box. If you would like to purchase a box, please contact Amy Galemore.

2020 CENSUS

Census Day 2020 is approaching! By April 1, every home in the U.S. will receive information from the U.S. Census Bureau on how to respond to the U.S. Census.

It is important that all Missourians are counted in the census so that our state will have accurate representation in Congress and adequate funding for local hospitals, first responders, and critical social programs. Your responses will be kept anonymous.

The Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC) has put together a one-page fact sheet on the 2020 Census, which you can find at mocatholic.org. For more information on what to expect and how to respond, please visit www.2020census.gov.

BEST WISHES AND GOD'S BLESSINGS

We extend our prayers and best wishes to Eric and Andrea Rolwing and their family on the Baptism of their son, William Alan Rolwing. May God surround them with His Divine Love and keep them in His care as He offers William the promise of Eternal Life in the waters of Holy Baptism!

REVERENCE IN CHURCH

While we don't have an official "gathering space" in our church for people to use, especially after Mass, please be mindful that we should still have a certain sense and degree of respect and reverence while in the main body of the church. Out of respect for the Eucharistic Presence of our Lord, please keep the volume of conversations in the church at a minimum. Our culture today seems to have lost a "sense of the sacred" and in many ways we are paying the price for it! Please be considerate and respectful of those in the church who might wish to remain after Mass for prayer as well as showing reverence for Christ's Presence in the Blessed Sacrament. Thanks!

**BIBLICAL REASONS FOR
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

9) For peace in our country! ("When My people humble themselves and seek My Presence...I will revive their land" - II Chronicles 7:14)

10) Each hour you spend with Jesus on earth will leave your soul everlastingly more beautiful and glorious in Heaven! ("They who humble themselves shall be exalted...All of us, gazing on the Lord's glory with unveiled faces, are being transformed from glory to glory into His very image" - Luke 18:14; II Corinthians 3:18)

CEMETERY PLOTS

Due to an increase in the cost of care, upkeep, and maintenance, please note that the parish will now be requesting a fee of \$200 for a plot at Calvary Cemetery. The fee was previously \$100. This is still a cheaper rate than most of the cemeteries in the Charleston area. In our Catholic Tradition, the cemetery is considered "sacred ground" as it receives the earthly remains of our departed loved ones. Thanks for your support and generosity in helping maintain Calvary Cemetery!

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation to help purchase Easter Flowers for the church, please use the envelope included with your regular offertory envelopes. If you do not have or use the weekly offering envelopes, please enclose your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and include your name and the name of the person being remembered/honored by your donation and place the envelope in the collection basket at Mass. Thanks!

FIRST COMMUNION/RELIGIOUS GIFTS

If anyone would like to order religious gifts for First Holy Communion, other sacramental celebrations, or important events, please contact Father David. The parish can order many items at a discount price.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

We are looking for new members to serve on the St. Henry School Board. The term is for three years and we meet on Thursday evenings every other month from August to May. If interested, please contact Father David OR Amy Galemore. To be eligible to serve on the School Board, a person must be a practicing Catholic, be attending Mass regularly at St. Henry, and have an invested interest in our parish school.