

Welcome to the Holy Family Parishes of
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary
Sacred Heart
Ss Philip & James

Mission Statement

A family of God constituted
by the Holy Eucharist and
strengthened by the Holy
Spirit to make God known,
loved and served.

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 12, 2020



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“Do not be afraid! I know
that you are seeking Jesus
the crucified. He is not
here, for he has been raised
just as he said. Come and
see the place where he lay.”
- Mt 28:5b-6

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Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday 12:00 noon

(unless otherwise noted).

- Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the cluster office for arrangements.
- Sacrament of Matrimony: Please contact Pastor 9 to 12 months prior to wedding date.

Happy Easter, Family

The stone across the tomb: On Easter morning, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been rolled away. She was given the sign of a rolled-away stone, followed by an empty tomb and eventually followed by her vision of Jesus in the garden. As Mary Magdalene made it to the tomb early in the morning, I imagine her biggest challenge was the stone that rolled across the tomb. The stone represents the most insurmountable difficulty of life. One that keeps us up at night. Just as the women who came to the tomb on the morning of the resurrection were given the sign of a *rolled-away stone*, may Jesus roll away all the stones of our lives and cause us to rejoice in him.

Do not be afraid: On the morning of Easter, the angel that kept watch over Jesus' tomb told the women not to be afraid because Jesus is already risen; he is alive! You and I need a re-echoing of those words from the angel in our lives in times like these. Be not afraid...the Lord is risen, he will figure things out for us. When Jesus was arrested, the band of the disciples were scattered; no one wanted to be known to have had anything to do with him. Remember Peter's denial? Peter was the only one of the main

disciples who dared to follow from a distance. They all went into hiding. Literally, that is where the Church is today. The Church has gone into a hibernation so to speak, unable to worship in the open. Yet, even in times like these, God's word tells us not to be afraid. Let us use the time to renew our love for Jesus. Is it the case that the Lord is bringing us to a new beginning of things? Does he want us to begin all over again?

In our Cluster: We are thankful to God for bringing us to the Easter season. It's unfortunate that we are still not able to gather as a result of the social distancing in place. We can be sure that *this one too shall pass* soon! The feedback I am getting is that a lot of people are missing Church, even including a few of those who were not able to attend so regularly. Who knows, may be after all this, if God spares our lives, we will have a few people return back to Church or probably become more active than they ever were.

Access to the Sacraments: I wish to re-echo the directions we have received from the Bishop for making the sacraments available to those who need it:

If you need the sacrament of reconciliation, please make arrange

ments with me. We are able to celebrate individual reconciliation. You could sit in your car, while I sit in mine or we could stand six feet apart. We sure can make it work!

Again, if you need the Mass said for an intention, you could make arrangement and get Masses said for your intentions.

If you want to receive Communion, you could still make arrangement and receive Holy Communion. Just let me know and I will arrange to give you Communion while observing the rules.

If you want to have your infant baptized, please reach out to us and we shall make arrangement. You are only allowed to have 9 people present at a private ceremony.

If you have any questions, please reach out and we will be happy to help.

Easter blessings!
Fr. Francis Odoom

Reflection

When this is over, may we never take for granted:

A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbors
A crowded theater
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.

When this ends, may we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be, we were called to be, we hoped to be; and may we stay that way – better for each other because of the worst.

By Laura Kelly Fanucci





Our world wants us to believe that life is only what we make of it. Today, we realize how untrue that is. Life is ultimately about what God makes of it, and the resurrection of Jesus reveals this. Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Who do you understand yourself to be? What we did yesterday, are doing today, and may do tomorrow pretty much determine how we perceive ourselves. We even perceive Jesus this way in limiting our vision of him to his earthly accomplishments. But, we know through today's triumphant celebration that Christ is much more than his earthly legacy. The transfigured and resurrected Christ is the beginning, the end, and the fulfillment of all things and every person. All that Jesus did stands in second place to who we now know him to be. . Do we realize that this will be our journey too? Christ is risen. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Just a few announcements!

All postage for mailing the bulletins is being donated!

SSPJ

Income & Expense for first 3 qtrs. of year

Income -	\$95,117.96
Expense -	\$85,337.43
Surplus -	\$ 9,780.53
building fund	\$ 4,490.00
BF (roof)	\$ 885.00
Bequests	\$ 2,255.00

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A big thank you to the volunteers, headed by Mary Stevenson, who cleaned up the landscaping and mulched around the church and house in Toronto. Also, many thanks to Terry Stevenson for grading the driveway and parking area at the church. Those efforts are greatly appreciated.

Notes from Cluster Parishioners-

Good morning!

Our family has been spending a lot of time together throughout this time. Although we call it being in isolation, it's actually brought us closer together as a family. We spend a lot of our time playing outside, playing board games, and reading with our kids. We also study with them and watch movies in the evenings. As for spiritual activities, we continue to pray before meals and before bedtime. Evie, our 4 year-old, is quick to remind us if we don't start the prayer as soon as we sit down at the table! We have also started doing our own stations of the cross on Friday nights. Our 9 year-old Declan was proud to be the leader the first time we did it, because he had attended stations of the cross at Oxford Junction with his grandparents (Blain and Shari Crock) several times before. We also saw that Fr. Francis posted Sunday mass on Facebook last week, so we are planning to "attend" mass that way until this isolation ends. We definitely miss attending mass and being a more active part of our church family, and we look forward to when things get back to normal and we are able to worship together again. Miss you all!

The Moorman Family (Brett, Stacey, Eli, Declan, Evie, and Della)

A shout out to our cluster parish families. Nicole found out that The Dubuque Mattress company is making masks for our healthcare workers. They have the filters to put into the masks, so the filters will be removed after use and disposed of, and the masks will be washed and used again. They are supplying the material for the straps, but don't have enough people to sew the masks. They have already made 3,000 and say that is just the tip of the iceberg. Nicole got me enough of the strap material, which has to be cut into 3/4 strips, for 120 masks. I have yards of my own unused fabric that I am using, but I know I don't have enough for 120 masks, or the time to get them done quickly. Each mask uses one 9 x 14 inch piece of fabric and are very simple to make. They are using a poly/cotton blend, or 100% cotton will work if it is pre-washed to avoid shrink. If anyone out there has fabric that would work or would be willing to join in and do some sewing, I can have the strap fabric cut and a link to a Facebook video for construction information. For anyone wanting the strap material, I could leave it in the rectory porch in Toronto, and finished masks could also be left there for pick-up. Nicole is also making some masks, so she will deliver the finished product to Dubuque. Thanks to all. Stay well!

Jill Hermiston

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Fifty Ways to Beat This Virus (Sung to the tune of 50 Ways to Leave Your Lover)

Stay away from the pack, Jack
Don't visit your Gran, Stan
Wipe down every toy, Ron
To keep virus-free
Don't hop on the bus, Gus
Don't listen to Don, Ron
Don't hoard the TP, Lee
Just stay virus free
Sneeze into your sleeve, Steve
Stop touching your face, Grace
Keep back to six feet, Pete
Heed the CDC
Just use the Purell, Mel
Keep wipes in your purse, Nurse
Take care of your stock, Doc
You need PPE
This isn't Spring Break, Jake
Stay home if you're sick, Dick
As COVID leaps, peeps
Just follow the rules, fools
And stay virus-free

Cluster Parish Prayer List

1. **Our Shepherds:**
Bishop Thomas Zinkula, Archbishop
Michael Jackels, Fr. Francis Odoom,
Deacon Mike Shiel
2. **The Aged & Infirm:**
 - Dick Nodurft, Melvin Duwa, Natalie Regan, Elmer & Dorothy Hasenmiller, Gloria Kagemann, Grace Kinney, & Carolyn Schwien.
 - Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Dennis Koppes, Wendy Larive, Jerica Christensen, Marilyn Stevenson, Rhonda Murphy, Leonard Lasack.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention For April

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

ONLINE MASS OPTIONS

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Vatican News Live Stream of Pope Francis' Masses— www.vatican.va

Catholic TV Mass—
<https://www.watchthemass.com/>

EWTN Daily Mass—
<https://www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule>

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception— <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule>

Daily Mass on YouTube - [Catholic Mass Today](#)

Archbishop Jackels online for Mass each Sunday morning at 9:00 am until public Masses resume: www.dbqarch.org/live-broadcasts

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church on Facebook— Mass, family rosary, praying together, etc.—Follow the page to join.

St. Joseph Catholic Church on Facebook— Mass—Follow the page to join.



DAILY READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/12

Sunday : Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23(24)/Col 3:1-4

Monday : Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:12a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11(1)/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday : Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 & 22(5b)/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday : Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9(3b)/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday : Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9 (2ab)/Lk 24:35-48

Friday : Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 & 4, 22-24, 25-27a(22)/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday : Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 & 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21(21a)/Mk 16:9-15

Sunday : Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24(1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31