March 22, 2020

PARISH OFFICE
2215 Windsor Ave, Dubuque IA
Monday thru Thursday, 8:00am-5:00pm
Friday, 8:00am-2:00pm
563-583-1709

MASS TIMES

Holy Ghost Church
2921 Central Ave
Sat., 4:15pm; Sun., 9:30am
Daily Mass: Mon., & Thur., 7:30am
School Mass: Fri., 8:30am

Holy Trinity Church
1701 Rhomberg Ave
Sun., 8:00am
Daily Mass: Tue., 7:30am

Sacred Heart Church
2215 Windsor Ave
Sat., 4:00pm; Sun., 11:00am
Daily Mass: Wed. & Fri., 7:30am

RECONCILIATION
Holy Ghost: Sat., 3:00-4:00pm
Sacred Heart: Sat., 3:15-3:45pm
Friday after 7:30am Mass
Holy Trinity: Sun., 7:15-7:45am

BAPTISMS
The second and fourth weekends of each month. We request that parents attend the baptism class. Classes are held in March, June, September and December. Call the parish office to register.

WEDDINGS
Contact the parish office at time of engagement.

SICK, HOMEBOUND, NURSING HOMES
Contact the parish office for Anointing of the Sick, Holy Communion, and home visits.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP
If you would like to become a member of Holy Spirit Parish, please call the parish office.

Mission Statement
We are a community of believers, 
Led by the Holy Spirit, 
To make present the Kingdom of God, 
Through prayer, study and action.
MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT. “Not as man sees does God see...the Lord looks into the heart.” (1 Sam 16:7) Do you look into your spouse’s heart? Do you let them look into yours? Cherish the opportunity to go beyond appearances with the one you love.

GREAT BREAKFAST!! Once again the Omelet Breakfast at Holy Trinity on Sun., Mar. 8 was a huge success! Donations from the Hestons, Heitzs, Baal Poultry and Patty Jackson helped to make it so. And of course, no event can happen without volunteers. Thank you to Linda Davis and Eric Stierman for leading our great crew. The event raised $1,617 for the parish.

2020 Lenten Almsgiving Project

It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.
-Mother Teresa

HELP US SUPPORT PEOPLE IN NEED (PIN)

If you would like to make a donation you can drop it in the mail or at the parish office. Thank you for your generosity.

CANCELLATIONS (UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE)

Bingo
Choir Rehearsal
Cinnamon Bread Sales
Confessions
Eucharistic Adoration
High School Youth Movie Night
Holy Hour, Social & Night Prayer
Men’s Faith Sharing at HG
Pastoral Council Mtg.
Prayer Group Mtg.
Religious Education
Senior Cards at HT
Senior Euchre at HG
Social Justice Committee Mtg.
Stations of the Cross
Stations of the Cross & Confession and Soup Supper
Stewardship Committee Mtg.
That Man Is You

4th Sunday of Lent

“So he went and washed, and came back able to see.” The man born blind in our Gospel for this Sunday, was healed by the power of Christ. But the man did his part as well. First, he let Jesus spread the clay on his eyes, which was probably just as strange as it sounds. This wasn’t a typical practice for curing blindness! In fact, there was no such practice; as the blind man said, “It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind.” Yet the man trusted Jesus enough to submit to this odd therapy. Then, still caked in mud, the blind man followed Christ’s directions to wash in the pool of Siloam. Only after this washing was the healing complete.

If the man had doubted Jesus; or if he had been too skeptical to participate in this unusual ritual, he would not have been cured. But he believed. He took Jesus at His word and obeyed His command. Ironically, this man without physical vision “saw” what those around him did not. He recognized that Jesus was a prophet. The Pharisees, on the other hand, were “blinded” by Jesus’s boldness in curing the man on the Sabbath day. They thought they were looking at a sinner.

Jesus tells us He came “so that those who do not see might see.” Where do we fall on the spectrum of spiritual vision? Are we like the man who followed Jesus without question? Like him, we do not respond to Jesus with confidence, even when it doesn’t “appear” to make sense at the time? During this Season of Lent may we identify any areas where doubt has created a blind spot in our hearts. Let us pray that our eyes be opened to recognize, even amidst our own struggles (and the current challenges that face our country and world with the coronavirus) the One who is “the Light of the World!”

Stewardship Needs

Altar servers for the 11:00am Mass
Adult and youth funeral servers for Holy Ghost
1 sacristan for 4:15pm Mass (1st weekend of month)
1 sacristan for 9:30am Mass (1st weekend of month)
1 usher for the 4:00pm Mass
3 ushers for the 4:15pm Mass
1 usher for the 9:30am Mass
Ushers for the 11:00am Mass
Catholic Faith and Practice

As we near the most sacred days in the liturgical calendar, the season of Triduum, you may notice that we use incense at some of these liturgies. Incense has been used for centuries in worship and is rich in symbolism. The Church sees the burning of incense as an image of the prayers of the faithful rising to heaven. Incense is a sacramental, used to sanctify, bless, and venerate. The smoke from the incense is symbolic of the mystery of God Himself. As it rises upward the imagery and smell convey the sweetness of Our Lord’s presence and it reinforces how the Mass is linked to Heaven and Earth, ending in the very presence of God. The smoke also symbolizes the intense faith that should fill us and the fragrance is representative of Christian virtue. It can also remind us of the cloud of witnesses in the communion of saints and angels that we know are present with us as we celebrate the Mass. It is mentioned often in the Bible too. One of the psalms says, “Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering.” Let this be our prayer each time as we enter into the sacred liturgy.

STAFF UPDATES

It is with great sadness that we announce the resignation of Cassie Schetgen from the Director of Worship position here at Holy Spirit. This is a great loss for our parish staff and community but we wish her only the best in her decision to stay at home and raise her family. Since her joining Holy Spirit in 2011, Cassie has been an invaluable member of our staff and her contributions have been essential to our mission as a parish. We recognize and thank Cassie for her tireless dedication to our parish and a great work ethic. She will be missed! Cassie’s last official day at the parish is March 20th though we are grateful she will be assisting in the transition of her duties to our newest parish staff member.

That said, we are excited to announce that Patrick Jekanowski will be joining the parish staff as our Director of Worship effective Monday, March 23rd. Patrick comes to us with a strong background in both music and liturgy and has recently (within the past year) moved to the Dubuque area. Patrick currently serves as adjunct faculty for NISOM (Northeast Iowa School of Music) and serves locally within the Archdiocese of Dubuque as a musician and cantor. Welcome, Patrick!

Please join us as we extend our deepest gratitude and farewell to Cassie and warmly welcome Patrick into our parish staff and community!

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Message from Archbishop Jackels regarding the coronavirus
After consultation and considerable prayer, it has been decided – out of an abundance of caution and with devotion to the common good – to take steps aimed at slowing down the spread of the coronavirus, to flatten the curve, as they say, so as not to overburden the healthcare system.

Therefore, beginning on 19 March 2020 and until further notice, the following provisions have been taken:

- All public celebrations of Holy Mass are canceled. All Catholics in the Archdiocese of Dubuque are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.
- The Chrism Mass will be celebrated, but with only the liturgical ministers present. The oils will be blessed, bottled, and distributed in some way to the parishes
- During this time, the Archbishop will live stream a celebration of Holy Mass each Sunday, as well as the Chrism Mass (and the Triduum, if the situation has not changed by then), and will lead the Rosary each week on Thursday. Visit https://dbqarch.org/coronavirus for more information about these live-streamed events.
- The existing schedule for Confirmation is canceled (the Archbishop’s office will contact the parishes to reschedule).
- Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms may be held, but limited to the immediate family, or at least no more than 50 people present, according to the current CDC guidelines.
- Communal penance services should not be held. The present circumstances do not constitute the grave necessity required for use of general absolution. Private, one-on-one confession can be scheduled by appointment.
- All archdiocesan-sponsored events where 50+ people are gathered are canceled.

Pray to God for speedy deliverance from the evil of the coronavirus, for those who are sick or who live in fear of infection, for those who care for the sick and elderly, for those whose lives and livelihood are adversely affected by the spread of the virus, and that we might all remain calm and confident in God’s wisdom, power, and goodness.

Conscious of our great need, and confident of God’s loving care, with the above intentions in mind, all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Dubuque are invited to join in a day of fast, abstinence, and prayer on Wednesday, 25 March 2020; this is voluntary, not obligatory.

On that day, people ordinarily bound on Ash Wednesday to fast (only one full meal, taking less at the other meals) and abstain from meat are invited to make those same sacrifices. And as far as prayer is concerned, the Rosary is recommended as a powerful prayer, prayed alone or with others.

God, come to our assistance. Lord, make haste to help us. Mary, health of the sick, pray for us. St. Raphael, patron of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, and patron of healing, pray for us.
**Stewardship of Treasure**

Weekly contributions needed…………………………..$20,725.00

Mar. 15
Adult Envelopes……………………………………..$10,100.50
Electronic Transfer 15th of the month………………$13,540.00
Youth……………………………………………………$17.00
Offertory……………………………………………….$387.14
Buildings & Grs/Fuel & Energy…………………….$445.00
Total Collected……………………………………..$24,489.64

YTD collections needed……………………………..$766,825.00
YTD collections received…………………………….$758,059.02
YTD over/short………………………………………($8,765.98)

Thank you for all your support!

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**Youth Time and Talent**

Helping cleanup—Grace
Helping my sister—Julia

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**Holy Spirit Parish APP!** To download:
- IPhone users text: ParishApp1 to 555888
- Android Users text: ParishApp2 to 555888

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**Knights of Columbus Baby Shower.** The 15th Annual Baby Shower will run through Apr. 12. Please consider making a donation to help families in need. You can drop the items off at the parish office. All donations will be given to Birthright.

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**HSP Red Bag Program** items needed:
- laundry soap, toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo and bar soap. Items can be dropped off at the parish office. Thank you for your continued support.

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**Just a Reminder.** When you or a loved one enters the hospital through the emergency room, please let the parish office know. When we call the hospitals daily to receive the list of our parishioners so we can visit, if you or your loved one entered through the emergency room it is not transferred to the parish list, and therefore we don’t know you are there. Also, if you, a loved one or someone you know is home-bound or has moved to a nursing home, would you please call the parish office and let us know?
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