

Epiphany of Our Lord Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 21ST AND 22ND

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Parish Office Hours:

Church Business Hours: 9am-12pm Monday-Friday

Please call the office before coming in to make sure someone will be there to help you.

If you need to meet with Sarah Jo outside of office hours, please call for an appointment.

MASS TIMES

The Church/Rectory Chapel will be open during regular scheduled times for personal prayer.

Weekday Masses: Monday–Thursday 8:00am-9:00am in Rectory Chapel

Wednesdays: 7:00pm-8:00pm in Church

Fridays: 8:00am-9:00pm in Church

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 4:00pm-5:00pm • Sunday: 8:00am-12:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Only by appointment– 703-4066.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor.....Rev. Mitch Byeck (703-4066)

DeaconRoy Dibb

Parish Business ManagerSarah Jo Schmitt

Faith Formation Coord. Tracy Tremblay

Music Director Jason Baer

Cantor/Leader of Song Molly Baer

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Baptismal Prep Formation Tina Kron

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OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Compassion Ministry..... Anne Schmitz

Bereavement Contact Parish Office, 337-2686

PARISH HALL RENTAL: To reserve the hall for a function, please contact Mary Gattie at 337-3150.

For Information on Baptisms, Weddings, Faith Formation, Parish Registration, and other Church Activities, please call the Parish Office.

The Lord of all gives sight to the blind. Jesus' power and claims divide those who encounter him. He is the long-awaited one, and he heals all wounds, even giving sight to the blind. We can trust that Jesus can heal all the wounds of our lives, giving us sight to see and light to follow in the darkness of sin.



Mass Intentions

For the Week of March 22nd
(C) Church (R) Rectory Chapel

Saturday, March 21st: *Vigil of The Fourth Sunday of Lent*

+Norman Schuster

By Arlene and James Martin and Family

Sunday, March 22nd: *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

+Wayne McNerney

By Janie Bettinger

Monday, March 23rd: *Lenten Weekday*

Father Mitch's Ordination into Buffalo Diocese

By Toni Wittmeyer

Tuesday, March 24th: *Lenten Weekday*

Priest's Intentions

By Father Mitch Byeck

Wednesday, March 25th: *The Annunciation of The Lord*

+All Souls

By Parish All Souls Intentions

Thursday, March 26th: *Lenten Weekday*

All Epiphany of Our Lord Parishioners

By Father Mitch Byeck

Friday, March 27th: *Lenten Weekday*

Isabel Moran (1st Birthday)

By Oma and Pepere

Saturday, March 28th: *Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Lent*

+Norm Schuster

By Mary Richmond

Sunday, March 29th: *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

+Edwin Gabel Sr.

By Charlie and Bonnie Hohman

The Sanctuary Candles are lit this week for Father Mitch's Ordination into the Diocese of Buffalo.

Readings for the Week of March 22nd

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn9:1-41
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 5:1-16
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sun: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for March 15th: \$1,710.00

During this unprecedented time, please consider continuing to support the Epiphany Parish financially. Collection envelopes can be returned via mail, or sign up online to donate online. Either way your donations will continue to be tax deductible as always.

Online donations can be done at

<https://epiphanyoffourlordrc.weshareonline.org/>

Ministry Schedule	March 28th	March 29th	March 29th
EMOHC	No Ministries are needed at this time.		
Lectors			
Altar serv.			
Greeters			

Compassion Ministry

To place someone on the prayer list, please complete and return a card available at the entrances of the church, or call the rectory. Individuals will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the rectory is notified otherwise. *If you have a loved one on our list and they pass away, please let the parish office know.*

Vicky (Achtyl) Alessi, Cindy Gabel Amacher, Lena Anzalone, Kimberly Bartlett, Elaine Bauer, Romie Lee Bettinger, Ernest Bracikowski, Christine Brown, Mary Jane Butzer, Theresa Butzer, Mary Jean Conti, Joey Crocker, Paula Czora, Jason Dibb, Esther Dittenhofer, Norie Donhauser, Knoah Duggan, John Duggan, Karen Duggan, Suzanne Duggan, Otto Duggan, Anne Edwards, Diane Enser, Ronald Enser, Sharon Fry, Frances Gardner, Art Gernatt, Bernard George, Norm Grapes, Patrick Grapes, Sylvia Grapes, Mark Grugel, Ashley Haettich, Bob Holbrook, Jeanne Hutchings, Daniel Kozub, Irma Martin, Sara Mackey Dunn, Dawn Davison Mammoser, Diane May, Millie Muehlbauer, Marty Niefergold, Jean Ott, Holly Pearce, Erik Powenski, Pat Ricotta, Dylan Rusiniak, Pat Sackett, Mike Schreiber, Norm Schuster, Barb Scott, Danielle Stark, Lorriane Stark, Joe Steffan, John and Laura Thiel, Marie Thiel, Donelle Thomas, Ed Urban, Carol Waterman, Trisha Weiss, Gary Wentland, Loretta Winkelman.

Mass Intentions

If you wish to reschedule your mass intentions that are for any dates during the public mass cancelations, please contact the Parish Office. If we are not informed, masses will still be said as scheduled.

Thank you.

Mass Intentions for 2020 may now be scheduled!

To schedule a mass please contact the parish office!
A \$15 donation is asked for each Mass requested.

If you would like to request the Sanctuary Candle to be lit, please contact the Parish Office. A \$10 donation is asked per week of the Sanctuary Candle being lit.

2020 Grand Raffle



The 2020 Grand Raffle is under way! The Raffle tickets are available in the back of church, at the side door, or in the rectory during office hours.

The grand raffle reception has been canceled. However, we will still hold the drawing on March 30th with only trustees and parish staff present. Please continue to sell and return tickets until March 30th!

The early bird drawing winner for \$250 was Roy and Maureen Schmitt.

Family Faith Formation News

Saint of the Month: St. Katharine Drexel



FAITH FORMATION

All faith formation classes are canceled until further notice.

Please continue to work through your family workbooks during this time.

Tracy will send out updates as need be, and be in contact with families as needed.

If You Can't Receive Communion, Make a Spiritual Communion

"Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart."

As the coronavirus spreads, the list of canceled events have come to include even Catholic Masses. As people adjust their habits to include more vigorous handwashing, for Catholics, aspects of their church worship are also being altered such as holy water fonts have been emptied, handshaking and Communion from the chalice is suspended.

But altering the ways of worship is nothing compared to canceling the worship itself. No Mass means no Eucharist. Jesus gave us his Body and Blood on the cross and instituted the memorial of this great sacrifice at the Last Supper. "Do this in memory of me," he told us. And so we do at every Mass.

It is only during the Mass at the consecration that the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Thus, canceling Masses is monumental. As explained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life". The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are orientated toward it. Through this sacrament, "we unite ourselves to Christ, who makes us sharers in his Body and Blood to form a single body," (CCC 1331).

Act of Spiritual Communion

The Church encourages frequent, even daily, Holy Communion, but if at any time we cannot go to Mass in or out of this season of the coronavirus, we can still unite ourselves to the Eucharist through making a spiritual Communion.

By making an Act of Spiritual Communion, we express our faith in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist and ask him to unite himself with us. Here is the Act of Spiritual Communion written by St. Alphonsus de Liguori:

*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 into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
Receive Your sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You were already here and unite
myself wholly to You.*

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Coronavirus Precautions

During this time, all public Masses are canceled as per directives from the Diocese of Buffalo.

Father will still say Mass each day privately. The Rectory Chapel or Church will be open at these times for private devotions. Social distancing requires a distance of 6 feet between persons. Please keep this in mind.

The obligation to keep the Lord's day holy can be fulfilled by maintaining a prayerful attitude and through personal and family prayer. The faithful are urged to watch the celebration of the Eucharist on TV or online. A list of Parishes live streaming Masses can be found on the Diocesan Website. EWTN also offers daily Mass at Midnight, 8:00am, 12noon, and 7pm.

Formed Resources

Formed.org is a wonderful resource for Catholic Content for all ages at this time.

Here are just a few recommendations!

- **Opening the Word Weekly Reflection:** This program offers prayer and insights for the Sunday Readings. Featuring a variety of experienced presenters including Dr. Tim Gray, Mary Healy, Scott Powell, Dr. Edward Sri, and Fr. John Riley, Marth Fernandez, and Ben Akers, the videos are designed to facilitate thought and discussion for personal faith formation or in the context of a group meeting. Personal Prayer Journals and a group Leader's Guide are also available to make the most of these Sunday Readings.
- **Lenten Reflections:** Christ's love for you is bursting forth. Embrace him and let his mercy pierce your heart during this Lenten Season. Join us for a 40-day journey of welcoming his tender love, beginning with these short, daily videos from Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray. Live in Christ's love and let him transform your life.
- **The Jesus Stories:** Created to help children apply the lessons found in the parables of Jesus, each 10 minute episode includes a story situation that children today can relate to as well as a parable, and a thought-provoking way to apply it.
- **Stations of the Cross by St. Alphonsus Liguori:** The Augustine Institute presents a beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross by St. Alphonsus Liguori, narrated by Dr. Christopher Blum. This prayerful reflection is accompanied by the Schola Cantorum of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Littleton, CO, chanting the traditional Catholic hymn Stabat Mater, in Latin, which depicts the loving presence of Our Sorrowful Mother, sharing in the suffering of Christ at the foot of the cross. Take advantage of this audio on your commute, at home, or anywhere you find the time, to enrich your prayer during Lent or throughout the year, and better unite yourself to the Passion of Christ.

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