**SATURDAY/SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13/14, 2021**
**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
*Jesus Heals the Man with Leprosy – Mark 1:40-45*

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| JANUARY – MARCH, 2021 | MASS SCHEDULE | HOLY DAY MASS |
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| St. Boniface, Westphalia | – 5:00pm – Saturday | Holy Day Vigil – 7:00pm |
| St. Mary, Panama | – 8:30am – Sunday | Holy Day Mass – 8:30am |
| St. Mary, Portsmouth | – 10:00am – Sunday | Holy Day Mass – 7:00pm |

***For the bulletin*** go to **www.parishesonline.com** Then search for your parish.
***Weekend Mass is livestreamed at each parish.*** *You can find Mass by going to*:
***St. Boniface Facebook*** **page and search for St. Boniface Westphalia, Iowa**
***St. Mary Portsmouth*** **Facebook page and search St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Portsmouth Iowa**
***St. Mary Panama*** **go to *You Tube* and search for St Mary Panama Iowa**

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207 Duren, P. O. Box 86, Westphalia, IA 51578
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**Lorene Kaufmann**, parish secretary
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**Marilyn Schwery,** parish secretary
**Office Hours** M – W – F – 8 – 10am
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**PLEASE NOTE: For church cancellations Listen to KNOD and/or go on FACEBOOK!**

**DAILY MASS --** ***NO MASS*** if school is two hours late or cancelled due to bad weather. Listen to **KNOD.**

**HOLY COMMUNION AND/OR VISIT** -- Call **Fr. David** at 743-2625 if a family member is in the hospital or homebound.

**FUNERAL POLICY** -- ***NO Daily Mass*** at the **THREE** parishes on the day of a funeral at one of the three parishes.

**SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION**
**Portsmouth** after 10am Sunday Mass or by appointment.
**Westphalia** after 5pm Saturday Mass or by appointment.
**Panama** after 8:30am Thursday Mass or by appointment.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM --** Parents should contact the rectory early enough for required preparation before baptism.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE** – Engaged couples must see Father at **LEAST SIX MONTHS** in advance of desired date.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon. Feb. 15 – FATHER'S DAY OFF**
**Tues. Feb. 16 – NO MASS**
**Ash Wed. Feb. 17 – 8:30am – West. – Leona Kaufmann (d), Joe Wehr (d)**
**Ash Wed. Feb. 17 – 5:30pm – Pan. – Chris & Pat Blum (d), Harold Buckley (d)**
**Ash Wed. Feb 17 – 7pm – Port. – Paul Leinen Sr. (d), Marv & Deanna Huebner (d)**
**Thu. Feb. 18 – 8:30am – Pan. – Frank Croghan (d), Geraldine Waltz (d)**
**Fri. Feb. 19 – 8:30am – Port. – Wayne Wingert (d) Lloyd Grote (d) Marc Kaufman (d)**
**Sat. Feb. 20 – 5pm – West. – Leo & Priscilla Schwery (d), Walt & Alda Goetz (d)**
**Sun. Feb. 21–8:30am–Pan. – Marcene Zimmerman Twark (d), Jan/Don Hoffmann (d)**
**Sun. Feb. 21 – 10am – Port. – Deceased members of Leonard/Sabrina Sporrer fam.**

| MINISTRY SCHEDULE | St. Mary, Pan. Wed. Feb. 17 5:30pm | St. Mary Pan. Sun. Feb. 21 8:30am | St. Mary Pan. Sun. Feb. 28 8:30am | St. Mary Port. Wed. Feb. 17 7pm | St. Mary Port Sun. Feb. 21 10am | St. Mary Port Sun. Feb. 28 10am |
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| **Lector** | Mary Ann Wendt | Jane Tremel | Mariann Wingert | Amy Zacharias | Janet Croghan | Jeanne Fields |
| **EME** | Ruth Huebert | Pat Michels | Ellen Schmidt | Randy Fields | Bev Ohlinger | Jeanne Fields |
| **Rosary** | Silent | Dave/Joyce K. | Silent | Silent | Dave/Bev O. | Randy/Jeanne F |
| **Tithes Counters** | | Pat Michels Kathy Schafer | Mariann Wingert Larry Klein | | | |

**CYC (Catholic Youth Camp) REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AT THE ENTRANCES OF CHURCH.**

**2021 SHELBY COUNTY CONFIRMATION INFORMATION**
**Shelby County Confirmation Retreat** – Sunday, March 7, 2021
St. Mary, Portsmouth – beginning with 10am Mass and ending at 5pm
**Sacrament of Confirmation** – Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 5:30pm at St. Mary Portsmouth
***Please pray for our Confirmandi***

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & RECUPERATING

**St. Boniface, Westphalia:** Glen Schechinger Leann Coenen-Krayenhagen Rick Wehr Mary Lou Keitel Bob Mages Faye Patten Tami Rueschenberg Gay Burgod Carl Peters Fr. Glen Wilwerding Jan Masteller Dick/Alice Kloewer
**St. Mary, Panama:** Eunice Blum Betty Keane Charlotte Fountain Dave Assmann Bob Mages Dolores Stessman Punk Bruck Fr. Paul Koch Anne Keane Burmeister Gay Burgod Marge Klein Alice Kwapiszeski Alice Ratigan Alf Wingert Eileen Ratigan Ann Hoffmann Lewitke Peggy Pauley Laura Arkfeld-Mohr George Schwery Steve Miller
**St. Mary, Portsmouth:** Thelma Schoemann Anna Kenney Ralph Kramer Alvin Heller Fr. Bob Schoemann Ed Leinen Tim Waltz Judy Ellebracht Marian Smith Gay Burgod Barb Plambeck Jim Goeser Ramona Kaufman Virginia Reinig Mike Nowatzke Frankie Anastasi Max Handbury Fr. Jim Kleffman Tyler Bruck

**St. Joseph, Earling Fish Fry (Carry-out only) – Friday, February 19 serving from 5:30 – 8pm. Cost $10** Serving: fish, baked potato or French fries, green beans, coleslaw and dinner bun.

**St. Michael, Harlan – KCs Friday Lenten Fish Fry (Dine In or Drive Through).** Drive through, please stay in your car on the north side of the hall/ kitchen and your meal will be delivered in a contactless manner.

**PLEASE NOTE: St. Patrick, Neola WILL NOT have their Annual Fish Fry this year.**

**BLOODMOBILE: Wednesday, February 24 – Noon – 6pm – St. Mary Panama Parish Center.**
Contact DeeDee Leinen at 489-2891 to make an appointment

## ST. MARY, PANAMA PARISH NEWS

**Financial Report:** Tithes $265 Plate $23 Votive $18

Anyone using the hall for any reason **MUST** notify the office beforehand.

***Catholic Youth Camp at St. Thomas Moore Center.*** St. Mary, Panama will pay $100 to the participants ***'after'*** they have completed the camp. Sign up card information is in church at the front and side doors.

**Congratulations and best of luck in your continuing studies to these students who earned proceeds from the Adam S. Reisz Trust**. Dani Arkfeld, Haley Arkfeld, Patrice Crall, Kaitlyn Feldman, Allen Keane, Joseph Kenkel, William Kenkel, Connor Kohles, Riley Kohles, Lauren Leuschen, Kobe Livingood, Nicholas Wageman, Abigail Wingert and Marissa Wingert.

## ST. BONIFACE, WESTPHALIA PARISH NEWS

**Financial Report:** Tithes $440 Plate $30 Votive $6.70 Hall Rent $300

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be offered after Wednesday 8:30am Mass and Saturday 5pm Mass.

**Congratulations:** St. Boniface welcomes Evelynn Marie Schaben, daughter of Nick and Brittany Schaben who was baptized after Mass last weekend.

**Palms:** Ash Wednesday is February 17. Anyone wanting to dispose of their palms may burn them at home and sprinkle the ashes in a garden or flower bed or you are welcome to bring them to the office.

**VOLUNTEERS:** please call the office if you are interested in being a ***Lector or Eucharistic Minister*** for Mass. With COVID, it would be nice to know who would be comfortable helping in these areas. Also, if anyone would be interested in ***running the livestream*** please contact Lorene.

**DONATIONS NEEDED:** Harlan Student Council is accepting donations for **NEW HATS AND GLOVES**. These items will be handed out to students in need. There will be a tub in the back of the church for collections before and after Mass or items may be brought to the office during office hours. Thank you. Abbie Schechinger

**Christmas Donations** were made to Shelby County Community Outreach (food pantry) to help with the great need for local food assistance and Shelby County Catholic School to assist Catholic families in need of basic necessities. St. Boniface was able to make these donations thanks to the generous donation from Bud Skalla.

**College Scholarships:** were awarded in January to Bobbie Schechinger, daughter of Jay & Cindy Schechinger, and Michael Heithoff, son of Chad & Ann Heithoff who both graduated last May. The scholarships were made possible thanks to Bud Skalla's generosity.

**Lights in Parish Center** have been updated to LED both inside and out for more energy efficient & better lighting. This project was paid out of the Building Fund investment account which many generous donors have contributed.

**Parish Center Lights:** shop lights and some can lighting along with some light bulbs that were replaced in the parish center are available for free will donation. Please contact John Henscheid.

**150th Celebration is July 4, 2022.** Looking for ideas and suggestions for our celebration. Please contact the office or any Parish Council member to share ideas. It will be here before we know it!

## ST. MARY, PORTSMOUTH PARISH NEWS

**Financial Report:** Tithes $1085 Plate $42 Votive $19 Masses $20 Fall Fund $650

**ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17** Religious Education class is for parents to attend Mass with their children

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 24, MARCH 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Religious Education Classes** from **6:30 – 7:30PM**

**Liturgy Meeting and Decorating – Tues. Feb. 16 – 1:30pm**

**DONATIONS NEEDED:** Harlan Student Council is accepting donations for **NEW HATS AND GLOVES**. These items will be handed out to students in need. There will be a box in back of church for these items before and after Mass or these items may be left on the rectory porch. Thank you. Cameron Springman

**St. Maria Goretti Catholic Daughters** are **COLLECTING FOOD/DRY GOODS** for Shelby County Community Action (food pantry). Baskets are at the entrance of church. The food pantry is in great need! Thank you!

# NEWS: DIOCESE ALLOWS SOCIAL GATHERINGS, CONTINUES MASK REQUIREMENT

January 31, 2021

Bishop William Joensen shares the following message with the faithful of the Diocese of Des Moines:

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we continue to live in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, there are many signs of hope on the horizon, including a steady decline of positive cases and hospitalizations, an almost non-existent flu season, and the increased availability of COVID vaccines. Even as conditions improve, we are aware that we have not yet emerged from the pandemic and continued vigilance and precautions are needed.

**With these considerations in mind, as of February 2, 2021, the Feast of the Presentation, I am lifting the suspension on social gatherings, and resuming Phase III of the regathering protocols**. This adjustment permits pastors' and parish discernment whether to host meetings of various kinds, including social gatherings, with a **maximum attendance cap of 100 people**. While social gatherings are permitted, parishes retain discretion to discern which events are prudent to host, and whether a smaller attendance cap is warranted, contingent on the size of the gathering space and for other worthy reasons.

**I also hereby extend the mask requirement at all public Masses, sacramental celebrations, and other events in Church buildings beyond February 2, 2021. This requirement will remain in place through Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, 2021**, at which time it will again be reconsidered. This decision corresponds to the recommendations of public health experts within the local medical community. Information about all our regathering protocols can be found on the **diocesan website**.

I believe these decisions prioritize our ability to continue to worship God as Christ's Body, and best serve the common good. We have all been challenged in various ways, and at this stage of the pandemic COVID fatigue can set in. While all mitigation efforts require sacrifice, we remain vigilant and find consolation and strength in the essentials of our faith. We meet Jesus in the Eucharist, who calls the weary and burdened to himself and offers us spiritual rest (Matthew 11:28). We know that even in the midst of uncertainty and fear, God's providential care accompanies us, for his love never ends.

May we continue to be agents of unity, peace, and hope to our parishes and to our local and larger communities. Let us continue to lift one another up in prayer and solidarity in the Spirit.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021
## WORLD MARRIAGE SUNDAY
## ST. VALENTINE'S DAY
### Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and Eternal God, you blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with His Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR** (Panama & Portsmouth switched because Portsmouth has two adults joining the church). **PALM SUNDAY and HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Palm Sunday – March 28:** St. Boniface – Sat. 5pm / St. Mary, Pan. – Sun. 8:30am / St. Mary Ports. – Sun. 10am
**Holy Thursday – April 1 – 7pm** – St. Boniface, Westphalia
**Good Friday Service – April 2 – 7pm –** St. Mary, Panama
**Easter Vigil – April 3 – 7pm** – St. Mary, Portsmouth
**Easter Sunday – April 4 – 8:30am** – St. Mary, Panama and **10am** – St. Boniface, Westphalia

## ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17: MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES
### St. Boniface – 8:30am
### St. Mary of the Assumption – 5:30pm
### St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima –7pm

**DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES** will be a little bit different this year because of Covid-19. At the appropriate time, the priest will bless the ashes, then sprinkle them with holy water, then face the people and say "Repent, and believe in the Gospel", or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The people will then come forward and the ashes will be sprinkled on the top of their head by the minister with nothing being said. While this may seem unusual and strange to us, much of the world always receives ashes in this manner on Ash Wednesday. It was the practice in this country up until some decades ago. It is also a gesture more closely aligned to the biblical image of repenting in sackcloth and ashes. This is not envisioned to be a long-term change; it is a one-off for 2021.

## 2021 Lenten Fasting and Abstinence Guidelines Diocese of Des Moines

- **Abstinence from meat** is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and on all Fridays of Lent.
- **Fasting and abstinence from meat** are both to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal on those two days. Two smaller meals are permitted, if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. When observed on Good Friday, these practices begin the special Paschal Fast.
- The above minimal practices should not be lightly excused during the penitential season of Lent and during the Sacred Paschal Triduum ("Three Days").
- By the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, the Church keeps **Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday**. All of the faithful and the catechumens should undertake serious practice of these three traditions. Commendable, particularly during the other weekdays of Lent, is generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, participating in daily Mass and other Lenten prayer and devotions, and the voluntary observance of fasting.
- Those faithful, religious, and clergy who are able are encouraged to continue through Holy Saturday the Paschal Fast begun on Good Friday. This anticipatory and festive fast lasts until the celebration of the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. In the Vatican II Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Sacrosanctum Concilium, we read in section 110: "…[L]let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind."

## Pope Francis proclaims year dedicated to St. Joseph
### December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

**Marking the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared Patron of the Universal Church Pope Francis proclaimed a yearlong celebration dedicated to the foster father of Jesus. Please pray this prayer daily.**

### PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

"Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen."

Prayer by Pope Francis from "With a Father's Heart" apostolic letter.