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Saint Michael Parish

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Confessions:

**30 Minutes before Mass on
Weekends and Holy Days
or by appointment**

Mass Times this Week

**Sunday Mass obligation is
dispensed until further notice**

Tue – May 19 – 5:15 pm – C
Alice Lynch

Wed – May 20 – 9:00 am – C
Delores Hjornacke

Thur – May 21 8:30 am – F
Connor Schleusner

Fri – May 22 8:30 am – H
Evie Kahnke

Sat – May 23 – 5:00 pm @ - H
Derrin Miller

Sun – May 24 – 8:30 am @ - F
Delores Maag

Sun – May 24 – 11:00 am @ C
For the People

Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May 17, 2020

From Fr Dan, Praise be Jesus Christ.

Public Mass begins but we are not back to normal. Public Mass begins this week on Tuesday, May 19th. However, we have guidelines to go by and remember that the Sunday Mass obligation is dispensed until further notice. This means that if you do not go to Mass on Sunday, it is not a mortal sin since at this time there is no moral obligation to attend. Please keep in mind that any or all of this can change at any time especially if the priest gets sick. Also, remember to say home if you are sick or feeling ill. Bishop DeGrood emphasized that “You should feel no guilt or shame in staying home. Similarly, you should feel a freedom to permit others who are comfortable attending to do so.”

Also, while in the Church, use the COVID-19 precautions like maintaining proper social distancing and good hygiene. Each household is to sit every other pew and 6ft from other households. Realize that during Mass the Church will be only at 30% capacity with this social distancing. Overflow will be in the Church halls/basements. Again, Masses at this time are not obligatory. However, please see the public Mass times posted to the right, and on the back of this bulletin is the Guidelines for Public Masses. Please be kind, courteous and cautious as we resume public Masses in a “non-normal” way.

With this news, we can start planning First Holy Communions.

Thank you again for such a gracious outpouring of all the different gifts of prayer, love and support since my father, Lyle, passed away. May this month of Mary be one of the most meaningful and most beautiful. God bless.

First Holy Communion:

Parents, Godparents, Grandparents, Neighbor, the *Prayers to Know* and *How to go to Confession* documents are still attached to each parish website. Please keep going over these documents with your 1st communicants so they will be in a state of grace when they do receive their 1st Holy Communion. Please practice how to bow before receiving Holy Communion and saying “Amen” after the priest says “The Body of Christ” and “The Blood of Christ”. One is to practice receiving on the tongue and in the hand. Then practice making the Sign of the Cross with the right hand. Remember, there is no wearing gloves during the reception of Holy Communion.

For additional help, one can go to the ‘You are Loved’ series under the ‘Signs of Grace’ at formed.org (parish code is M38647). Also Dynamic Catholic is available at this time at dynamiccatholic.com.

Guidelines for Public Masses

The Sunday Mass obligation for all Catholics of the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls has been dispensed by Bishop DeGrood until further notice.

Guidelines until we are back to normal:

1. Those who are “at greater risk” of the effects of COVID-19 are encouraged to refrain from coming to Mass until such time that it becomes appropriate for them to attend.
2. Those who are ill with the flu or another illness are dispensed from attendance at Masses of obligation. Therefore, please stay home if you are feeling ill and/or are likely to be contagious.
3. In the Church, maintain proper social distancing (6ft) and good hygiene (wash hands).
4. “You should feel no guilt or shame in staying home.”— Bishop DeGrood
5. Please keep in mind that any or all of this can change at any time especially if the priest gets sick
6. Be patient, cautious and kind as we resume public Masses in a non-normal way
7. No social gatherings on parish or Church property especially before or after liturgies
8. These Mass directives below are subject to change but:
 - a. Need 1 Lector (Lector also lights the candles)
 - b. Need 1 Sacristan
 - c. 1 Eucharistic Minister (when needed)
 - d. No servers, No gift bearers, No cell phones
 - e. Wearing masks are encouraged but not when receiving Holy Communion
 - f. Stationary baskets for offertory donations are in the Church entrance(s) since there is no customary collection during Mass
 - g. Each household is to sit every other pew and 6ft from other households
 - h. Overflow is in Church Halls/Basements
 - i. No holding hands during the Our Father (There is no liturgical directive that any or all in the assembly must hold hands during the Our Father)
 - j. No sign of peace
 - k. At Communion- priest will give direction but always maintain 6 feet of social distancing
**No gloves or masks worn for Holy Communion
 - l. The Precious Blood is suspended (If gluten intolerant, please speak with the priest)
 - m. Bring disinfectant wipes to sanitize your pew area before exiting
 - n. Maintain social distancing on the way out

Mary, Queen of the Apostles, pray for us.

Blessed Sacrament, Florence: Last Week's Offering: \$ 835 Home Missions: \$ 40

Saint Henry, Henry: Last Week's Offering: \$ 385 Rice Bowl: \$ 20

Saint Michael, Clark: Last Week's Offering: \$ 1,335 CFSA: \$ 75

- **Interested in being a part of the St. Michael Prayer Chain?** If so, please call Bonnie Graves at 532-3361. Leave your name and phone number and she will add you to the list. Thank you for helping in this worthwhile service. The power of prayer is indeed a blessing to all of us.

COVID-19 Relief Fund: The Catholic Foundation has established a special COVID-19 emergency fund to help individuals or families in eastern South Dakota who due to COVID-19 have lost their jobs and do not have government checks coming to them in the payroll protection grants nor unemployment benefits. These monies are for groceries and such basic necessities. To apply for this Fund, please call the Main Office or speak with Fr Dan. If you would like to contribute to this COVID-19 Relief Fund, please go to www.CCFESD.org or call the Catholic Foundation directly at 605-988-3788.