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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 26 – NO MASS – C**  
Sharon Wilson

**Wed – May 27 – 9:00 am – C**  
Grace White

**Thur – May 28 8:30 am – F**  
Newly Ordained Deacons

**Fri – May 29 8:30 am – H**  
Newly Ordained Priests

**Sat – May 30 – 5:00 pm @ - H**  
Rita Marotz

**Sun – May 31 – 8:30 am @ - F**  
For the People

**Sun – May 31 – 11:00 am @ C**  
Don Murphy

### **Holy Hour this week inside the Church:**

**Volunteers needed  
Wednesday's at 5:30 pm**

## **The Ascension of the Lord ~ May 24, 2020**

**From Fr Dan,** Praise be Jesus Christ. As we gradually “reopen” the public Mass, we can say it again, “Praise be Jesus Christ!” ...and we can remember to be patient, kind and cautious during this transition—be kind to thy self, to thy neighbor, to thy priest, and to thy God. We should also reiterate one can always come into the Church and be with Jesus. As you can see to the right, the Wednesday Holy Hour is back. We just need volunteers. Also, we can reiterate that one can come to the weekday Masses to receive the Most Holy Eucharist. Also, 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. Overflow for Masses will be in the Church halls/basements. The Guidelines for Public Masses list is on the back of this bulletin.

Attached to this bulletin and to each parish website is a good read for all of us on the formation in our home. This article is from the May 2020 issue from the Knight of Columbus’ magazine Columbia.

May this day be one of the most meaningful and most beautiful and may it lead you closer to Mary and to her Son, Jesus the Christ. God bless.

### **Family Fun Ideas:**

1. Take a drive (with family or by yourself) out in the country and see what God has made and start with a prayer. The person in the prayer chair (person riding shotgun or you by yourself) leads.
2. Volunteer to pick up the sticks and branches in a cemetery, ditch or in a park. Bring them home, start a bonfire and roast some marshmallows.
3. Go fishing...the bite might be on. After you catch a fish, pray one Hail Mary thanking God.
4. Read each Sunday's Gospel together as a family the week before
5. When washing your hands, pray one Our Father. (Out loud)
6. Make a family Rosary walk (remember to pray the rosary while you walk)

## 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: \$ 305

**Saint Henry, Henry:** Last Week's Offering:

**Saint Michael, Clark:** Last Week's Offering: \$ 335 CFSA: \$ 25

- ***Funeral Mass for Alice Lynch was held on Saturday 5/16 at Saint Michael Church - please pray for the repose of the soul of Alice and for her family.***