

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

This illness is not
to end in death,
but is for the glory of God,
that the Son of God may
be glorified through it.

John 11:4

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020

The mission of St. Charles is to spread the life-saving
message of Jesus Christ through the Sacraments,
Prayer and Service to others.

Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors
Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home
Remember those who must choose

Between their health and making the rent.

May we have flexibility to care for our children
Remember those who no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips
Remember those who have no place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money
In the turmoil of the economic market

Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for quarantine at home
Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country

Let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically

Wrap our arms around each other,

Let us find ways to be the

Loving embrace of God for our Neighbor.

Amen

MASSES

Sunday, March 29, Fifth Sunday of Lent

† Jeff Andorfer
† Peter & Trudy Piersant
For Our Parish Community

Monday, March 30, Lenten Weekday

† Helen B. Welch
† Patricia Frost

Tuesday, March 31, Lenten Weekday

† Unborn Babies and their Families
† Sharon Boreani

Wednesday, April 1, Lenten Weekday

† Jane Herrberg
† Dr. David & Suzanne Steigmeyer

Thursday, April 2, Lenten Weekday, St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

For the Country of Mexico
† Edward & Dorothy Miller

Friday, April 3, Lenten Weekday, First Friday

† Poor Souls
† Mary Christle

Saturday, April 4, Lenten Weekday, St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, First Saturday

† Gerald Minnick
Poor Souls

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 29

Sun., March 29: Ez 37.12-14/Rom 8.8-11/Jn 11.1-45
Mon., March 30: Dn 13.1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8.1-11
Tues., March 31: Nm 21.4-9/Jn 8.21-30
Wed., April 1: Dn 3.14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8.31-42
Thurs., April 2: Gn 17.3-9/Jn 8.51-59
Fri., April 3: Jer 20.10-13/Jn 10.31-42
Sat., April 4: Ez 37.21-28/Jn 11.45-56

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

*The Knights of Columbus sponsored blood drive
scheduled for the April 19, is still **ON!***

*We are working very closely with the local Red Cross
on details and these will be posted as soon as they
become available. Thank You to all the wonderfully generous
St Charles donors during this challenging time.*

Tom Ryan DO
Grand Knight
K of C Council 451

Save your blood for St. Charles!
**Go to American Red Cross website to schedule
an appointment...left side of the homepage...
fill in zip code "46815",
scroll down to the date, April 19
Look for St. Charles Catholic Church**

ST. CHARLES FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

07/01/2019 - 06/30/2020

March 22, 2020

Budgeted Collection Needed	\$	36,750.00
March 22 Collection	\$	10,417.00
This Week	- \$	(26,333.00)

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



As I mentioned last week, my pastor's column is written many days ahead of the weekend. With a changing situation, it could be totally outdated by the time you read it.

As I write, we are having no Masses open to the public. I assure you that Fr. James and I are offering daily Masses for the parish and joining your prayers with the great prayer of Christ. This is the most severe Lenten fast any of us have known. During this time, a Spiritual Communion is a joining as one in heart and soul, even though we can't do so physically. Please be faithful to the Mass. Masses are available on TV and the Bishop is live-streaming a Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Go to the diocesan website, diocesefwsb.org, for information about the many Mass options.

Many parishes are livestreaming daily Masses and Sunday Masses. Fr. James and I are still thinking about this, while our staff is working out the technology. With Masses available from so many other venues, I'm not sure it is critical to have routine broadcasts from each parish. I think, though, that it would be a great benefit to families who have a funeral or a wedding during this time of isolation.

We have had many calls for confessions, and I am grateful for that. We are using the Bride's Room (on the left side of the Gathering Space) for confessions. It is a large room with a screen for those who prefer anonymity. We also have a chair placed six feet away from the priest for those who prefer face-to-face confessions. We have chairs set out in the Gathering Space for anyone who wants to wait in line. These chairs are placed six feet apart. If you do come for confession, I would ask that you thoroughly wash your hands before you come and after you leave. You will encounter door handles and could touch other surfaces.

After writing this column, the governor issued a "stay at home" order. That may tragically cut out most confessions. I am not sure. I am hoping that we will be safer by Good Friday and priests can be available for confessions that day.

As I write this column, I know of four parishioners who are ill and likely COVID-19 positive. Everything we read tells us that that we probably have many others who are not ill, yet carrying the virus. We find the many precautions to be a burden, but there is good reason that we must be very careful.

We pray for the scientists who are working for vaccines and treatments. We pray for the medical personnel who put their lives on the line to help. We pray for all who are sick and for their families. And we pray for our Church. May this time separated from Sacraments, help us not to be complacent, but to grow in our hunger for the Lord. May the Lord deliver us.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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 You sacramentally, come at least into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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