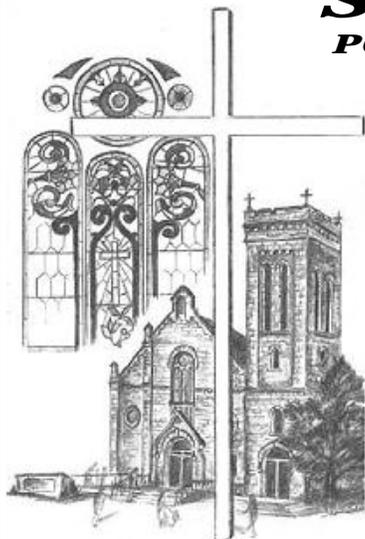


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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The St. Michael's Parish exists to continue the mission of Jesus through our baptism. He has become the center of our life and our community. As a parish family, we live to express our love of God and neighbor through worship and ministry.

MARCH 22, 2020 – 4th SUNDAY OF LENT

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

No events March 22-28: Unfortunately, there are no events scheduled per the direction of Bishop Vincke due to COVID-19.

FYI: Fr. John will offer a private Mass this Sunday for all parishioners of both parishes--Immaculate Conception, Solomon and St. Michael's, Chapman.

Confessions Next Sunday! With the unlikelihood of being able to have Mass and with requests from parishioners, Fr. John will be here at 10:00 a.m. for confessions on March 29. What do you need to know?

- Space between Fr. John and penitent will be the recommended 6 feet so that may or may not mean moving to another space instead of the reconciliation room.
- The space will be disinfected after each confession.
- No more than 10 people can be in church at a time but there is plenty of space—outside church (depending on the weather) or the parish center.
- If you would like an Examination of Conscience before Sunday or anything to help prepare, Marita can get it to you--pick it up, mail or e-mail it.

Suggestions & Recommendations for Sunday!

Plan your day to follow your usual Sunday-- centering it around Mass, Religious Education, and Adult Formation. Follow your normal day within the confines of the mandates and recommendations of the Diocese and the government. Resources for these are provided in a separate area.

- ❖ Watch Mass on-line—TV or computer. Dressing up (more than being in PJ's) and creating a reverent space.

- ❖ Participate when you can—responding to the prayers, singing, etc.
- ❖ For communion, recite the Spiritual Communion Prayer on the next page.
- ❖ Religious Education—resources for K-11th grades will probably not be ready until early next week. This will be provided to the parents via e-mail.
- ❖ Adult Formation: enroll in FORMED and continue with “Presence” series and follow this with other material offered.
- ❖ Other: read the bulletin, other spiritual materials provided by the parish (Living Faith, Lenten), pray the Rosary, pray the Stations of the Cross.
- ❖ Do what you do before and after Mass—thinking outside of the box and being creative!

Resources

(Marita can provide other resources.)

- ✓ **USCCB** (United States Catholic Conference of Bishops): Go to [usccb.org/coronavirus](https://www.usccb.org/coronavirus) and scroll down for options for on-line Mass, prayers, and other resources.
- ✓ **Diocesan Website:** Go to [salinadiocese.org](https://www.salinadiocese.org). The home page has live Mass from the Cathedral and also EWTN option.
- ✓ **St. Isidore's in Manhattan** streams the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays through Facebook at “St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center.”
- ✓ **Youtube option:** This is from Diocese of Sioux Falls, SD. The site is:
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=sm1Ktww2-qg>
- ✓ **CatholicExtension.org** has online Mass, digital Stations of the Cross and Rel. Ed. sources for children. This is where the parish gets their yearly calendars.

As parish events are postponed and bishops remove the requirement for Catholics to attend Sunday Mass, it's natural for us to wonder about how our spiritual needs will be met in the weeks ahead.

That's why it's good to know that the answer to the question *Will I be able to receive Holy Communion?* is a resounding yes. That's not to say that we will all be able to receive the Eucharist sacramentally in the Host or from the chalice, the way we have for most of our lives. But with two thousand years of sacred tradition comes the longstanding practice of making a *Spiritual Communion*.

Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass.

To make a *Spiritual Communion*:

- Simply place yourself in the presence of God, who is everywhere and already with you.
- Express silently, or in words, your desire to unite with Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament. The following prayer may help you.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

(from St. Alphonsus 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 in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually 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.

Gifts to the Parish Last Weekend

Loose Plate	\$54.00
Envelopes	\$1,573.00
Children	\$10.00

Budgeted need for 7/1/19 to 6/30/20 is \$2,591.85 per week.

Financial Support of St. Michael's: Through the end of March the parish is able to meet its obligations but just like each family unit there are regular monthly bills that will need to be paid in April.

- **What to do:** If you are financially able, support St. Michael's with whatever you can afford.
- **How:** You can mail it to the parish or put it in the plastic container between the front doors of the parish house. You may be able to set up something with your bank. If so, contact Marita if you need information.

Discernment Process On Hold! For now, the 23 parishioners who were discerned will not be contacted for the next step in the process. That step is each individual's prayerful discernment of staying in the process. We will proceed once Mass resumes.

Anyone in Need? Please let Marita know if you or anyone you know is in need—spiritually, physically, mentally, etc. It can be needing someone to grocery shop or run an errand or asking for prayer.

Religious Education: The publishers of the two series we use for grades K-7th grade have their materials online to use for free so parents can pick up where Courtney, Abby, Tim and Janice have left off. Sara, catechist for grades 8th-11th, researched some alternatives to the series being used since it's not online. Hopefully all of this will be ready to send out to parents by early next week.

Other Resources:

- **Daily Scriptures:** If you get "Living Faith" the scripture readings are given. If you would rather have a printed format, you can sign up for it to be sent daily from USCCB.org.
- **FORMED:** If you're signed up, get the daily Lenten reflection. It has been re-done in light of the coronavirus. **Sign up:** Go to Formed.org; click "sign up"; select "I belong to a Parish"; type in 67480 (Solomon); choose the "next" button and type in your name & e-mail; click "sign up"
- **Stations of the Cross:** You can find these on-line or if you like, you can take one or more of the versions the parish has to say privately.
- **Spending time in the church:** Marita will gladly open the church for anyone wanting to spend time there. At this time, it is kept at 50 degrees. If there is an interest or you let her know in advance, the heat will be turned up to make it comfortable.

Lighthearted but Serious: Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt and Fr. Andy Hoffman are posting daily (or often) short videos on St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center Facebook that you might want to check out.

Words to Ponder: Cardinal Dolan, from New York, stated that there was much discussion about shutting down Masses, because let's get real, the Mass and most importantly the Eucharist is so vital to us. But, as a Catholic faithful we have a moral obligation to protect those that are the most at risk, and this is why they shut down Masses in New York. Our church building is a building, we, because of our faith will always have Church and God with us - that cannot be taken away!