

Parishes on the Prairie

Area Catholic Community

February 10, 2021

Greetings in Christ!

**Lent is upon us!** We take up our crosses and follow Jesus in these 40 days of fasting, praying, and giving alms. We recall how God loves us so much that He gave up His Son on the Cross so that we who believe in Him may have eternal life.

It is encouraging that more people are coming back to church again! Several of you have continued attending Mass throughout the Covid restrictions. Others of you have taken Bishop Kettler's advice to stay home for these many months. Either way, it is my prayer that all of you are strengthened in your faith, renewed in your hope, and open to the great love of God for you.

This Lent I want to invite you to return to Jesus in the Sacraments. There is still some room at several of our Masses in respect to the distancing requirements. For those of you who are more vulnerable to illness and do not want to be at a Weekend Mass, you might consider coming to a daily Mass with fewer people in order to receive Christ in the Eucharist.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be readily available. It is such an important Sacrament for letting go of our sins, shame, and guilt, as well as for growing closer to the Lord. Check the schedule for a time that works for you.

If you are homebound, I invite you to call your parish secretary. She will help the priests organize a visit to your home. The priest will then offer you the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Eucharist. It is our goal to visit all the homebound once during the Lenten and Easter Seasons.

Until we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus together, may the Holy Spirit fill your hearts with His mercy and grace!

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health are directed to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and every Friday of Lent. Furthermore, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday eat no more than two small meals and one regular size meal without snacks.

A reminder about fasting. Those who can do so without detriment to their

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## Ash Wednesday - February 17

7:00 AM Mass - SF 7:00 AM Mass - SP 8:30 AM Mass - SP 12:00 PM Mass - SD 12:00 PM Mass - OL 5:15 PM Mass - SP 7:30 PM Mass - SA 7:30 PM Mass - PP

# Holy Week Schedule

### Holy Thursday 7:00 PM Mass - SP 7:30 PM Mass - SA 8:00 PM Mass - SD

#### <u>Good Friday</u>

12:00 PM Service - OL 1:00 PM Service - PP 3:00 PM Service - SA 3:00 PM Service - SP Easter Vigil 8:00 PM Mass - SP 8:30 PM Mass - OL 9:00 PM Mass - SF

#### Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Mass - SP 8:15 AM Mass - SD 8:30 AM Mass - SA 10:00 AM Mass - SP 10:15 AM Mass - PP 10:30 AM Mass - OL

#### **Communal Reconciliation Services:**

Sunday, March 21 - SA	1:00 PM
Sunday, March 21 - OL	4:00 PM
Sunday, March 21 - SD	7:00 PM
Sunday, March 28 - SF	1:00 PM
Sunday, March 28 - PP	4:00 PM
Sunday, March 28 - SP	7:00 PM

## Individual Confessions:

Monday, March 29 - OL	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	
Monday, March 29 - SA	8:00 PM - 9:00 PM	
Tuesday, March 30 - SF	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	
Tuesday, March 30 - SD	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	
Tuesday, March 30 - PP5:00 PM - 6:00 PM		
Wednesday, March 31 - SP	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM (all day)	

#### Stations of the Cross

Sundays - SA	after Mass	
Sundays - SP	1:00 PM	
*Mondays - OL	after Mass	
*Tuesday - SF	after Mass	
Tuesdays - SP	2:00 PM	
*Wednesdays - SD	after Mass	
*Wednesdays - SA	after Mass	
*Thursdays - PP	after Mass	
Thursdays - SP	5:15 PM	
*Fridays - BBE	7:00 PM	
*Fridays - OL	7:00 PM	
*Adoration to follow Stations		

#### The Crucifixion Story

will be presented on Sunday, March 28 - 1:00PM at St. Paul's

#### Church Key

- SD St. Donatus SA - St. Alexius
- SF St. Francis de Sales
- PP Sts Peter & Paul
- OL Our Lady of the Angels
- SP St. Paul's

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