

Saint Teresa Parish

March 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass Schedule: March 22-29

Note: the 7:00 daily Mass takes place at the Pink Sisters' Chapel: 1040 S Cotner Blvd

+ = repose of the soul of
Int. = intentions of
Pro Populo = for the people

Day	Time	Intention
3/21	4pm	Int. Margaret Ringer
Sun Mar 22	8	Pro Populo
	10	+John Hanigan
	12	+Debbie Carson
Mon Mar 23	6:30	+Robert Smith
	7:00	Int. Barbara Hendricks
	8:15	Int. Wilson Family
Tue Mar 24	6:30	+Gerald Svoboda
	7:00	+Ann Burda
	8:15	+Doris Jensen
Wed Mar 25	6:30	Int. Lee & Mary Volkmer
	7:00	Int. Sr. Mary Christia
	8:15	+Elizabeth Hecker
Thu Mar 26	6:30	End to Abortion
	7:00	+Deceased members of the Ferraro Family
	8:15	+Diane Mulryan
Fri Mar 27	6:30	+Jean Powers
	7:00	+Santos Serrano, Sr.
	8:15	+Karen Laffoon
Sat Mar 28	7:00	Int. Charlie & Henry Hauptman
	8:15	+Renaee Becker
	4pm	+Deceased members of the Theisen Family
Sun Mar 29	8	Pro Populo
	10	Int. Aubrey Potter
	12	+Charlies O'Grady

Things have changed! Because public Masses have been canceled, we will not be printing a bulletin but instead, will create bulletins to be posted online. If you would like a printed bulletin mailed to you, please contact us by e-mail or phone; we'd be happy to do it.

It is very important that you add this e-mail to your contacts or safe-senders list: **aubrey-potter@cdolinc.net** so that you receive the parish-wide e-mails that are being sent. Three have been sent so far. If you have not received them, it means that they went to your junk folder, were rejected by the server, or we do not have your current e-mail.

Our office is still staffed. Please call or e-mail with questions; we are happy to help.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE NO PUBLIC MASSES BEING SAID. THIS SCHEDULE IS PUBLISHED SO THAT MASS INTENTIONS ARE VISIBLE. OUR PRIESTS WILL OFFER PRIVATE MASSES FOR THE INTENTIONS THAT ARE LISTED HERE.



Welcome to Our Newly Baptized
Emeric Karol, son of John & Jillian Rutledge. Congratulations!

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lorain Faimon, longtime parishioner.

Seminarian of the Week
James O'Neil is the son of Scott and Janet O'Neil from Saint Mary Parish in Nebraska City. He is studying Theology 3 at the North American College in Rome. James spent the summer at our parish in 2019, so many of you will remember him. Please remember to pray for James and his formation!

Parish Office Hours
402-477-3979
Mon-Thu | 9am-4:30pm
Friday | 9am-4pm
Aubrey | aubrey-potter@cdolinc.net
Jeanne | jeanne-kee@cdolinc.net

Parish Website:
www.STLFchurch.org
which stands for
St. Teresa Little Flower Church.
Formed.org parish code is: J4V3RY

Homily | Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday

Lent 2020 has been unlike any Lent that we have experienced in our lives. Everything has changed very quickly and many things have been stripped away from our accustomed day-to-day lives. This week has been unlike any other week of our lives where Masses have been suspended indefinitely. Disruptions of the Sacred Liturgy have happened in past times due to wars and pandemics, but how jarring it is to experience this spiritual deprivation in our own lives.

There is more of a stillness in society, reminiscent of apocalyptic movies but let's all take advantage of more silence, quiet and simplicity in our lives. So many diversions and distractions have been stripped away. There is no March Madness, all professional and college sports have been canceled or postponed. Let's not fill this time with other superficial entertainments and binge-watching but let's fill our time with more substantial prayer, scripture reading, and spiritual reading. Let us ask the Lord to help us learn detachment from worldly things. Let us ask Him to help us learn abandonment to God and His will amidst all of the current uncertainties, worries and fears. Let us ask Him to help us foster a greater dependence and trust in the Lord in all things. Faith conquers fear. Hope lights the darkness. Love unites us in Christ.

Today's Gospel of the healing of the man born blind shows us how to navigate with faith and trust the darkness of the challenges we face today. There is a great irony that the blind man, although he has never seen with his physical eyes, with the eyes of his heart and the eyes of faith most clearly sees Jesus for who He really is and exclaims: "I do believe, Lord," and he worships Him.

Let us see with the eyes of faith through the blindness of fear that Christ is indeed the light of the world and our guiding light. Jesus doesn't abandon us; He is near us, with us. He pierces through our impaired vision caused by anxiety, doubt and isolation. Let us pray to Him for protection, strength and grace.

As your pastor I assure you of my constant thoughts and prayers. I can't thank enough all who have stepped up and offered your help, time and resources for the good of our parish family. Thanks to all who have volunteered to be in contact with and help older parishioners and those who need special assistance.

May Jesus the Light dispel every danger and evil. May Jesus the Divine Physician, help us to see clearly through this night and heal us of all that ails us in body and soul.



Saint Teresa School Announcements

School Office: 402-477-3358

School is closed indefinitely. This situation will be reviewed every two weeks.

Remember to apply for both the Good Shepherd Scholarship and Parish Scholarships for the 2020-2021 school year. Deadline is Mar 31st

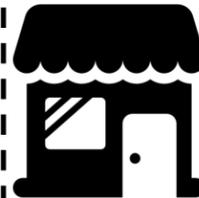
Confession

On **Saturdays from 3-4:30pm** (or until the last confession is heard), at least two priests will make themselves available in the church. One will be in the North Transept (side chapel - blue candles) and one will be in the Servers' Sacristy. There will be signs to direct you. Music will be played in the church in order to maintain privacy for the Sacrament.

There can only be 10 people at a time in the church—including priests. Please be mindful of this, and wait outside when necessary.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Stand for life through a 40-day prayerful public witness. Your sacrifice can save lives. Sign up in the back of the church or at www.40daysforlife.com/lincoln
Proverbs 24: 11-12



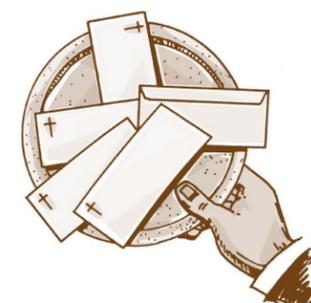
The Thrift Store is Closed

The thrift store is closed for business and is **not** accepting donations at this time. Please do **not** leave donations, as they will have to be thrown away. Thank you!

Paying the Bills

Please remember to continue your giving during this time that we will not have Masses. Our parish must still pay its expenses (including payroll) and we need your continued help to do this.

The drop box is a safe place to leave one's envelopes, or they can be mailed. This might be a good time to consider online giving. The link for that is in the upper right hand corner of the homepage of our parish's website. (It's a little black heart near the Facebook and YouTube icons.) Please call the parish office if you have questions or need help. As always, *thank you so much for your continued generosity!*



Weekly Parish Calendar

Date	Event/Activity	Recommended Home Activity
Sun 3/22	*No events are planned today	Watch Televised Mass.
Mon 3/23	*No events are planned today	Pray the Angelus and a Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
Tues 3/17	*No events are planned today	Share with your family how the experience of a sacrament impacted your Faith.
Wed 3/24	*No events are planned today	Pray a family rosary.
Thu 3/25	*No events are planned today	Read some of the Passion of Our Lord from the Gospels.
Fri 3/26	*No events are planned today	Pray the Stations of the Cross
Sat 3/27	3pm-4:30pm Confessions (please see instructions to the left)	Read the Mass readings for Sunday.
Sun 3/28	*No events are planned today	Watch Televised Mass.

Telecounseling

"Many people may be suffering from anxiety or loneliness. The Immaculate Heart of Mary Counseling Center can help with this..." (Fr. Fulton, SNRegister)
The **Immaculate Heart of Mary Counseling Center** (IHMCC) is excited to announce the expansion of counseling services for those located outside current in-person service areas. The expansion of services is made possible through telehealth capabilities, allowing an individual to receive professional counseling services in the comfort and convenience of his or her own home. Telehealth is offered through an electronic health platform that maintains confidentiality and is HIPPA compliant. In order to participate in telehealth, the following are necessary: a computer, tablet, or phone (no applications or software to download); an external or integrated webcam; an external or integrated microphone and an internet connection. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact the IHMCC office at 402-489-1834 or 1-800-961-6277 to further discuss this option.

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Father Sean Kilcawley | Virtual Retreat

Topic: Rend Your Hearts: Living a Spirituality of Surrender
One must register to receive the Live Streaming. Cost is a free-will donation (not required for registration). To register, visit www.goodcounselretreat.com



Parish Giving & Income

Month	Budget Requires	Amount Collected	Difference
	\$22,100 weekly		
January	\$88,400	\$92,078	+\$3678
February	\$88,400	\$78,621	-\$9779